Eau Claire, Jan 29

Dear Father and Mother,

Your letter is at hand. We were all well and glad to hear that Mother was getting better. I was out all night to a party and I feel like a fool. I will come out all right when I get my regular sleep. Mary and I was down town yesterday and went to Jeff's. Ellen was well, but the children have got a bad cold. Little Charley has been sick but has got better. Jeff is driving team yet. Charley is in the same place as when you were here. You have got apples and cider in the cellar and I have got potatoes and turnips, so you can't get the start of me much. Tell Addie and Birdie that I would like to take them out riding with my black horses. The snow is about 12 inches deep. Up to the 1st day of Jan, the snow was about 4 inches deep. We have had one cold snap and it lasted 3 or 4 days and the rest of the time has been warm. I must give Mary room to write.

Wheat is worth $1.00
Corn " " 75 c
Oats " " 50 c
Rye " " 60 c
Potatoes " $1.00
Beans " " 2.50

From Your Son Almon

[In Mary's handwriting:] Almon says he must give room
for Mary. I don't suppose he could send a letter without I wrote some in it. At any rate I don't intend to let him, because I like to write as well as talk. But I guess I shant make out much for Almon sits at my left hand and keeps tormenting me. He is as full of the old nickal as ever. Mother do you remember the story he told you about the cucumber. We were all glad to hear of Mother's returning health. Ellen was very anxious to hear from home. She thinks she isn't used well because you don't write to her more often. She thinks Addie might write any way. You must write to Ellen anyway. I am afraid she will get homesick if you don't. It cheers her up to hear from home. She has worried a great deal about Mother's being sick. Finally we all like to hear from home. As for me I always like to write but since you were out here it seems as though I could not wait to hear from you. So do write often. In the spring I would like some of Mother's bulbs and flower seeds, and some of those early rose potatoes. They could be sent by freight without a great deal of expense. The express would be 8 cts per pound. But I shall have to close or get a new sheet of paper. Give my love to all of the friends. Write to us all about Miranda and family. Good night and pleasant dreams. This from your children.

Almon and Mary

To Father and Mother