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I am sending you a picture and notice of Kate Montgomery's wedding, I know you will be interested.

I also saw in the Advocate that Bud Francis is to be married to Maxine Shur. She used to live in Newark, but has lived in Cincinnati for 6 years, and they are to be married there Sept. 9. He is now located in Tenn.

It was so nice that he happened to be in Newark at the time of Jeannette's wedding, then saw you later and could tell you all about everything. I expect you miss seeing him now.

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I hope you had a fine time and a good rest on your belated honey moon in July, and that you will be able to get to the Bay you spoke of for a rest and change on Sundays.

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I will sign my name "Ninnie" as usual, but hope you will tell Philinda how I got that name, and that I'm not really a "ninnie".

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