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May 1st 1858.

My darling sister. I do hope
you will excuse the short
hurry'd letter, noted you
have lately been troubled
with flu me, & I would
write letter if I could
but it seems to me as
if I never had any time
now, besides lately I have
been obliged to go out on
Sunday evenings to get my
"spare clothes" so that
with short my writing
evening & then if we do
not come to the store
every Saturday, they on
saturday a full or like it

really so pleasant & such
a change from our studious
life here, that it is pretty
hard to resist.

This week I received a
letter from "Miss Kate"
she mentioned the fair
(or said "she heard she
looked & acted beautifully")
she spoke of the reception
which she intended to go
to, if well enough, when
it is in unimpaired health.

The lady's name is not
"Mary Handford", but
"Mary Grace" is it not
pretty? I hope they will
call her by that name
it is so much prettier.

Did the little "Penny"
attend the fancy ball
I heard it was a
lovely one, much finer
than the last.

By the way has Liz Percy
been up at Hatchers lately
of course her was at
Charlotte's wedding.

I hear that P Pauline
has got now her fancy
for Steph Anne and is
engaged to Robert Carter
who lived in Baltimore
relations of the Pope
I never say they are all
very anxious to have it
for it would be an
excellent match for the
family, I don't know
if Pauline would have
"much of the best part
of the bargain" as James
Guis would say.

I do wish L. had time
to write today to him, but
I fear I will not. I
hope her will let us
stop school when you

comes on, we would only
have about five weeks
more, school books up
the last Friday in
June.

How ask where we spent
the summer? I suppose
Grandma will not object
to our spending it with
her, for of course we
will want to see as
much of you as possible.
I don't know where
we will go to next.

"Fall" Harry Linn seems
to think Hob Linn, but
I don't think the idea
much it's worth to say
thing of a school after
Miss Linn's good. I am
sure I don't want to
spend another awful
few months at the best
at an indifferent school.

I hear you have some
idea of spending next
month north I hope
you will.

Did I tell you Mr
Stanton had been here
on his way home he
came on Sunday &
was so good & sweet
to us spoke of the
wedding & all of you.
It was so kind of
our Granama to ask
him to come.

Mr Garder is now sick
in bed but only a
slight illness I trust
he is naturally very
delicate.

I had your letter about
that little piece of poetry
you saw at "Cott's Spring"
it was very sweet in
you to mention it to

me I see that something
at least you think of
me who always had
you in his heart &
your little face below
his eyes. Such thoughts
are so pleasant to see
of those we have long
who could it have been
nurtured by.

How dear Julia I must
close here for all &
believe me as ever your
loving Alvin.