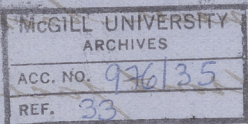


Mrs. Peimrose Nov. 1862.

Amusing - advice as to "Hairs"

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Husselburgh  
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My dear Margaret

This is ~~now~~ the last  
day of another year and as the  
children have the holidays Mr  
Dunrose has taken the boys Laddie  
to show them some of the sights  
which are all free this week, and  
as Marion Jane has gone to Bobketh  
to spend a day or two I am left  
alone, so I take the opportunity of  
the quiet, to write you. I am ashamed  
when I look at the date of your  
last to think I have been so long.  
In the first place I thank you  
most heartily for your & Mr Dunrose's  
love & trouble although yours is  
not at all what I could have wished  
you are so ~~st~~ looking and I think  
I'd just give you some news



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so much of a propitiate ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> books  
so well, as more of a front face does  
you said you were getting stout;  
but you look as if your body was  
entirely scooped out, leaving you a  
perfect skeleton in the middle,  
nevertheless I can see you to perfection  
in it, excuse my telling my mind  
about it so freely but you know  
I must say what I think. I trust you  
will send me a very nice one in  
summer, I intend to send you  
some better ones than, if all I feared,  
you should never have shown any  
of those I sent before, to any but your  
own family. With Mr D's we are all  
highly pleased. I enclose one of George  
Robert which he got done by an  
Edin Artist but we do not think  
it very nice.

afflict has now been in an extensive  
wholesale office in Edin for three  
months, it is counted a first class  
place, they deal in seeds, manure,  
& grain, he likes it very much,  
and is bound for 3 1/2 years with  
no pay he comes home every night.




George H's time expires in May, he  
has written you about the photo  
graphs himself, would you care  
like any more stamps, if he would  
the boys can get a good many but  
they will be always the same as  
those sent, a great many of them  
from the same country, I do not  
know whether he wants quantity or  
only variety, I saw an advertisement  
in an American paper lately for  
stamps, the stamp Bureau must have  
extended to your side of the water,  
there have been a great many people  
here collecting them, a poor little  
pet bird that was in the garden  
was carried off by a hawk last week  
he was seen hovering over the garden  
for a few days before and I think saw  
him take a dive at poor little Peep



two days before he got him, we have  
got another in his place a different  
kind of bird, but he had not the in-  
terest of Peep. he was such a funny  
little thing and made such a noise  
when he was afraid many a time I  
ran to the door to see what was  
wrong with him but it was often  
a quarrel with the gull although  
very little he could stand up for  
his rights really.

You speak of petticoats, but you may  
wear any thing or every thing just  
now, bonnets very high in front &  
narrow at the sides, with the trim-  
ming all on the front at the top  
feathers & flowers are much worn  
short & lying close to the bonnet,  
the curtain rather narrow with  
two box plaits behind. The sleeves  
such as you have in your photograph  
but shorter and without the top



trimming some have 2 puffs some  
just one in the middle with  
a frill or ruche  at each side of it  
and a row of buttons, bodices tight  
skirts trimmed very low, either nar  
row frills, or one puffing some have  
just a plaiting of braid at the very  
bottom about an inch wide, it  
looks very well, Why have you your  
hair dressed in such an old fashion  
ed style there is not such a thing  
as curls put up in Courts here the  
hair is mostly brushed back on  
a cushion, I think you would do  
me with it, it looks stylish,  
or if you did not like that you  
might have it plain braided in  
front close up to the top of your  
ears and your back hair rolled up  
over a cushion to the front with a



small turned over comb behind  
with three false bows of plaited hair  
looking down ~~so~~ so, Misses wear long  
curls behind combed back in front  
with a long crop comb.

We had a smart storm of snow &  
frost early in November since then  
nice open weather but high winds  
you will be all frozen up at this time

Marian has large black diamonds  
she is getting on well with her  
music. I fear I have extended this  
too far for my enclosures, except  
my very dear sister along with Mr  
Dawson and all your family all the  
compliments of the season with  
much love from your ever  
loving & affectionate sister  
Marian Primrose