



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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The same men to whom we had given
letters on Monday to carry to the
Ingon and who had been lying in
the snow on account of the high land
in the lake. The wind was blowing
fair from the North East and the
breaking waves dashed high on the firm
and rich forest bank. These men
had palpitated in search of treasures
and appeared to have been very patient.
Then we took dinner and then tramped
about 6 miles and encamped on
Peege's Lake River. Here we got up on
Thursday morning June 5th 1884. We
saw a heavy frost and found a
little ice in the rap. The Peege
Lake river is continually rapid for
several miles. The fall from where
we encamped to the lake is not less
than 100 feet, calculating by our barome-
ters (The Dr & I each carry one.) We were
obliged to go up the river four miles
before we were able to cross. Then we

found an island to which we crossed
on a tree which had been pulled by some
traveler. Two of our men (Mr White & Mr
Brooks the students) waded across to the
opposite shore and pulled another tree
from which the rest of the party crossed.
We encamped about a mile east of the
river. We were very much fatigued with
the long journey although we did not travel
over six miles but it was very
broken traveling along the river and all
through a pathless forest. On Friday we
followed a better line east. On Satur-
day kept the same course and cross-
ed the river about 1/2 mile
this side of that river we took our
deer trail and went south two miles
then we left the trail and turned
east again keeping north of Gogabie
(or Gogabie Lake). About 1/2 mile from
this place we turned towards the shore
and after wandering through the woods
a 1/2 mile were delighted to find
ourselves on a well beaten path on which

which soon led us to this place. Here
we were very kindly received and
have been very pleasantly entertained
by Mr. Brewster the Superintendent
of the mine, a very intelligent gentle-
man, who is well acquainted with
the country and has been long
received much valuable information
on our journey that you can have for
the most part followed section lines
which have led us over swamps filled
with fallen timber through the under-
brush, across rivers, small streams
and all through a heavily timbered
country, and tormental with
mosquitoes and sand flies. I have
many times thought I would have
have Malaria's Society but have
at the same time rejoiced that he
was not obliged to endure hardships
that might prove too great for him.
If I should ever have a good map
you I would like much to bring
with me. But more of that when I see
you.

Ann Arbor March 31.

My darling pet Aunt,

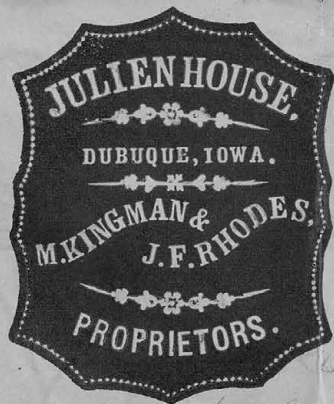
Your own dear Mother intends to read this to my sweet one. And won't you be glad to hear from your father, for you know you make a pet of him. How much we wish to see your happy face! Mother is counting the days and nights of the week that are to pass before she can press her darling to her bosom. And won't you excuse & see Mr. Me and the baby? This evening the little fellow cried hard when I gave him to his nurse and it would not be so pacified until I took him back. Mr. Malcolm, Seymour, and Eddie are all well. Seymour is having a read, and Eddie is writing his letters. Mother has cut Eddie's hair. He sometimes goes to his

both say no. You must
show Mother and Anna all
the Curiousities about Peach Or-
chard, but you need not say
anything to her about Whiskey
Punches, for she may think I
have been drinking some, and
you need not say anything
to her about Pretty Widows
in the Stage Coach, for she may
think I have been flirting with
me. You must keep them
so that you and I can have
a little secret of our own.
Tell Aunt Belle she must
send you all home soon for I
want to see you very much indeed.
So I do. You must write to
me sometimes when mother
writes and send me all the
Peach Orchard news.

Your own dear father.

In our last letter I believe I gave
you some account of my trip from
the mouth of the Black River to the
mouth of about the same miles
along the Lake shore. I met many on the
bank. There are many small settlements
and some towns, and some times over
the mountains. I have been to the
mouth of both rivers so that I suffer
a much in travelling all last week
Yesterday I did not suffer quite as
much as usual, and I trust they
have improved so much by the rest
of this blessed day. That I will get
along very comfortably tomorrow and
hereafter. I have a sweet letter
from my wife and mother and mother
and mother. I have a letter from Black River. It
often rains at night, and the Super-
intendent of the mine calls it the night
ingale. I have heard it ever since I
have been in the country, but have
seen but two, and those not near
enough to give a particular descrip-
tion of them. It is about the size of a

sparrow and somewhat resembles
them in general appearance. I have
seen blue birds and robins and
to-day heard the scolding of an owl
but have not seen any birds that
were new to us in Michigan.
On Lake Superior I frequently hear
the loon and frequently see them on
our little boat. When hunting for
La Pointe to Black River. The one I
heard was always diving. I think it will
remain under water nearly five
minutes and come up as much as
forty rods from the place it went
down. — All the children several
times used Lake Superior for a wash-
bath and once for a foot bath. The
water was too cold when I was
in, to take a regular bath and so
we have found abundance of good
water to drink on our journey. Fre-
quently crossing small streams of
cool water. This country may be
very fertile and very dense popula-
tion; although we would suppose that



Afternoon

After a long day's work we now have a dully day & muddy street. Crossing the bridge over the river below the north side to look around to see what for a city Dubuque is, I must spend the Sabbath here, but prefer spending it in our little town & children. This being a stranger in a strange land is not pleasant to me. It was very gratifying however to look upon the broad Mississippi once more. The river is now very low, so that steam boat navigation is very uncertain; that is, no calculation can be made on speed of trip. You know all about Sand bars, so that it is unnecessary to enter into any description respecting them and their attendant evils. I should think this to be quite a pleasant place to live in, during the summer. The scenery is fine & I presume business is quite lively; but in the winter it must be somewhat dull. I wish John had come out here with me. He might have found him or somewhere in this region a good opening for business.

I intend to make inquiries this after-
noon as far as it clears up a little.
On the 19th last night a boy came
around with a tea kettle & tumbler
with water as I supposed & I took
a tumbler full. After drinking a
quantity, I imagined there was a slight
taste of lemon, as if the kettle had
had a lemon peel rubbed on its
spout. After drinking, the boy waited
as if he were expecting something, &
I asked what was to pay? A dime
says he!!! He got his dime. I do not think
I got any lemonade, so wags the world
there are many ways to pick up pennies
besides stopping & breaking your spinal
column. — I think I shall take to me a few of the
Caps, — I think Diggins shall be opened
up a little about her studies. I think
it will be well for Maurice to carry
him as soon as we can send
funds for him. I think a great deal about
you my dear children. Good bye
Darling, again I say May God bless
I keep you, & our Darlings. Kiss them all
for me. Have seen none such since I
left you. Love your dear husband
H. P. Van Cleave

Each Orchard by
Oct 2/60

Mrs H. P. Van Cleave

Long Prairie

Minnesota

From Mother

Write
me how
little
Mark gets
along with
out - grand
man

Peach Orchard Oct 28th

Dear Charlotte

I was very glad to learn by your letter of the 10th of this month, that you were all so well, that Lizzy is with you, that little Mark had gone to his father, and that you were enabled to bear the separation from him ~~and~~ that you hoped to see Malcolm in Nov. - Mr Vanleve is I trust better and when Malcolm gets home, (and you are surrounded by so many blessings) you will be able truly to ex-
able to say from your heart "Praise the Lord Oh my soul and forget not all His benefits." We have both been sorely afflicted, my child, these chastisements were necessary for us, let us be thankful for our remaining mercies, and when we weep for those dear ones in Heaven, let us thank God that they are "not lost, only gone before" and that when we have finished the work which our Heavenly Father has given us to do, we may hope (through the merits of our Redeemer) to regain them in that better country where there are no more partings

Aunt Mary writes us that your brother
Malcolm had been severely hurt in the hand
by a Bear, that he was under the care of
a good Physician and hoped to get well.
I feel quite anxious and have written
to learn how she heard, if he wrote himself,
and where he was when the accident occurred,
as soon as I learn I will let you know.

30th I wrote thus far dear Charlotte but was interrupted
and unable to finish my letter until to day, the
mail of yesterday brought us no letter, Mary
Dutton (who has been spending two months with us)
left to day with Mrs. Mellen ^{on a coal boat} the river is very
high and six boats are starting, we have twelve
ready but Mr M does not think it best to
send them all for fear of accidents. Ellen and
all the family are well, her little boy (who
will be four weeks old tomorrow and is named
Nathaniel Clarke) grows finely. Mary Dutton is
quite anxious to make you a visit she is a
fine girl, Lizzy would like her, if Aunt Mary
visits you this summer I think she will go
with her. I hope that the Package from Cincinnati

reached you in good condition. Tell Julius that
I am afraid Lizzy M'Farlan is not going to be
as good a woman as I had hoped, at least not
good enough for him, and if such should be the
case, it is fortunate that he has never seen her.
Remember me to Ann and Jane.

Do write as often as you can, or let Lizzy
write. I believe Mary is going to Washington
to be present at the Inauguration of St. Lincoln
if he concludes to go. Mary D. will accompany
her. Ellen says as soon as she gets arranged
as she is just going about since her confinement
she will write. Desires much love.

Little Fannie will write next mail.
Was much pleased to have a letter from Aunt
Charlotte. Ellen wishes me to thank you very
much for the little drawers, and inclines
you could not have sent a more acceptable
present just the thing she wanted. The
children send love to Uncle Aunt and
cousins. Grandma's love and best wishes
to all, particularly remember me to Mr
Mulleave. Good bye for the present.

Your Mother
C. A. Clarke

My dear Cousin,

My short visit to you last spring awakened so powerfully the affections of early years that I have ever since been anxious to have something of that intercourse between us which our early attachment & near relationship demand. From the intermarriages among our ancestors almost the same blood flows in our veins - our childhood & early youth were, were passed together - we have the same Lord - are looking forward to the same home - Why then do we live as strangers during our pilgrimage? It should not be so.

Another reason for the renewal of our intimacy may be found in the fact that we have both chosen to give our master in the same way - By mutual converse we may bear each other's burdens; & be able to train more perfectly the precious plants intrusted to us for culture. Mrs. Beatty desires me to present her respects to you & Cousin Charlotte & invite you to visit us. She will be glad to have you do so at any time - Come immediately to the Seminary & make it your home while you stay in Steubenville. She says that you must remember that you are a townsman & early acquaintance of Mr. Beatty & that this is my home & therefore feel at home here. We both took a fancy to your lady & wish to improve our acquaintance with her. It does not seem at all right for your wife to be a stranger to me.

I have C. Kennedy
 Please present my regards to Mrs. Worthing-
 ton. Love to Cousin Charlotte & your children

Peach Orchard, Aug 23

My Dear Mother,

The snow leaves for Detroit
to day which gives me the hope that my
letter will reach you at Ann Arbor —
I felt so much better on the morning after
you left, that I was disposed to follow,
could I have hoped to reach the mouth
before the steamer went, and was very sad
that I had not risked going with you;
but now I ^{think} that it is better I did not go
and am becoming reconciled to this parting
as to a necessity of this present life, which
is but a record of meetings and partings —
I find a new life springing up in my heart,
it is that our good God will preserve
you, and that He will spare my life.

that I may see you again, and that we
may have a "family reunion" without
one wifery, that ^{may} be one in love,
that any influence which would intrude
to separate those whom God has made
one family, may be expelled; and that
we may all be able to unite with one
voice, in giving thanks to the Most
allmerciful Sustainer of our life —

I trust that you have left your picture
with Mary, for me — had I gone with you
to Cincinnati, I should have sent on some
trifles, another time I may be more fortunate —
write as if possible from St. Pauls, I think
from what Mr. Keller says that he will be
ready to aid you in your plans, should
you require it — you can speak from St. Pauls

with more certainty if you are likely to come
down next summer, and at what time you
can be here — Tell the dear children that
we are coming for them in the spring, and what
nice times they will have at Aunt Belle's —
that they must be good children, and learn
as fast as possible, and not give Aunt Charlotte
trouble — and once my dear boy I
must say farewell, and may God be
with you — — —

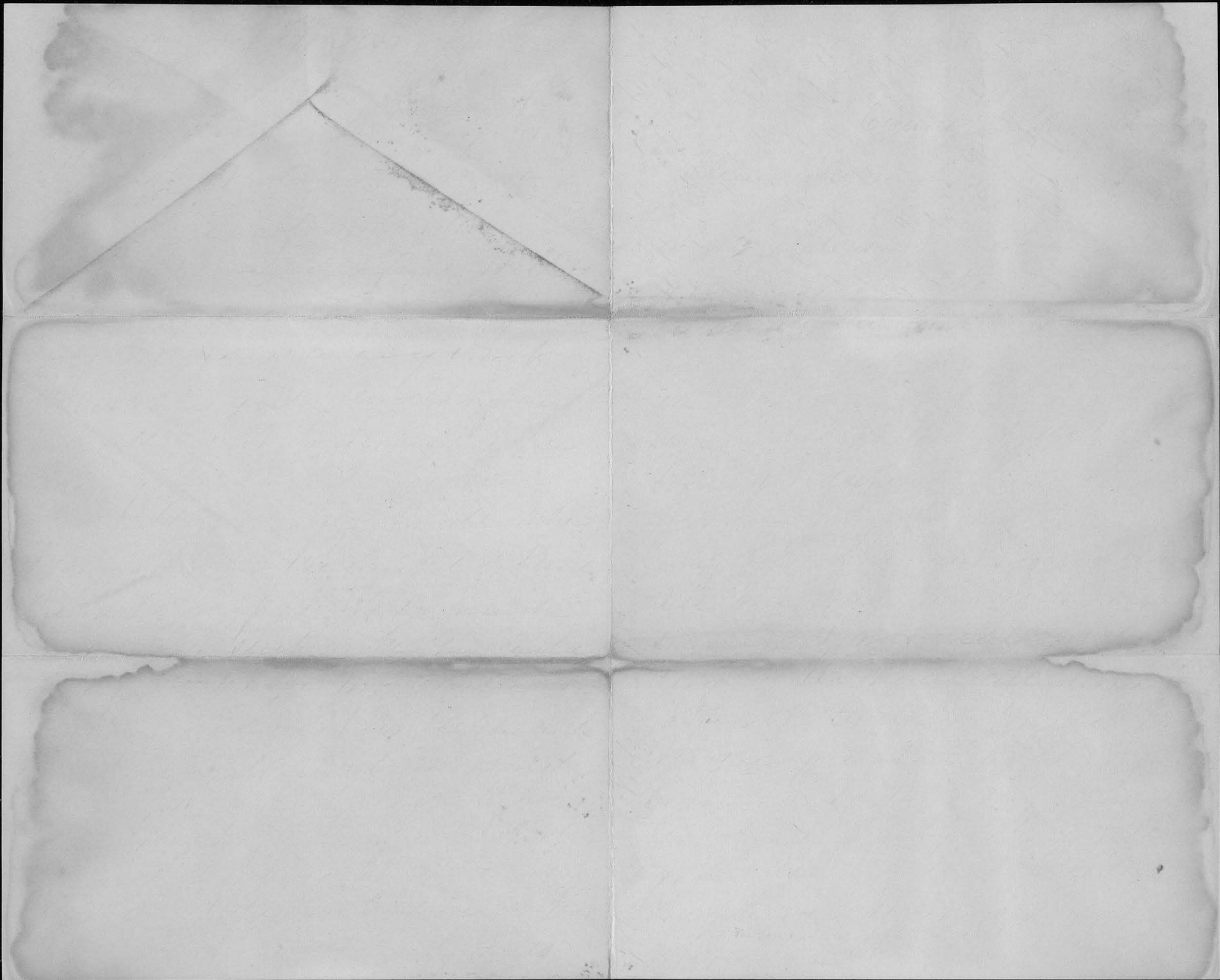
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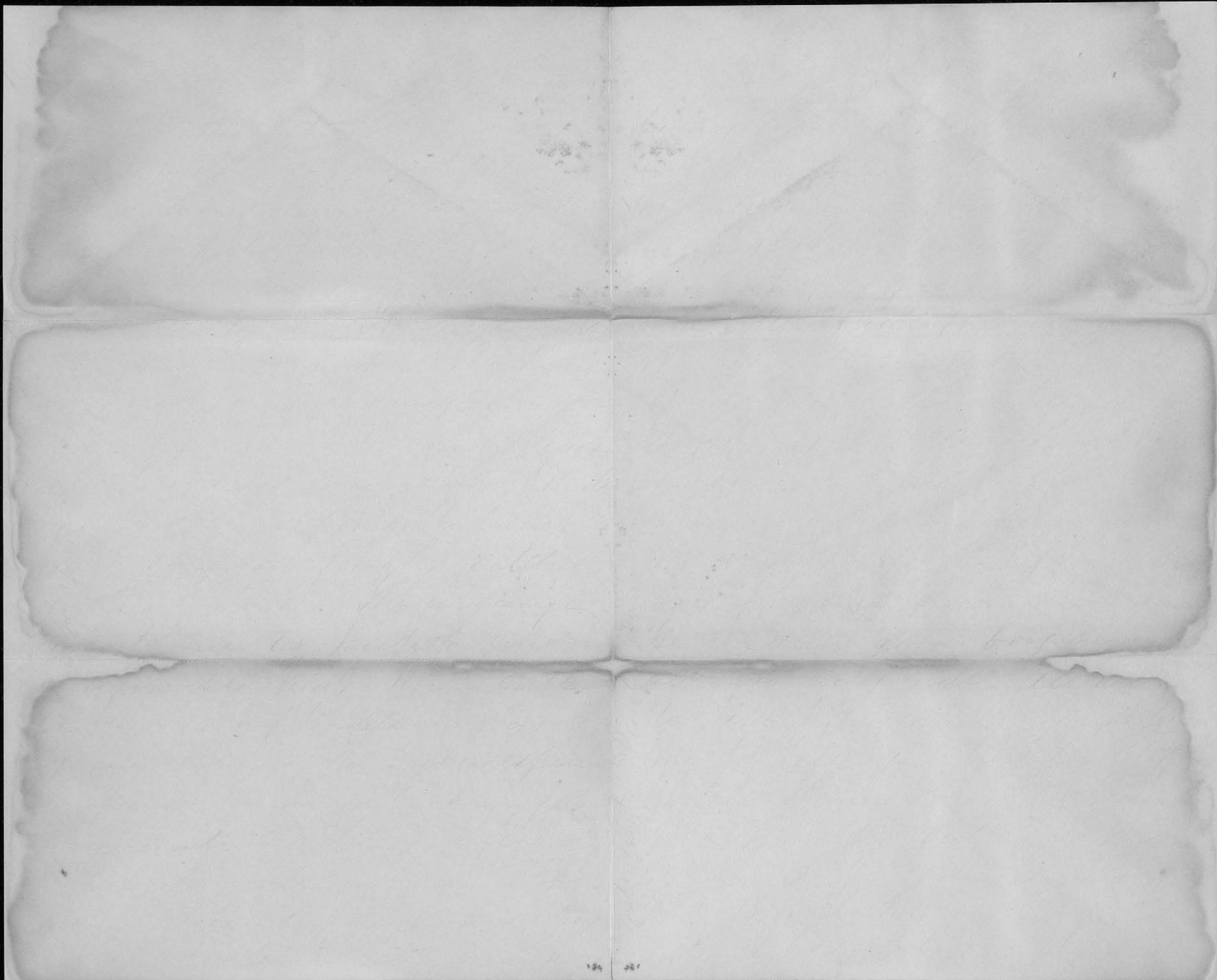
Mother

E. A. Clarke









Peach Orchard Aug 7th

Dear Sister,

Your letter has lain longer
unanswered than it would have done had
I not been very much engaged. You see
by the date I am with Belle. It is a
most delightful spot rather wild but
romantic. Mother is quite well she intends
adding a post-script to this my little Pearl
thru. wonderfully - you know Belle talks of
visiting you in the fall when you will
have an opportunity of seeing her little
jewel. We have not heard whether you
have positively decided on moving to New
York. I hope it may agree with the children
should you decide to do so but it would
take some very cogent motive to stir me
from such a beautiful farm as Peach Orchard
were I the happy owner of it. We had
a short letter from Malinda the other day
saying he would not be home this summer

he intended writing more fully by the
boats Mother has the letter and will write you
the contents he seems anxious to have his chil-
-dren improve and doubtless will expect them
to have the manners and cultivation de la grand
coir - when he sees them. How are your
own dear children? the baby in particular
is not a baby the sweetest thing in his world.
Mother will tell you some good news and
I hasten to leave her room for her as my departure
is just now leaving my cottage wishing to take
this sheet with her - love to Mr. Vander and
all the children I don't let Cogges & Chickie forget
Aunt Mary -

Dear Charlotte - I thought that I would
not write again until I could speak positively
as to the time that we should visit you this
fall, but Mr. Mellen is absent and will not
return before next week, and I am anxious
to have Mr. Vander's testimony as soon after Mr. M.
returns as possible. I am applying for a pension
which I shall most likely get, it is necessary

to have all the testimony I can get, that I was Chas.
Clark's wife; and that ~~that~~ I was so believed
to be by the Officers with whom he served. I
sent on the record of my marriage, but it seems
more is required, Mr. Vander will send on
his testimony (enclosed to Mr. Mellen who is atten-
ding to the matter for me) directed to Charles
Fisher Washington - should Mr. V. see any of
the Officers who served with your ~~father~~
they will not hesitate to add their names -
altho. I do not think it will be necessary -
they have acknowledged my claim to the
bounty land - and if my ^{right} ~~claim~~ is proved
I shall also get the pension, Mr. V. knows better
than I do the form - And now Charlotte as to
the visit I think it will be near the last of
Sept: before Mr. Mellen will be able to
visit you - we expect him next week, also
Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Ponce, and several others
who are coming to see and admire the
fairy river it is very pleasant here, I wish
that you all could be with us the children will
have fine sport - perhaps another summer you

will be able to visit your sisters; and bring
all the little folks, Malcolms will be down,
and perhaps he may stay with us I hope so -
as soon as Mr. Mellen returns Belle will write
when you may expect them. We send much
love to all. I send love, also remembrance
to her ~~children~~ friends, especially Mrs
Houston. Don't ~~forget~~ ^{know} us all to John's
family - I don't ^{know} if Mr. Leach has answered Mr
Leach's letter relative to the W. Chas land;
if not I will remind him - You have a letter
from Malcolm rec'd about the time mine
comes as he told me that our kids will be
you we are just writing that our letters
may reach St. Louis by the 15th which you
remember well the time that Malcolm mentions
also say love to Mr. Leach and the children
let us know if you will expect to remove to
Ann Arbor this fall, and when, do not put
aside any of your plans for us I want
very much to see you all and the little
ones in whom we have a common interest -
Keep all for grandmothers - Yours & Mrs. Leach

Mr. W. will please send
his testimony immediately

Yours affect^d Mother
C. A. Clarke

or two I suppose they commence their long journey across the Country. It will be a tedious journey. He will think of home sometimes before he gets through. I try to pray for him. I presume the little ones do not miss him much, for they saw so little of him when he was at home.

You have said nothing to me of Malcalus visit, excepting that he had been there; wanted to see me; & had taken our boy with him.

Did he see any improvement in his children, & did he give you any credit for your care of them?

Good bye. I want to see you much, very much. To be so near home & not to be able to visit you frequently, is very annoying, quite provoking, almost insupportable. Give my love to all the children. Tell them to be good children & not forget their father.

Your own loving husband
J. P. Van Cleave

you intend to stay at Upsala etc, so that I will know where to direct my letters.

I was glad to hear from Willie Davis & Henry Munck, & must deputize you to answer Willie's letter.

Of course you will let me know as soon as you hear from Malcalus. & whenever I send you money, I shall like to hear of its safe arrival.

Whenever I suffer myself to think of that visiting house, it almost makes me sick. The fact is, I do not like to live in this way. I have lived with you too long to be content now, in my old age to be separated from you. I hope I shall always be there. It is very inconvenient to be poor, is it not? You can get along very well without me, I have all the little ones about you; but here I am alone, I may say I am literally so, when, in my room. I come here in the evening after supper & spend an hour or two, reading, writing, or ciphering, all alone.

When bed time comes, I get in my
Broad bed, all alone, (it is a fact). I
wake up in the morning all alone, with
no one in my arms. Now I call this lone-
some. What do you think of it?

My work is going on charmingly. I
had it all planned out before I en-
gaged any men, I know all they have
to do is to follow my directions. All
appear to be satisfied with it thus far.
I do not know what the board will
say when they meet. None of them have
been here since I commenced. It
will cost not less than \$1000. I am
spending \$50 a day for them. If they
do all the grading they st^d. do it will
cost about \$1300. The fence will cost
as much more.

Last year a great deal (about
\$2500 or more) was expended in gra-
ding these same grounds. They w^d
remove the surface & then fill it
in again, not knowing what they
wanted to do. I do not calculate

to remove a load of earth the second
time. When I put it on a spt I ex-
pect it to stay there. I have drawn my
plan & made my calculations. When
the work is done I am willing that
it sh^d be seen.

There is quite a lot of people in
town to day; Men, women & children;
patriotic boys and nursing babies. It
was quite astonishing to see them come
out of the bush this morning to see
the Court of S. J. A dinner was pre-
pared on the Capitol Square for the hun-
gry ones who were willing to pay for
the pleasure of eating on tables spread
under a b^g. I trust they had a
m^g time. But I am not particular-
ly fond of eating roast pig & in a
crowd at that.

I hope you are spending the
day pleasantly, & profitably. I sup-
pose our poor boy is spending it at
St Pauls. May God take care of him
& keep him from harm. In a day

Dear Mother

It is a shame that I have so miserable a correspondence, that in taking up a pen to write one of these letters I am almost the giver of a runaway a letter is a struggle, & the formal note of condolence. I don't know how to account for it, unless it be that as many good writers have little poor talkers - as perhaps good talkers are apt to be poor writers, and as my talkers things are scarce in that polished mode of which Mrs. Felt says we are depraved, you will know better unless which is strictly in Fennell - Mrs. I is to finish this letter in writing to you because I am so alone, but I would like you to write if you could the truth be told by expressing the things that I wish to say to you. I am sure you will be so large to be a mate for me only -

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the end of the glass, and to receive you for
people of pleasure in the winter time. The
pale, may not be old before 5th - if
we can help it in the middle of the 10th and
the 15th - a whole week. I am very much
if it is not late in the day. I have
not time to get it. I am very much
here. but I will tell you home next
week or the week after it. I will then
show you letter to Mrs. I hope to
be kindly remembered to Mrs. V. -
and all the children. and that you
will bring me your own good wishes
Yours truly
J. Lincoln

It is so warm

from any family in the world to
an great number of the the
the North men. I very much
from this impatience to get into
business and to be in the
the world.

I am not at all
the same as I was before. I
but the whole family is
to get up business for a time
the same as the other studies, or for
the same as the other studies.

By God's grace I hope
to be out of the world in a few
years.

My dear friends
I am not at all
the same as I was before.

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I find no officers stationed at Fort
Meady with whom we are acquainted.
The village is very lively now. Thousands
of people passing some up, some
down the Lakes. The boat in which
I came was "crowded".

It will hardly describe this place
to say that every house is a
tavern and all the rest grog shops
and saloons.

The Canal Company have 500, or
600 men at work, this with the
passengers make something of a
crowd.

It might be well for you to
call on Mrs Douglass occasionally,
as she may receive letters
from the Dr. ~~some time~~ when you
do not. The Dr. is well & in good
spirits.

The mail will close soon
so I must bid you good bye
and may God bless you all
Remember to Mrs Shindan &c.

Think much of, and pray often
for your absent husband

H.P. & am blest

P.S. I may be detained here two or
three days. Will write again be-
fore I leave. I suppose you will
get this letter on Saturday.

Again I say May God protect
& bless you and my darling
children, Malcolm, Annie, Lizzie,
Faymore, Eddie, & Samp and Ellen
& Chick too. Tell them uncle Rash
often thinks of them.

Mrs C. C. Yancey

Care of G. B. Yancey Co.

Wm. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H. H.

Peach Orchard, Aug²⁴

Dear Mr. Miller,

Malcolm well tells you that
he had a pleasant visit with us, and
that he parted with him on the 20th
for Cincinnati, seems so much fatigued
before reaching the month that I was
induced to take leave of him & go
return home with Mr. Miller; it was very
hard for me to part with him, and I had
a great wish to see his children, who were
prevented from coming up on account
of bad weather - but when we travel next
Spring, he has promised that they shall
return with us, and spend some time
at Peach Orchard - Malcolm is much
pleased with your Malcolm and thinks to

have seen Sam before he sailed —
You must write as often as you can,
it will be a great comfort to her
to hear from you — I hope his letter
will reach you before he leaves
New-London — Mr. Snow takes it will be
in Detroit, but I have not yet asked
him if he will be willing to visit you
his leaves of absence is but for three
or four weeks, and he has much to do
in that short time — Give me one of
your good long letters telling of yourself,
and all your concerns, and of Deborah
and every thing we wish to hear —
my love to all —

Yours &c. &c.

With affection

Wm. W. Blake

CIA

Mrs. H. B. Henderson

Ann Arbor

Michigan



May 1st Cincinnati

Dear Sister,

I have been daily expecting to hear of your confinement, and so have let April slip by without writing - perhaps you have made one of our calculations, which are always a month out of the way if not, and any thing has turned up - pray let me know whether I am an uncle or an aunt -

We are all well.

When I say all I mean the Lincolns for none of the family are now with me, my little daughter Frank French charmingly you know probably she has always had a French nurse - her hair curls in golden ringlets all her shoulders. She has charming dimples, not such regular features as your children have, but still very pretty -

You have probably heard from Helen lately, she is so much better correspondent than I am - Ellen was here for a week in April, but made merely a flying

wait—

Out of our own family, there is scarcely any thing to interest you in Cincinnati. — old Judge Barnette is lying in a sort of stupor and had been supposed for some days to be dying. — probably you will see by the papers an account of a great excitement on the subject of common schools, the Catholics petitioning to have a part of the school-fund for which they are taxed, and the Protestants thinking that when this is permitted the reign of antichrist and wooden shoes will immediately commence. — A certain street preacher has

taken up the drum ecclesiastic and holds forth in the fifth street market-space in the most scurrilous manner, the mayor last Sunday obliged him to stop when upon all the city papers have announced that the Mayor is under orders from the Arch-Bishops and a committee of one hundred citizens waited on him urgently, him to resign — but the Mayor was "Not at home" — and to day the preacher has again mounted his barrel and is declaiming away to quite a crowd — so liberty of speech has conquered and all modest women are obliged to go a square or two out of their way to avoid hearing language offensive to ears polite —

Have you written to Mabeline? — I have not. Last month you know was the proper time to have done it but I seem to believe he is coming home this summer —

How are his dear little children? Remember me to them also to Anna and Mabeline. — Write me soon and let me know what you are all doing — Love from father and a kiss for the newly arrived when you come. — Yours truly, Henry

Return to
Mrs C. Vanecko
Lives

Extract from Gen Longstreets address
at the Grant celebration

Extract from a speech of
General Longstreet at
a memorial meeting held in
honor of Gen Grant.

"I recall one anecdote about him which
as military men we enjoyed very much.
This was General Grant's high appreci-
ation of General Van Cleve who, at
West Point was first Captain of the
Corps when Grant entered the Academy.
Grant had such a high opinion
of Van Cleve that he used to say
that he believed him to be a greater
man than Wellington ever was or
ever could be. Van Cleve was really
as thorough a soldier as could be
found, in appearance manners and
general deportment."

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For some months past, articles have appeared from time to time in the papers calculated to weaken the confidence of the public in the management of the "Bethlehem Home" and have been silently borne by the Sisterhood, who are so constantly occupied with their work that they have small time to answer such articles, and have no desire for a war of words. But the point where endurance ceases to be a virtue, and becomes a want of proper self-respect has at length been reached and they feel compelled to deny the statements made by the President of the Board of Supervisors of the Poor on Friday last at the meeting of that honorable body. In the Tribune of Saturday he is reported as saying of the home. It had been the idea at first that the home should be for the benefit of fallen women, but now it was impossible, to get such, in there, although the city was called upon to help sup-

Press of same date reports his remarks thus, "Another thing women were sent there from all over the State, and the city compelled to support them."

The statement that the original design of the institution was to save women of ill fame is correct, the rest is untrue. Our doors have always been wide open to fallen out-cast women, no matter how low or vile, ~~and~~ we have visited and urged such to come under our protection, have not even considered in their case the condition of remaining six months or a year in the Home we have taken in many where they were sick with a loathsome disease ~~and~~ ^{have} cared for them as tenderly as if they were our own daughters and exerted every influence to lead them up to a life of purity and respectability, and in many instances we have succeeded even beyond our hopes. It ~~is~~ ^{has always been} our earnest desire to bring such under the care and shelter of our Home, and in former years we have been aided by the police officers who have informed us of special cases and used every effort to ~~persuade~~ ^{induce} them to accept our protection and motherly care.

The police officers who have informed us of special cases and used every effort to induce them to accept our protection and motherly care. This being our first purpose we only consent to receive those who had been seduced and were suffering the consequence of their sin, in order to save them from ruin and death to their creators from falling lower, even becoming prostitutes, and also to save the nameless innocent babies, and start them fairly in the world where they have no legal right to be. We have now in the home a young girl who was brought to us from a house of ill fame ~~and~~ ^{and} not only in consequence of her own sin, but as an inheritance from a vile mother. She is no fear incurable but it is a great satisfaction to us to be able to make her comfortable, to ease her suffering and to back her of one able to save even her.

Again the President of the Board makes this remark. I venture to say that four fifths of the patients are

sent them from outside the state, and it is not fair to make the city pay the bills." He has hinted beyond his knowledge in this assertion, and has misrepresented us entirely. I have not the books at hand and cannot tell ^{what} ~~the~~ proportion of our girls are from outside the state but it must be very small. I only know of one such and she is supported by friends in the state from which she came to us. And we always demand and expect pay for any outside cases, from the girl herself or the parties who send her to us. His statement that reform should begin with the men is very true, one might call it a self evident proposition. Though ^{I cannot see} ~~why~~ this should be a ground as he admits, for his disapproval of the management of the home. ^{I cannot see}. And I am happy to inform him that active measures are on foot to bring about this most desirable end. The White Cross Army is enlisting men, all over the world, to take up arms against the hosts of immorality and vice.

and to prove the sincerity of his statement
 I cordially invite him to subscribe to
 the pledge of the Society and enroll his
 name, so widely known, among those
 who " solemnly ~~pledge themselves~~ promise
 to treat all women with respect, and
 endeavour to protect them from wrong
 and degradation, to maintain the
 Law of Purity as equally binding
 upon men and women" and
 " To use all possible means to fulfil
 the command, "Keep thyself pure"

Charlotte C. Van Cleve
 President of Sisterhood of Bethany

Editor of Tribune

Please publish this article
 if necessary to cut it. I would
 rather not have it appear in
 your columns.

C. C. V.

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Come march home to all the children. I have
soon to embrace them all.

Macrolin gave me an account of his visit
to Whittinson Lake, and the exploits of a party
in a sail boat. I can tell him one never had
in its results. On the 1st of August when it was
so hot in New Astor, three gentlemen that
had been on a visit to Patape Lake while
I was there, were ^{in a sledge ship} coasting on Lake Superior
going from the Patape on Lake Sup. to Eagle Lake.

The weather was cold & the wind high.
When about half way the boat was up-
set, & two of the gentlemen and one of the
boatmen were drowned.

Now I must tell Eddie a little story.
Yesterday when we came in from the woods,
a little bat came in the house and flew
around and round the room for some time
and then he hung himself up by ~~two~~ of his
little hooks that he has on his wings, to one
of the legs of the house. He was very tame and
we were glad to see him for he catches flies
& mosquitos. We did not hunt him, so he
has his hooks and flew about, & then hung

himself up again. After a while one of the
men caught a fly and held it by him as he was
hanging by his hooks, and the little bat took the
fly and ate it. To day he has been in two or
three times, and we have given him some more
flies. He flies about the room and seems to be
very happy. Some boys try to kill little bats,
but it is very wrong for they do not hurt any body
but live on little bugs and flies & mosquitos that
bite us.

Now I must tell Seymour how the people walk
on the snow when it is very deep. They put on
snow shoes (Mother will tell you how they are
made) and then they can walk on the top of
the snow without sinking in it, and they
put three or four dogs before a little sled
to carry their loads.

What must I say to Lizzie. When we have
been traveling in the woods for a long time
without seeing any body, and then come
to a mine where people live we feel very
glad; And when we go by the houses and
see little children by the door I always
think of my own dear little ones, and want

to talk to the children, and kiss them if
their faces are clean; but their faces are
generally dirty so I do not often ask for a
kiss.

Evening. The time of our expected depar-
ture from the Lake Superior Country for
our home is now so near at hand that
we ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~now~~ ^{say} "next week", and that
things at so near hand that it is upper-
most in our thoughts, and the constant
theme of our conversation. The young men
with us have been in the woods so long that
the novelty of it has worn off entirely, and
they are very anxious to return to Ann Arbor.
They have borne their hardships well, &
deserve a great deal of credit, for their
patience and perseverance.

This is the Sabbath and I have not
spent the day as profitably as I might.
I have read a few Psalms and
some of Paul's Epistles, but have spent
very little time in meditation.

I hope Mr Rowe will call on you
and give you an account of us.

Good night my own precious wife
May God bless you & my little ones is the con-
stant prayer of your dear husband H. B. Cram

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Should return. I trust, however it will all
stand out right. The debts that are paid will
not trouble us.

I am sorry to learn that Sam Agnew has
to California, but hope it is all for the best. He
has my best wishes for his prosperity, & for his

You must kiss our own darling Sam for me
and be sure that he ~~will~~ ^{will} see him
at once.

I believe he is a little scamp, and when he
home, will have to squeeze him till he is
enough. Malcolm says Lynn our old
boy. I believe it. Fizzie too is a dear good
child and father love her much. I am
thinking of making a visit to Cincinnati. Let
he if you think best, but you will have
time to talk about it when I come home. I

cannot answer her letter just now, but
may possibly before I return. Kiss her for me
and tell her I was right glad to hear from her.
Malcolm has improved in his writing. He
must always take pains, for I never can
bear to see a carelessly written letter. I am
highly gratified with his last. I am
glad that he has made up his mind to be

You ask if I can find enough to do at surveying to support the family. I do not know, Can only make the attempt.

John Woodbridge, who is rather sanguine, thinks I can no doubt do well. Mr Williams also speaks encouragingly.

I hope you will be able to persevere in giving winter lessons to Lizzie, that she may be learning. Am glad that you have purchased a wagon for Sam. it will be a great assistance in taking care of him, & will be good for his health. Was gratified to learn that Plinibut-tah was spoken well of by the Evening Post, & that Most is to do well by it. Mrs. Smith does not appear to be so terribly ill. I had been letting Anna go to Brooklyn, but that there is a prospect of their surviving it.

I have tried to pray with you this afternoon, but have no place for retirement & could not pray as I could wish. I fear all my prayers are heartless, but God will hear for the sake of his Son & not

for any merit of ours.

Monday evening. Have been working hard & steadily today, & have got along quite well, am in quite good spirits & do not suffer from fatigue, but miss my wife & children when I return from my labors. The gentleman whose land I am surveying, is a gentleman sends a large amount of early vegetables to market, particularly lettuce raised under glass frames, - fine plants asparagus. chard etc (I do not know the orthography of this word) &c. He says he was obliged to work hard in his garden with his sons, ^{three years} before he received any returns for his labor, but now it begins to compensate him. He says however that a man cannot make himself rich by hard work it must be by the increasing value of his real estate. He has made a comfortable living but he & his sons have labored hard.

You must keep up good courage,
darling. God will take care of us,
if we are patient, prudent & con-
fident. Look to God for a blessing.
He has taken care of us heretofore,
and gives me work to do & strength
to endure it. I am very impatient
to get through with this work, & to
be home for I am daily expecting
your return and wish to be there
to meet him. Take good care of your-
self, & do not worry about the children.
I trust they are good children & try
to please you always. Tell the
darlings to love I may God bless you
& them. I regret that I cannot
be taking care for I wish I had
the means to do so. When I was in
Chicago, & clothing is high there. It
has some appearance of rain to-
night. Mosquitoes were quite familiar
on Friday last. Good bye. I
will write again this week if possi-
ble. Love ever dear husband
H. H. Lamborn

I long to return to my wife & children.
This separation is hard for me to bear,
& I pray God to enable me to provide a
home where we may all be together
again. Although I am a poor man-
ager of children, I wish to bear part of
the burden I now have you bear it all.
I do not wonder that you should sometimes
sometimes. I will make all the exertion
in my power to find some place near
Chicago, if not in it, where we can live.
I regret that it is not in my power to
purchase some little place, that we
could call our own, but this regret is use-
less. God knows what is best for us, & I
trust that in our power we
must reach the result with him.

I am glad to hear that Anna is getting
along so well. I am accounted of her by
gratified me much. I can child how
I should like to see her. When can we have
her with us? I wish most to send
one of her best likenesses. I do not
be ashamed to show it.