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My dear Cousin Mattie-

What in the world is the trouble-days and weeks have I been expecting a letter from you and yet none has arrived-pray tell me what excuse can you render for such neglect. have you concluded to face on me-stop visiting and suffer the correspondence to go by the board. I have a mind to write you a long-pathetic and imploring letter- but then that would please you too well as for scolding-I am in no particular humor for that. No news here- am still well- have had no word from Minnie yet.

Your Cousin,
WM McKinney