

June 8, 1883.

Dear Carrie,

Ellie has delayed the letters in  
wh. this will be inclosed, that I might add to hers, my good  
wishes for yr happiness in yr engagement. They are yr without  
doubt, & Mr. Humphrey's too. I hope each of you will find the  
"fit experiments" not a "leap in the dark," or a "lottery all blank,"  
— for by all these oppositions, many some — chiefly, perhaps, back-  
sliders & the other sort — seek to terrify young lovers. If I were  
more sure of my audience I sh<sup>d</sup> seize the occasion to preach you  
a sermon; but I will spare you that, & proffer only my benediction.  
And if Mr. Humphrey does indeed become my brother-in-  
law, I shall do my best to return to him also every kindness  
wh. you have shown to  
Yours  
M. H. Selden.

Miss Carrie Scrantom  
Oxford (Vt.).



I suppose, & a matter of some interest  
to, I think. Can you guess what I am  
going to tell you? I am engaged & be  
married to George Humphrey. It is  
perhaps needless for me to tell you that  
we are very happy. You can doubtless in-  
agine that, as you such a short time  
ago were yourself engaged. I have a  
diamond about the size of yours I think  
I have wanted so much lately & am you &  
my darling Mary & Ellen. I cannot get used  
to not having Mamma & Elsie around the house  
It is a sore trial to me now to be able to  
see them. Give them a great deal of love  
& some kisses from Auntie. With much love



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Ans. June 9<sup>th</sup>.

