

And now, my precious Cousin Margaret, I will close, feeling a little like having been beside thee, having a good talk. We all unite in love and hopes of hearing continued good accounts from thee. Lovingly, thy Cousin
R. H. Hapkins

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M. H. White

Waynesville

My dear Cousin

6.13.1888.

Thine, with kind Martha's assistance, containing the information that thou ^{was} able to drive out, and enjoy the pure, fresh air, was gladly received...

The spring was backward, and cool with us, and now it is near the middle of the first Summer month, before we have had much warm weather. - This town, or the inhabitants, rather, are remarkable for nice gardens, fresh vegetables of almost every kind, the poorest Cottagers in the outskirts must have a garden.

Quinn is progressing nicely, and Kate has 40 young Chickens, besides a small family of little ducks, which amuse her much, she has an idea that they have more intelligence than is common for