

we have got our other room
mate, and it is Bertie Eng-
land of Amherst, she went
here a while last year, but
got sick and went home, she
was just as good and sweet
to me as she could be last
year, she would always take
up for me when other were
mistreating me; and so
when Mr. Stuart told me
that she was to be my room
mate I was very glad to hear
it, as you will hear me speak
of her quite often I will give
you a little of her history;
her father and mother
live in Lebanon, they had
a large family of children
and so at the age of five
Bertie was adopted by her

rich married sister, much
older than herself and who
never had any children of her
own, Bertie is now seventeen
and is just worshipped by both
her sister and brother in law,
Monarch is their name
and he is the "Dairyman Coun-
ty Distillery" and another
known as the "Monarch
Brand" he is a big whiskey man
and very wealthy, Bertie has
very nice gambles and dress-
es beautifully, she went to Belle
wood a long time to school,
and she has traveled all
over the United States with
her sister and brother, and
has been to see so many
fine waterfalls. Her
sister brought her to school
Tuesday evening, and stayed

Miss Pat
angry and we
were cleaned
up and all
fixed up all
of our fit -
of our and
Our room
looked pretty
all of the
girls and
together and
been in to
live at. Bette
in the great
est but I want
to expect I want
read and get
a new one
went to church
to morning.

until Thursday, her sister is a
large masculine looking wo-
man but awfully stylish and
nice looking. I fell completely
in love with her and she did
with me too, so she told Bette,
Bette told me after her sister
left that she said she was so
glad that I was her room mate
and even so many other nice
things said a girl that was
a well known of by her teach-
er or me, really was some-
thing extraordinary. Bette
bought so many nice things
with her to fix up the room,
fire tin, books, mats, paper
and a little clock, her sis-
ter had a kind of wardrobe

fixed up behind her bed, with
furry curtains hanging over
it so that we all might have
plenty of warm for all of our
clothes, she is going to send
her a feather bed as soon as
she gets home, and said she
wanted us all to sleep together
in winter, she is also going to
send her more things to put
in our room and put lots
of nice things to eat all of the
time and said whatever she
sent Bette was to shared equal
of with us, she got a nice big
rocking chair for Bette the
other day, a red one and so
with all of these pretty bright
things we have a sweet and

no glad when I get through to my room and the family
last, for the children and I can be at home but I will be
Monday I don't want you to think or hear anything from me
as bright a room as could be I am duty in every respect you
desired, you can think some may be assured of that, I am
might of a bright cheerful room ^{could} determined to have the hall
decorated with pictures, and dictionary, I have got a good start
of three happy and contented of the girls in geometry because
girls sitting around a table I have studied it before, the
in the centre of the room header I study the more I prac-
studying their lessons. Bertie tice, I have learned thoroughly
is just as sweet as she can be, "When Oparoun build", and
and prefer going with me to any one, says I have got to visit her,
if she is sick she is not spoiled, also finished exercises in vocal,
she brought a trunk full of edi- and instrumental and Maria
bles with her, so we won't be I actually believe I can learn
hungry very soon. Maria I more they not taking them by
have told you all of this to show taking Iur. I have already
you how nicely fixed I am, Mr. learned two beautiful pieces
Stuart is not going to put anyone by my self - out of some more
she in with us. I would to be musical journals she got out
with you all, but as that is im- when I take lessons, she gives
possible at present I am trying me such hard and right
to make the best of where I am piece that I can't learn them

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