

Dear Lady & Girls,

Sunday

You were hoping & hoping for a bit of a letter from some of you but I know how hard it is to manage letters. But I do wonder if Maunna got all right again. I suppose if Henry is still there that he will be going today or tomorrow. I wonder how he felt in his time there for a week.

We have only three weeks now till Peter has to be back in school again so far we have not even made any plans for a vacation. We counted on being in Berlin two weeks but some way now we seem to have had our visit there. Evidently the wedding won't be this month — I don't see how you could get ready for one this month. I feel as if maybe it would be a help for me to be there to help sew. Or could I do some here? The children are so big now that if I were there I could have the opportunity to help. Of course if part of this was Will's vacation with the book & there I couldn't have all my time.

I wonder if I sent you the material for my little book if any of you would have the time or freedom or inclination to look it over. I don't see why I shouldn't finish it right up and start it off. I read one or two to Minnie yesterday & she wanted me to read them all. I copied them off yesterday I believe I'll send them to you. I'd be glad if you hadn't time to look at them if you'd say so.

I was invited to a tea at Mrs. Gray's last week. I quipped they
white & orange waist sashes, many. People had on dresses and no
sport clothes but that is as much as the other & such. It
was very informal. Some way I didn't enjoy myself much.
I took Cordia.

I'm trying to get the white silk shirt I gave you the material
for last Christmas ^{one} but it is like walking in a dream — every
thing I try to do any more is. I made three maid's aprons
yesterday so Rosie would have some decent ones when I take her to
Oberlin. I picked up a piece of Canton crepe some of that heavy
Corduroy crepe which for a dollar last week. I thought they
were black but they turn out to be deep blue. I will dye one
to make the top to a cross like your fringe one, Mary. I will
make the fringe of ^{several} silk which all told I will need 3 or
4 skeins ^{4 skeins}, maybe less. I got one white one for that orange waist &
made the belt, & it only took ^{\$1.50 a skein} a third or fourth I should say,
but about like the one on yours. I have black Charmeuse
for the skirt you know, plenty for a dress in fact. I will buy
a piece was a few inches longer but will crochet over the shoulders
& so I think it will do. That's what I plan to wear to the wedding.
I got two remonants that I believe I'll send you & if you

want them you can pay for them if you don't I'll bring them
back when I come. They were a dollar apiece. The head of
the silk department told me some fabulous price for one of
them - I think it was \$9.98 or \$10.98 but I think she's an
awful liar so I count it somewhat less. You talk so much
about pearls - I don't maybe you'd like the blue & white one for
that - Mary. The mil. and sale is still to go on this week.

I got some ribbons. They had any amount of the same
width & quality that they had in the case for two dollars a
yard for 2 yds for 1.00!!! There was some lovely white
that I wanted to get for mamma but didn't know
what for. They were whole rolls - not remnants. If
you want any I'll look for you. It is very wide. They
had some ~~300~~ three dollar ribbon for 75 cents apiece but it
was too wide for hair ribbons - those were remnants. The
some pieces were long ^{I nearly got white lace like that Bemie got in Lenna in N.Y.} for mamma to make up with the white silk broadcloth I
got but maybe she'll just wear her gray satin.

Goodbye - guess I'll feel if I can get any book or candle
yet. I'm interested in any reading. Tell me

Monday Ave. Just a word before the postman comes - I do hope I get some word
from "you all" soon. Achese opens in three weeks but as that is home for the

you maybe we could get her to come and stay with the children
for a week while Willie & I would take a week. Willie has had
only one week's vacation & I think he should take another. But
I think pretty soon we'll have to make definite plans about it.
He saved the time for the wedding but maybe we might take a
trip instead. If the wedding is not till late September or October
I think we better plan to go there for the day & take a trip now.
Please don't understand this having any idea of influencing
any one else's plans but if by this time you may know any
thing about any of your plans I'd be awfully glad to know
so that we could fall in with them. I'm sure either -
two because I always want to go somewhere with Willie and
because I always want to be home & I'd just love to sit down
at the machine & make my Bennie her common under-
wear & lunch cloths and dresses, ^{house dresses} and do no end of
things sweep the lady's floor & paint the woodwork & oh
me I can just think of no end of things my hands are
itching to do there & then to sit on that nice porch with
you all! Sitting on the porch is the same of bliss any
way. I was expecting to take Rosie & be in Oberlin two
weeks but I don't think Willie is expecting me to now
some way & there only are 3 weeks before school and that
after this morning.

If I could run the boat with you I'd like to go off on it
with him but I couldn't with the children. I said
you the med gang vacation.

I do wonder if you three are getting rested. May,
have you sent your little book anywhere again?
I haven't sent my mother's pose out again!

Well, Minnie's getting up + has no clothes for Diddah
to put on her, so good bye. Please said - think me
unfortunate.

You loving loving

... Minnie Penny, Wheeler



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