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[letter from Henrietta Bruce Green to Mary Bruce, 1877]

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My dear Ma,

From Pa's telegraph - received this morning - I judge Polly has not received my last letter, or Pa Richard's written him about two weeks ago - I dont [don't] expect Richard home before next Monday a week from today, I would have answered your sweet letter - but I have been so busy cleaning house - through the day and so tired when night comes. was too glad to go right to bed. Well I aint [ain't] half through. yet we are having the cealings [ceilings] whitened - and papering done, and the men are so slow - keeps us back, they new [knew] to come to day [today] sune [?] and disappointed me. again.

Aunt Ellen is staying, with me

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Cousin Ell having gone to Pan's tomake [to make] a visit =

What is Bro [Brother] Linden going to do with the Hotel. and what did Mr Alexander say when Pa went down to see him, I would love so much to know; -

What has become of Mr Sheedy has he and Lillie quit for good and for ever [forever] now. - I hope she is quite well again.

Now Ma I will be so disappointed if you and Pa dont [don't] come on and make me a visit, I have told every body [everybody] you was coming.. and you know that was the understanding when I left home.

I havnt [haven't] got one bit of news. to write you Ma - every thing [everything] is about as usual here. Did I ever tell you I had a nice visit from Mrs McGill she asked so many question about

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you all Granted to know if you was as pretty as ever.

May is the worst child you ever saw. I whiped [whipped] her hand the other day she ~~wanted to~~
~~know~~ said mama I am going to tell my GrandMa on you, you had girl. - Hug and kiss Pa for me with
much love to each and all I remain My dear Ma -

Your child Retta [Henrietta]

Do write me very soon. Aunt Ellen sends her love.

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I hadnt [hadn't] mailed my letter so I opened it to tell you. I have just received Pa Telegraph telling
me to meet Lillie tonight. So you may know how happy I am. I will get Cousin Henry to go over with
me to meet her. I have promised to spend today at Aunt Luca's. but I don't [don't] feel now one bit
like going. I had a telegraph from Richard last night saying he was having a fine time. but not one
word about coming home,

Now Ma write us whenever you can I am always your loving

Retta [Henrietta] Bruce

"Green".