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sister of your own. I am
glad she has gone &
has no desire to ever
return - her again - she is
an Aunt - Aunt - did this but -
to convince uncle J. brother
had treated her discourteously
but - he knew him &
well & could not be persuaded
Pammy told me, she was going
back because her health
was not good & she was not
contented here - The brother is
she & others were jealous of
brother J. and did wish her
husband to be employed by
himself. I do not know whether
you will be interested in
all this but - might - hear
one side & I would like you
to know the other.

Billy J. sends his love and
wishes to go - it is not
a good likeness or fine pic-
ture but - this but - he could
get - his is probably better than
the one you have - he and
brother Jimmie were not
rivals but - have been very
attentive to sister, since Mary
and Jimmy Goodell from
Chicago - but - they are not
engaged yet - The young

Leadville, May 12/80

My Dear Cousin

I enjoyed your
last letter very much & have
waited longer than I intend-
ed, to reply to it. I was not at
all well the first two months
of my stay here - am much
better now but still do not
take much of riding & of
one is this high altitude.
I have taken up carpets &
cleaned three rooms and
have two others to do. Have
also done considerable sew-
ing - have made a cloak
and a dress & two collies
for Pammy besides about a
dozen other garments.

I have had great trouble
to get a good servant - the one
who was here when I came
remained until three weeks
ago - the first I got - after she left
was a nice, good Irish girl,
since washed & dressed &
cook - clean, two weeks & went
to a laundry - she was

a course, common girl - a
suspect - remnant - at the
end of three days, she
gave me such impudence
that I told her, she must leave
the one I have now, is a good
girl but badly deformed from
involvement of the spine and I
do not believe, will be able to
do the work. Dr. Elbert made
Lanno or probably Aunt G. Maria
or Mary the first of June. And
L. is going to visit the different
emerging districts & may remain
in Colorado until October. He
has recently given Billie J. five
thousand dollars - gave Jimmie
L. ten thousand last fall &
Berrie five thousand - says now
he is going to stop for a while.
I think, the night - gently and
devotedly open his heart to
some of the others before he stops.
I have not the same confidence
in Maggie's man's sincerity -
she seemed to feel just as she did
towards Aunt G. & her relations
and now, she acts and talks
as if she thought they were
just right. She is amiable
but easily influenced & some-
what spoiled by flattery. Aunt G.
loves her as well as she

does life and is designing
and wily - as I know her
better, my love for her
grows less - I am not sure, whether
I ever allowed Berrie to keep
house for him - she can't
have any principle - I do not
believe, they have any more
compassion about killing
stories than eating - she came
here because, she asked
Uncle James, to give her her
board employ about and the
house was built for her
elf - brother L. did not want it
had no use for it - but to please
Uncle James, paid half
the building and half the
keeping expenses until Uncle
L. sold out - Berrie knows
nothing of economy & as much
of the old house destroyed or
burn or burned she was not
enough to be exceedingly
careless - she allowed her
dravay and cook to do most
of the washing & cooking
to suit herself - she hardly
ever went in the kitchen -
kept two servants - & had a
man come every Sunday
to work, until a few weeks
before I came. I keep one
and she does washing and

I may enjoy the summer
here but it - is not a
desirable place, to live in.
Brother J. is making
money but working very hard
and continually of poor
his health is fatal - he has
not been well recently.
I have a late letter from
Ma - the house has been
painted and they are very
cozy and comfortable - Pat
at well as usual - Sister
not very well & ~~Ma~~ doing
finely. We have had such
news from Danport -
Addie & Gough be very sick -
the last news, Addie was con-
valescent & Gough still in a
dangerous condition. Brother
says, Gough has applied him-
self very closely to business &
lost much sleep & rest - since
he has been in the hotel &
that, with drinking bad water,
the cause of his sickness &
typhoid fever. Sister's baby
doing finely - we have had
milk - she is quite pretty
and bright looking - Addie
was fortunate to have her
sister with her. Write again
soon - Yours Aff. ally Corrie
Butler.

ladies are well educated
attractive or of good family but
poor financially and have
been sick - Brother J. and
Billie both say - they prefer
southern women for wives.
Bunny was made very happy
Friday by the presentation of the
beautiful black pony by her
uncle Jimmy - it is perfectly
gentle - she has been riding
and putting it - most of that
day - I think, she will not
be content in Leadville. She
is taking some lessons of
a very good & efficient teacher
but there are no good schools
here. We have had several
days of bright - pleasant -
weather but the whole of
last Saturday and Sunday
was stormy and snowing
and freezing cold. I have
not been to Church yet -
Brother J. and Billie took
Bunny and me to see
the Flavelly Tompkins troupe
and we enjoyed it very
much - the only kind I
have been out in the
winter since my arrival.