

Grinnel, Ill
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Dear Father,

Your letter received this morning we received your other letter also the buds in good condition one of our neighbors was in Metropolis the day they came and brought them down. I know I should have written sooner but have been sick since the buds came was not able to do my work for one week and had one of Tom's nieces here to help me two weeks since. Uncle was here but stayed in Metropolis the week I was sick then came back on Thursday two weeks ago he walked over to Edgars & was'nt able to get back till Sunday morning following he had them bring him over in the carriage since then he's had a real sick illness his stomach would'nt take any thing but boiled milk once in a while he'd try a few crackers, oats, or a soft boiled egg. His bowels were very bad for about a week I had to give him three kinds of medicine one was 2 drops every hour another was every 2 hours & another came three times a day. So I think you'll excuse me a little for not writing sooner. Uncle got better & went to Metropolis yesterday to see the monument at Aunts grave it was to cost \$400 & the man sold it to him at cost to advertise his work in Metropolis it weighs over 1000 lbs beside my strawberries I have canned 57 cans tomatoes 1 can black berries. Thos bought me two bushels grapes I canned 33 qts & preserved 1 galon I have two qts preserved apples and about 1/2 bushel of dried apples. We are having very warm dry weather. Thos had more than 25 acres of his wheat ground plowed he is going to sow about fifty acres. I guess you'll have plenty of music Carrie must have a very nice organ. Where is she going to teach this year?

I am glad you have some peaches but I wish I could help you eat them.

There are no peaches here this year the trees have'nt a peach on them. I don't suppose I'll see a ripe peach this year.

Thos and I have been married a year since the 24 I am away from home & all my old acquaintances but no woman could have got a man that could have been any better to them then Thos is to me. We've never had cross words or hard feelings one time since we've been married that is saying a good deal. Uncle is very much pleased with the way Thos is doing he has become completely discouraged with Mr. Ferguson. He stays drunk about half his time & does not do any work. Uncle says he will not do any more for him. I think Uncle will give Edgar some thing when he is through with it I hope he will it will make them feel so much better toward us.

Uncle had some wheat that was'nt saleable till it was cleaned its good wheat when its cleaned he told Thos to take that & clean it and I could have it to get some thing for the house he told me I'd have enough to get a new rag carpet for two of my rooms and may be that good I've had real good luck with chickens I lost some hens in the cold weather after we came out here and from seventeen hens I've raised about one hundred & twenty five chickens. I've sold young roosters enough to amount to five dollars at 8 1/3¢ per lb. I sold them when they averaged 2 lbs a piece.

I'm going to keep all the pullets I have. We have eight real nice little frigs a little heifer calf about three weeks ole. We're going to raise it. Thos bought a little heiffer calf last spring so now we have two. Our early potatoes are very good we are selling some at 50¢ per bu. The dry weather is hurting the potatoes the corn is very good but the lat corn would be better if we'd have rain. Thos budded his own trees as he could'nt get a budder here for less than five dollars a thousand unless it was an inexperienced one. We ate the plumms they were sourced a little but

seemed better for coming from home. My kitchen has never been plastered Thos is going to have that done before cold weather and have another door and a window put in it. I guess I've written about all I know of. How are Grandmother Grandfather? How is Mrs Brown making out since Emerson has gone who gets her wood. Write me a good long letter soon. Our love to you all
Your loving daughter
Sadie

P.S. How about Jonty's picture. You have'nt cut his curls have you when you do I want one of them. You never did say whether you got Uncle's Picture.