

P.S.

I wish I could tell  
you my dream I had  
last night - But woke up  
to a disappointment Dear there  
is not hardly a night but  
what I dream of you Dear

Yours - H.

Remond Penna

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1884

Dear Ida

I will pen  
a few lines to you I <sup>received</sup>  
your ever welcome letter I was  
glad to hear from you Oh  
Darling you do not know  
how much pleasure it brings  
me when I get a letter from  
you <sup>and</sup> learn that you well  
<sup>and</sup> in good health Darling  
how sad I would feel to hear  
you was sick I never <sup>could</sup> stay  
in this place a minute I  
would come to you for  
you all the world to me  
<sup>and</sup> if I should lose you



My life would be a dreary  
One for me. it seems as though  
you have me just when you  
want me I Believe, there is some  
Super Natural power a Boat  
you I dont understand.  
I feel like flying to your arms  
My wisper words of love in your  
ears to encourage you I hope  
you will not give up Be  
off good Cher Darling and  
Hope for the future. I had  
my picture taken the other day  
I will send you But dont let  
any one see it it is not good  
so it was so A Smokey you  
take a good look at it and  
then hang it up in the Barn to  
kill Rats it will Be  
worse then the Madison  
Colled rough on Rats I.  
am not a going to leave

town untill next week  
have change my mind I  
got a letter from W. B.  
Christian he is a coming up  
Here for long He wants me  
to go with him if I do  
I dont know where I will  
get to then But Darling  
where ever I am you will  
hear from the same  
I will close for this  
time write as soon as you get  
this I will write soon again  
I would write more but want  
to mail it to day  
Good Bye Darling

I Remain Yours  
as ever

(A kiss)  
(to my love)

Dick





Miss Ida Campbell  
Gardenville  
Bycoming Pa

Pa



Will be all safe will, G.  
has left this place he got upon  
his ear and walk off to left  
he is a bout 6 miles from  
here you need not be a afraid  
of me letting him see your letters

I believe this is all for to  
day this leaves me well & I hope  
it may find you the same

Hooping I may here  
from you good Bye

I Remain yours as ever  
a true friend

H. S. Cole

Be a good girl & you  
will be a true woman

(a kiss  
to you  
Darling)

Roulette Penna

Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1884

Dear Ida

I will pen <sup>you</sup> a few lines all-  
thought it is not my turn to  
write for I have not got any  
answer from my last issue I  
was down town last evening but  
was very much disappointed Oh  
Darling have you gave up <sup>hope</sup> to get  
tired writing to me I it is not  
the case I can not let my  
self believe it that you would  
doe such a thing <sup>and</sup> not give  
any cause of it I will not  
believe it untill I have to  
writing I would rather give



up all than to give up you  
you know I love you most  
Woeably I would lay down my  
life to save you it is so very  
loneliness here I get home sick  
So when I went to the office I  
did not get any letter I felt  
like taken the train for leaving  
this lonely place Darling I hope  
you will write often to me it  
pleases me so very much So then  
I am contented when ever I hear  
from you but then it you wish  
to close our correspondence pleas  
write So tell me I will thank you  
very kindly but I hope you do  
not this is all the pleasure I  
have in this world I am working  
very hard for trying to get some-  
thing a head for the future I am  
working a head for our future  
life Oh Darling I hope you

will not get Discourage  
I'd give up but I cant think your  
tired of my writing I always believe  
you loved me I'd cant think noting else  
I have gave up all to you you  
Share my whole heart Dear So  
I Care for noting else but you  
there is not a minute but what  
I am thinking of you it is my last  
Thought at night So first in the  
morn I had my fortune told by an  
old old lady she said there was  
a man working a gainst me but  
I would come out all wright I  
supper it is Minnie that is working  
a gainst me ore is it has a pay in  
me back for me running him of  
the track I dont know I may come  
home after I get there her it will  
be in august You said you had  
something to tell me but did  
not like to put it on paper it





Miss Ida Campbell  
Lairdville  
Lycoming Co Pa



will not take any offence from  
this if you can enjoy your self  
better with him than anyone else  
do not let me stop you I know  
that I can't be with you if I  
with you all the time, you would  
not care for any one else would you  
Dear, well I will give you  
a Description of this country  
I am a bout 2 miles from town  
but I can see the trains go by  
every night & morning they  
run thru there the farm where  
I board I like the place pretty  
well the girls seem distant  
I have not spoken 1/2 a doz words

Routelle Penna

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

Dear Ida

I will endeavor to answer your  
most kind & welcome letter that  
came to hand last evening. Oh  
Ida you do not know how  
glad I was to hear from you  
it allway brings me the greatest  
of pleasure when ever I hear from  
you it shows that you have  
not forgotten the one that truly  
loves you. You said that it



Seems almost an age since you  
had heard from me you thought  
that I had forgotten you my Dear  
I never will as long as the sun  
shines on my head. did you  
get my last letter I wrote to you  
when I was in Renoval had you  
sent any for you got that one  
I wrote to the P. M. to send  
them on to me. you said I should  
- do not let Will see your letters  
my Darling do not fear I would  
not let him see one for all  
he is worth you spoke of you had  
so much to tell me but did not  
care to put it on paper I would  
very much like to know what  
it is please tell me it will be

as safe as if you had spoken  
to me your self. I hope it will  
not be any thing bad. I think you  
had better let Peter go at present  
he thinks that he will escort you  
home once a while <sup>and</sup> in that  
way he will gain your affection  
<sup>and</sup> draw you a way from me  
I know how the eye is but if  
you enjoy your self with him  
I would be pleased for I always  
love to do any thing that would  
please you I know it is sometimes  
for one to sit in the house I dont  
want you to do that but when  
an a man gets so far gone as  
he is then it is time for one  
to let up on him I hope you



a clown as one of the boys  
is a going to town and I want  
to send it this leaves me with  
no hope this will find you  
the same Hoping to hear  
from you soon

I remain yours as  
ever true & loving <sup>friend</sup>  
Good Bye  
Hawaii

(a kiss  
with my  
hand)

These few lines to you are tendered  
By a friend sincere & true  
Hoping But to be remembered  
When I'm far away from you

to them so you know I don't care  
for them they want to be pretty  
young but I let them know I  
don't care for them well is trying  
to catch on them but don't know  
weather he will make it or not  
the girls seems to be all together  
<sup>different</sup> here than in our country they  
won't catch on a stranger like  
they do down there I have not  
met any one since I came in  
this place it is offely serious  
in here I was down town last  
night I got your letter it  
is very cold up here least



Friday it snowed all day  
the snow was a foot 6 inches  
it looked like winter you  
bet. I think I will stay here  
all summer I am getting pretty  
good wages I get twelve dollars  
a week <sup>and</sup> if I stay I can make  
a good stake I dont know when  
I will get home but dont  
get discourage I will come after  
while I wish you was up here  
with me this summer if you  
could get a way from them  
I would send you money to  
come up here with me to stay  
this summer if will was not  
with me I would have you  
come would you come if you

wanted to we would get conf  
- led up this is a good place  
to work the wages is good but  
it is very cold country I am  
New York State only 6 miles  
from the line. Dear if any one  
ask you where I am tell them  
you know nothing a <sup>but</sup> ~~but~~ me  
you ask why they called me Harry  
when I came they ask what my  
name was I told them H.L. ~~to~~  
will says Harry and so I go by  
that name you write it H.L.C  
and I will get it they called  
me Harry in Reno when I was  
there wanted to know what it was  
I told them Harry for short  
well Dear I will come to



Darling don't get discourage  
 I will be true to you <sup>and</sup> now  
 you try <sup>and</sup> enjoy your self  
 as well as you can <sup>and</sup> when  
 I get the money I will come  
 after you I know it is a long  
 time to wait but if you want  
 to sooner I will come a bout  
 fair time that is no oct  
<sup>and</sup> then I can come back  
 up a gain that is if Ado  
 is all wright pleas let me  
 know what you think a bout  
 it in your next I can Rais  
 a hundred Dollars untill <sup>August</sup>

Roulette Penma

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Sunday

Dear Ida

I was down town <sup>and</sup> got your  
 letter oh you doe not know  
 How glad I was to hear from  
 you I be gan to think I was  
 never a going to hear from  
 you a gain. it brought me  
 great pleasure it showed  
 you had not forgaiwen me  
 I suppose you got my last  
 letter I wrote to you Darling



I hope you will excuse me  
for writing as I did I was at  
the office & did not get  
any letter I got the blues  
so I did not know what  
to do but Dear I will never  
doubt your love & gain I know  
you love <sup>me</sup> but then when a person  
gets the blues you know there  
is a many thoughts go thru  
a mans head

This is a Butiful day I wish  
you was here to take a walk  
with me oh how Happy I  
would be. it is you say  
there is no use of us being  
so far a part I wish I was  
with you allways I shall

never be so Happy as I will  
when I can put my arms around  
you & know that no one can  
take you from me. You wanted  
to know if I had come to any  
Conclusion I can hardly tell  
you now as I am in a little  
trouble now they say Ada  
Belless is in a fix & if  
that is the case I cant tell  
when I can come home if  
I stay a way it will be  
all wright you know I was  
with her last fall if she  
goes over July I am all  
wright then that lets me off.  
I would like to raise \$3.00  
before I come for you but



Me tell them I have gone to  
 York State the last you  
 heard from me I haven't  
 written home since I came here  
 I wrote to Ma when I was in  
 Reno and told them I was  
 a going to leave

I Reced the Braid all safe  
 and hardly know how to thank  
 you for it but Dear I will  
 return the Compliments

this leaves me well Hoping  
 your enjoying the same blessing  
 from your ever true friend  
 write soon Good W.S.P.  
 Bye

(wrote  
 to my  
 darling)

I am getting good wages  
 but it is very dangerous work  
 I came very near getting kill  
 ed the other day I tree fell  
 with in a few feet off me  
 I just escaped

But Darling dont fear I  
 will try to be carefull and not  
 get hurt. Wm. G. has left  
 this place and I am a looking  
 after the job over seeing  
 it for the man and I guess  
 I cant come down there  
 on the fourth I would like  
 to very much if I could



6  
I would love to be with  
you, as it is I will have to  
spend it in the woods, one  
with the girls they seem to  
be very afraid of the boys you  
know I would not hurt them  
I don't have anything to do  
with them I let them know  
I don't care for them <sup>and</sup> I  
guess they have tumbled to  
the racket. one of them said  
Harry you seem as though  
you was a fraud off a woman  
I told her I didn't care  
for the best one in the  
state she said I was  
the first man she ever  
saw that didn't like a

W. W. W.

7  
well hear if you want to  
talk with Peter it will be  
all right with me you  
talk to any one you want to  
it will please me to know  
you can enjoy your self with  
them if you can torment  
the girls do so just show  
them what you can do  
I was glad to learn to hear  
that you made a mark on  
the farmers son.  
If you go over to Sanders  
don't tell them where I am  
you go down <sup>and</sup> see Winnie  
<sup>and</sup> Rosa <sup>and</sup> let me know  
how they are a getting on  
long if they ask a foot



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ROULETTE,  
JUN.  
16  
1884  
PA.



Miss Iba Campbell  
Lancasterville

Lycorning

Penna



To go over to Loudon with a mother  
fellow I dont care where you  
go as I am not there <sup>and</sup> I  
cant take you ~~any~~ anywhere  
I dont want you to sit at  
Home <sup>to</sup> not go any I am all  
ways pleased when ever I know  
your enjoying your self but  
I am having a hard time of  
it this summer it is nothing  
but hard work there is nothing  
going on a round here that  
we men can have any time.  
You ask where I was going  
to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> I expect

Wentworth, N.H.

June 25 1882

Dear Ma

This afternoon  
I will endeavor to answer your  
welcome letter came to hand  
last evening was glad to hear  
from you was sorry you was disap-  
pointed in not getting my letter  
I cant get them to the office  
when I get them written I am  
2 miles from the office <sup>to</sup> I only  
go once a week (Saturday nights)



if I was belated to the office  
I would write afterner than I do  
I would love to write ever day  
if I could only mail them  
it is very lonesome here for  
me I do dread Sunday to come  
I would wather work then  
sit a round the girls is so  
frigid off them Sevels the old  
folks watches them I dont  
have any thing to say to them  
the girls out here is not like  
our girls is down there they  
are all Irish girls you know  
I dont care for them ~~at~~ W.  
try to mash on them but  
cant ~~make~~ make it I have  
not saw him for a long time

you ask if he wrote to his  
lady he wrote 2 letters but  
did not get any answer from  
her. now I da I will tell  
you something I dont want you  
to say any thing about it  
I promised never to tell any one  
but I know you never say a  
word if I ask you. Jane Davis  
is in the same box that ada. W.  
is. will wrote to me ~~for~~ said off. W.  
told him ~~for~~ John Pirtow is the  
boy he lives down this side of the  
School house where Brady got  
slapt on the mouth last winter  
Kella. W. has a boy I think  
they are shoving things pretty  
strong. I da if you want



In work in the woods I don't care  
to go any where there is a game  
to have a good time up country put  
a big Ball at night if I go  
it will cost me ten or fifteen Dollars  
So I think I had better work I  
want to save all the money I  
can for the future if I have  
no bad luck I will have \$100  
by the first of August <sup>my</sup> more  
when ever you think you would  
like to get married let me know  
<sup>my</sup> then I will come down I  
don't like to let the time I  
think you had better let it



For then it will suit me if I  
was there I could talk to you  
and explain things to you you  
make a bout. Ady she is  
at home Mrs Rosa dont  
know any thing a bout it she  
said nothing a bout it. if you  
want to tell it is played out  
be twice in I dont care for  
my part it will be all  
wright with me I hope I  
you have a nice fellow  
and if you go over there  
you will enjoy your self  
and the wife I am a going  
to Buffalo in august if  
nothing I want to go on  
to Michigan. and see my

Brother it wont cost much  
from Buffalo I will be back  
in Sept and then I may come  
Home I want to look up a  
place to settle down in life  
and stop this running a  
# round a mong Strangers  
last night when I came  
out of the woods I saw a  
splendid Deer standing  
in the field it has bin  
seen of ten in these woods  
is plenty up here  
this is all I believe I send  
my love to Annie and Alice  
I Remain yours as ever  
H. S. Wood  
write soon  
Good Bye



ROULETTE  
JUN.  
30  
1884  
PA.



Miss Ida Campbell  
Lancaster  
Penn



but I can not, just suit your self and  
it will suit me but would like to know  
when for I have quite a bit of sewing to  
do, but I am in no hurry I am sure I  
would be happier to be sure but dont hurry  
your self for me, it is not my self I care  
for but to think you out there all alone  
among strangers no one to care for you  
Oh every night I lay and think if only  
I knew you were well and what you was  
doing then I would be satisfied take  
good care of your self and dont get hurt in  
the woods I think this is all fore this time

I remain your Loving & True  
Friend until death

Alvonia

Good bye write soon

(a kiss  
to you darling)

Davidville Penna

June-25-1884

Dearest Corrie

With pleasure I endeavor  
to pen you a few lines in answer  
to your ever welcome letter. I was offely  
~~so~~ disappointed on Sunday I walked  
down <sup>home</sup> thinking I would get your letter  
and then there was none there, I got it  
this morning, also a letter from Nellie  
she wants me to come over there to spend  
the fourth but I am not going think  
I will enjoy myself better home the  
Band is going to have a festival here  
this afternoon and evening I  
wrote to Alice to come over and have  
Hinnie come along, you said if I  
went over I should go down and see



Rosa + Minnie you dont want me to see  
you Ma. Pa or dont you think they would  
want to see me, would you like to have  
them think it was broken up between  
us if you do I can soon have them  
think so. When Louderas were over they asked  
about you but did not ask where you was  
and I did not tell them so I am sure  
they did not find out there dont you  
write to his lady or isent he near  
you now. I am so sorry it is so lonesome  
there how I wish I could be with you  
I am certainly enjoying my self but  
I would enjoy being with you far more  
when I am out I make it as pleasant  
for others as I can think they shall have  
good company if I dont. Well I was to  
that festival a Saturday evening and had  
a nice time Saw Dinigan there he was  
in good spirits. I have been feeling quite  
bad this week am going home next week  
and stay till after the 4th, to do some

sewing. have you answered Rosa letter yet  
or dont you intend to, where is Ada now  
stopping did Rosa say any thing about her  
if I go over I will try and find out about  
her I would of went before this but thought  
you would not want me to go over there  
with another fellow now if you dont want  
me to I certainly shall not. Ben Lauback  
was down last week made a short stay  
there was a lady friend to see us from  
down home her name is Mellie Colomer  
she is teaching school in Hughesville  
is the girls whom you board so indifferent  
get dont they have any fellows, couldent  
Will mark on them why dont you or  
dont you like them where will you  
spend your fourth. the Benton band  
is coming to Kenityville I heard that  
will bring lots of the Benton people  
there, of all the places I would rather be  
with you Dear them I know I would enjoy  
my self you said I should set the time





Mr. H. S. Cole  
Roulette

Potter County Pa



I ask when I was he said I  
 should look a little out for  
 these was served ask if I had  
 to run off for her that she was  
 fixed I heard something about  
 it when I was at home but I  
 could not believe it. I got a  
 letter from home last week they  
 want me to come Rosa says Hello  
 I want to go with Alice but  
 can't make it tell Alice if she  
 lets him go with her that is  
 all I want to know about her  
 Rosa said that the widow ask  
 after a boat me and if I was

at home she  
 is a coming out  
 to our place  
 this summer  
 on a visit from  
 if I was at  
 I think they  
 want would  
 be more pleasant  
 for her  
 if you want  
 if will get  
 cuts at the  
 me he left  
 on his own  
 accord  
 I will cheer  
 helping to do  
 I want you to  
 Good Bye  
 (a kiss)  
 Jean

Penelope Penn  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884

My Dearest Ida

This pleasant after-  
 noon I will try to answer your  
 kind & welcome letter I rec'd last  
 evening the reading affords me  
 great pleasure Oh how glad I  
 was to hear from you. it is very  
 warm to day I hurt so I can hardly  
 write I get so lonesome I hardly  
 know what to do with my self  
 there is lots of young folks a  
 round but it does not satisfy  
 my mind it is longing to be



with the one I dearly love I think  
when we are united we will be happy  
the more I think of it the more I want  
to come when you are I am a longing  
for the day to come you please let  
the time when you want to get  
married for it will suit me any  
time after July I will come down  
then for we can slip off for no one  
will know any thing about it you  
ask if my folks was opposed to  
my going with you no dear they  
always spoke very high of your  
mother always thought you was  
all right now darling dont think  
I am trying to flatter you what  
ever I say you may rely on if  
there was any such it would

make no difference to me your  
my chris for I am a going to  
make you my companion for  
life oh darling be true to me  
for you will reap your reward  
you ask a boat add I can say  
with a true heart it does not  
be long to me but you know  
I was with her for she has a  
hold on me but if I stay a  
way she will put it on some  
one else if it was mine I would  
help her out of it but I was  
very careful with her I am  
sure it does not belong to me  
please do not say any thing  
about it to any one will write  
to me for said Iud write to him





Mrs M. C. Compton  
Birdsville

Penn

Lycoming Co