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"Dear Anna"

Well now I really have done it, and let your Birth-day pass by un-
scored - last Sunday when I was penning
my weekly letter to Mother. I thought of
you and that your Birth-day anniversary
was near by, looking over some of my Diary's
for you know I used to have at one time
lots of idle moments to keep such things
I found an unusual lot of them, way back
a good many years - in fact such an
accumulation of written rubbish, that I set
to work and burnt it & them all up, but
not before I had found that your Birth-
day was on the 9th inst, and that you
were - why is it possible - 20 years, or
would be, of age - it was then that as I
found I did not have time to put you

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baby. And I suppose if you have not one already, you will be wanting to have one soon - a beauty you have had enough to contend with to spoil more than one good disposition, between your sister on one side, and the two boys on both sides, but I trust you will outgrow us all, and by your Mother's good traits of disposition and fortitude ^{win} us all to you - you had a tough siege of it, only a few years ago, when we all had a chance at you at once, but you have ^{one} less at you now, you were standing out agst us all well at that time - now make it a stand point to work from, to let as far as possible small matters go by unnoticed & wear us all to you by your grubbiness. No one regrets more than I do that you all & you more especially, as the Rose of

in possession of a letter to be received by you on or before that date, I would write you from here & write on that day - not receiving my customary letter from Mother - to-day - Friday set me to thinking & I remembered I had neglected to write you - I suppose you will think your big Brother Al is getting very thoughtless, well my dear (little) Sister, it sometimes seems to me so, but you must fully remember that it is not altogether to blame, for although I am not going to find any fault with you, at the same time I must frankly ask you, why have you not been a little more considerate of your Brother's feelings, and by your own actions, scratched off a few lines to me, and thereby added one more spark to warming up my feelings - you must remember that you at Home - I mean children, have the immediate benefits of Parents' consideration & attention at your first call, and should be ready & willing to extend a little of it to me - Phaw! now you need not imagine, that I hang as closely to Mother's ^{Apron} strings as you always have - how do you think I would get along - if every time I came Home, not from school, but from business, - I would say - I wonder where M^r is! Oh! aunt it getting late!! I wonder if anything has happened to her!! or every time I left in the morning I should say - Good Bye Ma!! Good Bye!! Mother - Good Bye!!! Will you be home when I come back? Twenty years old! why gracious me I forgot, but then I can but hardly feel, that you will ever be anything else, than the same

which a gentleman or
ladies, received from
all from me as her
Brother - the profoundest
respect and confidence
that was more to
me than all - moving
among the world - un-
expected as I have
for many years
known to the full
extent of many of its
infatuations and vices
the gentleman society
which stem all where
they ever must Respect
yourself and now as you
go forth in the world
standing upon the brink
of womanhood - tread
your path with the
care, your future, not
leaving one fault upon
the past as you carefully
went your way along -
may your path ever
be strewn with - Roses
in time God bless your
in family, will be
the gentleman - Alfred

but remember it is not the fine clothes that
makes the woman - your decorum - your course
through life from day to day - will be your
pass word and the key which will open ^{your}
way into society - that is the only society ^{that}
you should want to enter - your sister's ideas
of society, of moving in it I mean - may be
a little staid - but she never moved in any
society, that she did not command its deepest
respect and courtesy - follow in her foot
paths in regard to this & you will do all
a Brother can ask - your actions on the street
should be attended with the strictest & closest
modifications - go along attending to no one's
business but your own - give no one an
opportunity to make remark or point you
out, be modest, be unassuming - as I said
before with your sister's peculiarities & radical
feelings & ideas about some things - her views &
ideas of etiquette street and in company