

Sunday
June 25/82

My dear Auntie,
Your welcome letter. Went to
Litchfield, reached one
yesterday. I was glad
to hear you were com-
fortably situated & had
pleasant surroundings.
I know Jennie appreci-
ates the kindness, &
it is, as she says, "a
year's indulgence". Ann's
face has indeed proved

tedious, poor child; but a short cure, may make a permanent one. We are all in excellent health, & are very much pleased going to go to U.S. Business is as common as my own family. This placated, that John Allen spent last week with me, & we went, of escaping its cares, & shared his time. She seems to maintain be very low and fine but it is ited, & the children are very grateful. Perhaps their good health, it is useless to shall not annoy him speak of Charlie's with "appendages" but wedding, but as you take a quiet trip. only wrote, they were this is the programme expected, & with that at this time, but you met the bride &

given shall "rehearse" a
little. Then! At six-
³⁰ o'clock on the 8th of
June, a very cloudy
morning, Charlie & Sue
were married by the
Rev Mr Percival (old
Gordon's friend & rec-
tor). About 100 guests
were assembled, & really
it was painfully ex-
cuse! The Marriage bell
was beautiful & as the
Pansy, was Sue's fa-
vorite flower, the
Clippers were comprised
of them. At seven o'clock
were seated at break-
fast, a very fine

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4 elegant one it was
too! At 20 minutes
past, Jane left to do
her travelling notes &
at 7.45 left for the
steamer. So you see
how punctual some
people can be! Old
Shaffer & Price were
fairly hurled at the
next couple. My ac-
quaintance is very
limited with the Bird
or I had never met
her but twice previous
to the day, or have
not formed a like or
dislike. All the folks
admire her exceedingly
She was White Sattin

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en train hummed
with embroidered Crêpe John & I, decorated
Lissie. The presents were Breakfast, Dinner, &
nunnies & beautiful Tea Set combined.
Mr. Bush has bought Mr & Mrs Helen Silver
her a very pleasant & Pearl Carving Set.
House, & is now fitting Martha Handsome Lamp
it up, & as he is a Maggie full set Silver
man of large means ladies. Albert hand
presume every thing nice come Maggie Set.
not only the comfortable little M. set of table
but luxurious. Many silver, knives, forks
sent 3 elegant Bisque Spoons etc, Lovers two
Montel ornaments just Large Lingerie cases,
bricks they were! Charles & Emma two pedes
Berry Spoons, Heavy this well ornamented
1 dry Individual Agatha Mrs M. parlor set
Plates in case, three upholstered in Sue's
& Bidie full line of own taste. John & I.

have \$1000 better will
stick. I must tell
you a remark Birdie
made to John & ^{me} ~~the~~, on
our return home from
the wedding. It was
the first time we had
seen Mr. Percival since
Grandma's funeral, &
Birdie said, "Do you
know when Mr. Perci-
val said 'Let us pray',
I could not see the
Marriage bell, Aunt
Jane or Uncle Charlie,
all I could see, was
poor old Grandma's
coffin & the lovely
white funeral flowers.
It affected John very

much indeed, for? He
said he disliked to
have his girlie grow
so fast both in body
& mind, as to make
her serious, & strange
to say, the identical
thought was passing
through his own mind,
but decided to give
expression to it, while
she in her fearless
childish innocence
felt no hesitancy. Boy
Blair is improving but
he is so dreadfully
ruptured as to look
deformed, fortunately
that part is always
under cover. I conclu

did my servants ar-
 rangements were all
 satisfactorily made for
 the Summer, but re-
 commended the kitchen
 in the books absence,
 & find he is one who
 hides the dirt in the
 rear of the party which
 or have that annoyance
 to begin with, & as Cook
 & Ponches are plentiful
 over the Lake that
 would set me crazy.
 How did Mary look
 & did she seem in
 good spirits. Arthur
 is such a ceaseless
 care. Do you think

Jessie enjoyed her trip?
 One can scarcely tell
 she is so strange, &
 afraid of expressing op-
 inition. I hope I
 shall have the pleasure
 & happiness of meeting
 you this year. The
 Dress maker disappoint-
 ed me in your dress
 & I felt sorry as I
 wanted you to have
 them by the 4th. Please
 write soon. Give dear
 est love to Emma &
 Ann. Found a clay
 pipe in Alice's trunk
 yesterday, & Harry said,
 "Would Richard bought

him that! Remember
me to Alfred. Fear
you are an unfor-
giving "Mother-in-law"
Jessie R. has had
trouble enough to order
her giddiness, but no
accounting for look
in some people! Chil-
~~den and best love~~
& wishes to their own
Sunt Maggie, & ad-
dres your own

Living

Lizzie

Address

Acorn Springs
Miss

My dear Auntie,
I trust
you will find a letter
written previous to the
receipt of your darling,
& I anxiously forward it
to explain I was unable
made at your long
silence. In regard to
my promise dearest
I feel ashamed of
the delay, & hope I
have not seriously in

commenced you. I am - as it does me to testi-
bros left Tuesday for fy in some slight manner
N. Y., & if you or one of our very abiding love in
the girls go over to you & yours. I am glad
send a note. He will your house is comfort
see that there is no little & pleasantly situated
further delay. Please do but for your sake regret
not thank the delay the great distance from
detonata from the other the ferry. I trust you are
fulness of the gift, for all well. He will suffer
I alone I am to blame any from a spell of
as usual, with my dread intense cold! Then so de-
ful habit of procrastinating. All the pipes are
muzzled but only hope frozen in the house &
it will offend you is all in the gutters. Good
much pleasure & comfort a slight flurry of snow

yesterday. mmm & the
children were delighted.
Pili has just brought
in some half frozen
sparrows & set they revive
the places there in a
wire cage, & I think
they will die of stronger
later instead of cold.
Christmas was a clear
sunshiny day, & contrib-
uted to our cheerfulness.
He dined at the other
house. I took mmm
mm with old Grand
mm & it gave me a
feeling of peace & rest
I had sighed for

some days past to possess
Our gladness was mingled
with a sense of sadness as
well & I felt afraid Ann
was mixed giving up, but
kept little Harry very as
much as possible & all
forced ourselves to be
unusually cheerful.
Charlie had a crying
spell & that relieved
him so felt glad of
it. He speaks of the
mm continually, & says
he hopes she knows
how happily situated
he is. He takes break-
fast alone at 7.30 each

morning & come home
usually to a hot lunch
at 12. As I do not
see him early in the
morning, never go out
still after lunch as he
will not feel neglected.
The boys are delighted
with him & they love his
sincere respect. He weighs
161 lbs & is 5 ft 11 in height
He weighed 127 when he
arrived in U.S. I never
saw or communicated
a boy. I must now
conclude dear Aunt

Maggie & not trespass
longer upon your time.
With heart
& best wishes
for a bright & happy
New Year to all
Yours always in
deep sincerity & love
Lizzie

A. V.

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"Adieu Old Year"





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