Westerly, Jan 2nd 1858.

Dear Jeremiah,

My husband has come home, and for the present it is all up with our undertaking. We have at last made up our minds that Misses Burton & Hunt are not to be trusted; certain it is they have tried to us most villanously and we have also learned from other parties that the fault is not in the carbon paper but in their own ignorance and experience and insufficient appliances and slovenly manner of doing their work. We have concluded not to issue silver prints but try to publish yet by carbon process through other hands. We shall also be able probably to publish cheaper as we learn that they have received us in...
regard to cost of paper printing
If any of your friends would like to have the copy of
the Barton which you hold sell it - and I hope that by
the time you can do anything in the spring we shall be able to
take a new stall.

Nothing to axes no disappointment
poor child I am so
dory that you had to suffer

And how are you? I scarcely
done to say "Happy New Year" to
when I know you are so
sick and troubled - I felt as
if I did not want any one to
day "Happy New Year" to see this
year as I was so full of care
that it joined upon my ear.
And yet this is not a proper
Christian spirit these trials
come from the hand of a loving

Father, and if our hearts were
all right we should love to have
it as if He thinks it best, but
there poor weak human hearts
how hard it is to keep them
right - how hard it is to be
contented with whatever He sees
fit to send!

I hope you are better - Mother
is sitting up again - The rest
are well - God bless you
Your son

Olive.
Milwaukee, Feb. 6, 1868

My Dear Daughters,

I received letter in the capacity of mail. I have been trying to get some to small a sum as 50 dollars to put on your piano rent. I hear the pressure of it this many. Yesterday I filed my application with the clerk of the U.S. District Court to be charged from my estate under the bankruptcy law. It will take about three months for the matter to be finished. I borrowed $50 of Cyrus for that purpose to be repaid the first of April. I promised him an account to be allowed to pay if it can be. As the parties refuse to pay me. I have been my busy night and day for several weeks in settling my accounts. Have got my pay squared up except what I have just into the bankruptcy list. After adjourn, I get the 50 dollars I dem in exchange for your piano rent. I also enclose 25 cents for postage in case your paper to be sent direct for payment. The plan is less than 100 cents a minute. On 9 the time, it is just 12 cents. They send a quarter. We can write - Write to hear from you soon. Matter has not arrived yet. Can't write letter - S. N. Booth.
Dear Cousin Jenny,

I received your letter in due time and must beg pardon for not answering it immediately. My cases have been very strenuous this winter Lezlie being gone I have only one girl to depend upon. I was sick about four weeks and not having any girl only Juchie and what another did all winter three days. My work got terribly behind hand and I am not fairly caught up with it yet, and a good many things that ought to have been done will not get...
done at all. I suppose I shall live just as long but it is a bitter)
I don't come very easy for me to be sick and I am wonderfully blessed
with good health. I suppose if I
was never sick at all I should
forget to be thankful for health
and be unable to sympathize
with those that are a large portion
of their time suffering from some
disease. We have had two very sudden
deaths in a few weeks past. Two men
in the prime of life struck down
with apoplexy, and never spoke
after they were attached in the
midst of life, death comes for any
victim. I was very sorry that little
Lucy should become the word
pretty and loving and lovable but
she makes an added link to the chain that draws us from
earth towards heaven. Another
angel watching over us and
waiting for us in heaven. We know
that what is our loss is the infinite
gain. That she is at rest in paradise
now to suffer bodily or spiritual
anguish, but life to her will be
one long unbroken joy. Her spirit
untainted by any sin being forever
with the angels. They were to live
that when earth fades from our view
we may be worthy of a place amid
that angel host. Give my love
heartfelt to Carrie and Frank
and say to them that they have my
carest sympathies in their
affliction. May it draw them both
heavenward. We expect Lucy and
Lizzie in about six weeks. Lucy
is going to stay about a month
and then brother will go back
with her to spend the most of the
summer. I think they will go
by the way of Hartford and give
you a visit. Mother is very anxious
to visit you but never having traveled much I feel timid about going alone in the car, but I think I and Lucy will certainly come this spring. Won't you all come up and make me a visit this summer? I have got been to Greenfield this winter but Ella Gerda was out last week; they are all well, Uncle and Aunt Aunt and brothers of coming out but it had been so hot that they had not got started yet. I guess they like as well as could be expected, the old folks to form new associations. The children are very thankful for the papers and often wish they could see Ella and Levi and Julia and Sarah much more to them. I have not been to Greenfield this winter but guess they are as well as usual. Our girl has had the whooping cough here. We have a railroad now and the cars run regular twice a day and back to Greenfield. Business has improved very much. We have raised up the Methodist church and put two stories over it. It improves the looks very much. Tell Aunt Adeline that I was very thankful she remembered to write to me and I will write to her before a week while my best love to her from all the grandchildren except the girls much love. Sarah P. Gragg.
Milwaukee Co., Feb. 6, 1861

My Dear Daughter Ella,

I have received no letter from you this week. I used to get them on Tuesday, then not till Saturday, now it is Wednesday, and I have not yet one yet since I last wrote you. I am always when I do not hear from you, afraid some of you are sick. I have received another letter from your mother since I last wrote you. They wrote very well. I hope to hear from you to-day or soon.

I write to you again with love.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]
Mary Dear.

When the morning light is breaking,
Mary dear! Mary dear!
And the tranquil lark is working
Songs of cheer, songs of cheer;
When the heath of Heaven distilling
Odors sweet in every breeze,
All the air with perfume filling,
Wooers whispering through the trees—
Bend, to leaf and blossom dwelling;
In the field and wood it telling
Spring is here, spring is here;
Then my heart, with pleasure beating
Lovely the morning greeting
Starts into itself its dancing.
Mary dear! Mary dear!

When the mid-day sun is shining
Mary dear! Mary dear!
Through the clouds with silver lining,
Bright and clear, bright and clear;
When the heat of air in motion,
Felt on earth or sea the waves;
Or when clouds, electric flashing,
Pour their tears, in torrents gushing,
On the Cherokee wildly stirring
Out from their fashion caves—
Calm or tempest, still are singing
In my ear, in my ear.

How shall I bend my heart is singing
“Mary dear! Mary dear!”

When the peaceful star of even
Mary dear! Mary dear!
Shining, seems to us and Heaven,
Very near, very near;
When the shades of night are settling
Gently over the earth and sea,
While stars above are keeping
Watches like the guardian angels
Set to watch o'er you and me;
Still, amid their sweet espousals
They shall hear, shall hear, shall hear
Softer than the barking sphinx,
Hear the voice of the cherub singing
As my latest thought is flying
“Mary dear! Mary dear!”
Ida Bowman Staples,

From out my prison window gazing
Upon a cottage near I see
A little black-eyed child, raising
The bright and laughing eyes to me.

But eighteen moons have flown since then
And since, of course, shows me none;
I wonder where, a Father's honor
She answer'd in his happy face.

She claps her little hands, and singing
How joyous notes as full of glee
That ever in my ears are singing
She stretches out her arms to me.

And pressing kisses on her fingers,
She brings them up to me like pearls,
As if she knew what gentleness brings
In a kiss, as well as larger gifts.

Under the oaks she stands and dances,
On the walk by the cherry tree,
And lifting her skirt, with copper red glance,
She looks at her mother, and then at me.

She makes them love all day her—
Grandmother, auntie, and the German maid—
And when she w ill it, the grown ones fly.
Out in the sunshine, or under the shade.

There's an indefinable charm about her,
Shorn in a hundred twining ways.
And I shall be very lonely without her.
At the close of the pretty summer days.

Under the vine, behind the letter,
A form or face I often see
Which puzzles one to tell what that is,
But none never mistaken in Ida B.

And dear to me are the kindly faces
From my prison window daily see,
But among them all none have the grace
And charm of the pretty Ida B.
Miss Mary Ella Booth
Chicago, March 12th 68

My Dear Fllon

I sent you
by express this afternoon
a whole set of finger things
all metallic because they
are better than the old ones.

They also have a string on
one cord. I have bought each one for several
pounds. It is possible you may prefer
to put in only the better
things, but if you knew how
to do it, it would get done
so to do it it would be better
to put them on another one.

I also sent you a new pair
of post-plain cast 6. I found
in a box 45 in one box
and 30 in another box. I sold 25
and I still 25. I think
this it is cut you could send me a
piece of it to show to my wife.

I hope you will get it in your
my present purpose I must take you away when you can have me. With best wishes, I don't see how you can be excepted for work. I am exceedingly pleased to learn that you got along so well in School. Yes, it is bad to be disappointed in your last letter. And now have been so reunited for me, that it comes hard now. But you will get the things I think Saturday at least. Mind what you do than nothing. The words should be printed "ingenious" & "genius". "Moe" has said Es in it. Still you do pretty well. I see you are making your letter that I must read it at first. You have not given up your room, but
ask'd you must? I learnt in able to pay Gram all up in a month or two. There as the best I can.

Louis Schiffer, who was and his brother young John, that himself think the last last Monday and now I did in a few minutes. He had lost his wife's many spencers in wheat but had his life insured for $20,000. He had a beautiful family of five or six children I did not many of them as I came though for Minnott to Chicago. Another friend as great, his wife's children must find and disburse. Pleaseansom me here Metropolitan Hotel as before. As I went into his Blake, store Land Mrs. Age

Known a merchant all asking for him. My cousin had seen and asked about
Love to all.
Chicago, March 15, 1868

My Dear Daughter Lillian,

When I was in prison in the Eastern town a Mr. P. Bevickson came from Port Washington thirty miles north of Milwaukee, to see me and wanted to go through the State to raise money to pay my fine to get me out of prison. He now lives in Chicago in a beautiful house. I am now staying with him. Last Friday he invited me to come and stay with him a while, as long as I please, and came out last night—a mile a half or two miles from the Metropolitain Hotel on the train road. He is an old Scotchman, a man, an old subscriber friend of mine. I wish you Ella could be here tonight. They have a fine Steinway piano. They have two grown up. Both are in the best hair. The oldest was 16 or 18, the youngest at 13 years old when they went into the army. Their father was a captain. They have two girls—our favorites at the other twenty or more. This separation is this
most, most motherly of mothers. But I
began this letter to tell you that I
remember this is your first day school
to day you are thirteen years old, you
will soon grow up to be a young woman,
and I hope you will be a true woman, they
good advice for you is to have you well
educated — educated to take care of your
self, not to be dependent on others. I
do not know just what is best for you
to learn, but I am thoroughly dissatis-
ified with the present system of girls' ed-
ucation. It does not fit them for the
activities of life. The modern system of education
is necessary for all. But when you come
to the higher branches, to the languages —
the higher mathematics, I see great defects.
Education should have some relation some
after life — to what one intends to do. So we
can do everything, no should not attempt to.
But you have not got far enough along
in your studies to understand you as a big scho-
time. I suppose, from your nurse occupants.
Monday morning March 16, 1868

I came down this morning on aTelegram that handed me $78, but I had not much that I get $16.67. So that had to be deducted from it, I had made arrangements last week to get this advertisement, but was not sure of it. I sent with your present in the $400 package.

$40 to pay toward your board. I send in this a draft on New York, payable to the order of Mary Ella Booth. $60 more toward board, making $100 in all. This pays up to Sept. 22, 1867. I shall send it as fast as I can get it, but I do not expect to do as well as when alone. I suppose I have got the cream this far, there is yet very poor food or furniture. Mother must be patient. I will do my best I can. I hope to be able to pay her all up before the first of June.

Why don't she write me when she responds to the above the letter. I have got her letter about it. I shall get her word in her own writing, they had said I ought not to have, but no matter. Your love to her. S. B. Booth.
What you do not practice in the curriculum, but in Richardson. I suppose you
may have practiced any in Richardson. can
not teach you readily in the curriculum.
Perhaps you could do well to take no more
liness at present, but review those
by which you have already taken. For in
this you shall someday go through the
Curriculum. I when you have done that
you will know something of music. I want
you to understand what you undertake to
learn. I wish you were then you could hear
my sister piano to use. He has to give his
music lessons. This is a good piano. I am
very good and one indeed. She gives last year's classes
learn in a book. Messer. Then is no
can else there to do it. I do not know as
there will continue to give lessons much longer.
But as there is no one there now to
your lessons, she has to do it. Now I must
did you good night. I hope you will like
to be my happy birth day. I trust you
will. The present I sent you to remember
you need not get it yesterday. We will talk
Chicago, March 18, 68

My dear daughter Ella,

Saturday I sent you a draft on New York for $60. In addition I sent you another of like amount for freight. I also sent $40 in express package last week.

Thursday for the same purpose, making $160 I have sent you within a week or two. I know you must have had some real trouble in getting the money. I hope by now I can get it. This pays up to Nov. 20th, after which it will take $130 more to pay up to April 1st, in March 31 inclusive. If I could do it, and the rest of this week of the month as I have the last week or half I could do it. But I do not expect to. If I have done much better than I expect.
It is learnt time now, so I am writing it as just as I can. But I do not expect it to continue as soon the adventuring season will come. I intended to answer the letter ten days before now, but have not found time. I hope the more I have sent will relieve the same. I think I can get her more next week. You must not mail it. I will write I think every day. Write me what you must have for your summer outfit. I have to know a good while beforehand. So that I can get them at my convenience. As then are some of your necessity things that you can ask ever. I want to visit you this spring if possible, but then I shall not able. Of course I do not write you I shall come of me.
I hope you will take care of your health and dress comfortably. I am very desirous to hear from you soon in a letter which you can pay your own dear costs, referring incidentally to make our little store. That will teach you economy, what it can in items to much for 60 and then costs. I hope Sillers will like her dress. I do me mean to let your bread will remain unpaid, often I can pay up in full. But we can't speak of it future, my health is very sick to tell you.
Milwaukee, March 19, 1868

Mrs. Adeline P. Cole

Madam,

Your letter dated March 5 was read in due time. I have been away—Is the reason I have not written before.

I am glad you did not sign the deed—because—The description was not according to the deed from Mr. Booth to you—He left out a lot and then added words—that was not in the deed. I think he wants to be cheap.

I have taken the trouble to go to the Register of Deeds office to find the old deed from Mr. Booth to you—and have written out the description—From that deed to you only Quit Claim—exactly—the same property as you bought— Therefore if you wish you can sign—With two witnesses and acknowledged before a Commissioner of Deeds for the State of Wisconsin—to be Executed and acknowledged according to the law of the State of Connecticut. I believe that.
it all that is wanted, then if Messrs. will hand me your note, and one hundred
in money—then I suppose I am to deliver him your Quit Claim deed,
and when this is done—then I will lend
you a draft on New York payable to
your order— for one hundred dollars,
$100.00. dollars

Respectfully Yours,

Jonathan L. Prince
Metropolitan Hotel, Chicago
Monday, March 30, 1868

My Dear Ella,

Saturday, 11:50 A.M. I mailed you a draft for $80, to pay you board up to April 1, which you should get on Tuesday at, or on the last day of March. I explained to you briefly that I could send no more, not even to pay Sillian's music lessons, till after I have paid some other matters. I have $9 in my pocket, or $30 due which I shall get next week. I have to make out $80 - $41 more than I have just yet seen. Then I will send the $12 I got for Sillian. Then I must raise $40 more for these matters. Then for our summer outfit. In the mean time you should bill it running along at a dollar a day. If it comes, first, then I suppose you have not is ready due. You will have to wait two or three weeks for that unless I have my hand on my luck. Just as just as I come I shall squander everything, so I don't mean to get in debt again after I got completely cut off myself opening dressed for the summer. It is probable that I shall see you this summer.
I take this Book along, I shall if I succeed in my effort, want to discuss about education for girls. I know she misunderstood me. I think the whole system for girls defective. But what I mean—President of Antioch College proposed an institution in which any sample state some part in natural science, history or philosophy, so that the pupil learned two things at the same time. Essentials should be learned first. Our systems are modeled after the European. The most marchial is effective systems of the old world. They are not truly American. They do not teach self reliance nor fit the young for practical duties of life. If one has a special facility for a particular art or science, it intends to make that a profession, it civic to cultivate that branch specifically. But it is not aim to dif fuse oneself so to speak on a great variety of studies to be able to master none. Better learn a few things, well them to have a mastery in only of many. But I want you to remember that when you have finished your course in the High School you fear just begin your education. if you want to become a scholar. It will be but a preparation—getting used to the tools you
...cios are to cut in of the life. The greatest mistake of a young is the idea that their education is completed at the close of their school career. That is the reason so many are charmed in their youth to men become just men or women. I want your Sillian to have a thorough education & be fitted for useful types in life. If you can &d, to many intelligent, sensible men. God character, good name & good information are the three requisites for suitable companions for intelligent, right-minded women. I am glad to hear that Sillian is getting on so well with her music & that you like the curriculum. I could be mistaken, I still to learn that the best time quartering lessons is in the winter since I sent it to the year ago last fall. But I do not suppose the fars. If she had taken lessons regularly in that & I knew on what date she was new, I could still find much ground she had gone over. Of course that would not measure her real progress. I can't depend on how thorough she has been. I think it would do you good to go through the curriculum after giving this Richardson. My wife was not thorough Richardson was in use. Then the a
gave the Curriculum a trial through each branch regularly & thoroughly. She has three scholar now—a good may want to take her out of her but she came give the time of the patient herself daily—sometimes there a few times, the understand simply too thoroughly, but her long have her made for a year or two so that her mind is not strong. If you go there to stay simply a play is altogether we pain the war you have the consumption. But she has been gaining strength since her income last fall, till she is now quite healthy. One must have good liver to be a good liver. I learned another day that lady Edward is married again—to his冐oroher. We are a good woman, I took wonderful care of her infant child. I think she took her in my neck. I go to Brent on Tuesday in turn not much change. I will write you again about the last of the week. & of I had get many enough—which I do not what I sitian must not count on. I shall send for the $12 for fine music. I have at least to get it before long. So to sit in can you will, further.

Yours aff. father.

M. B. B.
Metropolitan Hotel, Chicago, April 8/68

My dear Daughter Ellen,

I was greatly pleased at getting your two letters last evening on my return to this city. I was gratifying to hear you express yourself so fully in regard to your wishes & purposes. I have felt some anxiety in regard to you because I know how often young girls place their affections on worthless persons. Your anxiety goes to some such attachment, for which might satisfy you may not be likely to give or give you pleasure. I hope you will not be married too young.

Your Mother was but a year older than you when she was married, but she was too young as the afterwards felt. It would have been much better for her had she waited several years. I hope you will be a comfort to me in after life. I want you to be an intelligent and self-reliant woman, not afraid to do what is right if it is unfashionable. I want you to strive to acquire in scholarship. I notice that you do not dwell philosophy night, but you in your letters the following words of the commissary, thus "things,"
nearby, "irresistible," "remarkable." I shall not tell you how to spell them. Examine for yourself. Self-criticism is quite adequate in her spelling. She writes a beautiful hand. I should be glad to have you learn to play the organ. But I do not see that you can till after you have finished your course in the High School. I am glad you can read music readily. For your case,
you know before this that I have bought an
instrument for you. I'll give you 10 cents for you to
for Lillian, it will please you. I know of your
price these and 1/4 yards for you. 1 63/4 yards for
Lillian. You have 3 1/2 yards in the piano. I gave
8 1/4 yards to my wife a 5 1/4 to her sister.
My have lost them, so there is enough for a
shoulder joint for each of them. They will be for you if your answers
nonically. By cutting the two together you
can save. My friend wants to know if the
means to accept the offer, as he has letters
many now but may not be able to by a letter.
I wish you not write. Tell me that this is
willing to do. Our can Revere Home, Chicago.
I recommend you to delight me. See to all.
Your affectionate father.
S. M. Booth.
Greenfield: April 8th 1868

Dear Cousin Jennie,

Allow me to use a pencil this time in writing to you for I am in such a hurry. Grandma and I are keeping house now, another as in Battleboro taking care of her sister who is very sick with fever, we are expecting her home every day. She has been gone four weeks tomorrow, but little Merry is just as good as can be. She is sitting in my lap now seeing how I can't down with her and read her picture book. It is not very good for she got her hair all untied as before.
she would consent to keep still. I have written several times to Hartford and have got no answer but I think little Thomas picture will get one, all shall have.

Write one very soon and tell me how goes all here.

Elder

Greenfield

Hays

I asked Mary what she was doing and she said she was "sending her love to Bennie"
Chicopee, Mass., April 8, 1865.

My Dear Daughter, Beliau,

Thank you for your good letter. I am glad you have progressed so fast. I am very glad you get on so well at school. I want you to improve in spelling. When I was of your age I could spell all the words in the spelling book. I have spelled correct the whole school at an evening school had the teacher give out words to me from last spelling book. I made up books till one was too old and gave it up. It has been of great service to me in editing all life to know how to spell. It makes good writing look bad if it is disfigured by false orthography. I like to read again letters very much, but I always notice the misspelled words. I like Chicopee very much as a place for business, but she's a little too hot to live in.

In those days more about the song you will get this letter will be the anniversary of your deceased mother's death. It seems a long, long time to me since then. The country seems there through great changes in that time. If she had lived she would have taken great interest in public affairs. I don't, not the other, now.
I am very grateful to be able to let you know that your election as Representative was a true triumph in place of the many to which I am for the Senate. In returning from the Post Office this evening I stopped into an auction store a small album for you. It is not very valuable but it will hold 50 pictures, so I thought you had many it would be better than none. I paid 90 cents for it.

If I get both of you two pairs of skippers, I think you will need but one pair of galoshes.

This summer you must have a pretty good supply of bandages. And now, here is it. I bought your bandages last Sunday. I have now and get stacking I hope to get them all for one visit your list. I am an investigator and I have you at my great pleasure, but I have you at my great pleasure. And now, my dear boy, will have a long time. I shall like to get each of you a light summer dress and light ground. I thought of you for a lady. I don't know that I shall give it, but I may. If I don't, I shall not send it, but bring it when I come. When I am, if you don't want it, I will leave it for school. And now, will you for your mother. And then you will be able to write. I can send you summer goods.

To all your love. Faithfully, S. M. Pratt
Milwaukee, April 22, 1865

My dear children,

I had written this letter when I was interrupted by Col. Clummett of the
Army, asking me to accompany him to Racine, arriving there at
3:45, leaving for Chicago at 8:15 P.M., since which I have been
in the Marshall to take a bath. The snow fell
that night while I was there an hour or so. It is
snowing profusely now and dark, so I suppose
you have seen it. I returned from Chicago
today noon; packed quickly and returned to the
expenses upon arrival, so it is not likely I
will go over the bluffs, except between Chicag0
and St. Louis, so there is hardly any chance for
you to come as the day draws down. There is enough of the
liquor if it is cut with Geneva, to make you
both drunk. A shoulder jacket, sleeves, 8
3/4 yds. of cutting, I am entire, my wife and sister, always ask for 2
5/2 yds. for you. I fear your part in
the laundry. I cannot stand for it. The thing
is to go through the clothes after tea so from the
bottom over the shoulder, almost in a supreme
time from. you will know both the bottom of the
shirt is about 5 ft, around & you will need to put the
length up so that the circumference will be about 4 ft. This was measured when it was 4 ft
2 inches across; by a rough measurement it was
8yd. 19 inches around. Now the shalow, semi 7 4 yds
19" inches, then is for them 1 yr, 5 yrs. 2 yd. 24 inch,
but it will take up some in some use. There is enough
eighty and. Pattern for 5 yrs, a very aut now the
whole you can throw the waist just on the shirt but
Patt 1 will find a small photo of them for me. It is
not easily but will hold 80 picture, in Better London.
I have her a letter now, I can not get a second letter
here, and she says just the picture of the dress. I do it
as a year, offered it to me at 65. But I paid out the money,
the if you dont send me 10 with a 100 glass pretty case or something
then you can buy them. Before I send you the money
I should have seen a 1 in the box I had to
pay insurance. You can want a book, I told you
Ephem, etc. It was marked for hand of the
me that I do, which means "bead hand" in
the Mus 10 St Clain Hotel Chicago

Your of John

Love from

[Signature]
St. Cloud Hotel,
Chicago, May 3, 1868

My dear daughter,

I had your letter of the 21st ult., yesterday, and one of 20th ult., the day before, I have been away from you near by two weeks, and returned this day night. The next day after sending off your copy I went to honey a sick puppy since you. I go back again on Saturday & stay till I get my grapes out next. I send in this box to buy your book. Mrs. Wilson this month lived as usual and can love my nephew the end of the next. It will depend on my success to get more for the future. And in the present, I have some plans and me this work, but I know we
how much. You may deduct by
my last letter to Mr. Morse, Fodge
Co. Yes, I have not sent the
paper with the account of the pay-
ment in time. But you pay postage,
yes, the proper money is my fault,
but I could not open the money
then. Glad you heard the Doctor
of this. Has last longer than
thick ones, giving me fast loss
still longer. I find you must to
protect your feet you must keep
your feet from consumption. I
know girls always wear them thin,
but there is no mico cause in this
wearing them in the shoes, though
for men to do so. Girls are just
as thick then as boys. The girl
into wear such shoes a year two
finish parents who allow them
to wear such as thin. Some that
is no exception for a girl's shoes.
I do not complain that you are not
at my hand. I only wonder how
you can, Lithian mightn't sell
a large number in a year but I
should not think you could wear
out as may as I had you in all
my previous. No women pack in
my family can wear them out so fast.
I suspect you must give them away
before they can half come out. You
can't throw away cheap in Lithian
then I get them, so I think not as
cheap. Still I think it might be
well to have you buy two or three
clothes giving you a tailor some
for that purpose, as it might give
your habits of economy. The other I
can get things for Lithian may. For
instance I got 5 keeps of 100
leather soles, the other leather
pair of which was 18.99 and
18.23 the rest as my
helps on an advertisement which
I slyly take them. I hope the
renter for my own use. You can
help in, my wife each a help their own
two shift for 3. It has been snowing
for some days but has cleared off by
pleasant. Wasn't you quite about
to get the green? How long is
your vacation? When does the first
term begin next? Is it Sierra
vacation too? I suppose I knew
come back here about the 10th.
and then probably be a week in
Barrett's. I think I should
have the tend to plow 2 feet deep.
then cut 50 rods, or 80 fur. I did
not say how the others were. I suppose
you think them too thick. I see the
street being can soon quit. They
fifteen, I think should be turned some
can at the west so that it can be
rent out as the greens taller another
year. I hope you will get well and
in vacation. I can think your
sense will be to hand, for you
must take care of your health
and all. Miss Ethel Jett

Sue Smith
My dear Jane,

I have been thinking of writing to you for a long time, but have been so busy all the summer and winter, that I don't think I have been for a charming ride. I told you yesterday my pen might have been idle for months to come, but now and a little in Wandering, twice Fifth Ward and twice Easton. Wards Widow meets the properly I believe and I supposed I thought I would like to ride up there and call on Aunt Sally and see if anything looked familiar. I now Lipp. decided to go with us. We took dinner at the Hotel in Charlem. I and then started on. I recognized the old place. Where they...
used to say a girl lived who belonged to aaste.
I don't remember. I don't look at all alike.
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more.
I scarcely felt as though I were as old as Aunt Sally. She told me of Cassie’s little girl’s death which I had not heard of before. It is very strange that I had not heard of it through Aunt Man. She said as she told me of it. And the times when Uncle John first came up through the door. “I thought it would have killed Uncle John,” said she, “it had broken his heart.” And Uncle put she found in sympathy with her full heart. It seemed as though all their sunshine were in Cassie’s child. They were very soon to have us come away. Before supper. But on thought it would make us late home. Aunt Sally
Dear Mr. [Name],

First of all, please accept my warmest regards. The family is in high spirits, and I trust that all is well with yourself and your family. The garden is full of flowers and fruits, and I am anticipating a bountiful harvest.

As for your question about the health of our beloved [Name], I am pleased to inform you that he is doing remarkably well. He is active and energetic, and his spirits are high. We are all very proud of him and his resilience.

I hope that you are well and that your health continues to improve. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you in any way.

Yours truly,

[Your Name]
Brennutt, June 14, 1868

My Dear Ella,

I read your letter acknowledging the receipt of $20 last week when I was here, and I am to answer it as soon as I got back to Chicago. But I had other labor to perform last week in collecting old accounts, in going a farm discharging goods, and in shipping them. My last two ribs turned me a great deal. I met a Dr. Sclibert, who came to live in Milwaukee and he told me what to do. So I bought a quantity of cotton cloth a little piece, and put it tight in my arm and less down the chest as the short ribs, so I have been giving cotton since. The fractured ribs would not unite as long as the motion of breathing moved them. So the bandage compelled me to use the abdominal muscles in breathing, as long as the ribs were moved they would not unite. But I think they are beginning to grow together. It was a very narrow escape, and I am thankful at this season Thursday, with I have waited from days then had no time to finish this letter. I have written directly from Berlin. I think, in nearly a month. You said sometime ago that she was
Going to write the next day. But I suppose
I must come to write as a
matter of duty. I have written when the duty is due.
It is always going to come that you
ever thought of me. How I
know little of my
personally. I remember when I first went to
on you, in March 1860, how pleased you were
to see me so as to be with me. Where I went
it is not well for children to be brought up
away from their parents. In the current few
affections for the departure of the
if associated with them daily. I feel this
more and more. Nothing can be more distressing
in to a parent than to learn that he is fail
the love of his children. If
that should be my lot, I should reproach myself
for allowing you to be brought up away from me.
but it has seemed to me to be the best for you
to be educated them when you now are. And
I have acted for you accordingly to my best
judgment. I want to live in an era when I
can not always write so often myself. When I am
it is only 9 00 in the morning. Sure to arrive 200 of July,
Burrnac, July 12, 1868

Dear Daughter (illegible)

Your letter, written yester-

day, I send yesterday. I had been almost entirely in work, and

I spent last Sunday at Boston, at my wife's cousin's.

I went up from Chicago Tuesday night to be at a con-

vention of Boston College. Wednesday, there I stop-

ped a day at Watertown. I do not suffer from

cold any worse than I have done. It is getting to be

warm. I do not know who this little family is. It

lives in my father's city, and in their wooden house.

I am very glad you get on so well in your grammar;

other studies:

I sent you some two days ago to pay

for your bread this month and as much for doctors

and strawberries, 125 cents a gallon of blueberries.

10 cents. My wife put up 12 cans of strawberries 4

pounds strawberies 1 can of green beans, 1

bag of blackberries, 1 can of cranberry jelly. She has 2

cans of prunes (also green) my own ground,

raspberries. She is going to put up some can-

nerts, green beans, and peaches. She has 25

cans of fruit ahead. I got 2 dogs cans for her

and me this year. Strawberries cannot be my plants in

the garden or any other plants, more than 100 vines, evergreen in front, but
pinched them all off that I saw. But yesterday I
went out and there I found four of them and an
two to three of grapes. I shall let them fruit till the
30 year, a year from next summer. I know it
keeps the vines from going. I do not know but
I will have to wait till I come for tomorrow
in lady. I did not know as you practiced
as I have heard no nothing about it. I am going
I am not heard from Selma for more than a month.
I wanted to come so as to be with you at this
school examination wrote to Selma to know when it
would be, but have not yet received an answer. It may
be that I shall not be able to come till fall, but
I want to start in about ten weeks. I have
to stake up my vines tomorrow, and today I
expect to go to Chicago. I have now my warm weather
for the corn them made. We have not suffered
very rain, but for the want of it. We have had
considerable rain here lately. It is just now it is
rather too dry. I fear the hot weather will make
the wheat shrink so much as to fill well.
Chicago, Mr. Mum, July 15. I asked Fred on
Sunday to stay and cut my grapes and it was so ten
ninth that it was impossible to work.
I wrote all night. I hope by tomorrow I can be in Chicago. I delayed writing you letter till I came here to try to find a letter from Alaska. I did. I will send you a letter to thank your letter as soon as I can find one. I have your letter now. I do not know how soon we shall be ready to come. I hope the first of August if not sooner.

My dear Clara,

I got you letter a few weeks ago. They told me last night more and more. My last one was very short. This morning I found it just made me feel so happy. It will be nice to hear from you. I read the chapter of your mother. You needn't learn to ride. I was unable to do it. I must be someone to go to for this. Cousin Evy is one of the best of women. I am writing now only to get more money to start for the east. I want to go via Philadelphia and New York or stop at Newark or Orange. I wish I knew the name of Cousin Carter at Orange. The tea dinner...
If you see Lewis or Nether and the name of their brother at Orange man Decker's Park. It is 4 miles from Nether and we sail and all the way. I want to stop at Nether or on much Jethr's place. Uncle Jethr is dead but aunt of one of the girls. I am a good child 20 years old and men I suppose her then. We have to stop there only a day. We might stop at Orange run into New York & back. It takes less than an hour. We could lunch in the car. I want to go to Greenwood Cemetery. Then we must stop part of a day in New Haven to visit Flannery's grave at the Literary Museum, Logistical cabinet, and Hollister Gallery of print, etc. If I knew just where I was in New Haven I would have you or Lillian come down and meet us there. Show you the right. Perhaps I can let you know when New York. We shall stay there two or three days I think. If I can collect $67 due on the 5th inst. but which the man claims is not due till the 23rd. If I can get along with what I had, I can get another. It is the most furbelow name of my hot weather can known him. Can we talk? I don't feel to have sitting there.

Sue Booth
[0.1867 Aug. 2]

Shoshone Falls, July

My dear Mij. Burbank.

Am I very noughty to write to you? At any rate I'll play I'm not.

We arrived here last night about 10 o'clock. We have not yet reached our destination as Jeannie was too completely exhausted to go any farther last night. The stage was crowded, but on a seat.

I thought of you when we were crossing the mountain and wished you were with us. The scenery is perfectly charming and O, such mosses and wild flowers. My brains (if I have any left) are all in a jumble from jolting in the stage.

I dreamed last night of being
in Colonelfield, writing to Miss Tunstall. Saw her and thought that death and am writing under great inconvenience.

Should you seeottie please give my love to her. I shall probably hear from her while I am away.

With love.

Your aff. pupil,

Mary Scott.
Wichmond, Aug. 3, 68

My Dear Julia

I enclose four tickets for you hand & $20, Ellen needs to go along with me. I have sent you a watch till it is paid. Why did Ellen write that the third day before a week so I hope the rest of it can be good. How do you like your school. Do you have a pleasant school teacher. Do you go to Thomas Grant's house two times, I wish I could visit you this summer but I fear I cannot. It is a long time since saw you & I want my much to see you. Give my love to all. Love of

[Signature]
Chicago, Sept. 24, 1858

My dear children,

I have just this moment received your letter of the 22d inst. My address is 197, not 125 North in the 18th. I inclose the point to direction on my papers, I inclose you 50 for your board up to Oct 1st. I have understood there will be no trouble in this house by then, Sept 19, just sent your first letter. I went East. How are you all? I will look when I go home, etc. etc. etc. I am coming here to live soon as soon as I can find a house suitable. I have to buy a cooking stove, dishes, chairs, etc. etc. etc. But I shall get as little as possible to do with. I am glad you got along.
so well in school. Grand
night is not my favorite
the way she has not your
bound for 8, five years,
but does not call when it
is paid up. I write and
write and which I want
her to sign. Don't use it this
dine.
My wife has money. Money in
practically open, John,
regular, Sometimes 1, 3, 5,
5 red for permanence.
I have longer when I get
to this one, this.
I am not able to hold
my present, but I think to
get 1. I suppose with one
than that, I feel an instinct
satisfication open. I want to see
and without help, I can work
my own. I hope you will put the
plenty in the year, for ours, and

Purifoy, Sept. 29th, 1868.
I, S. M. Booth, hereby declare
in full your bond for Mary
Eliza, William Clay Booth
up to Oct. 1, 1868, so for all
charges in their account
up to Oct. 1, 1868.

Purifoy, Sept. 29, 1868.
Chicago, Oct. 22, 1868

My Dear Children,

I moved to Chicago a week ago last Saturday. I have now got nearly settled. It was a great task. I had been spending money to tide me over in getting my things packed. To get my Saturday money, but my things took up nearly two days. I did not come till Monday. It took me from late afternoon to Friday night to get my things together. I began to fear that some of my things would have to go to some absolute firm to give them up declaring my wife given them to them. Although they were on the list of things the next week, or them. The last three or three the next four or four, and all knowledge of the brother had a refusal to give up
The goods which she had got told of a few days before, she had put them in charge of the merchant in a store where she went to buy the goods. She put them in charge of her landlord's sister. The steward I asked when I inquired if she was willing to let me have them, said I must have a thousand dollars. I left her on a promise, because I had the means to ask for my own. I was more surprised in my life than I meant you draft for. I had been in October. I assure it that the light did not sign the receipt I sent her. She said no, and I sent money till the P.O. got her change against the bill. I want a receipt in full such as I send, so if she is not willing to give me say so. I have sent one letter to be signed. This was an expense the first time, but now the last. We have had no cold weather here yet. The snow came down at the last. I have $10 to raise before I can send your clothes, but I still get them from you. I trust in the season. My address is the same as before—197 Washington St., Chicago. I want to hear from you often. I am a soloman. When I went in the first last Saturday week I was the last one. It makes me feel the amount of things—asked for you. Omy's children are all. Cousin Mary Townsend girl was there. Your old sister, My health is good.

Your affectionate father

[Signature]
Chicago, Nov. 6th, 1868.

My Dear Children,

Enclosed is draft for $121 dollars to pay our quarter's music lessons for Lillian. I have bought you two dozen apples and anything else.

I wish you both a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If I had money to send now to the treasury I would have done so. The underclothes are made, you can anticipate.
by men of vellum for that purpose. It is a
very nice of wit to make them write. I
think you will be pleased with them. As two
vells will appear much more alike, I have cut a
rubber to write with them and then glued
in the before I go home, for it is now nine
o'clock.

Yours truly,

Mr. Smith
Chicago, Nov. 13, 1865.

My Dear Children

I have got most of your things to buy the rest and intend to send them by this week but please do not be able before the first of next week, then you can afford to wait for my wife is making your underwear as fast as she can. I enjoyed a very warm day for that purpose. She has made you four chemises - all but the top, 1 is new at work in your drawers of which you can to keep your pants - which will do you till spring. She wants to finish it from them all. But may not. More than will not much be left to do on them. My luck merely I know filling will like them but I am not sure as will be longer elsewhere. Else will. In the dresser the machine 1 or 2 or 3 will be taken to the trimmers so that they will be ready next. It is no small job to make tight shirts or tight pairs of drawers. She will do to the one that can be done on a machine. But for this I can not say the (by tomorrow filling) hat is finished & else came to the finish this afternoon. It will be lovely, but awful hot. Your comptographs begin lively colors. I get

Vesture for your classes, two months ago it sold for $250 a year. I got it for $128.15, yes $212.50. get silver wire & letters for other trimmings. You must
Take a part of the dress for belts, trim with velvet, it will look better than the blue you buy. The dress is very rich looking. I have written the list you gave me, but shall try to look it up. We can remember with the sign of white (or) a sleeper. If I can't tell I shall let you get them, with and you the many for piano music lessons the last of the month if I get the money & expect it is right time for you to have new. The banks failed in Nebraska last week. Nebraska is dull & conditions is not as good as it was. The farm is pretty much over till Tuesday, then it will begin again or freeze up last night for the first time. I have not yet burned up my grapes, but shall my wish if it does not rain so I think it will. If I never hear out the letters I should be glad to had I known it would have been done. I feel not write I should have written you sooner. I write now to let you know it is coming. My health is very good, your affectionate sister 

Mr. Brown

As I had read this letter of the last man left your of the 8th ad. May I want to know is that yarn be a change against me or your account be for your own. She in yes or no. I have preferred to pay any money from your word tell I knew. I am united to this as of least it look as if the meant to compel me to take your away from there. The account can't read any letter or the words not read one thinks. Miss worth and I send the by
Hartford, Nov. 4th 8

Mrs. James Brown,

I have for Chicago Monday (16th) Expect to be gone two weeks, but will advise you of my return soon.

Yours respectfully,

Dudley Pack

P.S.
Chicago, Nov. 18, 1868
Wednesday, 9:40 A.M.

Well, my dear children, I have been at work two hours on your winter clothes, putting on lining and finishing them. I have had them most of the forenoon for this reason, so that my wife might finish your garments. I have also kind a girl two days to help me the rest of the forenoon for two days, but she had to be shown to reach the way of better help. It is now impossible to finish them to-morrows, as they are there supposed to cut and make the clothing to be carried beyond. I can finish pack away the bag. I have taken the boy down with me to move more but the young does not go well tonight, so I hope you will not get it to-morrow. You have each them suits made asthma. Each suit is finished off.
family—our next trip must
be made on the railroad, as with surmounting the tops of
the chimneys are crossed so that you
can't turn upon the burners. Our
machine hem, sell, turn, card,
braids & bands, my wife has learned to
turn round only after the sewing
machine. But it has been done so that it has
been done on your clothes. But this will
have no difficulty in learning
to do anything with it, I am going
to keep it a year for it $60 - in
advertising, of which I shall have
to pay $10 to Cora as in January,
and suppose on business in two
weeks, a kind favorably. When you
see your clothes you will realize
that it was some work to make them.
They can't last you along time
for they can made of the bad cloth
and paid in the largest wholesale
house in Chicago. I sent you $12 a
calendar year for your present rate.

P.S. I have 200 yards of
cotton cloth to make a suit
for you & to top them the year of
your chimney. Yes, one point made
the cottens are made. You will
readly know to finish one
chimney a week of your
own.

The thing I have bought for
you can amount to $50, but
I must balance most of the thing at
these prices. By making
they will have cost much more.
The
three can your party while thinner
you save, about all cost for the use
I suppose. But you did and now
these it is winter too. So that the cloth
will not quite cover for what
you demand almost nothing. It is
now midnight, it must go to bed.

Good night.

2 A.M. Thursday. We have
been my lady's brother, then in
one grove and eating there
in Saturday, then others. Then

Good night.
may go from stitches to taking when the machine dropped on herself the wires, took them up. The bottom kites went near but the bottom was sent on. They had sent him to finish everything perfectly. The end was now on the other, that was it. I have been to hunt on it and she is to be really hard. But you can finish it off by luck, I had an undo.

A bit of advice to alter to your stockings or what you please, now I want you to go to Bennett to right to earn my groat. Could we finish the crops. Thursday I will come over. Sitting down at this house three years the last of New touring one time. Good by.

Yourself,

I remain in love,

The Beast
Chicago, Nov. 26, 1853, Thanksgiving.

My dear Silliam,

I received your letter a few days ago, acknowledging the receipt of several letters. If you now have the box and things, if you want at once, I shall get a letter to-morrow or day after. You are right about the music lessons. I am not a guarantor for you lessons. You must take her one lesson a week or 12 lessons in 12 weeks, which is all you can take, not just to be, so you can't do that. I'll go to school too. That was the agreement when you began to take lessons. I have not been concert to ask any change. I would rather you took more than 12 lessons than one lesson a week. When scholars are not up, practice all the time. They may take less lessons a week if they are not allowed to take more than one at the best musical Academy's schools, so we will consider that question settled. I have bought the
The Squy Machine was new and suit, only made on, I paid for it in a note in a commissary for the fact I was to pay $10 in cash. Price of machine $35 - attachment $11.50. I got the whole for $60 and paid $50 of it in writing the letters. My wife has shortage 5 pounds of cloth, which when I got here, I was able to get from Boston. I caused it - perhaps you 2 or 3 embryo dress, I had a quilt for a man today from Robert Collins, the greatest postmaster in Chicago. We had a number of products - flour, sugar, peaches, 1 1/2 gallon of pickles, corn, beans, loaves. We bought them. Then other than a man, I ran and up my house last week for a deep dinner, Mrs. Smith's sister came to me and made a visit, I expect to have a corn shuck dinner in the 2nd week. We had some chicken, potatoes, squash, pine, pear, apple, jelly, apple, squash, peaches, amends, coffee, I don't know what else. On the breakfast, I had eggs, Mrs. Smith, 1 1/2 pounds meat and rice in the afternoon.
Chicago, Nov. 29, 1868

My Dear Children,

My heart expanded greatly by the receipt of your letter of the 25th, yesterday morning. Knowing the receipt of the box I thought you might want something, certainly it seems but it appears you did not get it till Sunday. I thought you wanted a spoon and with it came teapot, which I am gratified that you like the things so well. I suppose when now my wife could make you cheaper or find better, other things not that her little helpers can help her she has less time. But they eat so she could not make them. I never able to do to get as much done as the did. Hillary of till midnight and this fare till 20 clock in the morning to get them done.
The other night I was to send for your coat
and ask you whether you gave your
the next week for a week.
You have not had the front door
for a long time, your help has
nobody been an equivalent for
your mother. If that is not so,
I should not advise you to come.
I would love you to study care
of your, and give you a book
each week of which you may
letter yourselves in and up as much
as you please, till you have com-
pleted your education. The High
School here is as good as it need
for youth in your present edu-
cational position. If there is in
truth no other prospect advantage, can
letter or so on this privilege of letters,
current our there is a long life
ine them in that part you could
have some advantage, or privilige,
than you can have them. If I could do more for you than I can, there, I know it would be better for you to be near than here. If you are willing to come. But I do not wish to punish home for less, in my judgment it looks necessary. It is my dear time for trade now just now, but my mind is looking for trade to arrive soon. I do not expect to do much more two months. I want to make you happy, to keep you frosted for your families. I have to take care of yourselves. You are going blind and will soon be much expensive as it will cost more to care for you than men. And girls, as well as boys, should learn to take care of themselves. Goodnight. 

J. N. B. 

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Chicago, Dec. 7, 1868
My Dear Daughter Silliam

Your letter of the 20 inst. came this morning. I am glad you have a new one to write to me and that your new "try" becomes you. I thought they would become you a pleasure.

Your letter is well written and correctly spelt, but you must learn to punctuate and use capital letters at the beginning of each sentence. Then your letters would be greatly improved. A girl almost fifteen years old, grown up, should be able to compose a letter properly. I suppose it was the "Branch School House, or neat, the School" that was dedicated. I suppose the teacher was "kept" to the dedication, but you did not say so, though you have informed me that they "went!" I am glad you all got along pretty good [well] in school, which is a good thing to do. You should still meditate in accordance with the ancient Sage's or more than that number. Thus, if you shall be written cleverly,
one hundred a ton may be written two figures, than 110. That is the weight
you may remember. Moreover,
yes, I understand about your music lesson;
for just as you have written, but that
is not as you wrote before. Yes, it is fifty
ty cents a lesson $5.00 a month for three
months at one lesson a week. Upon
last quarter you said April 19th
so that your next quarter will expire
now. I am glad you like music &
hope you will become a good performer.
I once hoped you would become an ac-
completed one, but I see you havenot
the patience of perseverance to become such.
If you could have begun with the C minor
religion, when I wrote to you & gave you
it thoroughly you might have been
in a few weeks to learn music. But you
had no one to teach you that, so you must
get all or well of your own as you can with such
instruction as you have. The worst proof
I have of your instruction is that you think
you can play as a accomplished musician
already. I am glad the price of your tuition is
not increased for this reason. Rates, as usual,
elsewhere, your opinion of yourself, if
& your raised & I am really paying all I
think it is worth.
Chicago, Dec. 20, 1865

My dear daughter, Gillian,

I received your letter of the 12th day before yesterday. You will recall the year to your date in writing letters, put a period at the close of each sentence, or begin every sentence with a capital letter. It is just as easy to punctuate your letters correctly as erroneously. And your calligraphy is too good to be disfigured by so many errors in punctuation and capitalization. I have read what you said about the curriculum. It did not have put you back a twentieth part as much to have begun with it then as it will after you have gone through the book you are now studying. I suggested you think of giving with the curriculum, but you said it was too hard. Of course that was very good judgment about it, for you had not used your mind properly.
example to judge of it yourself. Richard
son's is better than the book you are
studying. Now, the curriculum is by far
the best book, embossing thorough
base, it will take you three years
to master it. The more distinguished
teachers say it is the best book ever
published, especially for beginners, as
it leads along the pupil by easy gradations, it
does not jump from easy
to hard exercises as other books, etc. It
was a blunder not to base before the
curriculum there. If you had had
a thorough teacher this would have
helped you. You see exercises to make you
master every lesson and learn
a tone till now sure that an in
the opening drop the curriculum,
it would have been much better
for you. You might have become an
accomplished player. Now, I fear you
will never have to "show off." Most
teachers are ambitious, as long as to
have their pupils make a show, so
set them to learning lessons before
they face lessons the first semester.
If I have ever you would not have to
worry about it. If you now learn I feel
better satisfied that you are
not wasting your time, & my mon-
ey, on your music. However, I hope
you will get some good of it, that
your time will not be totally wasted.
I send you the 87 dollars to pay for
the quarter which you may claim this
week. Yes, I know Gram could write. I have published a great
many of her articles. Some of them
have been good ones, too. Gram has a
shrewd mind — will she make opera
tonic, & she cultivated her tal-
cut in that direction in early life
would have been superior to many
who figure conspicuously as public
actors. We have had a great time
here these past weeks. The armies of the
Weeks including the Army of Ohio, the Army of Tennessee, and the States of Georgia met after a great review. Tuesday evening was devoted to speeches at the Opera House. Wednesday evening there was a banquet at the Chamber of Commerce. There were 1,860 guests at the table.

215 colored waiters. There were a great many pyramids of cake, competions, and dressing guests.

2150 long and two arms were around the platform and loaded with delicacies.

Guests: Sherman, Grant, Schofield, a host of generals, and governors.

The next will be a short account of it in the "Monitor," a bimonthly paper.

Dear Ella, there is another "The Chicago Courier," a letter, and to her, no she will get two - the paper success is five cents a quarter. The editorial on "Human Rights" in the

Letter is one of mine.

I have a white fan for Ella. I have got a rose color one 6.75, and 3 reds at Christmas present.

On 26th I can find the post office.

Can send it by grand mail. You will get it by the 1st of January with the rest.
Chicago, Dec. 26, 1868

My Dear Children,

I mailed a letter to William this morning, making a draft for $10. $6 of which is to pay for William's music lessons, and $4 for your holiday spending money. I meant to have had this draft payable to William's order but for getting it, till the draft was drawn. However, it will be just the same for Ella will give William the $8, & she will pay you $6. I have $2 for herself. I thought Ella would have three weeks ago to pay & intended to take it down this morning, to buy another for William & send you for a Christmas present, but I forgot it, so, after buying William's piano, I had to come home three miles & get Ella's piano & go back to the Post Office & mail the letters. I put each


and I then tied the two boxes together with a piece of paper, one on one eye, the other on the other. Then the assistant wrapped a Post Mortem bit on the stamps. I put a string double across around it tied it with thread, it was really too good a stamp on the side, and one end to keep the card in its place, directed it to the Hartford Post Office so that it would not be opened to tell it reached the end. I think it will go through safe. The Post Office says it will reach Hartford Wednesday night, if Ella's face is not good enough for the High School, she must take her mother's place. I am a very nice one, just the thing for such a party. I think hers is a good one. Well, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

There is a Mission Church on the street half a block from the smallest school here. A Christmas tree there Thursday eve. We are going to see it. I attend the Sunday School there in the Bible class. It is quite interesting. We go to church there in the evening.

We have a real close neighbor, Mr. Barlow, who was a near friend of your mother at Shillers Falls. I correspond with her. She comes here to teach before your mother came. I have seen a good many letters from her by... I saw your mother in '47, '49, also after it was married. Your mother is about twelve miles west of here. Ella was a boy of called herself "Little Bro." She has a great deal to say about Ella. Her maiden name was Warren. When she was young, she was called Susie D. Warren. Your most remember her. She has a daughter Ella 17 years old in school at Shillers Falls. The Barrows are really rich. The Barrows are a jewelry at present, bank of his trade is all in. They have property in Charleston, S. C. which rents for $500 a year. She is...
conversing for the Eoróceis, a something makes $25 a week, last not often, I think.
The man had a house but it fell up again last night and now it is fair
winter weather. The men thus light.
There is a village to be built up on
the spring seven miles from here, ten
miles from the lake called 'Mary-
wood.' The land is owned by a New
England company. It is laid out in lots
at $13.00 an to be paid in the spring
in setting out laws and making streets, a
church, school house and railroad 8 freight
are to be built, eight or ten proprie-
tors of prominent citizens will also
build them in the summer. The Com-
pany was to spend $30,000 in building
houses to rent or sell. The Pacific R.
R. passes through it. Thirty-six trains a
day. I talk of buying a block of 242
acres there, I can buy it for $10,000 to
have five years to pay in. Must buy
an 60 ft. front on all the houses are
to build 17 ft. front on the street at
110 feet from house to house across
the street. I am going out to see it and
I like it, I think by time. All pray
and pray.
M. M. Brattle
Chicago, July 9, 1869.

My dear children,

It is Gracie's birthday today. She is now one year old! She does not walk or stand alone, nor do I put anyone to hasten her partial progress. She sites, avoids the kerosene as fast as a walk is into country on a township. She gets up on her knees, can stand on her feet well enough, but does not seem inclined to be in a hurry to learn to walk. Today, for the first time, she succeeded in turning over when lying on her back, so as to get on her tummy and faces, from which she scrambles into a sitting posture in a trice. When she has once learned to do a thing, she repeats it over and over again. The weight 21 1/2 lbs., has ten teeth, eight single, and two double teeth of the upper and lower, with nearly through. She has suffered in a neck, men or less, with tooth, or two not absolutely sick, she is in men a less pain.
has wound a great deal. Xx has great deep red spots in her cheeks in the daylight. She very checked before well, but not so deep crimson as for a few days past. But her appetite & digestion are good. I am glad she is getting her liver so well, & she seems to be better comes. She too that comes get along as well as with her liver as she has done. She sleeps beautifully at night, has one or two unusually two "naps" in the day time, a short one in the early evening, then goes to sleep for the night at from 8 to 10 o'clock. She is exceedingly active when awake, then morn. is very quiet. It seems, as if the most were hardly out, her liver good sleep unperturbed her. The liver some was sick around every day, when the liver was coming to the time the "raps" hurt, or when the liver was coming, the liver hurt. I can't bear the cruel "dear." The raps "touch" in cloths. "tak" in turn, "bul" in turn. But the raps "see their" a "litty,"
Monday, Jan., 10th. I have bought a thousand grape roots for next spring—cost $175. I pay for them in August, $25 in cash and $25. The rest are my profits. It is my tight times here now for money, so do not expect to make much for a couple of months. If I get enough to pay my rent, I shall be glad.

The cost of my rent costs $56, or half a dollar a day. My office rent is 600 a year. So that your loan of my rent costs $65 a year. Now I have to pay $40 for the post office, making my cost $100 to keep the office rent up. The office postage costs about $30 more. I have good good families who make him a lot of money in this town. The average cost of rent is from $20 to $25 more. And you add print and paper, writing clothes, and furniture it amounts to a fee at the end of the year. But we get more fixed up in the town. Want some cheese in a few things, some more bread & tea & all a few good things. I think $200 more will put us in the right...
to live comfortably. I think if I go out to
have to duties as a. There are six of
them. I took one of them a hundred
dollars, each I am not sure if May turn a
year to take it. I have not heard from
them. Others all will sell at that price
I should buy one. The lowest is at
about $1200 or $1300, but then has
the use of it all the time. So my
life many years. If she should live ten years
it would not be a very profitable invest-
ment. But if she should die in three
or five years, it would be. I buy it for
the sake of having a homestead if only
to live to if I need it. And it is near for
our interests. Indeed, it will be so much
further, for a rainy day. I want you best
educate, so that you can take care of your
relatives, if it is necessary, I don't suppose when
really much about the necessity of trip prepared
to take care of husbands. And you can always
to consider it. We will you your respects, other
and calls, I came home, but need her in all sorts.
I wish you would write often. What is the use of waiting a whole year before answering any letters, as you could not find time to write. Werner if you love me so much, why do you not think your heart is much in it, or so. I expect I await a long time for my letters, more interesting to you it would be a very great satisfaction feeling the me, but
I love to hear from you, or do not like to relinquish the last link, that binds me to the early past. You probably have finished to do, so do I, the comparative isolation of my life makes it very difficult to get & as good help as is needed, for the household of time, but it is a labor to be performed. The house of a farm, with 2, 3, 4, in a family, equals twice the number in a town house. But for nine months in the year except summer months, from different places 1, 2, 3 in a family, besides all our company, which is constant during summer months, from different dates, in Winter a great deal from about 60, some of the time we have two girls, but my main dependence is a girl raised snow 13-24 miles of here. We are making a little center just about our own home. Dr. has built a store of felli
it with dry goods & groceries, which does a good business. A flour mill will be built soon, either like the Dr will build it, or I sene the lands go an Artisan well. For another man who talks of building up one if he can build it near us. We have a P.M. here & Dr is P.M. of Blacksmith shop. The hired man with his family take the post session of our house guest below here, while the man take charge of our shop guest below tomorrow. It is a little nucleus, which makes it most convenient than formerly, but still think it a narrow and condensed, meaning to life, with fewer opportunities for usefulness, than one would suppose who did not know the situation of things. Brother William & Sister Mary started for San Francisco, the overland route, two weeks since, they found themselves stopped up in Leland City, in two days after starting, & were obtained a week at the depot there at the time of 10 or 20 a day—have not heard since. They design spending 2 years or so there & then return & build a nice storable house with us & live here, perhaps they will do it. To change a They theme with simple remark there are plenty of fools in the race. Sherman Booth's wife, for instance, is also glad Miss Abell is finally married & that about Tanford I identifies herself with the present generation & not with the past. She lives with Dr. Rusty—Poor little May, I was so sorry to hear she was labled in her lonely bed away from those that loved her. I hope that learned to love her from you.
Hartford, Oct. 13, 1869

Miss Corel,

I shall not be able to give any further instruction now, owing to being in the midst of packing etc — You will oblige me by acquainting me with the number of lessons you may have had, so that I may keep such class to act.

Yours, yours,

Dudley Buck
Greenfield, May

Dear Sister and niece,

It is a long long time since I attempted to hold a pen in my hand, stiff fingers, but I want so much to hear from you all. I did flatter myself I should see some of you at the wedding, we were all doomed to disappointment. The whole household went to the church except myself. I was completely tuck out and have not yet rested yet. There were over thirty guests to spend the evening. The next day our little Collet started with her husband for Chicago and left us very lonely. They are keeping her and she thinks she shall like there, but I think she had no business to take her cup so far. What do you say?
Lucy and her husband were to last week, she says that Carrie had gone to New York to live now is not that a great inducement for you to come into the country and visit all your friends we should be so delighted to welcome you suppose think Mr. Fisk is a good man and just as smart as he ever was. I think of you a great deal last on our last birthday you was not absent from mind at all. How are the girls progressing in their school, I suppose Ella is more by nearly to teach does their father assist them now? I hope he will tutor all the comfort and enjoy all the happiness with his present live that he deserves too. I have not visited old Leyden for more than a year, I hope I shall in the course of this season, nor you I stepped out upon a round but two or three times since last fall, I have not been very well and so much to keep me busy that I get tired and don't feel like walking out as far as I am in family & a young lady boards one from Leyden the other from Colerain. Alice and Freddie go to school, Mary Adelaide makes herself very useful generally Eliza has talked of visiting you in June but has recently given it up. I am in hope that she well go yet only think of it, husband will be eighty years old the 21st of this month, it does not seem possible that he is so old he is quite well and smart for an old gentleman, he sends love to you all and would be glad to see you. Your loving sister and Auntes, E.S. Morgan.
Chicago, April 28/69

My dear children,

I send you an excess amount of $36. - $31 to pay for your load for the month of May. $4.50 for passing one. I hope you will not have to use it. If you need

more for that purpose let me know. You should have a cast
head gear for church. What do you want to school?

Tell me that you are happy and what you wear.

Ellen has a long neck and a little sucque of her mother the other day that summer.

William sends his love. He is letter beautiful. He is writing an some other thing.
which it is not necessary for you to look into, you will
find them in the box. John can
not do much on account
of the Valley of his uncle
Eyes. She has not been able
to read any since Grace
was born. My aunt
looked fine. My car simply
wished the red tulips in
with pain. Green is so long
of fat, it is hard with a
other cause of her. She is
very healthy - I am in
great haste. Give
to all

We all thank
Sis. Buhm - now my God,
has visited us. Say it is a
sign of good news that Hellen
children are Athenka.
Chicago, April 29, 69

My dear children,

I sent you yesterday $31 for bread and for hay for you herd year. But with my wife I find it is not for feeding and the big I got you last summer and let to run one a time the white straw hat, I get for you two years ago which you have not use. You will need them for hay and except other time when cut grass to store, as a medium to turn your school hat. I best one. You pink them very strong with Brantsville and will last a great while.

I have sent you plenty of shoes. I went up 1100

Earned 400 to 500.
Dear Mr. James,

I hope this letter finds you well. I had a long conversation with Mr. Williams yesterday, and we discussed the possibility of borrowing $250 from you. After some consideration, I decided to accept the offer and will pay it back in installments as soon as possible.

I arrived in Boston today to visit some friends. The weather is quite pleasant, and I plan to spend some time exploring the city. I hope you are doing well and that your business is thriving.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your generosity. Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and I will work hard to repay you.

Please accept my sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy and successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Oak Lawn. May 6, 1869,

My darling Ella,

Your letter came in the midst of moving and I had so much to do that I did not have time to answer it and so I waited till I was in Denver. I suppose Fannie will tell you about our journey and Jennie's sickness as I wrote to her a few days ago. We have all got me colds now. She been weeping all day over the follies of the world (?) and Mary Norwood is sick in bed today. Mary is a very sweet girl. I like her better than any of the Norwoods. Eliza or Sally is very nice too but I don't like her as well. Julia is two years younger than I and is...
a good-hearted child but rather soft and quite a won't. Jimmie is as one of his negroes expressed it: "The dearest white man around on the subject. I knew you know here." He is real wise. I thought when people send valentines they hardly ever mean what they say. So don't let me hear anymore of that talk. When I am sure that anyone has the "heart-disease" smile.

Tomorrow, if it don't rain, then let you know. And when I have it I will let you know so you or any young men I am acquainted with. Now remember I have to play and sing church in the church here. There only two in the choir beside myself. Three ladies. We have had two choir meetings this week and are to have another Saturday afternoon. You see we are doing big business.

I must stop for my head-aches. Love to Jeanie and a letter full for yourself. Forever thine own love, Lena.
Chicago, Aug 4, 1869
4 1/2 P.M.
My dear children.

I sent your boy by Express at 4 o'clock this afternoon. I enclose you Express and wish for it. It should reach you on Tuesday. You will find list of things at a letter in the bag. I trust it will go safely & that you will be pleased with its contents.

I bought a nice carriage for the baby yesterday. The wholesale price was $3250. It has springed seats & two tonque(s) is pushed from behind. It is called a Planchonette. It is beautifully upholstered & the baby is delighted to ride in it. I gave my carpent & by having close the same window on edge of steps or into the side walk. It is very easy to manage. The body is so large.
that it was a great loss to take care of her which this will my much lighten. The car man is being presented with your pictures on the side of the lady. It is a beauty. So for Granda. We got some large fish, two White Grand Canal to make in a dish. I expect to go to Bennett in a little on a week. Perhaps not on my next Saturday. How can you provide clothes? Is there anything you really need? Love to all.

W. A. Smith

Geo. B.
Chicago, May 23. 1869

My dear Ella,

I received your letter of last Sunday in May. I am glad the draft arrived in time to get you books. In your previous letter you asked for the receipt of any you had for the month of May. I did send one receipt from Prang for it, but there was no receipt in it. Please send one for May 31.

Tuesday night, an organist dies at this time. Dr. H. goes to town to Chicago. He desires to give lessons. The specimen, or copying study of the High School has for several years as just prescribed by the Board of Education was published in Saturday’s Tribune. I will send it to you. I meant to get the full course of your High School. One is quite thorough. The salaries of teachers in an city like Chicago
concerns to half a million dollars a year, I am glad to know that you get along so well in school. But I fear that by the time you graduate you will be so worn out that you will more receive from the experiment of the High School course that you will have sacrificed your health to study. My own judgment has always been that you should have free outdoor exercise in the country for two or three years, after which you are in danger of being most unhealthy. Exercise which harms is of little use. It is one which only tends to take care of the body, as their mind. If you graduate in the High School you must have two years at least going to Vassar College. In the meantime I stress learning the sciences as its advantages. Why it is where it should be. I shall be glad to have you go then. But you must gain strength by going there. I know too much study is required of girls in all the higher schools enough to break down an ordinary constitution if they thoroughly master the lessons. Peace in constant exercise of an iron constitution. I should have broken down in college. One can stand along o with them and perhaps but it be a thorough master of the study presented in the higher schools of college requiring even study such as few can prepare without injury to their health. I do not suppose you will even be a woman you might if your physical education had been denied you as thoroughly as your mental. Those contents a thoroughly sound.
mind in a cold and confused way. If you appreciate this truth
as you ought, you would feel that your
first duty was to take care of your
health. We did not go to Princeton on an
occasion yesterday, as an actual fact
with a backwash of water because
it was not a good time for it.

I hope you will
get your things lined up with the
your next hill up with the
up your arm out, I fear with

rhythm of our own method
doing any off

I meant to write this yester-

day, but had not time to write

and. As long as I am now to take
it can be most readily mail it as it is
this time any woman. I feel that this
friend and countryman have never met me
and you on your

claration to Bennett.

Yours ever,

E.C.
Sacramento, California June 28th, 1869

[Handwritten address and name]

Friend Jennie,

I think not that I have forgotten you all, delaying so long writing. I have other friends to write to, yet that I promised to do better late than never, I have thought of you all a number of times. Thought how I would like to run in and see you all as I did before I came away. I have thought to myself, I would think I had forgotten you, but no, Jennie! I haven't. I promised to write you once anyway after I arrived here telling you about my journey, arriving here and so on. Well I arrived here the 4th of June all safe and sound. My husband left now is
Next week we shall glad to see each other, indeed we were all that was on Friday the 4th. Sunday the 6th of June we were married. Three weeks ago yesterday. I am in good health and enjoy married life very much. I have a dear kind and good husband and try to do all he can to please me. I am just as contented as can be. I have not been home since I have been here. I feel quite at home now. I have become acquainted with a few families. I like Sacramento very well although it is not anything like Hartford. They are not so many very large buildings here as they are in Hartford. The buildings are small and low, some tall buildings not many. The side walks are mostly broad and some brick. The business streets are wide and have canvas canopies over the walks. I rather like that idea. The beauty of Sacramento is it is such a forest of trees, shrubbery, and flowers. I have had bouquets to put in my case. The climate here is very nice, although we are having very hot weather now. Through the day but towards evening it is quite cool and it seems pleasant after being so hot through the day. The evenings at home are not like they are here such a beautiful breeze is very refreshing. Oh! Jennie I have had beautiful fruit since I have been here, my husband brings me home some kind of fruit every day mostly such large Strawberries. I never saw and the strawberries it is not time for peaches or pears yet there are very large and luscious, and by plenty fruit is cheaper here than it is sometimes one can do after there and here you can get 4 for 30c. There I am very fond of fruit. I have all the fruit I want that suits me. I am fond of all kinds of fruit. How I wish you had some of the same strawberries here how is your health now Jennie and how is your another Ella and Shirley in the last of health? I hope I have not heard from home.
yet I hope I will I am very anxious for I have written home twice since I have been here I mean to my sisters and theirs so I think I will receive some letters by and by that ever I left Hartford there was a number of my friends ladies and gentlemen and my sisters & wives there at the depot to see me off on my long journey seeing them all there it made me feel sad to go so far away I was sorry still I was glad to go to meet one that is very dear to me we went to New Haven took the steamer to New York arrived there the next morning about six was it my all day visiting around the city seeing friends visiting the Central Park you have been there & suppose it is a beautiful place just like ours that ever we took the steamer for Albany sailing off the Hudson was very pleasant we sat out on deck to view the scenery until it was so cool we were obliged to go in then we had a very nice supper the next
Chicago, May 23, 1869

My dear William,

I was much pleased to get your letter a few days since. I am both suited with the things you sent me. I was glad to hear you thanked my wife for making up the things as soon as she did, for it cost me a great deal of labor when she was not really well enough to do it. It is the first reference you or Ellen have made to her since we were in Huntford, last summer. She takes as much interest in you as I do. I would be glad to do anything for either of you, though she could not be present your happiness. And if you will let her come to you, she will, you could have a good many little things to put up some not so little that you go without now. However, I do not think you should decide on any great. And now I must call you about some love affairs. We have been
I'm writing to say that we have just moved into a new house in town. The walls are painted in a pretty color, and I love the cozy feel of the place. We've only been here for a few weeks, but I already feel like it's our new home.

I wanted to write to you and let you know how much I miss you. I think about you every day, and I wish I could be with you right now. I promise to write you soon.

I hope you're doing well and that things are going well for you. Take care of yourself, and I'll see you soon.

Love,
[Your Name]
From Jane a moment, it might as well
be as a matter of Dominick's God only
sweet corn, beans planted—a
friend sent us hens, plants,obs.
named Study for plants. I shan't
have potatoes, collars, cumbermelon carrots etc.
One and about gran. She lives in
in carrots & cabbages tea etc. &
makes a satirical cup of coffee she is my lovely, marvellous
by fond of victuals. She still longs for
from a talk of gran—your know—
alone victoria of Senid in India
sink, dump down corn & so on. But she is
most attracted by the fricton y
your motion in the panas. I am
study to see him gauge at it. It helps
so clear the sight shows it to the last
advantage, o mon mon time before
at. Drinking when I am coming home
in the sitting room—as the picture is not
yet replaced since we started—but the air
has me enter me in the room to see the
pictures. But though green the evening
light, I cannot bring the lights as well
as a smart bully.
New London July 3d 1869

Dear Friend Ella,

We should be pleased to see you all but as Eric & Jamie are in the last week. We will meet your Grandmother 
& Sisters at the Forty Acre Monday July 5th. We will state your care of them. So you can get rid of them quite easily.

I will love to all

from E.H. & A.W.}

a longer one next time,
We are all well as usual.
Feb 25th 1863

My dear Alice

It is in this letter to you that I have a few lines to say. I have been trying to get a letter from you, but have not yet heard whether you have received it. I expect you will acknowledge the receipt of it at once. But though I hear and I think this letter from you some time I have not heard from you of a date since the time you would have received the package. I have sent you $10.00, since then $5.00 at our last stop at Leavenworth. Please let me know if you need the lot too all. And when is extras going to open the winter in Washington? Tell Gran I sent a joint claim that to him to be needed for the portion who had the locality against her lord. I also think up your mother's. I had it
Quit Claim) to C. E. Pater, till I can settle with some other matters, as there is a $3,000 note on me just that is not yet settled. And it was to buy Green's Land. Here am I with you just as the will take for it to be paid up the mortgage to Giddette. I did not send you the music for I had no time to get it. This will as soon as I can. I am well but very harrassed with constantremoveAttr.

Let me know from you my dear daughter as often as once a week when I get a letter from you mother. I am in another a week ago, but not a word in either except for publication. How is your health? I shall mail this Monday in Milwaukee and in it J. E. I hope you will have a complete winter of the care of your health. I send on the best of my love to Miss Edna. 

No letter has come from you yet.
Harrisville, Ritchie Co., W. Va. Nov. 28th

My dear Auntie & Cousin,

You will see by the date of this letter that it should have been Thanksgiving yesterday but owing to Gen. Grant our President not being a Yankee we were obliged to have Thanksgiving one week to early. According to my mind it is the greatest mistake he has made since he was inaugurated President of the United States of A.

You also perceive that I am in the western part of the old Dominion. The 14th Aug. I left Vienna for this place, was on my way fifty four hours, had a very pleasant trip considering I had no company but strangers.

When I arrived here found my dear sister that I had not seen for twenty two years pretty well and her family in good health. Brother Moses &
family well. Ellenboro is five miles from this place it being the nearest station to the R.R. as I stepped from the car to the platform I heard a gentleman say is this Dr. Halls sister. Of course I responded, & I found that Miss Dottie Harris Miss Eddie Hall and two other young ladies were waiting for me and Dottie said that they received the news the evening before and as the Hack did not go our Uncle Moses sent his man with a pair of horses and the four young ladies to escort me to Harrisville.

I assure you it was very pleasant to find all prospering so nicely. My brother-in-law Thomas Mr. Harris is now Adjutant-General of the state & is obliged to be in Westing about one-half of the time. He is now at home trying to finish a fence that he considers quite elegant. I asked him if the glass for the windows was the French Plate, he said he did not inquire.

Mattie or Dottie is staying at home this year to recruit. She had been in school so long that she was very tired. She and Mary are to teach the two schools in town this winter. I wish you could see them for there are no 1 girls and I think experimental Christians both excellent singers & both give music lessons. I shall place them above Par but Mattie has the strongest mind & the strongest constitution says she wishes she could remember her visit in Mass. Brother Moses lives only a little way from here. He has a very pleasant family his wife is interesting in conversation as wide awake as most any one you meet. Cuddie is 15 years is getting ready to enter some school in seminary next Sept. She is not any more
Sleepy than her mother is. Sammy is nearly 4 years as near as I can judge as a young Moses. For instance at the concert he sat up on the back of the seat and stopped his ears because the piano killed so loud.

Agnes Grace the baby six months old is one of the best babies I ever saw is fat a strong can almost set alone weighed twenty pounds when 4 months old. I wish I could write you about some of Moses surgical operation it would make you laugh to hear him tell about them. Sophia says tell aunty so that she would be glad to write to her but she is very busy and thinks I must be her amanuensis.

Enclosed is a Programme of concert given Thanksgiving evening which proved to be quite a success the piano used belongs to Mattie & May one they have had only a few weeks. My health is some better than last spring then I had night sweats and was as near a skeleton as ever I was since I came here have gained in flesh some and feel some stronger have drank milk and cream and eaten brown bread and fruit some meat &c. I have not heard from you since last March. Please write me soon about all that is going on and will you send me some news papers. How are all your children and all the rest?