

September 17th 1842.

My dear Cousin Tom,

It is only a few days since I received your beautiful present, as we were out of town when it arrived. "Harry" was delighted with the little purse which you sent to her; but it was a long time before we could find out the way to open it till Johnny said that he was sure it would open, and so after examining it for a short time, he pulled the strings apart, and showed us that what he had said was true. My card case is so curiously wrought that at ~~first~~^{first} I thought it was done with silk instead of porcupine quills. It is a great curiosity and I shall take great care of it. I now go to Mr.^s Frowden's school from nine in the morning till twelve at noon and from two in the afternoon till five o'clock in the evening; there are thirteen girls there as it is only a new begun school and I like most of them very much, it makes it a great deal more agreeable to have companions, than being taught at home although we have twice as many lessons at school. As it is now nearly bed time and I have a letter to write to papa before that (as he is now in Scotland) I must bid you good night and here is a kiss for your sister Betsy ~~so~~ just on that little round mark is the place where I have kissed. Mamma is pretty well, and as the card basket I do not mean the case is not marked for whom it was to be, she has taken it to herself. Gratie.

She sends you her love and often speaks as you would like could you hear
her! I must however again bid you adieu,

Y^{rs} I remain

My dear Cousin Tom's affectionate cousin

Charlotte M. Wood.

My dear Cousin.

I thank you for my
pretty little Indian bag
Belie Wood.

Dear Cousin.

It was by the merest chance that Papa found out that there was a parcel lying at the custom house for him, and he could only guess by the handwriting, it was from you. Did you write a letter with them, for I rather suspect there must be some curious history attached ^{to} the pipe and beautiful Wampum belts? There were four happy faces, ~~the~~ ^{with} right they arrived, each was so pleased with their share of the spoil. You could not have sent me a more acceptable present, and I am very much obliged to you for it.

We expected to have visited America this winter, but were disappointed; I hope there is some chance of seeing you again in this country?

Mama joins with me in kind love to you.

I remain

Yours affec^{ly}
S. W. Wood.

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