



Ivy Cottage

NAPOLEON

April 26, 1897

My dearest Robin,

Minnie, Laura, & Eliza all met me in the spring waggon, and Laura and Eliza walked back. Mother is ^{as} well as usual, and says frequently she wishes you were here. Told me to tell you that you must come down right away she wants to see you. I told her you could not come. I hope you miss me some, and that you have gotten rid of the company I left with you. I am free as air. The baby is enjoying herself immensely every minute of her stay. She thour

nearly lived out of Iowa
And has been so carried
about, I am afraid she will
forget all about walking.
We had ice-cream for dinner
yesterday and ice in abun-
dance. Robert Whitehead
expects to go home next
Friday, so I suppose you
will see him and he
will tell you all the news.
Minnie says she will write
to you soon. Poor Minnie she
does not want to sell out, but
for your sake she is going
to do so. I feel infinitely sor-
ry for her. The girls all
send their love & so does
mother. Give my love to all
Sincerely yours
Maria



Mr. Robert Mahone
Massie's Mills
Nelson County
Virginia

Aug 7

Dear Robert

I have only time
for the merest scratch
to let you know about
Mother. This morning we
thought her so much
better but this evening
she is not so well.
I don't think her in
immediate danger
if we can keep her
quiet, and you may
look for me in a few
days. I have not heard
from you yet.

Please don't get angry
at this short note, it
is the best I can do.
With dearest love,
I am your own
Maria

Joy Cottage

August 5
'97

Dearest Aun Rabbit

How naughty
of you to send me
that message, I did
not write to you &
invite you down
because you know
we are always glad
to have you with
us whenever you
can and will come.
You must remember
that note to Mr W -
was written for Mamma.
You must hustle
down and get some

grapes they are
just first now.
Mama says when
you come down you
must not come to
run away the next
day or so. The little
girl is playing with
Mama's seeds.

I know your old Lady
has told you all off
the news so

By bye
with lots of love
from all

Your fond sister
Eliza Nelson.

winter and Mother
wants to stay some
with us to, so I hope
we can keep the house

~~we are~~ staying in now.
Mother is talking so I
hardly know what I
I am writing about.

I wish the people here
could get some rain
as every thing is burn-
ing up. I will have
to stop now, and I don't
know when I will get
an opportunity to write
more, but I will add a
little to-morrow any
way. (Monday Morning)

While I think of it I will
say a word about May

Aug 8th 1897

My own darling boy
I have been try-
ing to get an opportu-
nity to write you a long
long letter, and just found
a quiet chance, Laura,
and Eliza having taken
the baby to the vineyard.
You know that on Thurs-
day cousins Annie & Eliza
Nelson came out and staid
until late yesterday
evening and it was nothing
but cook clean up and
nurse the baby, who has
taken a wretched cold

and is quite bad after
me. I said yesterday
that if Mother was no
worse I would come home
next Wednesday, but she
was much worse last
night, though she is ^{better}
this morning and is
talking a blue streak to
Laid, who came down
Friday. Robert has not
come yet, but we think
he may come to-night.
Mother was much pleased
with your letter and
Eliza volunteered to
~~answer~~ it, but Mother
told me to tell you she
would not write because
she wanted you to come

down and stay a long
time. Cousin Annie
says she would like so
much to see you, and
I would like you to
see her. I send you a
sample of white goods
that came from Hughes's
it cost only six cents and
I think it is lovely.
Thank you so much
for the money which
I will try to spend sat-
isfactorily. I think if you
have the opal to feed the
pigs on it will be a
good plan to buy an-
other one. Eliza is quite
delighted at the idea
of staying with us this

very indifferent, though I do hope she will improve when the cool weather comes. I wrote to Marshall this morning and would send you a copy of the letter but I know how you would make fun of me so I just will not give you a chance. Cousins Annie and Eliza are coming out again to day to spend the night and of course they have to be sent for.

The baby's cold is a little better but I have a very bad one and took ^{up} _{me}

last quinine that was in the house a while ago. Robert and Withers have not yet put in an appearance so we do not expect them now before tomorrow, and how I wish my boy was coming with them. The grapes are ripening very fast and we eat a lot of them. Evelyn seems to be very fond of them though she either eats them ^{spits} and all or barely bites the hull open and then spits it all out. I would like to see the reply to Miss Sallie's letter.

quite as much as the
letter itself. Cousin
Hugh is expected out
to see Mother and then
I will write what ^{day}
I will come home
unless you are com-
ing down which all
would like. Well sweet.
heart I have written
such a long letter I am
afraid you will be worn
out with it. Give my
love to all. With a heart
full for your own self
Yours in love
Maria


and the spring wagon
Max is so stiff in his
hind legs that he can
hardly get down a
hill, and the tires are
so loose on the th way
on that they jingle as
they go. Thank you so
much for the money
once more. I am going
to buy myself some gauze
shirts as my under-^{garment}
wear is almost gone
and it will be some time
before I can put on heavy
flannel. Mother says
she feels about the same
except that she grad-
ually grows weaker, and
now her appetite ^{is} getting

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Tyro
May 10, 1893.

My dear "Robin"

your letter just received, and it is needless to tell you how the news hurt me to the bottom of my heart, and yet I am proud of my boys' strength of character. Of course, if the Dr says take the whiskey do so; but try not to enjoy the taste of it, so that when you get well we will start right where you left off.

Minnie is to come to-night and we are so busy that I am afraid I won't be able to see the "Professors"

Robert dear do take care of your self, and get well soon



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You may be sure I will
try not to smile on the
boys very much, and that
I will think of you often.
I don't think I could pray
for you more earnestly than
I have been doing, but if
my Father in heaven thinks
fit to answer my prayers
for the future as
well as all be
fore, & Evelyn
and you
know I do. If you can't
come Sunday, be sure you
write to me for I shall
be uneasy about you.
Yours affly
Maria M. Nelson