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Dearest Will

you have made me
very happy tonight, feel as though
I should been taking laughing
gas. Uncle Benben came to see
me this evening, brought me two
letters from home. They were both
small paper with only half
a sheet written, not s. Kame
on you, I think if it was not
for that darthy Blackguard
Ben, I would get two sheets
instead of half I've known
the like of people being very rigid
about writing two sheets. For
earnest, I do feel jealous of
that scamp, but however I
will let him rest now, he may
have gone to Stoyffe this time

for all I know Yaller head
going to leave. Well how could
you bruise my poor lacerated heart
knowing how I had set my heart
on Yaller head. His going too
isn't that mean in Pity.

Glad to hear that the old gals can
kick around yet; tell 'em to
adopt the American Costume
which is short dress, only coming
to the knees, and pants made
just like mens pants, ^{as} of the
same material of the dress
they can climb apple trees much
better in such a custom;
the Dr says that I must wear
it, so that I can run and kick
up my heels, and shackle fences
I have made me a suit
out of my red worsted dress,
expect to don it this evening.
The Dr has two maiden sisters
of the respective ages of 50 & 55 -
the one fat, the other lean
lean maid very kind to skin
gals helps her to make her
clothes.

2nd Sunday A.M. Little lean
maid and big slim gal
appeared down stairs last
night arrayed short coats
spit sticking thin knee caps
and pants, danced the Old
Maid Fantasia. Dr. said dresses
wasn't short enough; he
thinks they are very beneficial
to health, says no sensible
woman would go without
them, and indeed it is given
up to be the best work dress
a woman can wear.

Will have you learned any
new music? you ought to
be here to show off. Some of
the girls play continually
teasing me to play, say I play
so well; I make fun, not
indeed; I have racked my
brain, ransacked my musical
vocabulary to think of some-
thing new (alias old, even play
hair song; approbation of
meanness, don't you think I have

cause that reminds me that if
you wish to spend a little money
take, The American Phrenological
Journal, published by Fowler &
Wells, It is very instructive; contains
the phrenological character of all
very celebrated man woman
and child of the day, besides
a variety of other information,
price \$100 taken in a club; ~~single~~
~~copy~~ \$125 -

Ma I think I am improving
every day, if I do not get well
this time it will not be from lack
of attention, I do not know
what price, but I think it will
not exceed \$6 a week. My treatment
consists of bathing, dieting, ventilation
exercise, wearing clothes very loose
shocking by electricity and various
other ways. We have a slight snow
this morning, which presents a very
dreary appearance. Ma if you send
those things, send my roll of hair
which I forgot, and Moll send me the
address of the publisher of that brown
list of music that we used to look
over so much, he lives in Cinin but
I have forgotten his name, I want to send
for a couple of pieces, Ma tell me where
you are staying and if you have got the
Gul, and all about it. So ends Anna