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My Dear Love

If I could swear
easily & volubly in Greek or Latin I
could send you two or three pages
of incomprehensible Classic curses. I
seriously believe I would beseech the interpo-
sition of the Infernals and solicit the dire
offices of the Furies to bring you to a due
sense of your wickedness in not writing
before. It is now upon my word as a
faithful lover two weeks, or almost
that time since I heard from you, and but
but a few weeks since you were imploring
me by all my hopes of future happiness to at least
signify my existence sur la terre every week
in order that you might be sure of my safety &
be spared any painful apprehensions in regard
to my dear self! And yet - with in

mouth; do let me not think
out - Truitt, the name is known
within a month you permit your
nephew to pass over my head without
hearing. I shall believe it is an epidemic
with you girls not to write because
did not write to Lincea in six weeks
and when she did write made no excuse
for her negligence. I suppose however it is
all the effect of Leap year. You had better
be careful however and not abuse

your privileges too, so much for me shall
rebel, and next year is not Leap year.

Uncle's neglect now was really shameful
for it made my poor dear quite sick
so much so that he gave me \$10.00 to
write a Junior Oration for him. I told
him I would not take the money but would
write it for him willingly, whereupon he laid
aside his books & pen and went to bed -
sick. I sat up all night last night to
write it and send of course not very
soon today. I would not have

You think that I have any fear
of your doing likewise; on the contrary
I expect a letter tomorrow morning as
much as I expect my breakfast.

I wrote to Father yesterday
if he answers my letter in the same
tone that he did my other one I shall
tell him in my next of our engagement.

I forgot to tell you in my last
that I have given my Attorney in
see, instructions to commence
suit against my Aunt A &
our coadjutor the executor of my
uncle's estate. Thus you see I
am already involved in litigation
and that too with considerable stakes,
while Father never had but one law-
suit and that was a little affair. Don't
you think I began early? I had hesita-
ted about the matter for a long time but
at length made up my mind that
I could not afford to be swindled
out of my right even by a female relative.

Therefore wrote to her last week
telling her she might pay it with
or without the mild persuasion of a
legal process, just which she pleased
and at the same time told Mr
Shores to commence operations
as soon as he pleased. I have not
yet received a reply from either but
I suppose there will be a reunion in the
camp when they receive my epistle.
I don't ~~know~~ like the well but
being ~~in~~ ~~the~~ see the end of it.

I am going to send you a very
short letter this time though I don't
know but I promised a long one
when I wrote before, for I can't
write a long one - I'm sleepy, dull
and have a desperate bout-careative
ness today. as soon as it's dark
I am going to study, if it is Sunday
morning for about last night I
threw me behind in my lessons &
I must read a chapter of Greek
Testament and a few pages of
analytics this evening Yours Ever Al Burt

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