



## Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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*Gents: Call at Webb & Webster's, 82 State street,*  
And take a look at their Stock of HAND-MADE BOOTS and SHOES, and then it won't take you  
long to decide where it is to your advantage to buy.

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### MEMORANDUM.

I am painting a pair of  
panels, for you, like those  
of Granks with the clover  
sc. but I shall not be able  
to finish them by next  
week. Maria has sent you

*Ladies : Don't fail to get a pair of those Nobby Spanish  
or Castillian Arched Instep Shoes at Webb & Webster's, 82 State st.*

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**Memorandum**

Rev.

V

J. E. H.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Louis H. Hyde,  
Ann Arbor,  
Mich.

Bot 193.

Dear. I forgot to mention  
in my last letter that  
your father and mother  
expressed a wish to have  
your pictures, so you had  
better improve the opportunity  
now offered you.  
In haste J. C. H.

Boston

March 19<sup>th</sup> '76

My darling Brother,

I am in a very patriotic frame of mind to-day as I sit by the window watching the light-snow, which is falling, and thinking and wondering how the Bostonians of one hundred years ago, felt, when the British left ~~the~~ the city. I think I take more interest in my country having seen and being

surrounded by so many  
places connected with  
the Revolution. I went  
down town to day, saw  
nothing but people, flags  
and other signs of celebra-  
tion, many marking  
the place <sup>where</sup> some part  
of the British troops  
were stationed. The Old  
South Church was a fencing  
school. This evening, the  
Old South Church, Har-  
vill Hall, the old State  
House and other places  
of historical interest are  
to be illuminated. I wish  
you were here to enjoy  
every thing, with me.  
I am so happy for  
any one, to hear such  
delightful news from

darling Mamma. I  
wish she could have  
heard the concert, that  
I attended yesterday. It  
was splendid. They are  
considered very classical  
concerts, but I did not  
find it too much so for  
enjoyment. I will enclose  
the programme. Will  
has got tickets for him-  
self and me, to attend  
the English Opera. Kellogg  
is to play in the Bohemian  
Girl. Just think  
Lue, only a little over three  
months and I will see  
you all. Are you in school  
and what are you study-  
ing? Improve all your  
time, for I want you to  
go to college if Papa is

able to let you know  
and any better. I do  
hope she is not going  
to be sick. I wish I could  
spend a few hours  
with them. I suppose  
is having an elegant  
time on the farm. Send  
my best love to them all.  
I will write them very  
soon. I should enjoy writ-  
ing a much longer letter,  
but I am obliged to quit  
a composition on Egyptian  
social life. I go to friends  
and neighbors. Give a  
big darling Mamma  
and all for me. Tell  
Papa the wheat has  
come. We leave a





BOSTON  
MASS.

JUN 22 7 6

7 P.M.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Louis H. Hyde,  
Johiet,  
Ills.

Boston 22<sup>nd</sup>

Your postal was received this after-noon.

You can be accommodated at Mrs. Morgan's, with us, at least I have written her. We will be in P- the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday morning, and if you can start from home, in time to be there on that evening we will meet you. Write us what road and train you are coming on. I sent directions in last letter.

Mrs. George 659 Brown St  
Mrs. Morgan

P.S. Write—  
as often as  
possible  
Hark—  
Jude.

John—  
Sep. 21/97

My darling Brother, You  
have no idea how much  
we miss the dear old  
fellow so far away from  
us all, you can soon  
judge. Your absence  
has ~~xxxx~~ had some  
effect—when I tell you that  
father has spoken of  
you oftener than he  
did of me during the  
whole year I was gone  
from home. I cannot  
yet realize that—

you are to be away from  
us so long I often ima-  
gine you will soon be  
home "loaded" with game  
as usual. I can appreciate  
your feelings to the fullest  
extent, for I know what  
it is to be among stran-  
gers and obliged to  
worry over examinations,  
but when you get  
fairly settled you will  
gladly in your year's  
work. I only hope the  
decided examinations  
have been passed suc-  
cessfully. Do not be lach-  
rymose, but make the best  
of every opportunity and  
do not let any <sup>one</sup> lead  
you into temptations  
and all will be well

We received your letter  
and were very much  
delighted to hear from  
you so soon, and I  
will add by way of a  
compliment, that it  
was written very nicely.  
Will Gardner was here  
last evening and he  
said he had spoken to  
several young gentlemen  
attending the University  
and they would be  
very kind to you. I  
believe one was named  
"Whitlier" and another  
"Young." We are all as  
well as usual and  
the daily routine of  
"domestic avocations &  
filial obligations" has  
been the same as when

you were here. We had  
considerable sport over  
Kore, the other night,  
i. e. some serenades  
attempted to compliment  
us by a few songs and  
were frustrated in their  
plans by K - who  
made such a fuss, that  
they were compelled to  
leave for the time  
being, but on their  
return he was very  
peaceful. With ever  
so much love from  
us & all we are I am

Your loving sister  
Julia

John -  
Oct. 14. 1877

My dear Brother,  
After  
a dinner of oyster soup  
and in my dainties  
I am once more in  
a humor to write you  
all the interesting items  
relating to the immediate  
family, and the  
whole town, in fact - We  
are enjoying a beauti-  
ful Fall Sunday and  
are indulging in open  
windows and summer  
clothing, some thing we  
have been obliged to

forego on account of  
the cold weather. We  
miss you so much  
and the time seems  
very long since you  
were with us, but  
there is one consolation  
it passes quickly when  
one is studying very  
hard, which I feel  
you are doing from  
reports that we have  
received. I want you  
to ask Jim W. to  
let us know if you  
are working beyond  
your strength. Tell  
him so for me please.  
All are quite well  
except Mamma, who  
is about as usual in  
regard to health, but  
rather tired out as

we are in the midst  
of house cleaning and  
you know her ideas  
of work during that  
period.

We received  
your nice long letter  
dated Sep 7<sup>th</sup> and we <sup>were</sup>  
quite delighted to find  
we were just one month  
in advance of Ann  
Arbor time, which fact  
we had never been in-  
formed of, before, to our  
knowledge. The articles  
you requested to be  
sent can not all be  
forwarded as Fann is  
using the common  
geography, & U. S. History,  
but the remaining  
articles will be sent as  
soon as we are through



house cleaning, and that  
will probably be the last  
of this week or the first  
of next, - if you can possibly  
wait so long. We well  
did not know how much  
help you were about -  
the house until the  
fires were obliged to be  
made for our comfort,  
and coal, kindling etc  
much be brought in,  
but the brunt of your  
work falls upon Papa  
who, poor fellow, puffs  
and blows like a steam  
engine over a pail of  
coal, and fell flat the  
other evening in attempt-  
ing to climb the out-



Oct 14, 1877  
Julia

side steps with his hands full. I have had a good talk with him and I think it will make an impression upon him. George was ever unfortunate last week as to cut his foot with glass we suppose and had quite a terrible time for one day, but has again returned to his playful pranks, getting into mischief and considerable mischief besides has the little committed.

George is happy once more with a dove in his cage, and Tom is again growing

P.S. Anna & Edmund and their son are to be married the next week.

compulent. Ed Dillman  
inquired concerning  
your welfare the other day  
and wished to hear  
from you. Every body  
well and happy and  
enjoying themselves at  
the best of their ability.  
Uncle Boree joined us  
with a visit - week before  
last, which I presume  
you have heard of  
this. Appreciate and  
take advantage of all your  
opportunities and come  
home an improved boy.  
Make all the pleasant  
acquaintances you  
can and not slack  
about your studying.  
I must close as I  
have several other  
letters to write. Love

Johiet -  
Nov. 4 1877

My darling Sue, What-  
has become of you? Not one word has  
reached us, for over a  
week, concerning your  
welfare. I hope you  
are not shaking with  
the ague, or so engrossed  
with your studies that  
you have entirely for-  
gotten the relations  
you hold to this family  
in Johiet. I do not  
think we are usually  
prompt about answer -

ing your letters, but  
my dear fellow, you  
will have a little of  
the experience which  
your sister had, during  
the last year <sup>she</sup> I was  
away from home,  
for it was often two  
week intervals between  
the reception of home  
letters and then I  
was homesick and  
I presume you have  
such a trouble, even  
if you are a boy prepar-  
ing for "college" (as  
some one says) and  
I will have sympathy  
for you and write as  
often as I can, which  
I promise you will  
not be very regular

as I am very busy, this  
fall. You do not know  
how much I envy  
you son, learning so  
much and such fine  
opportunities, well, I  
should not complain  
for I had just as many,  
but it seems to me  
now, at nineteen, that  
I could make so much  
more of them. I have  
very little time to study,  
and will have still  
less in about one month.  
Grandma is here  
with us now, but returns  
next Wednesday as  
Uncle is away from  
home so much, and  
Auntie's health is not  
sufficient for the

care of her baby, who is  
a strong healthy infant  
with two teeth and  
only three months old.

We are all well and  
happy and enjoying  
the cold weather, skate-  
jacks etc. We had a  
very slight-fall Fenorn  
the other evening, but  
by morning no traces  
of it were visible. All  
"Halloween" as the boys  
say, was made an  
evening for all sorts  
of tricks games, and  
many depredations  
were committed by the  
"hardbuns". Dr. Maynor

Nov 4 1877  
Julia

caught - one little fellow,  
which almost - frightened  
him to death, but - when  
he was asked, to what  
Sunday School he  
belonged, to he upon  
answering the Episcopa-  
lian, he was imme-  
diately released, and  
the joke was upon the  
Dr. Last evening Papa  
asked L - if he was  
one of the boys, who  
stuck rotten eggs he  
replied, no. The rotten  
leaked out of mine,  
glad of some excuse for  
denial. John is  
very dull at present -  
in parties for entertain-  
ments and but very

little society. I hope -  
I hope you will ~~thx~~ 4 1877  
excuse this scribbled  
half sheet as it is all I  
do have. Fannie C -  
is quite sick with the  
ague. All other friends  
are well. I must close  
my letter dear Sue as  
it is Sunday evening  
and I am very sleepy,  
as I had my usual  
interruption (Mr. Stearns  
son.) Love from all  
to you and I remain  
your loving sister,

Julie  
P.S. Do not study too  
hard, write often to <sup>Julie</sup>



Julia Hyde to Louis H. Hyde.

To Louis Hyde from sister Julia, Nov. 18, 1877, Joliet

"This week has been one of rain, sunshine, frost, happiness, sorrow and everything combined and we all managed to live through it, and this blessed day finds us all enjoying every happiness we do not deserve. Dear old papa has nearly 'coughed his head off' and 'blown his brains out' suffering from one of his dreadful annual colds, and with it all, his meekness and gentleness of spirit are only effected at certain periods, 'few and far between.' Dear Mama is quite well only a little nervous. The invincible George P. Hyde has assumed a superiority over the younger members of the family, Fan and the writer, still he does not entirely escape Mother's governing away, and he is falling to your old habits of sitting down with a book before your eyes, and being tormented and coaxed when a thing is wanted. I have to chop some of the kindling, just think what a firl has to come to! All the worst part of your work falls upon this delicate individual; with all of Papa's grumbling about missing you he has very little of it to do. Well, Lou, what idea has taken possession of you so suddenly thinking of the girls and wishing to learn to waltz, that "Dance of Death" Oh! Louis, you have no idea what it leads to; do not neglect your studies my dear, but--do not let an opportunity escape you, one for improvement, I mean."



We will try  
and send  
the box this  
week.

John  
Mar. 18, 1877

My darling Brother,

Ma-  
one is writing you  
to day and to save  
you from experiencing  
any "blue moods", I  
will endeavour to give  
you a few hints as to  
our welfare and happi-  
ness. This week has  
been one of rain, sun-  
shine, frost, happiness  
sorrow and everything  
combined, and we  
all managed to live

through it, and this  
blessed day finds us  
all enjoying every happi-  
ness we do not deserve.  
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nearly "oughed his head  
off" and thrown his  
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dreadful annual colds,  
and with it all, his  
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ness of spirit are only  
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a superiority over the

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the family, Sam and  
the writer, still he  
does not entirely escape  
Mother's governing sway,  
and he is falling into  
your old habits of sitting  
down with a book before  
your eyes, and being  
tormented and craved,  
when a thing is wanted.  
I have to chop some of  
the kindling, just think  
what a gift that would  
be! All the worst part  
of your work falls upon  
this delicate individual,  
with all of Papa's  
grumbling about mis-  
sing you. he has very  
little of it to do. Well

My dear & Beloved Cousin Frederick and B.  
Young people are so easily startled  
when out of their usual sphere  
a young man or woman  
go through a course of  
Wednesday  
admission  
near death  
for some  
all in  
while I was  
all about  
your studies  
I have your house of life.

What an idea  
has taken possession  
you so suddenly, think  
ing of the girl  
wishing to leave  
gratly, that "Dance  
Death" oh! I have  
have no idea what  
it leads to, do not sug  
lect your studies, my  
dear, but do not let  
an opportunity pass  
you, one for improve  
ment, I mean. We  
received a letter from  
Aunt Julia and she  
wrote that Grandmother  
arrived home and  
found the baby quite

Johiet  
Dec. 6, 1877.

My dear Brother

I am  
always in a hurry, but—  
this beautiful winter  
morning I think I can  
manage to spare a little  
time from my pressing  
duties to write a few  
words to my dear big  
brother I just happened  
to think perhaps you  
would like to hear  
some home news, so  
here I go, All are well  
enjoying life to the

fullest extent of their  
ability. Papa has just  
recovered from the effects  
of a severe cold, and he  
was the meekest man  
I ever saw, for one of his  
strong will and firm-  
ness. Dear Mother is  
well and bright and  
wishes me to tell you  
that she would write  
you if she felt equal  
to the exertion. She  
has been obliged to give  
up some portions of her  
work and rest once in  
a while. Your letter  
was received and we  
were exceedingly glad  
to hear of your firmness

and strength of character  
to withstand the tempta-  
tion urged upon you  
by those college students.  
Be firm and only go  
what your conscience dic-  
tates as right, and you  
will do well in life.  
I can realize to a certain  
extent the many difficulties  
~~to~~ which students are  
forced to contend with  
during their college life.  
But I know Sue that  
you have as much honor  
and principle as I have,  
but perhaps not all  
the experience of my two  
years and seventeen.  
Winter has really come  
with December for

you,  
wondering  
the highest  
reaches of  
the mind

the ground is white with  
the beautiful snow, yet  
we have not had suf-  
ficient for the enjoyment  
of sleighing parties. The  
masquerade is to take  
place on the 29th and  
it is to be hoped, that  
you will be with us  
by that time, less than  
3 weeks hurry! Hurrah!  
George is developing into  
a noble youth, he never  
sweeps off the steps  
when crossed with snow,  
he scorned to do any  
thing like carrying wood  
coal. The sun is approach

Johet.  
Dec. 13, 1877.

My dear Louis, Do not  
be shocked on account  
of my promptness, but  
my dear fellow Louis  
about to write you a  
few words, which will  
probably cause you some  
disappointment. But  
it is for the best or it  
would not be so. We  
received your letter day  
before yesterday and to-  
day finds me sitting



beside at the desk, prepared  
to answer it - Maria  
wishes me to tell you, that  
it will not be convenient  
for you to bring your chum  
home with you, as she  
is in such poor health.  
She and all of us would  
be delighted to have him  
come, but you may  
know the reason, before  
you return home. I  
have given you as broad  
a hint - as is prudent  
for me, and hope it  
will be a great disappoint-  
ment to you, any other time  
would be convenient and  
pleasant. I must  
say adieu as duties

are awaiting me.  
With love from all to  
you. I am,  
Your loving sister,  
Jule.



Now did my  
packing started  
the journey?

Johel,-  
Jan, 13, 1878.

My dear old Sue

Your sister is  
up to her old tricks again;  
getting sleepy at eight - in the  
evening, lean or no lean,  
the latter being the case to-  
night, but I cannot help  
but feel so sure for I am com-  
pletely tired out - from so  
much gaiety and dissipation.  
But it is all over with now  
and I am once more settling  
down into my old routine  
of domestic avocations and  
filial obligations, and it -

is with great satisfaction  
that I do so. I presume  
you are again at your study,  
and you find it hard to  
apply yourself when your  
thoughts are wandering home-  
ward, do you? Well, every  
thing has gone on smoothly  
and prospered finely since  
you left. The baby has  
waxed fat-developed wonder-  
fully in the three weeks of  
its sojourn upon this mundane  
sphere in spite of its kicks  
against fate and homing  
to test its lung power, which  
by the way increases each  
day wonderfully we think.  
Oh, what a vice at times.  
I attended the Steel party  
and enjoyed myself so much  
in spite of the usual dyspepsia

quarring at my vitals. Dear  
Mary B. — took her departure  
the next day after you. Got over  
your passions for her son and  
found some nice little girl.  
Will Gaudner visited me daily  
until his departure on the follow-  
ing Monday. How innocent-  
and unsophisticated he is  
when you consider his age  
33 years. Still I think there  
is a good deal to him. We  
have a church sociable next  
Friday eve and Wednesday  
night — the pure, innocent  
G. Tillman delivers a lecture  
"The problem of life". Mrs. Henry  
is no better and we expect to  
hear of her death at any  
time. Mother came out to  
the dinner table to-day for  
the first time. She is look-

ing er well and is er strong.  
The incorrigible George has  
still been kicking for an existence,  
and the other night was  
"giving it-" to his sister Julie  
while he was suddenly subdued  
by a grab and a shaking  
from Mrs. Boney. We laughed  
at the complete change it-  
brought. I must close ere  
I drop asleep pen in hand.  
Remember me to Charlie  
and your Chums. Love to  
yourself from all.

I am

Your loving  
Julia.

Wm. I will be sure  
and take care  
of yourself. Love  
from all to you  
I am loving  
sister. Julia,

John -  
Jan  
Feb. 3, 1878.

My dear Brother -

I am very  
sorry my dear boy that you  
are feeling so miserable, do not  
get sick of all things, give up  
half of your studies if necessary,  
take three years to prepare if  
need be, you do not now know  
the importance of health,  
and take the advice of friends  
and do not injure your health  
Now I have impressed upon  
you your duty I hope, and  
please obey, for we have worried  
considerable about you and

fear you will have a sickness.  
The family are well and prosper-  
ing, jikely particularly the  
baby sister, who by the way  
has the name of Mary Babie  
Hyde, after Grandma Babie's  
family. She (the baby) is getting  
quite plump and <sup>is</sup> developing  
into a very pretty child. Still  
her nose continues to "roam the  
mong way." Mother's strength  
continues to improve slowly  
but surely. Fane and myself  
are becoming quite experienced  
nurses, also papa, who often  
breaks forth into song, much  
to our amusement and  
the baby's pleasure. I should  
think you would so long  
to be at home again to share  
in some of these wearisome  
duties of tending babies, etc.

but do not mourn. Lue, you  
cannot tell what the future  
will bring forth. I find this  
world is full of surprises and  
troubles, you little dream-  
how much one person can  
go through in a short time.  
Last Thursday we were very  
much surprised to awaken  
from sleep and find the  
ground covered with snow  
just as we had given up  
all thoughts of any sleighing  
this winter. Every body indul-  
ged in a good ride and made  
the best of their last chance.  
John is still very gay. Alice  
Strong had a large party  
last Friday, and this day  
finds me completely fatigued  
after four successive nights  
of dissipation. Love you

of all and  
was confided  
to the house  
he would  
make. He is  
better now.

overpowering denial of a great  
passion. For Mary Swan was  
quite astonished as I did not  
suppose you possessed a power  
sufficient to assert the real con-  
dition of your heart or as to im-  
press me with the truth of your  
statement. Father caught  
a fine full sized mink in  
the office the other day, as it  
seemed quite tame he gave  
it to Mr. Syford who has it  
in a cage. By the way, your  
gun has not been sold yet.  
We received a letter written by  
him from S.W. Jr to Mary  
Hyde and it was very cunning  
and smart. Mrs. Wade  
received a severe injury from



your conversations  
and conversations  
here or cannot in-  
terest you, oh, but  
I did see Amelia  
M - in the depot.  
June Barrett is going  
to Am. Arbor in a  
few days to visit -  
and will call on  
you. Love and  
kisses to you from  
all,

Julie

John -  
March, 10, 1878.

My darling Brother,

After one  
of my usual Sundays of  
calls and interruptions I  
am at last seated, at a  
late hour, ready to write -  
my dear brother whom I  
have neglected considerable  
of late, all on account of parties,  
company and my other  
pressing household duties.  
Nearly all of last week I  
spent in Chicago visiting  
the Grant family, and  
I had a most delightful  
time as Sue was home

"waiting for a job" and  
they were all so jolly & +  
full of fun. I went there  
in hopes that a rest would  
benefit me, but I indulged  
in more dissipation than  
usual, but in spite of that  
I returned home in splendid  
spirits. Junie, B - George H -  
and A. Swann called this  
afternoon and not one  
moment did I have to  
devote to "art, literature, music  
etc.". I am getting more and  
more disgusted with the  
manner in which I am  
passing away my time and  
opportunities for improvement;  
Study and learn all you  
can while you have the  
chance Sue, for it never  
comes in after life, with

the same energies and health  
that you now possess. Little  
do we realize what is in store  
for us, and the trials we  
have to endure through life,  
you see I am just beginning  
to live and appreciate the  
circumstances of life in every  
form. Everything has gone  
on in a smooth and un-  
ruffled manner, and little  
of importance has happened  
since your return to A -  
with the exception of the rapid  
passing of time. Lent has  
begun and of course put a  
quieting effect upon all  
society people and it is with  
a joyful spirit I welcome its  
approach for I am completely  
tired out and weary of every  
except home and relatives.  
Mama is improving



of the day  
of his mother  
to read as ready  
the legs were  
weak, and  
they I hope I shall  
if I am not  
that I hope I shall  
chicken pot.  
anything  
stay fresh  
you know  
have little  
descriptive  
of the dance  
and my  
which they are  
understand  
I know very little  
of

getting quite  
the truth, and the dear  
little baby improves and  
grows every day, by the time  
you get home she will  
be considerable of a girl, as  
far as size goes, that if  
she keeps on in this alarming  
manner, but we are not  
at all frightened for you were  
as big as broad when a babe  
and now look at yourself, a  
judge accordingly. Papa & Ma  
are well and happy and seem  
inclined to increase, if we  
all keep on I fear Barbara  
will desire us. Georgie had  
a slight headache to-day and  
remained on the sofa a portion

To Louis Hyde from sister Julia, March 25, 1878

"I am getting so I think this calling, Sunday afternoons, business is getting rather tedious, and in fact annoying for so much of my time is taken up with such conversations that do not tend to elevate one's taste or improve one's intellectual powers, so I consider the time lost; please say nothing about my spiteful remarks, but take for granted that I feel better after relieving my mind of this weighty matter, and let me make one closing remark on the subject, a moral for instance; Never call upon young ladies Sunday afternoon, unless you are engaged or have a special previous invitation to do so; and by so doing you will prevent angry feelings from arising in the female beast. (*Correct but spelled breast*)

Letter of Feb. 3, 1878: "Mother's strength continues to improve slowly by surely. Fan and myself are becoming quite experienced nurses, also Papa, who often breaks forth into song, much to our amusement and the baby's pleasure."



John -  
March 25/88.

My darling Brother,

A usual  
call on Sunday, no letters  
written, but a large impunctured  
on my face for the next-  
week. I am getting so I think  
this calling, Sunday after-noon,  
business is getting rather  
tedious, and in fact annoy-  
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that I feel better after relieving  
my mind of this mighty  
matter, and let me make  
one closing remark on the  
subject; a moral for instance,  
there call upon young ladies  
Sunday after-noon, unless  
you are engaged or have a  
special, previous invitation to  
do so; and by so doing you  
will prevent angry feelings  
from arising in the female  
heart. We are all well and  
happy, and all on the in-  
crease as far as flesh and  
muscle is concerned. House-  
hold matters have gone on  
as usual, house cleaning  
time approaching, and Spring  
is here with all its cares  
and pleasures. The garden  
has been spaded and

the flower beds made higher,  
with the addition of fresh dirt;  
and Saturday after-noon  
in all its busyness exercised  
Mother and Sam, that they  
set out several valuable  
plants etc, with boy and  
spirits, but Sunday they  
awoke and crest-fallen faced  
met my view, as the frost  
had touched their pets.  
After this cold snap I hope  
we will have warm spring  
weather, and then I will be  
happy, as I am so partial to  
that particular season of the  
year. Society is very dull  
at present and this Lenten  
season is hailed with joy,  
for then comes rest for sure.  
Old Paddy did not take  
your place as gardener  
in the Hyde family, as he

as often  
as possible,  
God might  
dear sweet  
and precious  
hallelu-  
jahs from  
all  
I am  
Yours truly  
John  
wrote his letter a month ago,  
as Papa hired Mr. Smith.  
George is as lazy as ever, devoted  
all his energies to books of  
adventure, but you will like  
him, so we have some hopes  
of him yet. Oscar Pool starts  
Tuesday for Kansas as he  
is afflicted with the western  
fever so prevalent in this  
region. Just think you will  
be home in three months  
I say, not so very long when  
you think of the centuries  
that have passed since the  
world began. How is Charles  
doing in his class? What  
do you intend to do during  
your vacation this spring?  
Write to Aunt Julia B-

Joyce E. Hakala  
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To Louis Hyde from sister Julia, April 7, 1878, Joliet

"Another Sunday, no calls, and plenty of time to devote to the overgrown school-boy who cannot spell "fleashey". But you will not do so again I know; do take more pains with your spelling, or you cannot stand the test for admission into the University and correct spelling is so necessary, mistakes only show carelessness and lack of thought, for everyone has a dictionary. I have known of some person's entire future being changed by just that carelessness of misspelling words. Nothing annoys well educated people so much. Now, Lue, after this severe reproof, please beware, for I do not wish you to propose to a girl, by letter, and ask her to "come to my panting hart" and "mey God will guide her aright". I have known of just such circumstances."

I have looked  
out for spelling  
since I got  
your letter - admiring.

J.

You may laugh  
if I have been  
careless.

J.

John -  
April 7, 1878.

My darling Brother,  
Another  
Sunday, we call, and  
plenty of time to devote  
to the one grown school-boy,  
who cannot spell "Pleasley".  
But - you will not do so  
again I know, or take  
more pains with your  
spelling, or you cannot  
stand the test for ad-  
mission into the University,  
and correct spelling is  
so necessary, mistakes are  
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person's entire future being  
changed by just that-  
carelessness of misspelling  
words. Nothing annoys  
a well educated people so  
much now, I am after this  
ever up and down, please, because,  
for I do not wish <sup>you</sup> to propose  
to a girl, by letter, and ask  
her to "come to my panting  
heart" and ~~hope~~ <sup>may</sup> God will  
guide her aright. I have  
known of just such circum-  
stances. I might continue  
in this strain, but if I have  
accomplished a revolution  
in your habits I will dis-  
continue and proceed to  
give you interesting home  
news such as, the following  
Spring has come, the

garden is made, and is  
in a splendid condition  
due to Mr. Smith's labors,  
and the seeds are planted  
and the flowers just begin-  
ning to show signs of life.  
We are having delightful  
weather, but since I began  
this letter a rain storm  
has come up, which will  
doubtless last several days.  
We live as usual in good  
health and spirits, enjoy-  
ing many blessings and  
pleasures. Mother is as  
well and youthful as we  
children and "the baby"  
is "too sweet for anything",  
she is as large and plump  
as you were at her age,  
if you remember your  
condition and proportions,  
it was unusual. Papa

seems so changed, and  
an entirely different man  
from the one of six months  
ago. I see very little of your  
companions and ev. lack  
any items of interest, except  
to say that - Oscar Pool  
and Charlie Swapp have  
at last reached Kansas,  
where they intend to make  
their fortunes. I wish them  
success in life etc. Ch - Hambley  
and some other boys spent  
their week's vacation here,  
and Will Gaudner also  
honored G. H. with a visit.  
I can scarcely believe that  
you will be home in so  
short a time, where does  
time go to? it - fairly flies  
before my very eyes. Rose  
is turning out a much  
better drg. than we supposed

4/7/1878

Julia

he has given promise of making quite a watch dog. Tom has deserted us and still indulges in an occasional taste of Buffie's liver, we do miss him so much, as the horse became so over-run with rats and mice that Papa was forced to try some poison, much against his will. Our Church has been closed for several Sundays; as Mr. Glover has left and a new minister will be installed the first of May, Sunday school will continue and seems to prosper very

will under Mrs. Dean's  
management. I will  
send you a "epic" written  
by Will Evans, Minnie's brother,  
and I hope you will take  
good care of it - and bring  
it - back with you, as he  
gave it - to me and I  
prize it - very much. I  
believe he was a member  
of the "Alpha" & you know the  
rest - I will not <sup>trust</sup> myself to  
spell it - I. Perhaps you  
had better return it - by  
mail as soon as possible.  
Did you ever find Harry's  
autograph album among  
your traps? John - is very  
dull and peaceable at-  
present - and everyone is  
at rest. Love to you from  
all. I am forever  
Your loving sister  
Jale.

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Joyce E. Hakala  
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Johet-  
April 21/58

My darling Sue,  
Do you not think the Hyde family, taken as a whole, ought to be ashamed of themselves for neglecting to write you last week? I know just how you felt about it, as my experience in that respect exceeded yours. Well, Sue such a thing did not happen because we forgot your existence or because we did not love you, but on Sunday my time as usual was spent in vain attempts



to entertain young men etc,  
and the remainder of the  
week was devoted to house-  
cleaning sewing scolding  
and every "ing" attending  
that semi-annual time of  
arduous labor, and as we  
are very nearly through you  
will not be forgotten again if  
we accomplish nothing else  
but the writing of a weekly  
letter to you. I received a  
a very nicely written letter  
last week from a young-  
man, with only a few  
misspelled words, but he has  
improved in every other respect  
I must confess. "Every thing  
is lovely" as the donkey said  
spring has really come and  
every thing is in full bloom  
the house cleaned and some

few improvements, so that  
we all feel very happy and  
thankful for all of our bless-  
ings and pleasures. Easter  
show damned bright and  
beautiful but before night-  
a heavy rain storm came  
up clouding the sky and  
making a gloomy ending  
for such a bright beginning.  
Nothing of any social interest  
has happened to relate as news,  
no news, no totes, no engage-  
ments etc, is the cry, or what  
shall I do for it to interest  
you. To-morrow night - Mr.  
Fran's chorus and the Boston  
Philharmonic club give a  
very fine concert and all  
the "bustion" of society will attend  
as we are or seldom farred  
with anything pertaining to



thine off. I received Sunday  
is very fine and they are  
expecting her to arrive  
about Monday. I hope you  
will be with her. I have  
Cherry found as pleasant  
as possible. I have been  
with her. I have been  
from all fine music we expected  
and Lucy Pickens from St Louis where she has  
been to purchase a residence  
for the future, but she did  
not join us with her  
appearance or we anticipated  
her coming on Monday  
some time. Only a little  
over two months and you  
will be home with us once  
more dear Sue. Tom has  
been brought into the house  
a few times to try his luck  
upon the rats and mice  
or prevalent at present in  
this vicinity, but he is very  
mild yet and papa dears  
that Mrs. Emery must  
have abused him and sent

I am all the same  
Love from your mother & sister