

Sandusky, Ohio  
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Dear Nell and Joe:-

That was a surprise when we heard you were to be married and so soon. You should of given us a little hint and prepared us for the event. But then we see so little of each other in the summer when you are here on vacation. And hope that you can come and see us again. And how do you like Springfield? and Nell I suppose it keeps you busy looking for the new places to market (Yes? No!) And how do you like housekeeping? And how is the knitting coming along

Martha says you were knitting such a pretty sweater. I hope you have better luck than I. Mary had a knitted skirt and I ripped it and reknitted it and now it is only half done. So will have to get busy. Martha finished her red mitts but they are large enough for her father (ha ha! I don't have much time to knit, (mostly cook.) First breakfast then 7:30 I take Leo. Ida & Helen in to school. Martha is home (no job yet) she says "will I celebrate when I am 18" because they won't hire here until you are 18. Our morning is short then after dinner dishes are done ~~our~~ our afternoons are cut up because I have to be in by 3:00

Last week Uncle Roy had to go to school in Toledo all week. Then grandma had a cold and stubborn didn't want a doctor but finally gave in and now she is still in bed

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Dr. says she has bronchitis.  
Walter Williams is still with grandma  
Walter says she sleeps all the time  
but seems better but has no appetite.  
Yesterday Martha and I went  
shopping and we are sending  
you a gift. And if you have  
one please do not be afraid to  
say so because you can exchange  
it for what you want.

My family join in wishing you  
joy, health and happiness.  
and do let us hear from  
you soon I remain  
your cousin  
Maie.

Every day it is "Piegs" showed  
Martha such a fine time in C. and we  
talk it over. And what a wonderful mother  
and father and family. Our Ideal.  
M.