

Buffie Dec 11th/₄

My dear nephew,

I was just on the
eve of writing you yesterday, when news
came, that you were to transfer your
quarters to Macon. I was so sorry,
& disappointed too, that you could
not stay over Sunday. I was very anxious
indeed you should take dinner
with me, as I had a "Turkey, & Minnie
pies", I had other company also, &
was desirous that you should meet
them, Bill Roberts's father & uncle,
Mrs Palmer & Co. I wonder I have
given a pretty if you could have
stayed over until to-might - at least

I think somebody would have been
very agreeably surprized if you had
made your appearance. "Cut your
acquaintance" indeed; I, d like to
see any body do it; much less Co.
You need not make yourself
at all uneasy about her; she is
all right. She was very much sur-
prized, when I told her to-day,
that you were going to Macon; and
she had a letter almost finished to
write you.

Eugene I did, not exactly like
the tone of your letter, in regard
to the profession of law, I cannot
give up my pre-views, you being
a Lawyer. I know that you have
the ability; and all that is lacking
on your part is the will. I don't
think being a Lawyer would inter-
fere with your domestic happiness
at all; on the other hand it might
possibly enhance it. I hope the sit-

about you now, occupy will give
you more time, that you can do
your own, and you can ~~ask~~ ^{ask} about
^{and} see which will be the best course
to pursue. Bob says, you are
nearly crazy to be as near Clinton
as possible, so as to have the oppor-
tunity of seeing Miss Hardensons
occasionally; is it so?

I received, about a week or ten days
ago, your first letter written and
~~when you was in New York~~
was returned, by the Post office
department at Nashville. I think
it was so funny, that Co's letter
sent at the same time, through
Dr Buchanan, should have reached
here, in one month from date,
while mine was four months in
reaching me. Can you account for it?
You told me in that letter all
about your feeling & intentions,
towards Co, ~~and~~ so now I know

just - exactly how you stand, to
each other, or can guess very nearly
so, I know enough to believe that,
each ~~think~~ ^{know} more of the other than
they do of any one else, although
you both play a difference, more so
well when in each other's society. It
is the nature of persons to appear
very indifferent to the object of their
dearest affection, for fear their feel-
ings may be discovered. I think you
& Co belong to that class emphatically.

Let your family know anything
about your affair with Co, because
it would place her in an awkward
position, to put that they knew
anything about it. I presume she
will give you satisfactory reasons
for not answering your letter soon-
er. I want you to come up Christ-
mas if a possible thing. Let me
know about it; bring your Mas-
a present when you come. Good night -
Your affec - ardent friend,