

since I rec'd your letter from the sub-  
scribers of the paper I had a note  
from Emma who had just  
rec'd a letter from Anna  
Mr M - Mrs M - and they  
were to be married some time  
I rec'd a letter from Anna  
this evening - she writes  
that she is going to build a fine  
house to live in. Anna's guests  
are quite good. The evening was  
"glorious" -  
The girls send love,  
Emma -  
I rec'd your letter - I will send  
you some things by tomorrow  
see that you get the  
letter in to the post.

to-day I rec'd one dated May 12<sup>th</sup>. The  
one you spoke of writing there a few nights  
before. I guess you forgot to mail did  
you not Bob? - I cannot begin  
to tell you how much I have enjoyed  
Mr and Mrs Lewis's visit. They came  
as expected on Tuesday and have just  
left this afternoon. I like Hattie  
and am so glad Seneca married  
her instead of Susie. My satisfaction  
of their visit is greatly increased by  
knowing that they both enjoyed it  
as intensely as I. I made arrangements  
for a horse and carriage and we  
had a ride every day. Spent one day  
in K. at the academy which Seneca

enjoyed so much. Everything has passed  
off so pleasantly all the week and  
Hattie said she had had far more  
real happiness than <sup>in</sup> their eight weeks  
at home. He wished a hundred  
times that you were with us.  
I am very sure that Seneca meant  
I should whisper to you <sup>your</sup> <sup>own</sup>  
~~change~~ ~~state~~ ~~excite~~. I thought  
at the moment I saw her face and  
the next day after they came Hattie  
flushingly told me all about it.  
Seneca was terribly disappointed at the  
prospect at first for he thought it  
was so bad for them while they were  
sounding, but thought better of it when  
he found it could not be helped  
he came up stairs yesterday just after  
he had gone down and I saw such  
real joy dancing in Hattie's eyes that I  
could not help asking her what it was.  
She put her arms around my neck  
and said that Seneca had just

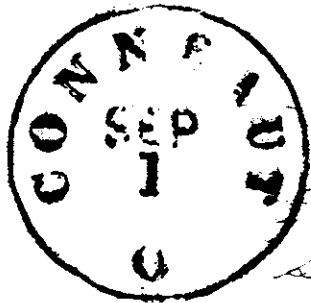
told her that he would not have her  
any other way for ten thousand dollars  
and it made her so glad for he never  
had said any such thing before. I know  
it is not possible for me to <sup>write</sup> you so you  
will understand how much happiness  
I have had from their visit, so you may  
imagine just as much as pleases you  
I am ~~sure~~ ~~not~~ over estimate it. I did  
not feel envious, feeling, but I know  
that my prayer that our dearest wish  
might be granted was more present than  
ever before. You do not wonder do you that  
it was hard for me to go to my lonely chamber  
- but after saying good night to Hattie and  
Seneca in this? - They did not know  
it though and I would not have had  
them for anything. I know they did not  
dream how I longed for my husband  
when I kissed them good-night. I have  
done nothing all the week but entertain  
my guests and though I have been pretty  
tired every night I think it has been good

decided to be  
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 they know they  
 of any sort is about  
 minute of this  
 like a  
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 in  
 and I think  
 the orchard.  
 you have  
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 than he is  
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 eye day that she  
 the night. He says  
 that is natural  
 that I am three  
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 she. She brought  
 I don't think  
 should get an  
 can only be  
 they are so large.  
 there are  
 the Prof's are  
 Seneca said they  
 undoubtedly  
 they are bound  
 until next  
 let them be  
 would want to  
 I shall have to  
 allow them to  
 are bound for  
 if you do not  
 while how you  
 I will have  
 The names are  
 I know remember  
 they are  
 and a pretty  
 Louis is so  
 a better one

Sunday Morn -  
 I must finish my letter before  
 I take up "Guy M..."  
 that it will not get finished today.  
 I am very much interested in it.  
 I have a matter to put before you  
 and please Albion, don't tell me to do  
 just as I please about it but make  
 a decision for me. With me the scales  
 are evenly balanced and you must  
 bring one or the other down. Seneca  
 and Hattie ever very anxious I should  
 spend the winter in Ripley instead of  
 Cleveland. They thought the annual  
 advantages would be equally as good  
 but I know of other things in which a  
 winter in C. would be preferred.  
 They will of course, in Hattie's situation  
 see but very little society - this winter and  
 any way she is not stylish or dandy in  
 the least and would be in demand  
 for me there. I think she is decidedly  
 careless about dress yet I may find

too hostile. She has a loving dependent way  
with her that shows her joyful in life has been  
very different from mine. They board in a private  
family and pay the same as in Cleveland and  
wished me to board with them. now see I would  
have but very few of the advantages that I would  
in C. - but I do like you cannot tell how  
increased by my own situation there. I positively  
think I should do Hattie a world of good  
just now. She seems to have a definite a good  
opinion of Seneca's receipt for me and thinks  
she ought to live with me a while to learn  
how to be a woman. It will show you how  
much she already depends on me. She wanted  
Seneca to have a dressing gown like yours  
yet she could never make it alone and thought  
she must go without. I carried her to get  
town and selected the materials cut it all out  
and basted the embroidery on and now she  
will have one as good as if she could  
get it. She will learn a great deal of sewing  
while she lives some one to live with she thinks that  
does know. I shall be with her especially  
and may learn a great deal which may  
benefit me in time to come. I think that  
my situation attracts me there more than any  
thing else - Now my husband, you will  
tell me what to do. won't you? If you  
have the slightest reference for Cleveland  
say so and I shall go there and be just as  
satisfied as can be and the same with  
regard to Risley - I shall be sure you  
there yet I don't know as I could hear from  
you any sooner than at Cleveland. Now will  
reply just as soon as possible so that  
I may decide. I expect you have changed  
your quarters before this and it may be sometime  
before you receive this. Seneca said there might  
be some difficulty about the money but he shall  
find out and let me know soon. I have not  
written half I wanted to. I wish I could talk  
to you - If you are through court instantly  
you understand the storming of the house as I see  
Thomas comes here. E.P.S.

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