

Columbia Dec 17th 1881

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My Dear Uncle

You will I have no doubt forget the promise your little Niece made you when she left Ky but I do assure you that I have not and then remember my Dear Uncle the promise you made it was to answer my letters if you do not then I will think that you do not wish to correspond with me this I would be sorry to find the case but if you do not then so be it. The weather is now very cold and oh such a miserable place no is in the winter but I would not exchange ^{it for} any other winter in pleasant weather I often wish to be back in Ky on one account that is the roads are better there then perhaps I could get to go out home often but as it is I stay in town from ^{one} week end to another but I must stop this you nothing as you will think that I have Ky better than my own native land. I am very glad that Christmas is coming and I suppose all other school girls are for his pleasure it is to them to get rid of books and teachers sometimes especially when they have such a one as I have I do not mean by this that he is not a good teacher but he is so strict we have to walk very strict both in school and out. He is surely a good teacher but his is so delicate he cannot attend to his school as he would if he were in better health. Well Uncle Henry I suppose Cousin Kate is quite happy now as all young married women are I suppose and if course Kate is as she has such a fine looking and kind husband so she says we

I will say (Christmas Gift) I will say when this letter will arrive you. I will say as it will be Christmas when this letter will arrive you.

have not heard much about Hunter wedding I have written her one letter
 she answered it but was in great distress at that time as Mr Hartwright
 was about to leave for the South. But I suppose it is nearly time for him
 to return. The Family are anxiously waiting her arrival in Mo as she has
 promised to pay them a visit after Mr Hartwright's return. Pa has finished
 his house and is now living in it it is quite a convenient house and Ma
 is very much pleased with her new house. Ma is living a very lonely life
 at this time no one at home except Pa and her self I am always glad
 to get home she is so lonely. I very often tell her that she ought to have
 spent the winter in Ky but she does not seem to agree with me though she
 is one of the contented kind. she has just returned from a long visit to
 Sister she has spent several weeks with her. Ma is perfectly devoted to
 her grand children. I sometimes think she thinks as much of them as she
 does of her own. Bubby often wishes to be back in Ky again he says he
 would like to live there but this is altogether a fancy. Wash. is I suppose
 perfectly contented I hope he is a better boy by this time though I thought
 Wash would never get any better but I suppose you are very positive with
 him. Columbia is very dull at this time though there has been several
 weddings here. lately Miss Charleston's was shown and several others though
 I suppose you have heard all about them before this time. Ma says
 she intends to visit Ky before long again in about another year. I wish
 she would go often for I do love to travel and Ky is surely a pleasant
 place to visit. Cousin Garry is going to school in Columbia at this
 time. she speaks of going to Ky in the spring with Cousin Kate. if she
 visits Mo which I hope she will do. give my best love to Mr. Jenkins
 and tell him to write I hope he is quite a celebrated doctor by
 this time. or at least he ought to be. give my love to Mary and tell
 her I would be pleased to receive a letter from her at any time she
 finds it convenient to write. Excuse this uninteresting letter if you

please and the rest of the family. Give my love to all.
 your affectionate friend
 Mary