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[letter on Merchant's Hotel stationary [logo missing] from Mary Bruce to Nannie Bruce Alexander – 1872]

Cincinnati, [Ohio] June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1872 [June 24, 1872]

My darling Nannie,

I'm very tired and slugry [?] – yet – I can not go to bed, without writing you a few lines to tell you that your sister Retta [Henrietta] married last evening at half past seven – and left in an hour afterwards for Niagara, Putin Bay, Saratoga, and I don't know where else said ~~she would~~ they would travel 'till they got tired and return to Cinti. [Cincinnati]

It was a nice quiet little wedding and every thing past off pleastly – [pleasantly] I never saw her look half as pretty in my life. She was married [text missing] drefs [dress] a drab summer [text missing] with a hat to make [text missing] June which was beautiful and very becoming and Dick was the proudest man I ever saw – he seems to worship her. Lillie and Jule Stockwel [Stockwell] were her brides maid – they were both drefsed [dressed] alike while with arms ~~and~~ week low bare arms trimmings [trimmings] all blue John Pearce, walked in with Lillie and Mr Sarbane with Jule. Mr Sabrea is picks partner he sent Retta [Henrietta] an elegant present, Mrs Green was sick and couldn't attend she sent her a beautiful set of pink Carneca [sic], Mrs Pinkerd gave her a handsome set of vases – so did Jule Stockwell Henry C gave her a clock worth about \$75 but Dick's present wer [were] the handsomest of all, a beautiful double gold chain with a elegant locket attached. she was prouder of that than all of her her presents.

I regret so much that you and Pauline were not here, and so did Retta said she was really mad at Linden for not bringing her over, and that you had always been like a twin sister to her never having been separated 'till you were married and it was too bad that you could not be with her in such an important occasion I fixed the room up very pretty every one ad mired [admired] it so much. Covered the carpet with sheeting after I had the furnature [furniture] all taken out of the room as her presents were all useful as well as ornamental we used them in the occasion the vases, were filled with beautiful flowers and bouquet, ~~which~~ scatterd [scattered] all about the room made it look very sweet and pretty beautiful [like a little flower garden] When the gas was lighted Retta {Henrietta} wrote you as soon as she decided on the

day telling you all about it. When I left you dear I thought I would try and persuade her [letter ends]