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a game of snowballs. Ellen and I and
a nice young man (as Lizzie says) who
just happened along, have been having
a merry time. I have left Ellen down
stairs looking as happy as possible over
her companions, but I will not tell her
of the shille I saw on somebody's face
as I came away. He never in this
world. Dear me, I am so tired of
everything & here. I am bound to make
myself as miserable as possible to
keep your company I think —
Don't you want to hear something more
about Albert? It is about time to fill
another sheet — the subject "my affec-
tion" I am sure. Let me tell you
now he is changed in some little
things. Little Tom he used to take
special pains to come up in the
school room, with his great lumbering
boots on, making all the racket possible
and often he would leave on his dirty
pants, which he wore while doing his

chores at the farm, and it would
quite sicken me to approach him. He
did not care however, he only went there
because he had been repeatedly told
to leave them off. Now he never comb
his hair, for the same reason, he had
been told to do it. Now I never am
disgusted with barn-wards. Before his
shoes are put on before he enters the
school room. His hair combed and
his appearance, all ~~as~~ it should be.
But he does like to bother me, and
I am sure I never saw but one who
was a greater rogue than he, I don't
doubt but you can easily imagine
who this one is. He will delay
performing his examples — just do, now
— see — so that the rest of the children
may be excused and be left alone
with me I am sure. Now to night he
would not write his essay while the
others were writing, despite all my coaxing
and pleading. And in consequence

I had to remain with him an hour
after the rest were gone. It is well
that my patience is considerable, and
am sure it would be entirely exhaust-
ed, but I do get so weary over it some
times, and I die before seeing I wish
I it understood that I have killed
myself by being governess here. I should
if I die, it would be better for you. It
is a few hours later, and I have just
read your letter. I think you are des-
perate, and I concluded, as I put down
your letter a moment since, that I was
a doomed girl, and don't know but
I will be compelled yet to echo your
wish that I am sorry that I am your
beloved, but I do hope you would com-
miserate suicide without just informing me
first. I have been very silly, but
it is my fate to be so - no more, I will
try to kiss the rod that smites me
I will not ask to be a wife if you
cannot be a husband. If this I am
determined.

I'll be an old maid - See if I don't.
You see I am going to try and get
your letter in the right place again
(by not cross-writing) You should have
told me of it before. To remedy my other
fault I must place the dictionary before
you. What else besides "peticular" am I
your? I see you are rather nervous, and
I must make an effort not to provoke
you. To commence, if you were able to
go to sea again, you should not go aboard
and without ^{any} ceremony. I should renew
you your affection a part of your letter
I have felt your warmest embraces and
I shall claim a ceremony ^{as} my right -
Ernie, don't I testify with straightly?
About that affair of Nellie's. I don't think
it's mind you the time. I have nothing
to do with her. I don't like her, nor
do I ever expect to. I don't know how
I could find out all about this, even
if I were so disposed, I do not
correspond with Nellie, nor have ever

confidence in the least. So ever to had not written lately and Angus
the touch, Albin. I just hate to know nothing of it from her. She says
It is quite a long story and some think now it would be best to hide
thing you know nothing about and it a matter marriage. Your secret
is to hide and mean to trouble you will of course be safe
with. I think however Willie did know and you will dream of me. Will
that Mr. Hamner's affection for her was I am troubled like wise. Do you
what he has made known to her at know I am sure there is some
was. I suppose I might put my thing you do not tell me?
wife to work and find out something. Job cannot be a husband. Albin
back now. She knew Mr. Hamner and simply because you are lame.
Willie, and if I mistake not told her there was something yet an
Willie saw one day when she received revealed. Remember my eight
a letter from Miss. I did not know she was not our secret when you
Willie's reply but I could know. I had brought my claim upon you to this
Did you know Mr. Chastell has great interests. I presume you are
gained entirely within the last week but never mind. I am bound to
Angus told me that he had gone love you if I must lose "the flower
into some mill speculation of like and perfume of youth" or deny it. I
with. One, and they smashed up mill never again ask to be your wife.
Miss Miller a good man. lost six. When you want me, if ever you must
months wages, and something else. I will love again and ask one. If
I don't remember what Willie told must be years before and they

change I mean. I know you must know it has been your word.
I know I shall never see you again. That you would not
take me for your wife now. You have brought the machine that
are I left you, would claim the money. Of this year that has
been. (Oh, my husband Alie, do you remember the churching
of this name. - My dear love. do you know I am in the
school we can be I that I am your kitchen. I will ob-
tain be me. Even if you will not more let me be a
table. I never never shall give up my title of Albion's belong
I can't ever make me, will you. - Why how I do not
I almost prayer myself. I think I will go to bed
and give my Alie to God - and sleep -

Love forever
yourself

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