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A few days away

Houston Tex
May. 26. 1865

Miss Esther Pennington
My Heard Girl friend

I will take pleasure in answering your kind and highly Appriciated letter which came to hand a few days ago.
I was so proud to recive your letter I hard red it over and over 3 or 4 times and Oh I cant hardly write but I want to tell you so bad I get to studing about you and I feel like traveling on.

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B for bet mine

Esther you dont Kno how I do miss hearing with you all I am comming back to see you all some day soon you said. you guessed I had forgotten you all Oh that is a mistake I havent and never will how can I forget you all for you are so dear to me I can never forget you Remember what I always told you.

Oyea be shure and send me one of your Pictures

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Dear Bow

Dear you kno how bad I
wanted one of them before I
left and you dident think
enough of me to give
me one and and I dont expect
you think as much of
me now as I hope you
do.
you spoke of some body
telling you something
I said now ib it was
not to bad bor them to
tell you it looks like
you could tell me now
tell me if you belive

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it or not and if you do why I will try to make them prove that I did say it if it was any of their affairs why it looks like you ort to no that they are trying to make you mad with me. you said it was not Sam that told you I dont guess it was for I dont see where he has got any right to. unless he just wantes to make you hate me

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Ebon Darling Esther

tell me wha it was
told you any way if
you wont tell me any
thing else.
I have not gat any thing
against none of the Owrights
they all treated me all
right I cant have any
thing against them for
I have not gat any cause
to. but Mr Owright he
treated me a little bad
but that is all right
now.
well Dear Girl if you just

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F for Fred

Knew what I da wuhy you would not believe it for I kno I dident say any thing against you! I always did have a little hopes of you and I being the same as a one. ha. ha. I hope that will be the truth some day. soon or late. well I guess you and Som will read this and laugh I guess you are his intended arnt you. if you are so why it is none of my buisness is it. Oh say

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I bor Good Girl.

Esther what about that wedding you told me to come back to is that you and Sam or wha is it bishud and tell me wha it is in your next letter.

Oh how I wish I was thir to go with you to Singing so Mr Edd could come back with you. ha. ha.

Say Darling would you da me that way now if I was back ther

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H. bor. Hello. Howdy.

now I am coming
back soon I shud hope
you are injoying life
now so when I go back
I can hand send bun with you
I am as mean as ever
and you kna how mean
I was when I was their.
I hant not forgotten the last
time I was with you
and Miss Mattie I shud
wish I was their to go
with you all again I shud
like to go with Girls when
they want me to go with

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I bor Isek

them as bad as you all did that Sunday. I shure did injoy my self that evening I hope we will have some more good old times soon I be I knew you loved me any at all why I would see you sooner than I will. but I guess. I will never kna it if you do love me.

O yes Girl I am going to a Picnic Tuesday the. 30th. and I shure do wish you was here ta go

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I for John

I kno I would injoy myself much better unless you would bring Mr Edd and then I kno I would not get to se you hardly but all the same I wish you was here. I guess it would be mighty hard for you to leave F. W. and Sam. Say which one of them are going with you now I shure did have something to tell you the night I left but it was so I couldent

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K for Kick

I will tell you when I see you again and I hope that wont be more than 2 or 3 months.

well Dear Girl I guess I had better come to a close as it is getting late

I am having a hard time now I havent worked now in 2 weeks but I guess I will go to work monday and go to the Picnic Tuesday. Edgar and my Self are going to take a couple of Girls out this

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Love for Love

I will tell you about our nice time in next letter Be shure and tell my Girls Hella for me I am going to supriz some of them with a letter the first thing they no.
well I will close for this time as I want to answer Granges letter tell all of the People Hella for me and Give my Love to all and be shure and Keep your Love for your self. tell Sam Hella

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M. for you are Mine

Remember Me Dear Esther
Remember Me both day & night
Remember Me Dear Esther
and dont forget to Writt

bye bye for this time
answer soon and a long
loving letter.

I remain as ever,

Your Loving Friend

Lu Couch