

Odum Ridge, Tenn.  
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Miss Inez Martin,  
Free Hill, Tenn.

Dear Miss Inez,

Your letter arrived  
all O. K. and it was  
more than appreciated,  
and I will say, am very  
sorry to hear of your  
illness.

I'll bet you was extraordin-  
ary good looking.

but I hope by this time

∴ you are looking alright,  
and that your color has  
been restored.

Miss Inez  
you will have to explain  
more fully about the  
late Dr. Hall calling it  
P. M. if you mean for  
me to understand,  
as I'm a little dull on  
that anyhow.

Well I guess you had a  
nice time at the association  
and also, the commencement.  
But you missed a right  
smart by not being at  
Rock Springs. I would of have  
been glad to have seen  
you there. for I have

Many things to tell you  
guess you got good news  
from Bristol in your  
last letter.

Did he say any thing  
about Country Cousins?

Miss Inez  
you said the Dr. had gone  
and the fever had run  
very low, and that you  
had a rapid <sup>time</sup>. But I  
doubt-reckon you will do  
all the Drs. that way,  
will you? as long as you  
can comply with their  
requests and desires.

but-ofcourse I will  
say Miss Inez.

if I keep company with

a young lady, it <sup>is my</sup> is  
my disposition and grit  
to be first. when I'm  
about. or not at all.

Although, when I'm not  
there, they are at liberty  
to go with <sup>whom</sup> they please,  
for I don't go with any  
body but what would  
please to go with the best  
if I know it.

and I would ask the  
same in return.

But pardon, and believe me  
Miss Juez. There ~~is~~ no  
one I care to go with  
except you. Miss Juez  
please don't think  
I'm trying to flatter you.

for you know it's not  
my disposition.

I just merely write as  
I feel, for I certainly  
abhor such stuff as you  
might call it.

and on the other hand  
I feel that I'm writing  
to a young lady, that's  
far above the like.

Miss Inez

I put confidence in any  
thing you would tell me.

and I try to live in a way  
that would cause other  
people to believe and trust  
me.

Miss Inez

you have seen that my regards

for you has been greater  
than I could conceal.

also the attention shown  
you (by me) was more than  
ordinarily politeness.

Of course Miss Inez  
we are but school children  
as yet but I write  
you this so you may  
understand me.

I would like so much  
to see you and have  
a long talk with you

I enjoyed my self so  
well at your home  
although I was a little  
ashamed for staying  
so long. but I enjoyed  
my self so well

and the kindness  
shown me by you and  
the family, is certainly  
appreciated, by me.

So kind words and a  
pleasant voice, are things  
easy to give. Then we should  
be liberal with them.  
For sometimes they spring  
up a flower, that ever  
appears to us blooming.

Will Miss Inez

as I have already got  
off the subject, I'll try  
to give you the latest.  
I heard from Mrs. Stetson  
yesterday. She had  
many things to tell  
me. Had a lot to say  
about the telephone business

guess Prof. told her about  
us talking, for I told him  
about it. She said she  
advised you to put a  
phone in your room.  
also, I would have business  
over at Dr. Homes right off  
and she said you was  
going to the convention  
and advised me to be  
careful and not have a  
collision with Mr. Jor.

She is certainly a liar,  
isnt she? Well, I had better  
bring my remarks to a close.  
I'm sure I've already worried  
your patience, so hoping  
to hear from you right  
soon, I am as ever your  
true friend.

Walter