

[Letter from Nellie Wescott to her brother Arno Knight possibly in regard to their sister Emma, but needs more research]

Camden Maine

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Dear Brother

No doubt you are wondering why I do not reply to your letter Was very glad to know you really was gaining and hope to hear of even greater gain after so much lapse of time

Well I have been off my base again had Flue I guess came near pneumonia and four weeks before I could speak aloud and took my strength so take's us so long to get back our strength again now you see, then my nerves got best of me again and I can't stand much like confusion or crosses now and there is as you know eternally something to harass any one, Well I don't know what to say Billys wife wrote me a mess and Mabel rung up and gave me another dose no wonder I fell sick its worried me but Mabel Cutting in and going up there helped Billy out Emma wrote for Em to come back when here and if Bill would stop fuming and Mabel & others they would get along all right I think But as you say I dont approve of her going there any more than I did Cy's but you know how she is and seems to think she can go any where she chooses and stay as long as she likes you know I had her a whole year and made it hard for me every way I made best of it but I have done charity work so long with poor returns I am nearly down and out I am willing to do my part but truly I am not able to have Emma for nothing and the fret of her kills me, but I make all allowance for everyone possible and if I had a room down stairs for bed but I haven't we told her she could come down next summer or spring. I suppose I could take her if I had some help some one has got to and I know no place for her on the Hill at Ave's

Matt is after her money all time and I dont know but Bill has got it all by now she would not tell me much all I know is what Billy says and am not sure how much is true and so on

Emma no need to be so cranky with me or you about telling when really we are only ones that are sincere in helping her I wish there was an Old Ladies Home here to get her in then I could go see her and she would get along better but they have never started it yet I may want to go there yet I am awful lame I would gladly and willingly look after her interest and money if she would let me I got her quite

comfortable for winter with what I helped her and \$10.00 she had with her, she didn't see how I got so much I sent her some stockings Christmas & box of Candy she could not get any where now isn't this some winter, Well its quite a proposition to know what to do with her or for her Laura would no do for nothing a year as I did and not even a word from Chester to inquire for her while here

Lot of people dying here in town Dr's think it Flue now

Well Brother what would you like to have me do write a proposition and see what I can solve out of it I pity her much as any one ever did, but no one thinks I need pity, I am not able to take care of one sick. Very sick now and Will is all I have to take care of me when sick goes to work and fastens me in a bed but I shant die "till" my time comes I suppose we got to do something and enforce our rules and plans wether suits her or not. She dont seem to realize she is dependent and she will give what money she has away if any left if we dont get after her affairs see what you think and find out if she has any left get her Bank Book and look at it, that's only way to know but if we dont she wont have a cent left I could not seem to find out by her how much she had left no business to her you know as well as I this is no nearer a solution of the job but write me soon and say what you feel to, my head don't feel real clear yet but better

Love

Nellie

I near forgot I had not acknowledged the nice present of butter sent us Christmas

We thank you so much for it as I fell sick please pardon everything

Sister Nell