

Maggie did not
or will you pay
Mrs. Smith for my
Shawl? I borrow
ed two dollars of
you, and would
like to borrow
two more if you
are willing to lend
me some more. The
prayer books suit
very nicely but
you did not send
me the price of the
Will you please
when you write
again, and let it be
soon. Does Mrs. Young
leave New Orleans today
or was at first deci-
ded? Good night.
Cousin Maggie. Don't
you think this time
you'll have another
breakfast - now?
The Cousin is
longer & crible kept
little Anna without
food all this time?
I write dear Brooklyn

Your very latest was received
and enjoyed Friday evening last. I could
not very well write you last week as you
desired. If you only could fully compre-
hend the trouble I have had in making
that dress of mine you would beg of me not
to undertake the like again unless I
had ^{more} time to devote to it, than could be
given now, and unless I might be near
someone who could lend a helping hand
in a case of great emergency. Don't laugh
Maggie when I tell you that it has been
taken in hand again and again and again
that capes have been put on, ~~and~~ taken
off, and put on again. Sleeves have been
made and altered. Skirt partly on &

off again and and and the dress is not finish-
ed yet. In the most determined manner
I refused an invitation to the Plains on
Friday thinking the dress must be finished
Saturday morning an invitation to go to
the beach Miss Margaretth. Mamie and some
of the little ones went on a sort of Picnic
was given me but here was this eyesore
that must be healed so the ride the boat
of salt air, and the delights of a day spent
in this way, were all set aside. For what
No stick, stick, stick; and stick I did until the
article is almost completed. Maybe you
think it might better be in hand now

"I will be ready for Sunday most all things
agreeable. Maggie we have had rainy days
disagreeable weather for a week past. So
have you I hear. Oh yes, you could
not have a ride last week on account
of the weather. Did Mrs. V. leave you
last week and have you that bright-eyed
bit of mortality all in your own care.
And do you indeed realize that another
little responsibility has been lent you

Does Anna look as well this week as she did
last or does she miss Mrs. V. Poor little
dear I hope she will not suffer for the
necessaries of life. Even if Cousin Bessie
is not there to intercede for her.

Maggie I do not know when my next
visit to the city will be made. Having
already been extravagant in that indul-
gence I must practice a different line
of conduct for the future. I did not
see that the Isaac Wrights arrived out on
the 9th of May. You know I am not
one of the observing kind.

But Maggie when I do set out to make
observations on any particular subject
I must confess that not much escapes my
notice. Among the ^{shipping} news brought by the ^{Pulvis}
I read the S. W. arrived in the river 18th May
and by the Niagara the S. W. entered for landing
on the 16th. I suspect that by this time she
may be nine days out on her way home.
For the sake of "Auld Lang Syne" I hope she
may safely, surely, and speedily come. Does
you Cousin Maggie? And that her inmates
may arrive hale, hearty, and healthy; and if not

wise, witty, and wealthy; certainly more so than they were. And not come silent, with us? I should be so cunning then silly, and stealthy, as they went away, we could introduce Anna and Agnes (at least one of them). Maggie Mr. Olsen and the country is so fine. Do come has an interesting elderly widower for an ^{last night 9 P.M.} ~~interesting~~ ^{assistant} Maggie Mrs. O. is a very kind-hearted lady. Their house is very nice and last evening I staid chatting so long convenient and their table I should think with Mrs. O. that he left before I got excellent. They have a profusion of most ready to go down to see him. Mamie every thing in their garden and they and however are on bowing terms ^{with him} ~~as well~~ know how to use these things too and have met in our walks sometimes. I'd were your own tastes and inclinations I tell you that we Mr. V. I went over ^{only} to be consulted I would recommend most to the house at five in the morning earnestly a trial of this for a summer last Tuesday. Could I only gather enjoyment; but for Richard I suppose courage to go to bed early I would be he would not enjoy life at Scarsdale up soon after the "broke ab day" these at all. When have you seen Sarah mornings. Soon very soon will our days poor child what a frittering away of life begin to shorten. Maggie Mr. Olsen her daily cares must bring Maggie she is ten. would like a few boarders this a living proof of "how much wear there is summer. How would you like a so- in human nature" Would you not think join at Scarsdale? Dear delightful quiet that she must have sunk beneath her Scarsdale? How would it suit Richard? weight of cares long ago. "Tis a preparation You know the Church is very near and for a better life I know and she will be White Plains is not very far distant. Supported and if she refining will be

complete and then will come that far
more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

How is Cousin Delia? (Well I hope)
What a showering of comforts will be poured
ed upon ^{her} if all her kind hearted deeds
and every day useful life receive a return
in proportion ^{as} she has spread them around her
I think very few brides could look back
upon their first half year of married life
and see so much accomplished for others
so little selfishness displayed. I think
brides generally are a little selfish they
have every thing to make them so.

To return to Cousin Delia I wish she may
be rewarded on earth as well as in heaven
Please give love to Alfred & Delia for me
and Cousin Maggie as I have been
down stairs and had Ale and oil &c
I begin to feel quite drooping and must
hasten to close Give love to Sarah for me
when you see her also to the little ones
I will try to write to her this week

I will probably go Friday afternoon
up to see Belle and spend Sunday
there. Her hand was well last week
or week before when I was there. What
a saving of time, talents, and writing material
there will be when you are once located
at Leedsdall To say nothing of the ~~eyesight~~

Good night - Cousin Maggie Accept much
love and best wishes with a kiss for Frank and Anne
from your devoted friend & Cousin Lizzie

to rear? I do want to see the little troublesome
comfort very much indeed, as well as her
mother. The little solace and balm of
cousin Lizzie altogether I fear, Maggie
I would like to help nurse her sometimes
but might not at all times feel in a
quarrelsome mood were I with you
and even did you insist upon having
her must. I often run away with Aggie
and have twice lately taken her to my
room to put her to sleep and a couple
of hours ~~would~~ ^{ed} pass before I ~~could~~ ^{could} suc-
ceed she is very amusing however and
she would be from top to bottom
of my bed many times before sleep came
She is a year and half old talks many little
words but no sentences And when I tell
her yarns about the Lambs and Kitties &
birds she not only listens but asks questions
in her peculiar way And she many differ-
ent tones in which she brings out her m, m:
would amuse you I am sure In sorrow
in anger in pity in love and as a question

it assumes the correct ^{some of voice and the} ~~expressive~~ of count-
is varied to suit the case Another prodigy, you
exclaim, Patience Maggie as she does not be-
long to me I am not at all diffident
with a mother now the case would be
entirely different - Of course she would
not be expected to enumerate the little
smartnesses of her own offspring unless
the infant proved itself remarkable
in some way - - - Enough enough

Mrs. Carner is not yet able to leave
her room she rode out once or twice
last week and although better for the
time, still would the trouble return
until yesterday she was most discour-
aged. The Dr. recommends perfect quiet
and repose, and she tries, from the bed
to the sofa and vice versa. She is dress-
ed today, and sewing but I do not think
that is right for her head and eyes
ache, the effect of course of this peculiar
weakness. Mrs. C.'s appetite is pretty good.
She says it seems so much like pre-
tended sickness, to stay up stairs and
reclining, all the time eating regular
meals, that one evening last week when
Mary and I neither sent up her tea she
did not send down for it, at nine how-
ever she thought best to let Mr. C. know of
her state, and he relieved her necessity
by taking her crackers and ale. Aren't we
excellent nurses? Don't you wish you had such



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