

the book that you spoke of included
that you will let me know for
it will be a great pleasure for me
to do it for you now Nellie
you ask about my going to charles
ton the convention meets on the 25th of
april I expect if nothing happens to
leave here on or about the 18th of
april and I think that I will return
about the 1st of may as I have never
been as far south as charleston I
expect to stay there a few days and
look around I anticipate a lively
time, there is a great excitement about
who will receive the nomination and
there is a great deal of political trick
ery going on the seats of all the regu-
lar delegates from this state is con-
tested by a faction of wick major wood
of new york is at the head I think
they will have all there trouble for
nothing, give my best respects to
your sister Laura and write soon and
oblige your friend Very Respectfully
Hugh M Laughlin

Brooklyn Feb 18 1860

Dear Nellie

I received yours of
the 15th inst and I hasten to explain
my neglect to answer yours of the
23 of January I sent you the box by
express on the 26th of Jan and as you
wrote to me on the 23rd inst I knew that
you had not received the box and
I was waiting every day for a letter
from you in relation to the box
I went to the express office to find
out whether they took receipts for their
deliveries when I found they did not
I then wrote to you, since I wrote
my last wish must have been about
the same time that you was writing
I have received yours of the 15th inst
after I sent the box I heard that when
anything was sent by express if it was
off the line off the rout that there was

nothing certain about it's
reaching its destination so you see
by this what you thought was
my neglect I have been thinking
was yours however it is all right
now, though the fault lays with
the express company for not forwarding
the box sooner as it must have
been 5 days going there, I won't
patronise that company any more
it is too slow, in reminding me
when writing your letter on the 15th inst
that yesterday was valentine's day
you neglected to inform me whether
you had received any valentines or
not however I suppose you will in
your next I have not received one but
that is nothing strange for I never did
receive one but I like to hear from
others particularly those I have an interest
in or in other words I would like to
hear whether you received one or not

it has just commenced to rain
it has been snowing all day very
hard and I am in hopes that it will
continue to rain until the snow is
all gone if it will interfere with your
pleasure in the country I will wish
that the rain will not extend so
far as your pleasure grounds we
have other enjoyments here that we prefer
to sleighing I prefer the evenings to
be clear and the walks to be clear and
dry so that I can walk around and
see the times and fashions though I have
spent the most of my evenings in
the theatres since I saw you. now
Nellie your thanks for my kindness has been
received and accepted with more than
pays me for any kindness to you the
pleasure it affords me to have you accept
of what you please to term my kindness
is sufficient pay and I hope that any
little favours that you may want done

tation I may be labouring under a mistake and you know it is wrong to let any person go wrong if you can set them right

about my not going out on the 2^d of July evening the fact is I get tired of the company of Gentlemen and I would not give a cent to go to any place of amusement without a lady and as there is no lady here that I care to spend an evening with and as you was not here I just thought I would stay at home and I did so I have not seen the great exuberant yet if you could realise the fact I would have been there 10 times since you wrote Mr. H. is much pleased with his visit and is very sorry that the work come so soon he says he would like it if the times had staid dull for another week for he was having such fun that he was really sorry to leave it then

Nellie you must write soon and give me your interpretation of the rose geranium give my respects to sister Laura and Pauline and all the birds but I believe there is but one you must excuse this bad writing and all mis I know there is a nough of them and
Yours Respectfully
Miss Ellen S. Hoys
Hugh McLaughlin

Nellie I was going to wait on the captain's orders I intended to write on other page but I will be occupied with you all day and I want that letter to go this week I will send you one the first of next week if you get time say later day good by Sunday
Brooklyn Aug 2nd 1860

Dear Nellie

I recieved your favour of the 17th of July and I was very happy to hear that you were enjoying yourself so well but I was really sorry that I could not make one of the party you know of course that it was impossible for me to get away at that time. let me thank you for your very kind invitation to come and see you and let me add that I will embrace the first opportunity that offers and come as I begin to think that will be the only chance I will have to see you very soon. as you are so positive that you will not come to Brooklyn or N. Y. very soon unless something unexpected happens I could wish that something would happen providing it was nothing serious I think the work will slack up here soon

and then I will give you a call I would like very much to come out there while everything is in full bloom can I make arrangements to go a gunning with you when I come if so you will have to learn where the best grounds are for birds, speaking of birds puts me in mind of something I heard about a person loosing a bird well all I have to say is that bird was a great fool for leaving a good home and I have no doubt he will be sorry for it when winter comes never mind Nellie I will get you another one if you will have it I had a beautiful english thrush to die yesterday and I was very sorry that I did not send it out to you I thought if had it ^{you} you would have taken better care of it as I think it died from neglect but such things as birds are so plenty that if you loose one or one dies you can easily replace it for that reason I seldom think of it for minutes the first good singing bird I see I will get it for you for I know that you are

very fond of birds, and your sister Pauline's letter nor than pay me for a dozen birds please say so to her for me

Now Nellie about the rose bud the reason that I asked you to read the rose bud for me is this I had asked 5 or 6 other persons and each one had a different interpretation of the rose bud so I thought I would ask you is it necessary for me to thank you for that compliment I will say that I am really thankful and really proud to know that I have merited your good opinion which is something that I esteem very highly, about the rose geranium you tell me to think as I please I prefer to think as you tell me wish I hope you will in your nest the only thing that I can send is the lilac leaf with I do substitute for the flower now Nellie you know that your interpretation is sweeter than any other persons because each author have a different interpretation and if I take some other author's interpre

Nellie the captain of the yard
has sent for me in a hurry I did
intend to write another page I will
send you a rather Tuesday or Wednesday
if I can get time

Your Friend

Hugh M'Laughlin

To
Miss Ellen S. Mayo

Ammer Ma

summer

respect
and the other things you can give away.
to some of your folks or to some friend
there will be 2 or 3 books called the Demo-
cratic review as your father is a
national Democrat they may be interest-
ing to him now to conclude please
to accept the contents ^{of the copy} in the same spirit
that they are given and oblige yours

Friend Truly,

Hugh W. Laughlin

P.S. I am using the Sabelia and brandy
for my hair I am unable to say as yet
with what success I can only think that
coming from you it ought to be good
it will be two or three weeks yet before
I can tell whether it is doing any good
or not now Nellie I hope that you
will excuse this disconnected letter and
the bad writings I have been called
away as many as 10 times since I
began this letter first and coming back
each time a little excited with in the
cause of so bad writings and poor
spelling you must take the will for
the deed and oblige
H. W. Laughlin
To Miss Ellen S. Keys



Brooklyn Aug 6th 1860

Dear Nellie

In a conversation with
Mr Hopper after he came home the subject
was your garden he talked of sending
you a box shears and garden rake I
told him that he must not do it
and to be short about it I insisted
upon doing it myself and I know
that when I tell you that it was a
great pleasure for me to be fixing those
little things up to send you that you
will excuse my making so free with
you. I am not of the opinion that they
are a proper present for a lady
but as Mr H says that you go into
the garden sometimes to fix your
flowers I give you these things
because I think they will be handy
for you to handle. I give you the

iron holder simply because it is
composition and I do not know that
you have any of this kind there the
cloths line I send you because I know
that they are handy things about the
house. the other strings and line can be
used in tying up your flowers. there
are 5 articles that is tied together was
sent to my house by Mr H. I do not
know what arrangements he made
about them or who they are for,
but I give you all the other garden
arrangements providing you only omit
and not laugh when you see them
for you know the understanding is
that I do not make you a present
of them I only give them to you
to do as you please with them the
largest line of the two has had a prepara-
tion put on to it called size if you
will just stretch it out some day when
it rains and take a rag and rub over it
the size will come off tie the ends to posts
and run your rag over it the size will soon

come off it is put on to preserve the hemp

The books you will ^{please} accept
as a token of friendship they may not
be interesting to you if they are not
you can give them to your brothers or
father and send me the name of books
or book that will be interesting to you
and I will try and get it for you.
the new york manual you might give to
one of your brothers or father as they
are not intended for ladies and I suppose
there is but little in them that would be
interesting to ladies now Nellie you know
that I am writing this letter in the yard
the things that I am going to send are
at home. Mr H sent me a box the evening
that he sent me the things that I refered
to in this note well the box was too small
I had to have it rebuilt you can see
the addition now the reason that I refer
to this is that I am going to fill it
up with something and whatever there is
that suits you please accept as a token of



Brooklyn Oct 16th 1860

Tuesday night 12 o'clock

Dear Nellie

I received your favor of the 14th inst I am very sorry to hear that your father is unwell and hope before this reaches you that he will be as well as ever. I spent last Sunday evening with your mother and sister when I first went into M^r. H. house they were both sitting down, ~~and~~ I thought you had been fooling me your sister looks so much like you in the face, however I soon found out that I had not been fooled, it gave me a great d. l. of satisfaction to meet and spend the evening with them it reminded me of the time that you and sister Laura were here only I would rather it had been you, it had been raining all day very hard and evening too I had been traveling all day and felt very tired so I went to M^r. H. and spent the evening and enjoyed myself very much in their company I think your mother is very lively for a lady as old as she is the only thing that I am sorry for is that I am so much engaged that I cannot volunteer my services to escort

^{them}
to some places of amusement while they
are in the city your sister Pauline is
very lively and it would give me great
pleasure to go to the theatre with her
if I could spare time Mr Forest is
performing in New York at present but
I have not had the pleasure of seeing him
yet nor do I expect to until after the
election is over, speaking of the election
puts me in mind of a remark you made
in your letter about if I am defeated
not to do anything desperate, I have
never done anything desperate yet and
I hope that I never will, still you
handle me a little harsh in two or three
places in your letter as I have not got it
before me I cannot point it out but
as you request to be excused for anything
that is not agreeable to me I freely
grant your request with the expectation
of receiving another letter soon that
will recompense me for any feelings I
may have had about your last, here let
me return you my sincere thanks for
the box of apples that that you sent me
they are very nice indeed and I am
very much obliged for your kind
remembrance of me, election is 20 days
from to day and after that is over I

Will write you a note of thanks for your
kindness for as I expect to be defeated
I will have plenty of spare time and
then I expect to pay you a visit you
must make an excuse for me to your
sister Pauline for my seeming neglect
~~to~~ pay more attention to her than I
will be able to do the paper I sent to
the post office along with the letter I cannot
^{account} for you not getting it I will get one
and send it to you after I receive
your next letter if you have not received
it before notice you must excuse this
disconnected letter and this had writing it
is on account of my being so very tired after
traveling all day and writing by the light
of a lamp give my best respects to Laura
and tell her that I will send her a paper
as soon as I can

And O bidize your friend
Truly Thers m daughter

To
Miss Ellen S Kay

pleasure than to just escorted
your mother and sister any
where that they might want to go
if it had been possible for me to
share the time if they were here now
I would be as attentive as I was
neglectfull when they were here
you will do me a favour if you
will explain this to them I have
felt very bad for fear they might
think that I intentionally neglected
them. it is true that I might have
called in the morning to see them
but there was no morning while
they were in the city that I could
get out of my house before dinner
for it was out of my power to
get home any morning before
5 o'clock and just as soon as I
would get out of the house there
would be 8 or 10 gentlemen each and
every one of them would want
me to go with them to see some
partys that wanted to see the man
that they were going to vote for then
in the evening I would have to appear
before diferent clubs and associations

Brooklyn Nov 13th 1860
Dear Nellie

I recieved your
favour of the 21st of Oct but I
was too buisy with the election
to answer it. the election is over
and I am defeated and this
is the first opportunity that I
have had to answer your letter
you of course know the result of
the election as I sent you one of our
daily papers with the returns in it
I made what is termed here
among the politicians a noble fight
and would have won but for the
traitors in our own camp however
I am satisfied as I believe the world
owes us all a living if we are intes-
trious and try to make it. the office
of sheriff is an honorable one

and the most lucrative position
in this county if I had succeeded
in getting it I would have been
what we term here out of the
woods, any person here having a
fortune is termed out of the woods
but as running for an office of this
kind is very expensive the person
who gets defeated is left in the
middle of the woods, but enough of
this for the present

you must excuse me to your
mother and sister I never saw
them but once the evening that I
saw your sister she talked of
going to a wedding to newark
she was to go on thursday and
as she was a stranger I supposed
that she would like to have comp
any with her so on wednesday eve
I went to m. H. house, and brow
ht a very nice and good looking

gentleman with me to introduce
to your sister but your mother
and sister had gone the gentleman
I brought for the purpos of introd
ucing him to your sister that he
might escort her to newark the
next day, I called again on sunday
evening previous to their leaving m. H.
house as they came to his house
after leaving it to spend a few
more days it was under peculiar
circumstances that I called there
was a company of about 20 of us
went out a lecturing through the
country towns and it was late
when I returned later than I was
aware of and I found when I
got to m. H. that they had all
retired it was out of my power
to call again until after they
had left, there is nothing in this
world would have given me more

Nov 7

Nov 7

so that for more than a month
before election I did not have one
hour that I might call my own
and say to Laura if you please
that in my hurry I forgot to
send her the ~~the~~ paper that I
promised her I would send but
say if it is slow it is very shure
but above all things explain this
whole matter to your mother and
sister and let me know in your
next, I hope before this reaches you
that your Father will have entirely
recovered from his illness and
~~said~~ that he will be as well as
ever say to sister Pauline that I
would write a note of appology
to her for my seeming neglect but
that I depend on you to explain
the whole matter satisfactorly

reformation

now Nellie you want me to
point out to you anything unpleasant
in your note previous to your last
let me say to you that your
note of the 21st Oct was so very
kind that I have entirely forgotten
all of the previous note that I
did not consider sweet and it
is impossible for me under the circum-
stances to refer to one syllable in
your previous note, but I will
in your last where you say it
is past 10 o'clock and you wonder
under what I am doing, spending
the evening with some lady friends
in all probability I was at
that time some 6 miles away from
home trying to catch German
wolves with Lager beer as that
is first rate Bait for the Germans
I will add that I have not had
the pleasure of spending an evening

in Lady's company for this last
6 months except the evening
that I spent with your mother
and sister I have not ever been
to the theatre in a long time
but I will go this evening and I
wish that you was here to
go with me and I know that
I could enjoy myself first
rate Nellie it is quitting time
in the yard and I must close
remember me to your sisters and
mother and write soon and
Believe your Friend
Truly

Alfred M. Langhorne

To
Miss Ellen S. Lang

and if you or any of your
friends want a magazine or book
if you will send me the name
I will send it without any thanks
the receipt of its acceptance is all
the thanks that I require. you say
that you are not satisfied with
my last because I did not point
out the particular words that was
unpleasant to me in your pre-
vious letter and you also threaten
to pay me when you see me now
Nellie I want to know in what
kind of coin you intend to pay
in. I told you in my last that
your letter previous to this was
so very kind that it made me
forget all the other that was
unpleasant to me but at the same
time if you intend to pay me I
insist that I must know how
you propose to do it. Nellie
one good way to pay me is to
write me a good long letter but
maybe you have a better way
of your own however I will
wait the issue and in paying me
be carefull you dont come out a best

Nellie you must write me very soon
and dont forget to tell me how
you propose to pay me for neglecting
to point out to you those unpleasant
remarks that you refered to in your last
letter that you mention it several times
J. C. S. D.

Brooklyn Dec 4th 1860

Dear Nellie

I recieved your favour
of the 2 inst to day at noon and was
very happy to hear from you
although I cannot say that I
was surprised. for I was to the
museum yesterday and curiosity
prompted me to have my fortune
told. the fortune teller told me
that I would receive a letter this
week from a lady friend and
she said it would likely come to-
morrow. the first question I asked
when I got home at noon to-
day was where is the letter that
came to day for me. my mother
asked me how did I know that
there was a letter for me when I
told her she laugh'd very heartily

and wanted to know if I believed
in fortune tellers I told her I did
not but that I had a presentment
that I would receive one to day so
she handed your letter to me. I am
very glad that your sister enjoyed
herself so well I will never forget
the evening that I called, there
was a company of us went out a
becherizing in the country towns
we have 5 towns in our county
and it appears that I had forgotten
everything else but calling at Mrs H
to see your mother and sister
if I had reflected one moment I
would have known that it was
too late but I had made up my
mind to see them that evening and
I hurried all that I could to
get to the city in time to see
them I did not know how late
it was until after I left there
when I felt a little sorry for calling
so late, now about my coming

to dover with my cousin, my
cousin came from california about
3 weeks ago I made arrangements
to go to dover with him to see my
aunt but in reality it was as far
as I was concerned to go to sussex
to see you I intended to go to
dover with him and then drive to
sussex after I had left him at my
aunts. he has some business to
settle about a lot that his father
had left him previous to his death
and it is not settled yet but I
am in hopes that it will be settled
very soon now, and then if I can
get away before the holidays
I will, by the way Mr H. has told
me that one of your brothers was
coming to the city this month
write me in your next if that is
so now about Laura and the
magazine tell her that she was
perfectly welcome or I would not
have sent it to her

had been to the museum yester
 day to see the performance and
 to see all the curiosities in addi
 tion to having your fortune
 told my wishing woud amount
 to anything unless you make
 up your mind to spend the
 holidays in this city, you must
 tell me in your next about
 the game in your Neighbourhood
 the people tell me that there
 is any quantity of Quail Rabits
 and Partridges in the country this
 fall. I wrote the first sheet
 in the yard this one I am
 writing at home and I am
 really confused there is so much
 talkins going on you must
 excuse this bad writing and
 Mellins give my best respects
 to your sister you of cours
 have my very best respects
 Now Mellie write soon and oblige
 your friend truly
 J. M. Ellis & Co. J. Hugh M. Langran

Mellie
 as you are interested with that
 newly married couple a great d. l. l.
 of joy for me hoping that they may
 live a long life and a very happy one

For I have always had the
 good fortune to come out first
 best in all my contests untill the
 one of the 6th of Nov, I then had
 the good fortune to beat my
 opponent very badly, for I never
 considered the republican candidate
 my opponent my only ambition
 was to beat the Breckenridg man
 and I did so with was a great
 satisfaction to me and all my
 friends I have beaten him by
 the official returns 6000 votes which
 is enough for to satisfy me
 besides I polled more votes than
 any other man that ever run
 for the same office in this
 county before, this election my
 friends all tell me that I stand
 my defeat like a philosopher
 for there is a great d. l. l. of labour
 excitement and expecence attendind
 an election

of the kind that I have just
passed through, my opponent has
been confined to his bed ever
since the day after the election my
friends say he drank too much
bad gin I tell them I think
he staid out too late nights
and that he is now making up
for lost time it is true nevertheless
that I met with a very serious
disapointment and that I have
a great many simpathizers it is also
true and as one good turn deserves an
other if you will be kinde enough
to tell me of some of your disapoint
I can assure you that you shall
have my sympathy but I must
with Nellie that you will never
meet with any disapointment
in your life that will require
the sympathy of any person, you
speak of my being ready to leave
the yard on the 4 of march

^{March 29}
I am perfectly willing
and ready to go when the time
comes, you think that when you
come to the yard again that
you will not have the pleasure
of meeting me there. I must say
that it will be your own fault
for it is a month yet before my time
expires in the yard and any time
before that I cannot describe the
pleasure it would be for me to
meet you at the yard before the
expiration of that time. you won
der how I spend my time now
I spend it in the day time in the
yard to business and in the evening
generally at home some evenings
5 or 6 of us get to gether and go to
the theatre I never go only when
there is some first rate piece to
be performed and I never see
one but I wish that Nellie was
here to see this. I wish that you

by sending you their colors it is only
to show you how the ladies are engaged
in Charleston, Mr. H. has been anxiously
waiting all the week for your
Brother he told me that he was to
come the last of January but he
has been expecting him all this week
give my best respects to Laura and
Pauline and say to Pauline that I
hope that she will become a citizen
of the U.S. I am only judging from
what you said in your last about
Mr. D. Revere and Pauline Mr. H. has
not said to me that Mr. D. Revere
was going to the country with
him and I did not mention to
him that I had received a letter
from you lately I suppose he thinks
that he has some motive in not
letting me know I have been plaguing
him a little lately with my
the cause I will have to make up
with him again and then he will
tell me what is going on now
Nellie you say that you follow
my example in writing me in four
week see if you will follow my example
in this case and oblige your
I miss Ell. & Fays Hugh m. daughter

This is St. Valentine's day and to day one
more or less I received a note from you
there is one due for to day that I will
await anxiously for because it is Pauline's
and directed letter my office is full
of gentlemen talking politics wait soon
H.M.C.

Brooklyn Feb 14th 1861

Dear Nellie

I received yours of
the 6th inst and was very happy to
hear that you was well and enjo-
ying yourself so well you have
had fine sleigh riding this winter
in your town while there has
been but 2 or 3 days here that has
been fit to go out with a sleigh
but people in a city place like this
have other amusements to pass away
the time. but I cant say that
they are so pleasant as you discribe
he particularly the one with the
buffalo robes and the companion
to keep you wrapped up in them I
think that I should prefer the sleigh
ride to the theatre if you would be
the companion to keep me wrapped in

the buffalo robes, I have had a great desire to visit you this winter but I have been so situated that it has been impossible for me to get a way from my business and home at the same time I have named the time to myself 3 or 4 different times that I would go and when the time would come something would come to prevent it you think that it would be as difficult for Mr. H. to get away as it would be for me that is not so he can get away any time that he wishes he has only to inform me that he is going while I have to ask permission from the officers of the garrd, and they have considered it necessary for my master to beat his post since they trouble command with the southern states Mr. H. tells me that he is going to visit

his Brother next Saturday and that he intends to pay your folks a visit I would like very much to go with him but it is impossible for me to get a way from duty at the garrd you know that my term of office expires on the 4th of march and then I will be my own master and it would be impossible for me to get a leave of absence at present you see if I am not going to Washington on the 4th of march I have no desire to see a Black republican president inaugurated so I think that I will not go I have heard a great deal of talk about Blood shed war and secession but I have not realized it as yet if Mr. H. goes on Saturday I have a south carlanon roaset I will send it to you the palmeto is the greater part of it I dont wish to make a secessionist of you

P. S.

Poor Mr Happer lost his mother this week he left here on wednesday I did not see him as I was not in the yard I believe she is to be buried some where in your neighbourhood, I am afraid it will be a hard matter for him to retain his place in the yard after I am gone

H. M. A.

Brooklyn May 31st 1861

Dear Nellie

I recieved your favour of the 19th inst and am much obliged for the interest you manifest in my welfare particularly your advice in relation to the war, I do not feel as ambitious now as I did when I last wrote to you the governor of this state has acted very badly towards the volunteer regiments particularly those that are commanded by the leading democrats there has been two regiments disbanded this week in the city of new york if the time comes that he will want them he will finde it rather difficult to get them

again when the excitement first
broke out myself and several
friends made up our minds to
go but after a week or two the
excitement as you remarked
got played out in the mean
time my mother worried a great
deal about my going I have
told her that unless it was
really necessary that I would
not go. I have brok no faith
with my friends in consequence
of the way the governer has
acted myself and friends have
concluded not to go at least
for the present if ther is to be
no fighting it will be a repub
lican victory but if fighting
once commences the battles are to
be fought by the democratic
party now shellie I must thank
you for your last invitation

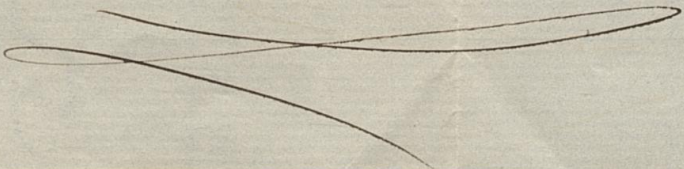
to visit your place and if
it is ⁱⁿ my power to do so I
will after I receive your next
letter in which you will please
give me the directions again
you must save some straubly
for me as I am very fond of
them it is now 11 A.M. and
I recieved a note from Uncle
Abe this morning that my
services will not be required
after this date I must be
getting ready to leave the
yard by 12 and I wont come
back this afternoon you will
please take this note of Uncle
Abe as an excuse for my not
writing you a longer letter
and except my thanks for
the good long letter that
you sent me last and oblige
Your Friend Truly
Hugh McLaughlin

Dear Nellie

I would
write you a long letter if
it was possible but you know
that I have considerable to
do and a number of friends
to see before I go to dinner
and I would not like to
come to the yard after dinner
so you will please excuse me
and write soon and tell me
the week that it would be
most convenient for you
to have me come

Your Friend Truly
Hugh McLaughlin

To
Miss Ellen S. Kay



WASH., AUG. XXVITH. HUGH McLAUGHLIN, COR. JAY AND CONCORD, BKLYN. NY. I HAVE GOT THE ORDER TO DISCHARGE THE MEN. SPINDUA.

Your friend Dr. Hugh McLaughlin to
Miss Ellen & Kay Arlington Heights

Virginia Aug 7th 1861

Dear Nellie) ~~to~~
~~to~~ (I am out here with
the soldiers and I thought
I would write you a few
lines it will have to be a very
few for this is all the paper I
can get I am in the 14th Regt
camp it is the most beautiful
sight I ever saw the different
encampments and forts all
around me but the soldiers
are in a horrible state with
the heat Washington is comple-
tely deserted with the excep-
tion of soldiers Congress adjor-
ned yesterday and the peopl-
e all went home it is very
warm here to day when the
war first broke out I got
the fever very bad but I think

it will be some time before
I can accept a bill from the army
I am very warm & to Ellen & Kay
it is

I get the fever again I
came here to try and get
a friend of mine clear that
belongs to the 14th Regt the
young man that sent me
that peice of secession flag
that I gave you enclosed please
find another relic from the
seat of war this is certainly
a peice of the Banister that
col Ellsworth fell on when
he was shot by Jackson there
is nothing here that is consid-
ered so much of a curiosity
as anything connected with
the death of col Ellsworth
I am tired of this place I will
go home some day this week
my visit to you was ten thous-
and times pleasanter than this
I did not receive any letter
from ~~you before~~
I left home I shall have to stop
as my paper is all out I would
write you a long letter if I had
paper to do it with your friend
Hugh M^r daughlin

that I recieved from a friend
yesterday, I have 3 and 4 such
offers every day, but I pledge
you my word that I will
not except one of them, though
I appreciate the kindness but
when the election is over I
will not owe a man in this
city one dollar now Nellie is not
this enough of politics

The provision card was
nearly to show you the price
of provisions in brooklyn at
that time that you might
compare it with your prices
there I do not understande
what you mean by the anchor
I will sende you the books as
you wish if the three weekly
papers are too much select the
one that you prefer there is two
of them that dose not come out
untill monday give my best
respects to all your folks if
I do not send the magazine right
away, dont think any thing of it
Stuigi on laughing

Nellie I will expect a letter daily
from you untill I get one this piece
of poetry is not applicable in either of
our cases but I think it is beautiful
H. M. L.

Brooklyn Oct 5th 1861

Dear Nellie

your favours of
the third is at hand my excu-
se for answering so soon is
that I feel greatfull for the
kinde wishes that you have
expressed for my success and
to tell you that I will be
successfull under the defeat
that I expect to esperience
on the 5th of next month I
will have succeeded in defeating
all men that have made it
a personal matter with me
and I will be prepared to
show to the people of this
county that I have got more
personal friends than any
other man in the county
I think that I will pole more

votes

than has ever been polled in this county by any man under the same circumstances why if I am beaten there is no one in this county that will know it but myself if I am well the morning after the election is over I will be up bright and early and as cheerfull as a lark if I am unwell it will not be caused by my defeat but I will always I hope appreciate good honest sympathy such as comes from sussex at least there is no person in this county that I would permit to sympathize with me except my mother and friend Cunningham the man that made the dark claths line that I sent you last them I know to be honest friends it is true that I have other friends and hundreds of them but I am

not sure that they understand my disposition as well as those that I have named and I think it is best as soon as the election is over if you meet a friend that the subject should be something else than politics now I have been writing this with the supposition that you know both sides of the quest ion you hear about all the reports about me while there is a great many bad ones that you never hear and may be it is best that it is so every body thinks that I have no money to carry on the campaign but I know that I have enough to serve me to carry out all I want and it will be spent cheerfull and without one regret after it is all gone I will enclose a letter

a friend in the street the first
salute I got is well for an Irishman
you are raising a terrible row
but in two weeks more it will
be over and I intend to wash
my hands of politics unless some
person comes up for an office who
I am very anxious to elect or defeat
but I certainly never will be known
any more as the king of the primaries
I have accomplished every thing
this fall that I could expect
it would be impossible for me to
tell you the opposition that I
have had to contend with but
I have succeeded in beating
them all and for the present
I will let them rest

I am very sorry that I did
not see Laura I meant to have
taken her to the theatre and
museum before she went home
I would have been pleased to
have been to your house last
week to have assisted your mother
with the plants I have never been a
minute from there since I left there
in thought but that dont dig up
plants
Your friend Hugh McLaughlin

Believe my best respects to all your
folks and oblige your friend
H. M. L.

Brooklyn Oct 21st 1861
Dear Nellie

I received your
last on the 13th inst for which
please accept my thanks I have
an hour to spare this morning
which I will occupy in answering
your letter this last week has
been a week of great excitement
to me the party here known as
the national Democratic party
called their convention for the
express purpose of defeating me
in the nomination if you reme-
mber they ran a stump against
me last fall well they had their
primaries and elected their dele-
gates in the ward that I live
after the election was over they
came in front of my house
and had a large fire they
burnt barrels the whole evening

over my defeat there was no
chance in their opinion for me to
get the nomination when
their convention would meet
their convention met last Tuesday evening at a saloon that is a
they I mean my personal enemies ran
a man by the name of Haron against
me for the nomination there was
a great deal of money spent to
defeat me I did not go near the
convention the whole day I was
on my dignity but when the
ballot was had and counted I
received 32 votes to Mr Haron's 33.

I am told there was more excitement
to that convention than ever was
to any convention in this city before
I was very proud to receive a
nomination in a convention that
was got up by the principal move
ers for the express purpose of defeating
me all my friends that drank
liquor got intoxicated and all

my enemies to the convention got
Drunk my friends for joy and
enemies for grief the greater portion
of both factions met the same
part of head quarters for the
present I was there my friends
were trying to convince the other
that I was smart their argument
was well Mr Daughlin is smart
aint he the others would say well
he is but we would have beaten ^{him}
if it had not been for Cunningham.

I have told you about him before
there is one conical fellow in our
party by the name of Smith who
says that his Fore Fathers were inde
ans every once in a while he would
say Well for an Irishman Mcdaugh
lin has made more mess than
any other man that ever lived
in this county it has got to be
a by word now every ~~town~~ meet

If I have money enough left when
the horse fair comes at your
place I may come there I am not
shure as yet I will only stay one day if I do

Dear Nellie I go. to. m. g. d.

Enclosed you will
find a card about the 4th ward
primary election this is the ward
I live in the city hall official is
a man that I have loaned over
\$2000 in my time he is an ungrateful
fellow I wrote this card about
him if I am a live and well I
will put him out of his place
next spring so you think that
you would like to become acqu
ainted with some man that
was going to California that
would take you along with him
you dont proper to ask permission
from any person well to tell you
the truth I do not know a
young man in B that I think
is good enough for you except
the one that I brought to M^cH
to take Pauline to Newark when

she was here he is away at present
him and I have talked of going
to california after the election is
over if I cannot get into some
business I mean to go somewhere
for a while at least I came very
near going to Lafayette last
week to have a days gunning
with the gentleman that keeps the
ward house he told me that he
would be happy to have me come
at any time if I had gone it
would have been only to ^{see} you
you say that I must stop sending
more than one paper I will do so
when I feel that I cannot afford to
do any better I learned in my youth
to never spend a dollar unless I
could see where there was a nother
coming from I have always seen as
get ~~a~~ a dollar behind the one I
spent Nellie you must excuse this dis-
connected and poor writing and oblige I find
Hugh McLean & Co

if the horse fair was after the election we would come out and go a gunning but in reality it would be to see you but as the horse fair will be over we will have no excuse when you write tell me how the game is if it is plenty, I am sorry that I was not there to help your matter to move the plants I was there in thought all the time give my best respects to all the folks and write so that it will get it by next Tuesday if I am beaten I will go home ^{to bed} and read your letter that will be some consolation I am not sure what I will do after the election is over I am not going to run idle any longer I will decide in less than two weeks what I will do. Nellie the waverly comes out on Monday is the cause of my not sending it before I forgot to mention (this before) state soon
with Ellen & Kate Hugh McLaughlin

If I am defeated and go to California if I can raise money enough I would like to go along (good morning) the explanation in relation to the book and Pauline is satisfactory I had a dream last night about you but
Brooklyn Oct 28th 1861
Dear Nellie
I received your

favour of the 25th inst for which please accept my thanks there has nothing special occurred since I last wrote to you in this city, the nominations are all made and the candidates are all hard to work trying to get elected the republicans have nominated their strongest man against me a gentleman by the name of Hall he is the father of all the temperance societies in this city and one of the oldest residents in it the americans or know nothing have nominated a very nice old man by the name of Rowland he is a Doctor of long standing in this city they are both very strong men I am prepared for my

defeat, one short week from
the time that you receive this
will decide the question, you
advise me to keepe my courage
up, let me say to you Mellic that
after going through the campaign
that I did last fall I think it
will have to be something more
than a defeat at an election
that will shake my nerves it is
true that I would like to be
elected but at the same time my
heart is not set for the offic or
any other offic I came to the con-
clusion some time ago that the world
owed me a living and I am
bound to have it the only question
is wether I will have roast ar
corned beef for dinner they say
that a man that gets an offic
can have roast beef for dinner
however I am satisfied I have had
a great d. ll. to contend against in

this city in the shape of aspirin-
to for offic it appeared to me that
every man that I ever did any
thing against politically was
against me this fall now I ask
you Mellic if you dont think it
quite a victory to get a nominal
ion with such a combined opposi-
tion I tell you that I feel a
little proud over it and think
that I am successfull even if
defeated, you say the horse fair is
to come at this week when I wrote
before I thought it would be
after the election if so I did intend
to come there and bring my friend
Giddings with me the gentleman
that keeps the Ward house gave
me a pressing invitation when
I was there to come to his house
at any time and he would go
a gunning with me Giddings is
very fond of gunning so I thought

it is about 9 miles from our
house in one of our county towns
but as you know I am not
much of a hand for balls or
parties so I have to decline all
invitations my sport is genera-
lly with the gun my friend Gid-
dings and myself talk of going a-
gunning for ducks this week to
Keyport I believe it is in your
state I often go 5 or 6 miles in
the country to shoot robins
Giddings went to Jersey last
Wednesday a gunning and shot
15 rabbits he sent me a pair I
told him about the rabbits on
your place and asked him if
he would go he said certainly
that is just pie for me I told
him that I would let him know
when I wanted him to go over time
that I have met him since he has
wanted to know when I am going
to Jersey I have had some fun with
him about it give my best respects to
all yourself in particular from
Hugh M. Laughlin

tell me in your next what the
boys are doing and how the game
is I sent the papers and Atlantic last
week let me know if you got them
of M. Laughlin

Brooklyn Nov 10 1861

Dear Nellie

I received your
last on the 5th inst I was very
happy to hear from you
at that time, I would have
answered it before this, but
I have been very busy this
week running around seeing
my friends, but now as the
battle has been fought and
the smoke has nearly cleared
of the field and I can see
all the killed and wounded
and know that I am vic-
torious without a scratch
I embrace the first opportunity
to answer your last, I could
tell you some rich things
of the politicians in this
city if you understood any-
thing about the tricks of

politicians all my friends
have had plenty of fun
this week every person that
they would meet that asked
me the first question was
well what do you think of
McLaughlin now the answer
would be oh he is smart, in
a very sarcastic way, there
never was a man run for an
office in this county before that
had as many personal enemies
to contend with as I have had
or a man that had as many
warm personal friends as I
have got I claim personally
that I have out generated all
my enemies but I am willing
to forgive them all their sins
I have done so to more than
50 this week it would be im-
possible to describe the exci-
tement that has been here

this week last night it
rained in torrents and at 12
o'clock there was a band of
music and about 250 men
under my window it has
been so the whole week with
bon fires and music in the
night and I suppose I meet
a hundred men in the day
and the salute is this, (a big
thing let the goose hang) that
is a by word we have when
any one makes a hit. I had
to leave of on Sunday as some
friends called to see me and
this is the first chance that
I have had since it is now Tues-
day noon the first very fine day
since election I receive more invi-
tations to balls and parties than
I can carry I have just received
an invitation to go to graves
end to night to a country-bulk

Kellie accept my thanks for the
rose bud and as in relation to the last
part of your letter in speaking of the book
I thought something was wrong when
you said the book would be published
when Paulin came to York

In speaking of the anchor
you said it was hope and that
you had it out write as soon
as you can if you can write two
letters get before election I would
like to read your 2 letter on election
night it will be

from 4 to 8 letters to read
mostly all applications for
appointments and I have on an
average every day 25 personal
applications for appointments
I tell you Ellen I have wished
myself back in Lafayette more
than 20 times since I came home
there the time passed away
without my knowing it but
here it is a regular drag and it
is impossible to turn around
without you meet some pers
on that wants a place the
time is very hard and the pros-
pects are not much better
now dont you retaliate on me
by keepeng me waiting for three
weeks for a letter from you
I hope that you will write as
soon as you can and let me
know all about the folks
give my best respects to all
your folks tell your mother
that I often wish that I was there
so that I might light the fire in the
milk house and feed the pigs + chick in
the morning

no more at present but
remains yours Respectfully
Hugh McLaughlin

No 1 Brooklyn Dec 18th 1861
Dear Nellie

I have waited
as long as I can without
writing to you, now for the
cause when I came home from
your house in November I
concluded to send a pistol
to Sandy and an indian rubber
coat to one of the boys I
dont know which one of them
now, for I bliene I talked to
both of them about it, the
rubber is in the cloth and
I intended to have it made
up before sending it, I talked
to a Gentleman about making
it and he has put me off from
day to day since, so that I
do not think that I am
any nearer than I was the

first day to having it made, I have said to myself a hundred times that I will write to morrow but that to morrow has been two weeks coming. if I dont get it made very soon I will send it without being made, I do not know that the time seems long to you or that you want an explanation but I have been very anxious to write every day for two weeks and I wish that you should know it, every morning before leaving the house I would say to myself if I dont see that fellow about the coat to night I will write to Ellen in the morning, it has been so for two weeks. I can only say if there is anything ^{wrong} in my not

writing sooner it is an error of the head and not of the heart for I have certainly dictated 20 letters in that time without committing them to paper you can very easily say what have you to do with the coat or pistol my answer would be nothing but I thought, that I could send word about them in your letter now to conclude if I have done wrong in not writing sooner I beg pardon the evening that I came home from your house I sent you a letter in a news paper from a friend of mine in Washington please let me know when you write if you recieved it, I go from home in the morning and generally return early in the evening and then I have

that a gentleman gave me last
week to come to Jersey a gunning
for rabbits he promised to give me
all the apple Jack that I could
drink and many other inducements
was held out to me so many that
I promised to go shure this week
but I have broken my promise
he does not live in the same direct
ion that you do I made enquire
of him he said that rabbits
were very plenty at his place
to be short about it he was on
a spree there was 7 in company
and our friend from Jersey
was going to give us the whole
state if we would accept it
I have forgoten his name if I
ever meet him a gain I will get
the particulars he was a right
good fellow write soon and
oblige yours Truly
J. Hugh McLaughlin
84 1/2 S. King

Brooklyn Jan 9th 1862

Dear Nellie

I received yours of
the 4th inst I am gld to hear
that you are enjoying yourself
so well, in the day time I enjoy
myself first rate at my new
duties as yet the time passes very
pleasantly although I have
nothing to do but set behind
the desk and talk to my
deputy he transacts all the
business of the office but the
time passes very pleasantly
every day you see so many
new faces that I do not feel
the time passing then most
every evening I go to the theatre
as we have one in the academy
of music by the way there is
a celebrated actress to appear

next week by the name
of Mrs John Wood and you
cannot imagin what a pleasure
it would be for me if you
was here to take you to see
the performance but then
I suppose that you enjoy
yourself full as well as I do
by sleighriding and flirting
with old Gents in speaking
of the duties of my offic it is not
necessary for me to be here
but as I have no other buisness
I felt as though I ought to
at least give my personal
attendance to the offic but
I can go any where I wish
whenever I wish as yet I have
spent my whole time in the
offic from preference, the wether
here to day is very warm by
sun down the snow will have
all disappeared and I am glad of it

in relation to your coming
to the city in Feb I can only
say that I will be very
happy to see you and I hope
that there will be nothing
left undone on my part to
make your visit a pleasant
one providing that I am here
I said to your Father in answer
to an invitation to visit your
house that I would do so in
a couple of months I have
calculated it since and have
thought at times that I would
do so about the middle of Feb
if you come you must let me
know or it may occur as it did
when Pauline was here I would
be in a nice fix if I should go
to Lafayette to see you and you
to be in New York I think then
I would go a gunning, speaking
of gunning reminds of an invitation

You can let me know
in your next when you
are coming to the city
I am afraid to venture in
the country until good
weather comes let me know
in your next if there is
any rabbit hunting at your
place now and how the
mail gets along you said
in your last that you
had not heard from our
young friend that was
visiting you when I was
there I have forgotten his
name but I gave him an
invitation to visit me if
he ever came to New York
he promised he would but
he has never done so give
my best respects to Laura
and all the rest of the family
and oblige yours truly
Hugh McLaughlin

you must excuse this bad writing
I am sure it is the worst I have ever
sent you H m.c.d.

Brooklyn Jan 28 1862

Dear Nellie

I received your
favour of the 14th inst for
which you have my thanks
I would have written before
but I wanted to send a
few lines to John in your
note, besides the weather has
been so bad lately that nothing
has occurred we have had rain
hail and snow for a change
for the last two weeks if it is
as bad in the country as it is
here I don't know how you
manage to get along the
slush for the last two days has
been a foot deep but to day
is clear and cold I hope that
you have better weather when
you come to town if it is

to be about the middle of
Feb I will see the cleark of
the weather and try and fix
it I see by your laste that
you wanted to construe
my calculations into a pro-
mise I did not say that I
would come about the middle
of Feb I said that your Father
had invited ^{me} to come again
and that I tolde him I would
in a couple of months and that
I had calculated it and that
it would be about the middle
of Feb but as you anticipate
coming here about that time
I think that I will wait for
some other time the chances are
that when you do come we
will have good weather for
we are having so much bad
weather now the times here

are very dull and I suppose
as it is the same at your place
there is scarcely any buiness
of any kind going on here -
I commenced this letter
last Sunday and was
called away and this
is the first opportunity
I have had since it is
now Wednesday evening
7 o'clock and raining I have
just returned from a
skating pond where I have
been all the afternoon I
am getting to be quiet a
skater skating has got to
be all the fashion her and
in new York with Ladies
and Gents I dont approve
much of the ladies skating
therefore I will say nothing
about them. Now Nellie

under foot I am very sorry
to hear that sandy is under
the weather and hope that he
will get smart in a short
time give my best respects to
all your folks I often dream
of being out to your house
and helping your mother about
the milk house you did not
give me much satisfaction
about the game you say that
my letters are very short if you
will just put one of your sheets
of paper along side of this you
will think that it is your letters
that are short but I never think
of that I always write until
it is time to send to the office
it only wants 10 minutes to 4 P.m.
and I believe the mail leaves at
4 P.m. write soon and oblige

yours Truly

Am J. M. Laughlin

C. S. Kay

Brooklyn Feb 7th 1869
Dear Nellie

I received your
last and thank you for
it. I am very happy to hear
from you. You say that
your letters are long and that
you write often it would
be a pleasure for me to have
a good long letter from
you morning noon and
night but of course that is
too much for me to expect
I answered Pauline's letter
yesterday and would have
answered yours but had
not time I close my office
at 4 o'clock so I thought I
would do it to day.

Now about my coming
to your house this month
the reason that I said that
I would not come was

that I thought that you would come here this month and I feel as though I had not ought to leave the city so soon after taking my seat. I was in hopes that you would come this month so that you would see Forest perform. I sent a Program to John that you might see it. How Kellie let me ask you if you think it would be proper for me to leave the city for a week so soon after taking my seat particularly if you intend to come to the city. I looked at it in this way that if you came this month that I would come to your house either in March or April and if you was not coming I would try and come sooner. I will be better able to tell

next week if I can arrange to get away in the mean time I suppose that you will decide about when you will come.

I told you in my last about my going a skating well I went out last week my friends say that I skated much a slang phrase we were all racing. I beat all hands until I came to a stop I slipped fell got up cut one eye Blacked the other and got in to the winning post last dont you think that pretty fair for a novice I am only a new beginner but they tell me that I will make a good skater in time because I am not afraid of falling we have a most beautiful day I hope that it will continue until the snow is all gone it is so unpleasant

it is now 2 o'clock the
time to shut the office

you was wrong in surmise
that I would think that
your last was an application
from some poor fellow for
a place I know your writing
when you imagined that I
was saying poor fellow I
was saying this is a letter
from Dear Nellie and I am
very glad to receive it do
you see your mistake
and admit it, the kiss & some
and two for interest please
write soon and excuse this
hast and poor writing and
spelling give my respects to
all the folks and believe
me yours as ever

Respectfully
Hugh M. Laughlin

Dear Nellie Your question in
relation to beginning your letters
my answer is begin them as your
heart dictates your letter is at
home and I will have to answer
from memory yours of coming
to the city with your cousin
You must use your own judg-
ment I will be happy to see
you and I am in hopes that
I will satisfy you on that
point the answer to the other
question and more important
one is in the beginning of my
last letter to you now my
answer to your questions as a
whole it that you are perfect-
ly right and I would always
be pleased to have you say
just what you think and
I will here state that you are

perfectly welcome to make as
free with me in writing to
me as you wish

Now Nellie
in relation to the box being
opened before you got home I
could wish that you had
opened it yourself for this
reason I put two scraps into
the box with my likeness I felt
as though they were appropriate
consequently I felt as though
I had written are in other words
they were my sentiments my
objection to have the box opened
in your absence is this they
were loves offerings and no
person not interested is capable
of giving an opinion on anything
of that kind for that reason
I would prefer that you
had opened the box yourself
and then you could use

Your own judgement
about showing them to
any person however I am
satisfied. I could send you
something else that would
make you laugh now I
know your curiosity is a
wakened and you want to
know just what it is that
I mean well I tell you that
it is in a paper and my
friends are having a whole
lot of fun with me or at
least they think so which
is all the same, your last
was short and not very sweet
either I hope that you will
do better in the next and
more of it I never get tired
of reading your letters the
only objection is that they
are too short write me
a good long one for next

Brooklyn Feb 20th 1862
Dear Ellen

I recieved your last
this morning and as I have a
few moments to spare to day
I will devote them to you
you think that after Forest is
through performing that I will
have no excuse for not visiting
you if I really believed that you
thought that Forest performing
here prevented me from coming
to see you I woud say any more
about it) but it cannot be possible
that you have thought so you only
put that part in to fill up, it
was just what I stated to you was
the cause having entered upon my
duties only the first of January I
questioned the propriety of my leaving
my offic for one week so soon but
you have decided that it would
be perfectly proper and as you

are the referee of my own choosing
and as there is no appeal from
the decision of the referee I
cannot see how I am to get out
of it, not but what it is a great
pleasure for me to abide by the
decision but I believe that you are
one of the kind that believe in the
old adage which says do not neglect
business for pleasure but as you
have expressed a doubt as to my
coming at all there is no remedy
left but to prove it so I have
concluded to come next week if
possible if it is clear on Monday
morning and I can any way leave
I will come so you can have the
gun in order and you and I will
go rabbit hunting and when I get
you out in the fields I will give
you a good snow balling I suppose
there will be plenty of snow for
that purpose for we have plenty
of it here I never in my life remember
seeing such a bad February as this
has been we had 4 inches of snow

yesterday in about 2 hours and every
prospect of snow this evening it
is now 4 o'clock I must send
this to the office so that you will
get it this week I will tell you
the rest when I come until then
believe me yours Truly
Hugh McLaughlin

To
Miss Ellen S Kay

P.S.
Give my best respects to all the
folks
H, M, L

the next time that we go
Yours Respectfully
Hugh McLaughlin

To
Miss Ellen S Lays

Brooklyn April 16 1862
Dear Ellen

I have a few minutes
to spare it has just occurred to
me that two years to day I
received a letter from you I remember
it well for it is just two years to
day that I sailed for charleston
and it was a source of great pleasure
to me to have your letter to read
as we were steaming it down the
Bay it was about this time of day
that I left home with your letter
in my hand and by the way I
expected a letter to day when I
went home to dinner but was
disappointed but I suppose you are
busy at something else but to what
I was going to say my letters at
that time were letters of friendship
sprinkled with love but I did not
say so now I am free to admit
that my letters are dictated by

Love which will account for my anxiety to have a letter from you when I in my own mind think that I ought to have one without taking into consideration the inconveniences that you have to contend with to get a letter to me or it may be that you do not think that sufficient time has expired if so maybe you are right when I commenced to write I did not intend to say anything about this I merely ment to refer to the circumstance of my going to charlotten two years ago and recieving a letter from you just befor I started but I will let it go as it is Now for something els

I saw Brother Happer last evening he came to my house he enquired if you had come to the city yet I tolde him that you had not and that I believed that you did not intend to come untill may if you did then

I had a great minde to kiss him in fact I do not know why I did not he was so very kinde he staid about one hour and pressed me very much to call on him he said whenever you came to the city that his house would be open for you in fact no person could say more than he did I never saw him so very clever he made me promise to call on him I then treated him to a Glass of Beer you know he is a member of the church and he went on his way rejoicing that is about all the news since my last please give my best respects to all of your folks cousin Maggie included did you catch any trout on your imagin ary excursion if you did I suppose they were very nice ones for I know if a person catches a fish by imagination it always is very large I am going again to morrow you may go if you wish if not you can go

June 15th
1862

I make no apologies dear Ellen
for bad writing for you will
get used to it

Brooklyn

Sunday Night
12:11

6/15/62

Oh what a day I have passed
Dear Ellen. Tired and excited
I spent part of the day with
my brother and I am truly tired
of the hospital. he is much better.
Since I untill five minutes ago
I have been in Quaffs. Poor
Peter. is not expected to live till
morning they are in great distress.
Your letter or short note I should
term it. was duly received and I
was pleased to hear from you for
all ready you have become very dear
to me. I missed you as if you had
been a long life acquaintance. I need
not tell you my hopes in the future
I hope to be loved as a sister,
Not the big bear Sister in law
Flugly kissed you I am sure.

I hope you will write to Betty
your self and renew you invitation
She sends much love to you
I am sure you left a happy
Impression there Johnnie sends
kind remembrance Hugh of the
2nd - also, Johnnie McLaughlin thinks
I'm an excellent Judge of character
he said many flattering things
Momy is well and sends much
Love to you Anne & baby are
well Mary Lizzie and all the friends
Individually & collectively sends love
to you Fitz Missed you and sends
warmest regards - how much I wish
we could see you every evening it
would make the time fly very
pleasantly. We have had a continuation
of stormy weather rain incessantly
but I am so much at the hospital

I am glad some time that it
does rain the watch tells me it
it is 12 dear Ellen I feel as tho I
must go to bed, or I will be unable
to go to Church in the morning.
~~X XXX~~ when you answer this wish
I hope you will do immediately and
direct Th Concord M you will remember
My name Nancy? Tell ceremony anythg
Else. Poor Mrs Baines has been quite
sick ever since Francis is miserable
She dont forget you in her prayers
She says... I was surprised your
having got up there, I never
heard such a thing. I trust there
wasnt a great deal of damage done
how did your folks like your
dress. Tell I mean & write soon dear
Ellen and believe me devotedly yours
Nancy Fitzgerald. I give you
the whole name lest you forget
it

Monday Morning 10
July 9th
1862

My dear Ellen

after three or four
ineffectual attempts I have
determined to begin and
finish my letter. I assure you
dear Ellen I have been so busy I
have not time for any thing
fits of course I cant regret
simply (he wont let me) My brother
is slowly recovering. I am there
every afternoon. and poor old
Francis she is still in bed going down
slowly. the stoneys have gone
to Spittsburg you remember these
people next door I was so interest^{ed}
Wughy succeeded in getting him
on the Carr he was 2 weeks
employed when he received
a letter from his boather to
come immediately he had a ^{strait}

for him of course he
went immediately I am delighted
it is such a relief to me
oh dear what warm weather it
is on the 4th the 2 Hugh
Kity and myself took an ~~excursion~~
Early ride we started to
the Flatbush Cemetery we bought
graves there and there was a
dispute about them and we went
to look on rather to show Hugh
how it was located we left home
at six stopped at the County
buildings Loring home and
got a beautiful bouquet of roses
and white lilies. Hugh was quite
Lame the other ^{day} he was practicing
Gymnastics and Strained the
sinews in both legs arnica
was brought in aquisition and
soon took the soreness out
but they where very black I expect
the he is such a regular Correspond^{er}
you hear every week from him

Johnnie Harvey has just
stopped in he has been doing
a little buisness in Albany
and Peekskill and arrived ^{this}
Litz is treating me to some
Silver Spoons, Johnnie has called
for me to chase them, they
pretty and good. he says kindest
regards to Ellen he quite wants
you back. Kity is going to Glen Cove
to borrow to work ^{a week} when she comes
back she might go up I heard
her say if there is any thing
Else you want she might be
able to get it for you. I think
I will stop I am very warm
all my folks are well and send
love write soon and believe
me affectionately yours
Litz sends love

Fancy