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“Strawberry”

July 1899

My dearest Lydia,

Variety, am, de berry spice of life, hence a temporary change in stationary.

You were a real “darling” to write me such a nice letter Sun-day when, as you said, it was so warm.

Your letter, if I may be pardoned for using Miss D –’s quotation, was “perfectly stunning.”

I hope you may often grant me such exquisite pleasures.

The late lamented Miss Olive B. Spohr [Spohr?] seems quite anxious that everyone should know she is about to become the better half of a Chestnut.

So the charming Mrs. Grace Mason ‘as joined her fate with that of the fortunate Eugene Bruce.

Ah, poor me! My chances if ever had any, are fast slipping by.

As for you and old maidenhood you can say it is your fault for allowing that poor falorn [sic] fellow to plead so earnestly tho all unheeded as your feet? and then you know the modern Long-fellow who once wrote from Davis Creek is still – well waiting for a week bit of encouragement.

Canst thou stand ye josh?

Say if it were possible be-lieve I smelled that ice cream Sunday. At any rate I thought of the ice cream I could not eat.

I had quite a jolly ride last Sunday evening and a pleasant evening at one of the neighbors near by.

The thoughts of a pleasant ride makes me long for happy days gone by but it brings bright hopes for the future.