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Does not dear Aunt Becky think I may
received the handsome present sent her
by Judge Wooley with great indifference?
No, it was received with heart felt pleasure
and as a handsome token of your great
regard. I did not receive it, until about
three weeks ago and have been too sick
ever since then to write to anybody.

I had been very well all winter, unusually
so - until I took a violent cold at Mary Han-
dins' wedding and increased it by attend-
ing some of the many parties that followed
it. This I did by patching myself up just
enough to go out. At last this plan gave
out, and I was taken with pain in my
chest and fever which put me to bed.
And has confined me to my room ever since.
until, the last five days I have ventured
into the parlour to amuse myself with
a little music. - And Oh! What a de

lightful source of amusement. My piano -
has been to me, more had I a better comfort
or a more agreeable companion than it
has been to me during the last three weeks.
Music has more charms ^{to me} or excites more pleas-
ing emotions in me, when I am sick - than at
any other time. I have been obliged to take a
great deal of strong medicine since I have
been sick - that I am sensibly able to walk
up and down stairs - without great fatigue.
My eyes too, have been very weak, and have
required as much nursing as my body -
This spell has made me more anxious for
Spring to come, in order that I may be
soon run off to you - and leave all Kentucky
mailed up behind me. I am afraid I shall
not see Horace next summer - judging from
his letter that he is in a few days ago - sup-
pose he will be absent all summer -
Thosie Miss Julia has gone on to her brother's
marriage and left you without company -
If she has - I think I will have to come
immediately, for I cannot bear that you
should be lonely. I had a very agreeable
visit from Appoline - last week - she stayed



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