

will - when I come down we will have a  
gay time - Indeed I will stop when on  
my way home from Hamilton -

I will pass through Blanchester the  
"red" between Christmas & New Year.

I will try and behave myself if its  
a possible thing when I visit you - will  
be prepared - I

I've made up my mind to have a good  
time in this world if any body can - so go  
ahead - I let all the Mrs Grundys say what  
they please - & Chillicothe has about as many  
Mrs G's to battle as any other place of its  
size - Matt M.B. & I make a point of  
being up street once every day - when its a  
possible thing to be out -

No indeed I've not forgotten Emma Adams  
please give her my love in return -

Oh! Kate - won't you have a grand time  
Will said Jennie Willett would visit  
you - Tell your mother I am going  
to be just the best girl ever was -

Can't you be down to the train the  
Wednesday after Christmas (I will start  
on the morning train) Goodbye until  
then or until I hear from you -

Give my love to all and believe me  
to be your non-sensical friend

Stannie -  
Will said Jennie Willett was to visit  
me I'm glad because I will see her -

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My Darling Kate -

Having just bid <sup>the</sup> my  
most worthy, noble, fascinating indulgent  
of all my Brothers good night - I seat  
myself - (perhaps I've have a notion to stand  
up) to scribble a few lines to you - I say  
"scribble" because I cannot write in a  
walk, or trot have to gallop along so of  
course its impossible to write a neat  
letter - And you too say you write  
fast - So therefore be it settled that  
maters in our correspondence is for-  
bidden by mutual consent -

So far so bad now for something  
else - I had some grand ideas to  
write you, but in my haste to unlock  
my desk - I opened my mouth, &  
alas! when I sat down to write -