

Wednesday 10 1/2 o'clock. P. M.

May 29th 1872.

Dear Martie

I have just been thinking "must I write, or not?" ~~have decided~~ As it seems pleasant to you to get a note once in a while I've concluded to send you just one more in answer to the ~~flat~~ flattering note you left for me this eve'g. I wonder if I must believe all it says - having grown old enough to learn the ways of the world, I hardly believed until reading the latter part of the note which ~~carried~~ and knowing you so well I am forced to believe convinced of the truth. You say I owe you two notes! Do you mean that I am to answer to you an answer of my note of 26th? Oh! you greedy Martie; I don't owe you two: the last ^{one} note I was long enough to pay for a doz. Martie you ~~did not~~ ^{bravely} seemed yourself to - ought - and I fear something has troubled you, and then I had to worry you more by talking about that ring - I will put it away and not even look at it again. In your note of 27th you said that my letter would -