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Description: Lucy Collins to Persis Blanchard on marriage

Give my love to
Frank and Fred
And accept a
double and triple
portion for your
self. By the way
Give my love to
Mrs Haven and
ask her if she
never received the
letter I sent her
so long ago, And
tell her I want
to see her very
much. William and
John send their love
to Frank and to
you all

White River Nov. 28, 1854

My Dear Friend

I received your letter
last Sabbath. and was exceedingly delighted
to hear from you. We are all well and hope
these few lines will find you enjoyin the same
same blessings, I am still at home, and shall
remain at home this winter untill Spring. And
in the Spring we intend to bid adieu to
White River for a season, And about my

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husband you asked me ^ your letter how old he
was, and how he looked. He was 25 years old
this month, and has blue eyes and brown hair
and his skin is whiter than mine, I think he

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is ^ beauty. you wanted to know if I married for
love, or something else. of course I did. And I
hope you do not think I would marry for any
thing f else And if ever you marry dear Persis
marry for love and nothing else, and dearest
friend if I could only see you how glad
I would be, I'd give worlds, how many many
questions to ask But it is in vain to wish
at least for the present, and I must try to

submit My Husband is agoing to take me to Ohio
to see his folks some time and if I can I will
make you a visit before I come back. He has
three Sisters and one half brother, His Farther lives
in Ohio and he has one Sister that is married and
lives at Maumee City Ohio and one is married and
lives at Kalamazoo in this State, and the other one
lives at Port Washington, Wisconsin, And I have
not seen any of ~~his folks~~ ^{them} yet I was very sorry
indeed to learn that your dear Ally was sick and
also Enos Albert. But hope they are both better, only
think dear Persis it is two long years since I have seen
you Oh how I would like to take a peep down on
Greely road this very day I presume it looks the
same as ever And the Old School house to ^{day} look
the same as ever Is it marked up as bad ever
Do you ^{stick up} have any publishments now days. Is my name
any where to be seen in the old School house yet, It
would that those days had lasted longer, But they
are past and gone forever. But it is ever so the days
of Childhood, and those of youth will soon pass -
how often I recall the many happy hours spent in
your company dear friend, would that those hours could
be spent over again. How every thing is constantly
changing, the many happy scenes through which we pass
exist but in our memory. And thus will it ever
be through life joys and sorrows will lie before us
may our path ever be more joyous than sorrowful,
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He has excellent learning He has been to College. He
has studied Spanish and can speak the Spanish
language as well as he can the English. He understands
the science of Chemistry, Mathematics, ^{Astronomy} Algebra Geometry
and Navigation to perfection. and also Philosophy,
Physiology and phrenology. don't you think that I have
commenced studien Algebra. I find it rather hard, but get
along pretty well with it. I have such an excellent
teacher. All in the world I have to do is my own
sewing and washing. and the rest of the time I have
to study. But when I go to housekeeping I expect I shall
not have quite such an easy time, you asked me how
I got a long the first two or three nights and
said that I promised to tell you I do not remember
of making such a promise. But if I did I have
forgot it, (by the by) I was not frightened any. But when
I see you I will tell you all about it. I wish you
would come west ^{any place} how glad I would be, I
think you would like the Country, ^{a great deal better than the east} It is a great country,
I wish you could see Lizzy if you would be surpris'd
to see how she has grown. She is almost big enough to
be courted. She sends her love to you And little Charley
you would indeed be surpris'd to see him. He has got
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But I have made up my mind that I have
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Mother sends her love to you, her health is good,
Aunt Lucy lives 10 miles below here on a farm
Her health is excelent, the best it has been for four or
five years, I presume she would her love to you
if she was here. Give my love to your Sister Elizabeth
also Lizie Loring (By the way) Does Lizie Loring keep
company with William Sweetser now, What has become
of Jane Prince, Give my best respects to her, Has ^{Edward} Edward
Blanchard wait on any one now days Give my best respect
to him, and Meaubie, I presume they have all
forgot me by this time, And what has become of
Freeman, Give my best respects to him the next
time you see him, you mentioned haveing a black
silk Bask waist. I saw a number in Chicago last
Summer And had good mind to get one, they were
the first I had seen, And I did not take much fancy
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with beads of all description, It is the
handsomest one I ever saw, As it the
fashion for young Ladies to wear their Dresses
made open in front, Do you wear your Dresses
open in front or behind, It is all the ^{the} ^{same} here
now and last summer when I was in Chicago
they made them in other way, have you got
any beads, Do you love any ^{one} get, tell me
all about ~~it~~ for you know I never
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