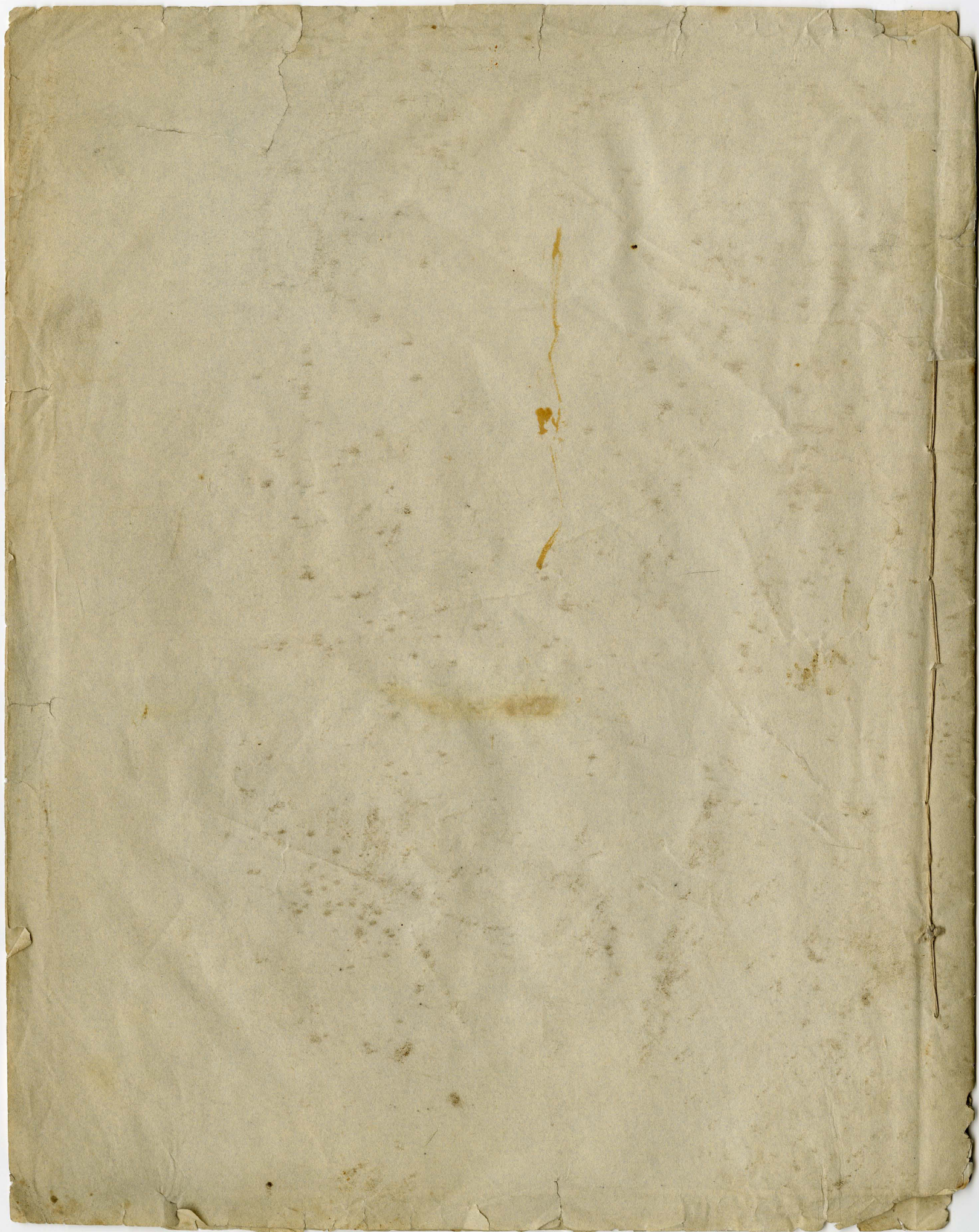




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Minnesota

Minnesota is a Territory of the United States and is the Country in which we live it is a very beautiful Country it is larger than any of the States and is rapidly being settled by people from the States and there is every probability that it will be divided into several States in the winter it is very cold and storms coming suddenly up some times overtake the traveling wandering the poor Indians bear a great deal of suffering in the winter and some times even freeze to death the soil of Minnesota is in most places very good and very fertile the fruit which grows wild are plums grapes and cranberries there are not many wild animals except in the northern part where there are deer buffalos and many other wild beasts the Indians that live in

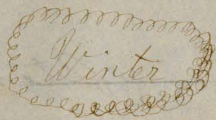
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Minnesota are a poor wretched
 and miserable who are rapidly
 decreasing owing to the miserable
 life they lead in Minnesota a
 very common way of conveyance
 is by hauling things on wagons
 over the prairie the greatest
 impediment to this mode of
 conveyance are the sloughs
 which abound on the large
 prairies of Minnesota and which
 are both hard to get around
 and hard to go over a large
 proportion of the population
 of Minnesota are Dutch Swedes
 and Irish who are mostly very
 intemperate persons and their
 whiskey ~~shops~~ shops are a disgrace
 to Minnesota may we hope that
 before long we will have a
 prohibitory law and that
 Minnesota besides being a
 beautiful country it will
 be a happy country in the
 summer it is very hot and
 there are swarms of Mosquitoes
 which are very troublesome

Minnesota is a very good country for raising cattle and horses there is plenty of grass on the prairie for cattle in the summer and plenty of meadow land by the marshes and swamps and in the river bottom there is also every advantage for farming except the scarcity of wood of which in some places there is very little. the climate in Minnesota is so severe that fruit trees have not yet been made to thrive but it is thought that with proper care they will yet be made to do well corn and potatoes have been more extensively cultivated than any thing else especially the latter but it is probable that when threshing machines and mills become plenty that wheat enough for home consumption will be raised which will be a great help the want of navigation is a great draw back to emigration in Minnesota and it is probable that it will not fill up as fast as other Territories where there are

large rivers

Eli L. Huggins



Winter although so cold has many pleasures
Winter is one of the merriest seasons of the year
what if it is cold that is all the better we need
a little fresh air after the long hot sultry summer
Winter is the time for fun for sleigh rides
and ~~sliding~~ ^{sliding} down hill and boys love to skate on the
ice Winter is ~~a~~ a very busy time when the harvest
that the farmer has spent so much time and
labor on is all gathered in the summer work all
laid by and every thing all snug for winter
then they are ready for merry winter
it is in winter that the holy days of Christmas
and new years when all sorts of plans are
laid for happy surprises come
besides winter is in many respects a very beautiful
season when the hills and valleys are all
covered with snow and the rivers and lakes
are all frozen over and the snow piled up in
drifts, fast frost is pretty during winter
freezing all the lakes and rivers and
making most beautiful figures on all the
windows, the nights are longer in winter
than in summer but the moon and stars
shine very brightly and the snow on the
ground reflects the light and makes it almost
as light as day

hard snow storms often come in winter when the wind will blow the snow so thick that one can not see a yard ^{way} before them and if any one is caught out in them they will be very apt to lose their way such storms are very bad on the mountains where they lose their way and often perish in the snow on the top of mount saint Bernard there is a monastery where they keep dogs to search for any that may be lost in snow storms, they save a great many lives.

although we may not see all the reasons why there are so many disadvantages in winter yet now I doubt there are there is good reasons for every disadvantage of winter and all the weather is just as it should be in haste Mary Ann & F

Home.

Home is the best place there is on this earth and one of the loveliest to those that have good homes but some people have such miserable and wretched homes that they are glad to go abroad and stay. we ought to be thankful that we have good homes and kind friends there every thing looks old and familiar about home the places where we were raised where we played when we were little & the place where we had lived more than any other place it is hard to part with home when the time to part comes all though we do think that we would like to go abroad and see new things we are always glad to get home. I would much rather stay at home then to away and see new and strange and bewildering scenes and at night go to sleep amid confusion and fuss it is much more pleasant to go to our quiet chambers at night to rest and to think that we are at our own home and our friends around us what a blessing and a privilege it is to have a home there are a great many that have not got any homes they wander from place to place and have to beg sometimes and at night sleep without shelter, there are many orphans who

have no homes or kind friend to take care
 of them. may we be ever thankful when
 we think of our privileges why should we
 have a home and so many kind friends around
 us while so many are in want of homes and
 haven't got any I don't know why because
 we are not any better than any other people
 excuse these few scratches but remember there
 is no place like home home sweet home.
 from one of the writers for the basket



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