

Grinnell Ill.
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Dear Father & Mother: -

Your letters
both received near the
same time I will now
attempt to answer both
at once. Ed Jones & family
are down here running
the store living in Uncle
Lesse's they are very
nice to Tom & I they
come over often
they get milk from me
Tom has hauled two
loads of goods from the
river since they came
here. he gets \$1 per load

it takes him till now
to get back with his load
I dont suppose he thought
to haul much as Edgar
has a team & wagon of
his own. We were invited
to go there to dinner today
but as Tom had to go
down to see his brother
& also to see the boy he
hired for this year
did not go I will go over
after dinner for a while
the boy will be here
tomorrow I guess, it is
the same boy Tom had
last year.

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Uncle Jonty still lives
with us he says he
is better satisfied here
than any where else
Edgar & Mary try to get
him to stay there a part
of the time but he
wont do it sometimes
he eats dinner with them
when he gets tired staying
here he goes to Metropolis
& stays a few days
he is there now but I
expect him back the
first of the week his
trunk is here & he gave
me his keys to keep for
him

Uncle goes down to Tom's
 father's when we go
 he has always known
 them and he enjoys going
 there Tom's sister the one
 that lost her husband
 while I was at home
 has rented her place and
 moved home since we
 moved here the people
 around there reported that
 Uncle was going to see
 her one day he came from
 Metropolis on the boat to
 Joppra & walked out there
 to get some of them to
 bring him out here it
 happened that Tom's

father could'nt bring
him so his sister Julia
brought him it was
published in the paper
that very week that they
were married Julia is
next oldest to Tom I mean
she is two year older than
Tom she was thirty her
last birthday it was
hard to tell who was
maddest over it her or
Uncle she said to me
I didn't think any more
of bringing Mr Jones out
there that day than if
it had been father I
was glad to get a chance

to come see you and Tom.
the fun of it was Uncle
knew it had been put
in the paper & knew it
ment him he had talked
to me about it he went
over to the store he was
going up to Metropolis
with Edgar to ~~have~~ a reply
to the announcement put
in the paper Ed. said
to him Uncle is there a
J. R. Jones living near Jappa
Uncle said he did not know
of any Edgar says well I
see by the paper that
Mrs Julia Anderson was
married to a J R Jones

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last week Uncle says why
that's Tom's Parker's sister
and I know she's not
married Well Edgar & Uncle
rode within about a mile
of town Uncle never referred
to it again the lawyer that
attends to Uncle's affairs
got in the wagon with
them Edgar was telling
me about it himself he
said about the first thing
the lawyer J. F. McCartney
said was well Mr Jones
they tell me you're married
again Edgar said it had
never occurred to him
before that it meant Uncle

there are so many Jones
around here he said
Uncle just blessed the
one that had put that
in the paper. Edgar said
he never had laughed
so much about any thing
as he did that to think
he knew all the time
and wouldnt tell him
Uncle gave me his cot
the picture of his house
like the one you have
mine has a nice frame
& four more chairs

the young ones will lay as
many but one goose egg sells
~~for~~ here egg.

I make two lbs of butter to
sell each week & have from
one to three doz. eggs that
keeps us in groceries & I
have some left to buy dry
goods butter is only 10¢ per lb.
& eggs 10¢ per doz both have
been 15¢ but the warm weather

has brought them down
I got a bonnet pattern from
Aunt Mandy & forgot it its
in with mamma's patterns
I wish she would cut one
off it and mail it to me
right away it wont cost

but ~~is~~ to mail it I got a
new piece to make a bonnet
~~but~~ have 'nt any pattern

that I like if you send it
as soon as you get my letter
I'll get it by the ~~last~~ of this
week or the first of next week
it is not as far from here
to the office as Willows place
is from home. I'll wait to
make my bonnet till I get

the pattern I've written
all I know so Good Bye
Love to you all

Your Affectionate
daughter
Sadie