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Miss Inez M. Martin,
Fountain City,
Free Hill, Tennessee.

Eden's Ridge, Tenn.
June 22, 1899

Miss Inez Martin,
Fountain City, Tenn.

Dear Miss Inez:-

If I thought you
would appreciate this letter,
or even take time to read
it, I might write you a very
long letter.

I know I owe you
an apology; or would
you except one from me?
There is this about it,
do we know who to
listen to? No, No.

Miss Juez, did you
know there was some
~~the~~ people in the world
that didn't want us to
correspond?

I couldn't begin to tell
nor would I ever try.
But I will say, while
at school, I heard things
that I know is not-
true.

It was told by one young
man over there, that
you went square back
on me, etc.

I was perfectly disgusted,
to think people would
be so deeply interested
in our business.

I just thought - you
didn't want to hear
from me.

But still, that's not all,
I did wrong in not
writing you about it.
Miss Tuez, just let me
say, I hardly feel worthy
of so good, so noble and so
true a girl, ^{as you are} as a special
friend.

This is not flattery. I
feel, ~~what~~ and mean
every word I say.

And I will ask you, will
you be as a friend still?

Will you not hate me?

Though I will not ask
you to write to me

any longer, for fear it-
would be worrisome to
you. But may I feel as
a welcome friend when
we may meet.

May God help you not to
misunderstand me, and believe
every word I have written,
and that I still remain as
true a friend as ever to you.

Please write me a letter real
soon and tell me every thing
I guess you have heard things
as well as myself.

May God bless you in all
your work, I am as ever

Halter (D.M.) to Susa

P.S. Miss Juez, please
answer this next-week
if possible,

It would trouble me
so much to think
you are mad at me,
and wout-for give me.
Dout do as I have.

With great success to
you. Good bye

David Mason.

Again, I could write more,
but I fear you wout-
appreciate this.