

of news to tell you,
& then I will make
up for all short letters.
They love to inquire
of friends. I think ^{Dear Mary,} ~~Beane~~ ^{Dear Mary,} ~~Beane~~
Gardner has got odd
enough names for
her "youngsters".
Be a good girl &
write us all the
"going on" in your
vicinity. Tell Chae
to do the same.
With many
wishes for
your health
& happiness,
I subscribe
myself your
sincerely,
S. W.

my chat with you? I wish I
could take a whole day in at your
this morning, suppose you & all of
your old friends, — learning the
young ideas from the others, —
I wish my little "picks" go to all
evening, you must take her with
you & educate her gratis.

She can laugh alone now, &
tries to play with every one & every
thing she sees, but she hasn't
much wit yet. I haven't been
out much this winter so haven't
much to tell you in that line.
It is good of evening yet. "If I was
only young; what a life!" Charles

have about now. You may just
say to Mrs. Sheldon senior, & Mrs.
Lacke & all other who say ^{anything} about
my disliking children, or
talking against them, that I don't
think much of such trash anyway,
& think they are more plague than
profit, but still I try to do the
best I can, in ~~as~~ I am obliged to.
By the way has Lydia Sheldon
it was, got any children? Do you
know how many William Sheldon
has? Susan says when she went to
N. H. the first time she didn't see
a small baby while in that state,
but I think she couldn't say that
if she was to go there now, for I guess
everybody & his sister, has one or more.
N. H. is about a match for Iowa now.
As I haven't anything worth writing to
fill the whole of this sheet I will close
& write to father on the other half. Don't
scold, perhaps sometime I shall have lots