

Grinnell 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 miced 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, <sup>following</sup> he had  
them bring him over in  
the carriage since then  
he's had a real sick time  
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  
in by 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

P.S. How about Jonty's picture  
you have 'nt cuts his curls  
have you when you do I want  
one of them You never did say  
whether you got Uncle's picture?  
tomatoes 1 can black berries  
Thos bought me two bushels  
grapes I caned 33 qts &  
preserved 1 gallon I have two  
qts preserved apples and  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel of dried  
apples. We are having  
very warm dry weather  
Thos has more than  
25 acres of his wheat  
ground plowed his  
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 dont 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 than 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 sale able 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 maybe  
some left would 'nt you call  
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  $8\frac{1}{3}$ ¢ per  
lb. I sold them when they  
averaged a lb a piece.

I'm going to keep all the  
pullits I have. We have  
eight real nice little pigs  
about a week old and have  
a little heifer calf about  
three weeks old we're going  
to raise it. I've bought  
a little heifer 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 late 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 He ate the plums  
you sent with the birds

they were soured 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  
is gone who gets her wood.

write me a good long letter soon

Our love to you all

Your loving daughter Sadie