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My dearest Cousin

How do you come on; I come on slow. Dear Prue how do you do? I don't know what to think of me, not writing sooner, but I have a good excuse, I haven't had time. Sarah has been sick and I had to nurse her, and her crop sweet little daughter, and I am in such a hurry now I can hardly write, I know you will excuse your little cousin, will you not dear? I haven't a bit of news to write, only I hear of two or three marriages that is to take place before long but I can't tell who they are, they told me in confidence therefore I must keep it.

I haven't seen Uncle Andrew



since I received yours last, Fare  
and I haven't delivered yours to  
message, I saw Mary E and when  
told her what you told me to I  
told her, it seemed to tickle her to  
very much indeed, she looks but  
as well as ever. And you haven't you  
changed your name to Miss Whit-  
aker yet; why don't you? and you  
must be sure to let me know from  
so I can be there with <sup>the</sup> camp  
Hase, she will be a pretty lady  
changing her name to Mrs. P.D.  
Hollingsworth, don't you this.  
think? tell her she must tell  
ask me for you, well dear any  
I am ashamed for you good  
to see this mess but I hope  
you will excuse all, I will  
try and do better next time,  
I will take more time any how,  
give my best love to Cousin



Gannie and tell her I will write  
to her soon if nothing happens  
and when are you coming down  
to I tried to get Mr. McCallum  
to carry me to see you all  
but he wouldnt do it, dont  
wont you think he is mean bad?  
Whit give my love to all the fam-  
ily, and accept a double share  
know from your loving cousin

C. A. S.

and  
lady  
Dear Cousin Joe do please excuse  
you this it couldnt be called a  
letter, and burn it, dont let  
any body see it for my sake  
be good by darling.  
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