

paint or varnish. but enough  
of this nonsense Aunt Polly is  
so bad off she cant get up stairs  
I dont believe she will stand it long  
she cant if she has to be where there  
is so much noise it is two bad for her  
to be treated so when she has got enough  
to make her comfortable. ~~all~~ the  
clock has struck ten so I must stop  
writing ~~and~~ for to night. write soon and  
all of the news, give my best respects to  
all who take the pains to enquire after me  
my pen wont mark, in haste Jennie  
to it is so poor

Direct to west Addison in care of  
Daniel Smith  
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West Addison May 21 1860

Cousan Lewis

I received a letter from you  
last Sunday and was quite <sup>exc</sup> surprised  
when I got it. I know that you  
promised to write, but I thought  
perhaps you had forgotten it to I  
am glad you are well and am enjo-  
ying your self so well. <sup>your</sup>  
letter found me well and I at  
work as hard as ever I took Emma  
place, she would not work out unless  
she could stay a year so I thought it  
would not pay for me to stay at  
home, and not work only ~~in~~ five  
months in two years. I expect if not  
thing happens she will begin in  
the fall and work a year. I have not