



Sunday evening Sept 17th
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Dear Anna

I spent Friday in Newark and when I reached home, found your welcome letter - one from Al. Pickard and a note from Aunt Amanda. There was some detention with the baggage and they did not get home till 11 O'clock, was it not fortunate Thomas was with them. Jessie sends love and wants to see you as soon as you come home. I expect there will be some long stories to tell when you meet. How pleasant it was to have Carrie Wusted call. Lizzie did not call on me, why was it they did not go to the N.Y. Hotel as they purposed when I saw them. Will they return to G. after going to the Centennial? Did they take the children and can it be I will not see them again before they return South.?

Your shoes have not been sent, I wonder why they neglected to do so. If I knew the number I would go and see about them. You seem to be having very nice times, and I know the riding is charming, and the country beautiful. I have been writing to Uncle Charly and I feel very sad this evening - just one week ago this time he was here - and now how sadly changed is his home and how dark and desolate the future looks. Dear Aunt Belle how much she will be missed - I hope to get a letter this week telling us the immediate cause of her sudden death. Give my warmest love to Aunt Charly tell her I will write her this week; my mind has been in such a state of unrest since the painful news of Aunt Belle's death. I went alone to church this morning there were but few present; Mrs. Gue and the boys are home - Dr. Gue & the daughters are at Saratoga hoping to derive benefit from the water, as Gatie had a severe

chill while at Lebanon Springs. Mrs. Laidchild spent Wednesday evening with me - Frank came over for her 10.30 P.M. she was dressed suitable for a girl of sixteen, but she is right pleasant and good company. I have canned some peaches for your special benefit and if they taste as good as they look pretty, are a success. I think I will can a basket of tomatoes next week it will be so much cheaper than to buy them, and we use a good many through the winter. I don't know what this is a very interesting letter, but I want to give it to the letter carrier the first thing in the morning so you will not be disappointed in receiving it "not later than Monday". Your father is well, he is sitting beside me reading - Frank is well and looking for a job - he will be quite lost now his occupation is gone. The new clerk improves, she is more reliable help than I have had in some time, she is going to do up some curtains this week with my help. Give love to Jesse & Jennie tell her I can't spare my housekeeper so long. Let me hear

from you soon again. I think Aunt
Amanda will spend Tuesday with me we
want to talk about Aunt Belle, and the
great loss she will be. Emma sends love
affectionately - Father

I could read your letter without much
difficulty - I think you may have
some trouble to read mine, but I don't
feel like writing.



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