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John -
March 11/03

My darling brother Sam,

No letter
from you last week, but I suppose
we can account for it, by think-
ing you must have been in
Kalamazoo spending your vacation.
I suppose you had a "very time", as
a girl would say, and I hope
you did. Your picture was
received and most of us liked
them. Mamma imagined your
eyes were some what crossed,
and she immediately concluded
you were studying too hard,
as you have complained of
headaches and ^{your} nose bleeding
so much. But we have
convinced her the shading
around the eyes gave them
the crossed appearance. Ours is

for me I hope. I could not write
Sunday as Will was here and Mother
was so weary after house-cleaning
for we are in the midst of it-
now. The house will look very
nice for the event; by the way
there are only about five more
weeks. The day is set for the
~~at 4 1/2~~ of May, but do not
tall. The invitations will be
for card rental, but I wish to
send after cards to Albany friends.
Mama wants to know if you
want the black suit that was
too tight for you, if not she
wishes you to ^{bring} ~~send~~ it home
with you, when you come to
the wedding, or she can send
it to Uncle Burre, Will and I
intend to go there on one boat
perhaps. George has gone fighting
to day. Sam is coming home the
third week in April, Papa says
business is very dull for him. Little
Mary is talking everything, I have
so much to do this week I cannot

mother at home after a while

John
7 March, 1880.

My dear Sam,
You cannot
say we are having another
disappointment this week,
that is to say if Will
had come home as he
intended to, we better
would have been written
to you from my part of
the family this week.
Last week Will was
here and during the
week he won a case
unexpectedly, which
brought him quite a
sum of money and
as he felt "flush" as the

boys say, he wrote his
instructions to spend this
Sunday in Joliet, but -
owing to Mother's ill
feelings and the uncertain
help in the kitchen, I
thought it best to telegraph
him to postpone his
visit - another week.
I know it was a great
disappointment to him
but it could not be help-
ed. Thursday he sent
me an elegant basket
of flowers, to tell me
of his success. Last week
I am not only ~~over~~
more work, five days
or many hours etc. before
I am with you, but
the poor girl begs to be
with us. I imagine she
is happier without

Aunt Julia Palmer, I hope
Barrett ~~intended~~ ^{will} ~~one~~ ^{be}
marks ago and that you
yet - I am to tell me
of his ~~success~~ ^{what} ~~what~~ ^{what}
you think of his ~~success~~ ^{what}
I really think she ~~will~~ ^{will}
young men ~~take~~ ^{take}
a class and she ~~will~~ ^{will}
think ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~that~~ ^{that}
grate - I know I am ~~not~~ ^{not}
When you come to ~~the~~ ^{the}
even do you ~~not~~ ^{not}
them a better example.
They have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~told~~ ^{told}
and I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~not~~ ^{not}
they do ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~not~~ ^{not}
please, without ~~considering~~ ^{considering}
their ~~enough~~ ^{enough} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~all~~ ^{all}
I hope ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{be}
subjected to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~treatment~~ ^{treatment}
I have ~~received~~ ^{received} ~~from~~ ^{from}
their hands. Of course

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Billie - Mary
mole tries to form
Love.

John,
21 March 1880.

My dearest Love,
Prepare to have only a short
"invasion" this time, & I
must be brief, with
the great mountain of
work on hand for the year
work preceding the year.
I cannot manage to
surrender even a few moments
to letter writing, and as
I have only an "unbroken"
Sunday to write six
unnecessary letters in I
must be concise. We are
all quite well. Mother
is valued now as we
have a good girl in the
kitchen and another

one coming to-morrow
 as second girl. Such a
 wretched time as we
 have had for the last-
 three months. Very soon
 the cleaning time comes
 and then the rush before
 the wedding. I am having
 all my dresses made
 out of the house and as
 nearly all the other things
 are well "under way", it
 will not be so bad for
 us. Last Wednesday
 night and part of Thursday
 Kate and Mr. Corning
 spent with us, all the
 family liked Mr C. so
 much. Kate is very happy
 over the prospect of keeping
 house this spring, some
 time in May. She has
 invited Will and his to-

taken tea with - her the
 first-place after our arrival
 in C — . Lottie Watson
 and Sam Rudy the-
 their engaged couple
 will be married in June
 we think, how strange!
 Sam is coming home some
 time in April, how I do
 long to spend the time
 with you and Sam.
 Can you not come
 home the Friday before
 the fifth of May [if
 that is the day] and
 remain until the next
 Friday May 7th, I hope
 you can the really need
 your assistance, will you?
 The wedding is to be at-
 home, the John-relationships
 and a few friends here,
 and Will's friends may

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Johel,
4. April 1880.

My darling Son,

You
deserve a finer lecture
on your neglect; just-
think it is now nearly
three weeks since we
have heard a word from
you, What is the matter?
I would assure you
more if I were not afraid
of your being ill, Mother
is very much worried
over your silence, she can-
not dispute the idea that
you are ill, but we have
tried to convince her that
you probably having such
a fine time that you have
forgotten to write us. You

must have received
two parcels last week
asking for some wood
by return mail, but by
the return we hope to
have something favorable
of you. For the past
two weeks we have been
very busy with the
semi-annual house clean-
ing, but hope to be through
yet this week. Only four
more weeks and then
I take my departure, and
so much to do. It really
seems a shame that our
children are to be separated
so soon, having seen so
little of each other this
winter. How lonely it would
be if we could have been
home together, but I am

thankful we will always
have such a happy Xmas
to look back upon, and
I know we ought to be
grateful for that, where
are you coming home.
The six of May is the day
set out, do not wear
it yet awhile. Mamma
is tired out and with
that exception we are all
well and happy. Little
Maup talks of H. L. Lorie
so much, she was delighted
with your pictures, thanks
for mine. I claim every
thing I can lay my hands
on today. This Mamma
and I go to Chicago to
and our purchases I hope.
Are you not studying too
hard Lou? What causes

your headaches and nose
bleeding. Be careful of your
self very dear. Last Sunday
I joined the church, it
was my wish before mar-
rying John. I had a good
cry to night, just because
I could not bear to leave
you all and my home.
John is quiet, but I am
too busy to care or hear
anything anymore. I
desire to write you a
longer letter to night - Al-
bina is here and I
have taken the liberty of
asking her to excuse me
while writing to Harriett, Will
and yourself. What-
ever for me will be deplored

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most
valuable
parts
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the
manuscript
being
lost
in
the
fire
which
destroyed
the
house
in
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Chicago
May 20, 1888.

My dearest - Papa, Mamma & All,
This
is the first - opportunity - I
have had, since my
room was called, to write
and tell you how beautiful
every thing is here. My presents
have at last - reached
their final destination
in their former very
gift - surrounded to have a
place and there they rest.
It seems a long time since
I left you dear ones, but
after I am really called
down to practical life time
will fly I presume. I am
thankful to say our vex-
tion days are over. I really


demanded them more than
any thing else. I had
quite a number of calls
yesterday, but expect more
~~to-morrow~~ next week.
I find my house for
work, with but interruption
will be from "and father
between" that at home,
so many coming in all
the time. I know you
are all anxious to see my
room and I want to
describe it so vividly that
you can see it in your
mind's eye. In the first
place it is a large room,
and kept very neat.
Mama does not much for
me. The carpet is light
with olive green leaves and
blue flowers. a dark border
of olive and narrow shade

with a little blue. The paper
is in design, Japanese grasses
delicately drawn on a light brown
ground. The fringe is a ~~the~~
it has the same shade of light
brown for a back ground with
a darker inner and white
flowers trailing over it. The
fringe is bordered with
a design two inches in
width, black and narrow
squares with a little yellow.
The ~~&~~ moulding is black,
at the top of the ceiling.
Then comes the fringe on
the ceiling, the same as
wall fringe bordered with
the same as the other.
Everything is in perfect
taste, The bed room set is
very handsome, The curtains
are lovely, tinted [buff]
nottingham (or imitation

of the Russian lace. The
design is in stripes, one
figured and then an open
worked alternate. The purses
I found here are very handsome
particularly the be caburks
and chalis. Fannie and
Lou gave me a beautiful
chair, one of those sof self rockers,
the material is cam silk
and maroon plush puffing
finished with fringe.
Clarrie and Minnie gave
the wicker chair and
work stand, they are very
sweet. Mr. Adams sent
a dozen decorated fruit-
plates. Mr. Deniger a piece
of pottery in the form of
a large vase, the Baccarat
ware, ~~is~~ beautifully decorated.
I believe after all this decoration
is called Baccarat instead

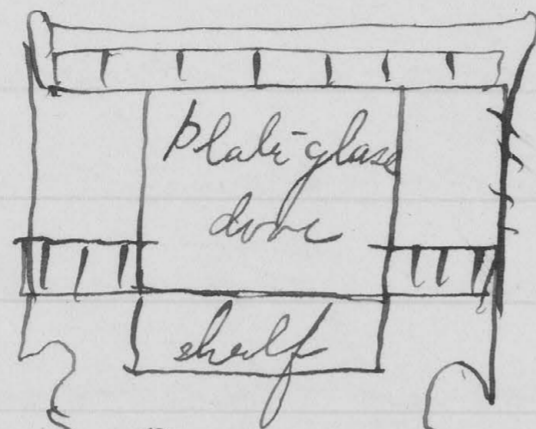
May 20, 1880 - Julia

I.

of the room. Mr. Osborn sent
two little - basket - Cylinders &
some other female. I do not
know her name. Mrs. Cherry
a silver bellie, Thelma Eggar
a rubasses pitcher [silver]
Misses Whitman a bush
broom holder, blue painted
with - daisies and poppies
and a one of those wicker
to wash - baskets [or a bag]
which is embroidered, and
at the bottom and a lambrequin
of blue, drap and maroon
around the top. It is lined
with - blue velvet. shape such
as this . Charles Tyrrell
gave us an elegant - ebony
beach - and gill - beach -
shaped thus and so —



The cabinet - Mr & Mrs. Dana and Miss Clayton gave us is like this -



Imagine you will immediately perceive the exact design from the above pictures. The lamp stand given us is cylindrical shape of three majestic wave with a white globe and a shade of mason catie & white-lace. That is to rest on the little table Mrs Evans is to get for us.

Over my bed hang the small cabinet and each side of it the pictures Frank gave us. I have both cabinets filled with every thing except any glass ware

and silver, which I mean to wrap up and put away in a day or two. Kate made us an elegant mounted box tambourine of mason catie and mason catie. Almost every present I received received is in mason and blue. Grandma Evans took beautifully and have been ever much admired. Both between the closet-door & window I have the other cabinet and below it the Japanese glass. On my bureau are you will see the jewel cases Lou's and Hank's presents. Ed Munroe's and one of the toilet sets. Over the writing desk is Lou's picture and on the other side Mr. Alexander's. Annie's picture is hung over the bureau.

You must come up soon
and see my room. We
want Papa and you to come
up soon and spend Sunday.
I wish Han could come
up the next reception day.
Come up the night before
or I can meet you. Let
me know in time, they
have all spoken of your
coming and have asked
me to write for Han. To-
night we are to take tea
with Adlai and Kate.
My solid silver is stored
away in a secret place.
Tell George his presents
have an honored place on
one of the cabinets. Lottie
is to be married ^{one} ~~two~~ weeks
from Tuesday and
goes out west for a trip.
She is to have a wedding

at six in the evening and
about seventy five guests.
I am to wear my wedding
dress. I intended to go
down town to day but will
not on account of the rainy
weather. I will price cabinets
for you soon. If you wish
~~time~~ your bonnet with
black lace, the imitation
of the spanish lace. It is
very stylish. Yesterday I
wore my black ~~lace~~ silk
lace fisher and a corsage
bouquet of pink roses. Will
be busy in the office and
if he were here he would
send love to you all.
Please send this letter
to Sam after you finish

May 20, 1880 - Julia

it - and say I wish it - so
cast - in ~~the~~ the flames ~~after~~
his funeral. Love Cranes
to such a fancy to Papa, he
thinks it funny to say in
truly. I am sure and I
want - to spend Sunday
with - you some time. They
even run around to
must - have little Mary
here with - me soon. I
love the dear little thing.
Mama will give her
Niece I have heard that I
have done so. Please
thank all my friends
for their kindness and I
will do, as soon as possible
instead of writing them.
When I have a house
my own I will have some
of you with me always.
Love and remembrance

To all, I am sure you are having a very happy life

Chicago,
May 24 1880.

My dear Son,
Your married
sister has thought of you
very frequently, but in
her new life has found
time wanting as before.
In fact - I have only my
work to keep in order, but
the interruptions, company
and other things keep me
very busy. We had a delight-
ful trip and a visit - over
Sunday with the dear
ones, arriving in C. Monday
morning early in order to
begin the work for Wednesday

We had a charming visit -
with - Aunt Lucy and
a lovely one with - the three
dear boys on the farm.
They seemed so glad to
see us, and I think our
visit - cheered them wonder-
fully. Will and Min had
a jolly time together.
Uncle seems better, but -
Auntie and Grandma both
look tired out - from over-
work, but - Sherman is a
lovely child and such a
comfort to them. I left \$3.00
for Grandma and the
same for Auntie & Will gave
\$5.00 to little - Sherman. so
on being there was no
extra expense to them, as
I was determined it -

should not be. The weather
was lovely, and the fruit-
prospects very fine "good luck"
for them I hope. I have a
war room as well as you
and I am very proud of
it - too. Everything in it -
is now ahead lovely. I have
your comb and brush case
on my bureau, and I
must look at it - but - what -
I think of you, the "old match
safe" next - beside it. I wrote
home a description of my
room and told the family
to forward it - to you and
thus save me the writing.
Tell me about your winter
phase. What have you
done about the carpet -
I wish I had the money
to send you. Will is five

I tell you. Her friends -
very hard to get the doctor
into his old ~~house~~ ^{habits} and ~~work~~ ^{habits} had
I hope to have ~~them~~ ^{them}
and Papa visit us ~~next~~ ^{next}
Sunday I ~~intended~~ ^{intended} to see
them, but I doubt ~~if~~ ^{if} father's
ability to attend ~~to~~ ^{to} his
business over Sunday.
When you come ~~through~~ ^{through}
be - you must - let me
know. I'd miss you all
so much, and have been
very home sick. I am crazy
to see little Mary ~~dailing~~ ^{dailing}.
Mama ~~said~~ ^{said} this morning
that she missed ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~very~~ ^{very}
and more ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~dailing~~ ^{dailing} ~~the~~ ^{the}
dailing. I hope to ~~see~~ ^{see} ~~you~~ ^{you}
Sunday home soon. We

To Louis Hyde from sister Julia

Letter of June 12, 1880: "By the way Will and I went the last afternoon. When we entered the building Garfield was 58 (?) and there came the casting of the 86th ballot which gave him 899 votes and then it was unanimouns. I never will forget that scene in all my life. Such intense excitement for two hours and then such rejoicing, hurrahing, screaming, etc. for half an hour and the vast number of people was a sight. I became so excited I cried. I mean I felt the force of the excitement to such an extent that the tears sprange to my eyes. What do you think of Garfield's nomination? Mother says Father says nothing; he was for Grant."

Chicago,
June 12/1880,

My dear Lou,
Before you
will - your sister make an
attempt - to have the
initials of her husband's
name. Mrs. W. W. Graves,
not - Mrs W. C. Will's mother
supposed the letter was
for her and opened it -
How ever I was delighted
to receive a letter from
my dear brother and
this morning I propose
to answer it - in hopes

of having it - wash you
before your return home.
I have a faint idea
that your school closes
on the 25th and I mistake¹
and if that is the case
I will say that I intend
to be in Joliet next Thurs-
day to remain over Sunday,
or if you stop in Chicago
expecting to see me, I will
be absent. But if your
return trip brings you
through it - it would
be pleasant to have
you stop and call at
J. B. C. and see our work,
or see Will at the office
#88 Washington St.

I had a little visit with
Mama yesterday. Last
Wednesday she went
to the Universalist Con-
vention at Aurora and
it stopped came here on
her return home. Last
week Father came up
for two days, just think
of it, you can imagine
my surprise and delight
when I beheld him. The
visit was a source of
great pleasure to him,
as he saw a number
of his old friends and
attended the Convention.
By the way I Will and I
went the last afternoon.
When we entered the

building Garfield was
58 and to the garden
casting of the old
which garage him
and then it is
I must not forget to
serve in all the
in the garden
the house and the
feeling, the
exhausting etc.
on the, and the
quarter of the
right. I became
of kind. I must
that force of the
the enthusiasm
the house and
eggs. I must
the house and
time? Mother says

Joyce E. Hakala
Notes

To Louis Hyde from sister Julia

Letter of Oct. 8, 1880, Chicago: "Papa is not willing for Fan to go to school this year. He is so determined about the matter that I believe it is because (he) would feel so lonely this winter with the three oldest children away from him. The dear old man begins to realize how bad it will be to have his children leave him and have other homes and interests."

Letter of Oct. 5, 1879, Joliet: "I have just said good night to Mr. Stevenson and now I can give a most profound sigh of relief. You may be surprised to hear such a remark, but you would agree with me, if you only knew how he has bored me of late, for the past week four nights he has appeared at the door and the worst of it all is that he becomes quite sentimental at times, attempts to take my hand, etc. I have been so angry that I could not treat him decently. Oh, Lou, never go to see a girl too often, do not be a bore of all things. The poor girls suffer so in the society of uninteresting gents, particularly when they are desirous of writing to someone more attractive. Be entertaining and smart, understand yourself thoroughly, then find out the girls."

Chicago
Oct-8, 1880.

My dear brother Sam,
You

have a sister alive
and well although she
has not before made
you conscious of the-
fact by letter at least.
Since the wedding I
have been busy with-
the needle etc besides
our work was spent-
at John- among the-
dear ones. I came back
last Monday and

milk - Will who spent
Sunday with - there.
The weather was so
charming and every
thing so fine, that -
I could not - but - have
a lovely time. All
over well, particularly
little - Mary, what - a
little - rogue she is! I
never saw so much
improvement - in regard
to - talking. She says
everything. Mamma
asked her to repeat -
some poetry while at -
the - breakfast - table
for Papa's benefit, she
did not feel disposed

to do so, and to defend
herself she looked up
to Mamma and said
"you must not - talk
at - the table". She is a
smart - young one no doubt,
and so sweet. She calls
me Julia. George was
well and intent upon
a "bicycle". I want him
to come up Saturday
to the Exposition. Mamma
arrived better than when
at the wedding. Papa
is not - willing for Hans
to go to school this year,
he is so determined
about the matter that
I believe it is because

would feel so lonely
this winter with the
three oldest children
away from him. The
dear old man begins
to realize how bad it
will be if he have his
children leave him
and have other homes
and interests. I think
we have the best Father
living. Sam is taking
real lessons of a very
fine teacher and his
hands soon to begin
instrumental in of a
teacher here, so I will
see how once a week,
and how delighted
I am over that fact.

Oct 8, 1880 - Julia

Have come improve very
much if she works
with - a mill, but - I
confess I am terribly
disappointed about her
school. I gave Papa a
good scolding, "but - he
wasn't vinced". Uncle
Benn came to John -
last - Sunday morning.
He seems very well
and really talks of
going into - business
some where in the
western part - of Missouri,
with - Mr. Lisk. I hope
he may succeed. Min
is delighted with - her

school. Carrie and Will
Adams came home and
spent one Sunday and
went off again and we
have not seen them
since. They are out in
some somewhere I
believe. Ella is looking
splendidly and is now
beginning to feel the
benefit of her trip.
Four courses of students
for this are five I think.
I wish you would
write to me soon.
Remember me to
your friends that I know.
With love Sister Julia.

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Joyce E. Hakala
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Chicago,
Oct-31, 1888.

My dear Love, "How do
you do" this bright-
morn'g morning. I was
very glad to receive
your letter and I write
in the hope of receiving
another soon. George -
brother George is here
this moment, in my
room cleaning his
nail, under my super-
vision. He came up
yesterday with - I am
intending to remain
on Sunday. He has
visited every part -

of the house, examined
the birds [stuffed] even
to their tails. I am sorry
the weather is so cold
for the parks are great
attractions in warm
weather, but now they
present an unattractive
appearance, with their
leafless trees and withered
flowers. You do not
know what a pleasure
it is to me to meet her
every Saturday. She
has so little time to
come up to the house,
with her two lessons,
so I must be done
soon and we have a
gay visit together. How

is doing well in her
vocal and instrumental
music, she is under fair
instruction and will
improve every advantage
I think. Perhaps next
year she will be able
to move farther back-
and reach something
more satisfactory in regard
to school work. Every thing
is for the best I suppose,
still it is a disappointment
not to have her
do this year's school
work. I am delighted
to hear of you. Give
love, charm etc. But
I am sorry you freeze
in a room with only
two panes of glass

[illegible]

Chicago

Nov. 28, 1880.

My dear Son,

Did you
ever in your life realize
how time flies, three
weeks and you are
home again. Do you
remember what a
happy time we all
had together last-
Christmas. I hope
this one may be
passed as happily.
Dad tells me you
think some of bringing
home your Christmas, why
not? I think it might
prove a nice plan.
Yours sincerely

dull enough at present
but perhaps it only needs
Christmas as an impulse
for much gaiety. So
many changes have
taken place since spring
among the young ladies
in particular, marriage
and death have both
claimed victims, I
think my "clipping off"
started the fall rolling,
such a ball as maturing
needed starting in
that society, and for a
good long roll too, to
gather all the moss
of so many years stand-
ing. Katie & - marriage
was sudden in its
consummation, though
long talked of. What-

will become of the C- &
I wonder, distribution
came quickly to them
as also to G. P. G. All my
old and hard experiences
in jobit seem so far a-
way and so like a bad
dream, and how strange-
ly jobit has worked out
my life and given me
more happiness than
I deserve. I have been
very well since the
camping season, never
better in my life, I
can walk several miles
and feel no fatigue
what ever. Carrie the babe
is quite well now, just
having recovered from
her illness of a month.
Kate has returned from

Buffalo but in real poor
health. Her former
mile walk at camp
did not prove her
strength for all time,
I can now endure
two times more than
she. May spend Sunday
with Mamma and Daddy
about two weeks ago,
We enjoyed her visit
so much. I could like
a silly child when she
went home. Can she
do "jokes". You will
find a great improvement
in her "knowledge
and conversation". She
other day has said

Nov 28, 1880
Julia



suddenly she came out -
with - the - expression,
"Minnie said Johnnie
and they all laughed &
ed," Mary's memory
seems wonderfully good.
By the way Mr. McCracken
- Johnnie - spent the
night with us on
his way home from
the East. Papa has
a new overcoat - & they
tell me, and Mother
a new cloak. I am glad
for they both needed
them. Minnie holds
her own at \$560. Dykes
insists upon her spend-
ing the holidays there.

and bring Warner with
him. and he says they
will have a "frat" "thing"
if you understood that
phrase. We were all over
in the Syrell's to tea
a week ago Saturday
night, in honor of Fred's
birthday. Frank was
there as devoted as ever.
Fred seems better with
his business to make
him exercise. We of the
Evans family, girls &
me, belong to a fine
history class & I am
studying like yourself.
The great Emperors of
Rome are being exposed
and examined to the
satisfaction of twelve
journals named and

single. The Alexander
of camping season
1879 is to be married
to Miss Ladd of Quincy
December 9th, a tidy
five dollar wedding present
for William and myself.
Fortunately we have
the money saved up.

Will and I are reading
and enjoying it so
much. As adrift we
are with - love good bye
Sincerely,
Sister Julia.

Chicago

Jan 13, 1881

My dear Don,

I am sorry
I have been so dilatory
regarding the bill to which
you entrusted to me,
please forgive me this
time Don and it will
never happen again, I
promise. I hope this
delay will not occasion
you any annoyance I
would never forgive my-
self if such proved the
case. I extended your
invitation to Minnie,
she seemed very much

pleased, but for various reasons will be obliged to forego that pleasure. She really cannot accept Lou for several good reasons, although she knows how much pleasure she would have. She wishes me to thank Mr. Hauchelt and yourself for your very kind invitation, and also wishes me to refuse her request to you both. I find it will be impossible for Lou or Will Adams to get passes to Amherst. They say it is very hard to get any kind of a pass upon the M. C. road. Will

might get one through Harry Gardner, but of course Harriet would not accept it coming from such a source. So you must be content with one fair maiden instead of two with passes. I am sorry for Mr. H. — and yourself, but I know there is no lack of fine young girls in that section of the country who will be only too delighted to fill Minnie's place.

Now that your commissions and commands are fulfilled I will talk a little of

the happy time we
have just had together.
Marion and I left
home Wednesday morn-
ing on the early train
and of course found
Will delighted to see
us again, we are
now once more domes-
ticated under the old
roof, ready to live &
enjoy another happy
Christmas visit with
you all. I have not
heard from home since
I left - but I suppose you
have already received
Harri's Sunday letter. I
never had a happier
time in my life and

S.

Jan 13, 1881 - Julia

I will always look back upon that time with great pleasure. I only wish that same party, with a few additions, might have a camping season together.

Four pages and a half and not a word about Marion, the dear sweet little thing is as lively as ever, she loves her mamma exceedingly, this morning and has been very demonstrative during this letter writing period, much to my sorrow for I have been prevented from taking

"my usual pains, hand writing, spelling
etc." "I am more forgiving
towards you for the sake of
a dear precious baby
you are never
missed you both but
Mr. Hanchett especially
because of his devotion
to you and
I feel proud of your acquain-
tance with Mr. Moore.
I must confess that
I do for I am so fond
of news paper matter.
I hope Hannah has seen
the folly of such a friend-
ship. I wonder if
Mr. Roberts is at the
hotel parlor next on
Saturday morning

Chicago,
Jan. 18 1881

My dear Brother Lou.

After
a morning of interrupted
work I do not - quite -
feel like sitting down to
write you a letter, & I feel
that I cannot bear the
consciousness that I am
neglecting my brother who
has been so kind to
write me so often since
his return. I suppose you
find it an awful task
to devote yourself to
study after such a fight
with the girls and
their possessions. In

think my quiet and dignified brother should resort to such means for June Will, I am glad you all had such a fine time and did not catch the fever. I was rather worried that morning I left the house with you all under the weather and the bad odors pervading air [from the inn]. I have been at *600 now Sunday and we had a jolly dinner as usual. What a fine looking girl Hannah is! Will says she is as fine a looking girl taking everything into consideration as he ever saw, don't

you think that meeting for me, but I am happy that Will is fond of her, any how. He is always wishing and hoping the way many ever find fullon. I like your friend Mr. Coffin very, very much and I am well pleased at the extent of the friendship professed between you two youths. I knew he was engaged and am glad to know the fact for it speaks well for him as I know she is a fine lady. But upon the strength of that statement do not go and do likewise, for you will not be able to support a

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