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[letter of Henrietta Bruce to her cousin Tom Morgan]

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Dear Cousin Tom--

“Pa’s boy” is frequently called upon to acknowledge his letters-- as happens to be the case this morning. Many thanks dear Cousin for your kind favor just received-- begging Pa’s permission for Nannie to make you a visit on her return from St Louis [Missouri]. He says he could not give his consent to such a request coming from any one else-- but being as how “it is you Tom, he cannot refuse your kind and urgent invitation for Nan to make you this visit, provided you dont [don't] keep her too long: for we are so impatient to see her at home. It really seems an age since she left us.

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We are now sad and lonely since Sister Nan has gone But I know that she’ll enjoy herself as she anticipated much fun While visiting among our dear old friends, who live in Covington [Kentucky] Hoping your family all are well, yourself included too, And now my dear old cousin Tom, I bid you a fond adieu, With love to Uncle, Aunt, and each enquiring friend--

I must bring this letter to an end,

Now when you break this Envelope loose
You then will know it’s from Retta [Henrietta] Bruce,