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turning from
her way hers
is a sad story

in Illinois she
fitted was enga-
ged to a young
man both

very young
his guardian
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marriage and
she was wrong
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singing and
now her story
is well known
here yet

she is count-
nanced. Why
not I wish
to be lenient-

and yet I fear

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Dear Cousin Maggie already this
week has an exceedingly disconnected epistle
been dispatched to thee. And now another
or else you must wait longer than I like
to wait for a response. You see Cousin
mine Saturday is a very busy day with
folks that work for a living and if a letter
comes in on Saturday it is not convenient to
sit down to answer it for the afternoon
mail, and we do not have a mail
again until Tuesday consequently nearly
four days must be added to the eight or ten
which are consumed by the journey ^{perhaps}
two whole weeks between the sending and
receiving of the response. Whereas a letter sent the first of
the week ^{say Tuesday} from New York may get here
on the next Tuesday and if answered the same
day by return of mail can reach New York
in a like number of days so that instead
of 14 days coming and 14 days going 16 days
would only be occupied by letter coming
and going. Maggie I am ready to scream

out as I think how and what all this scrib-
bling is about - maybe would be well to sum-
up by saying that a letter never yet came
that was not truly welcome and I am not
at all finding faults - but trying to apol-
ogise and explain why? some are not as
soon responded to as others and shewing
that the faults of the "Mail". Cousin
Belle received your kind letter yesterday.
Cousin Maggie and "The Bride of St. Mark's"
was appropriated by me. Oh I forgot -
the above lingo might have been
shared as Belle requested me to acknowledge
the reception. And this is it. Belle has her
hands and heart full with her many cares
but she seems just as happy as of old
and Charlie is pretty well barring a tooth
ache which troubles him sometimes. We
have an abundance of corn to add to
the great stores about squash, beans, Cucum-
bers to say nothing about the Melons
that are beginning to take their place
at table. This is a great country for Melons
the girls ^{say} that the quality was only ex-
ceeded by the quantity last summer.

Bennie has been quite ill for a day or two has
had fever we had the Dr. yesterday who
prescribed for Eddie too who went from

school in the morning complaining
and has not been about since, although both
are doing well now. I received a missive
from Cousin Alfred in reply to a demand
that I made upon him. Some little
family intelligence came also and but
for this document I would have been
thus far without any thing by the mail
this week and not a mail goes out with-
out some little addition from my prolif-
ic pen. Oh how I wish to see you co-
Maggie 'tis evening now Charlie is lying
in bed singing an Irish tune and Theo
is dancing he has a bed on the floor to-
night and there is no keeping him in it -
he crawled up or climbed rather up into
bed and was tormenting Bennie, who by
the way is very much better to night - I
brought him out and attempted to sing
him asleep he fought away from me
and getting down beside me began to
dance away like a wild Irishman
Bennie is broken out with a rash and
Belle took him to the bedside to shew
Charlie and called me to look in com-
our little trouble house night-gown and
shirts both raised as high as he could

get them saying bites, bites, we all laughed
and I wish you could have heard ~~him~~
~~Charlie~~ roar ***** The Dr. has been in, he
ordered Eddie packed. We put him in a tub of
cold water then rolled him up in wet sheets
then rolled him in blankets with a comforter
ble over him, then fed him some hot tea
and there the little fellow is lying now
we are waiting for him to perspire —

There is a good deal of sick-
ness about the Dr. says Belle is complain-
ing of aching bones and I have eaten
rather much corn to day. What would
I not give for a powder to night —
only some of what I have given away
when some other medicine has been
given almost immediately and mine
of course has been thrown away —

Maggie we had sewing society yester-
day The girls were over and a new mem-
ber joined but I have my doubts a-
bout liking the addition and yet
why do I say so she is a young girl
who reminds me constantly of Georgie
Brunker she has been "a mother" and
although received into society still
I think with suspicion and shall
we turn away from her surely a