

Dear Nellie,-

It is a long time since your last letter came and I have thought so many times of answering it; but I have been so busy lately that I have neglected every body.

I was particularly interested in what you said replying to my question about Edna. For, I think your idea is a good one

and I should feel satisfied to see things go that way. You talk as though you were going to live always on the frontier; but do you really think you will? I hate to think of your settling way out there in the West so far from where the rest of us are likely to live. I don't know that I should choose one of the Harger girls from all the world for you to marry

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if I were asked to make the selection for
you: still, if you made that selection,
I should think it a very good one and
would welcome her very heartily into the
family. It is true that those girls have
the combination of qualities that you
spoke of and if your life is to be what
you indicated, you would be fortunate
to find that sort of girl to share it
with you. Take your time though,
Willie. I should want you to be more
in love with the girl you marry than
I believe you are yet with Edna. Thank
you very much for speaking so frank-
ly to me in answer to my question.
I appreciate the confidence and will
keep it.

How are you doing in your college
work? I am glad you could go
into foot-ball. Do you see much of
Evelina and Selden? Do what you can

to encourage Elden in his school
work; want you? Does Evelyn
seem to be happy and getting
on well?

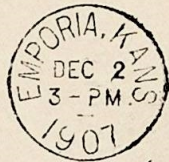
Write me again real soon;
want you? I enjoy your letters
so much.

Loveingly your sister,

Mary.

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