



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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above Jefferson Barracks
Steamboat Belle Air. Sand bar 3 miles

My dear Mother

My date looks very natural to you
if not very pleasing to me, here we have been for
four hours and here we are likely to be a few hours
more. ~~At the bottom we have a very~~
~~interesting and pleasant trip, and of my only arrival at~~
St Louis this time. To take the evening boat, the
wife make very little matter. We have some very
pleasant passengers on board, having made some
changes since you arrived. Among the rest is
that young woman I believe she is married, who
travels with Mr. Burr, and is a member of St.
Paul's Church. She is really very pleasant and
much interested in the interesting little home
we find at the end of the river for convenience to the
ignited "Snake" left us a day or two ago and al-
though for a few hours we missed this amusing
trick and his musical powers, it gave him some
quite reconciled to our loss, and proud to ourselves
that human nature can bear up under almost
any misfortune. We have had an addition to
our company of a young bride of 14 years of age
who is a very pretty girl, but is distinguished by her
very unbecoming ways and dress, but of little account
and also by her remarkably dirty apparel, but if
we arrive at St Louis today we shall get rid of her
also, and in fact I should not say any thing against
her for she had a conversation with me last night
ought to have convinced me that she was a sweet
and individual. A gentleman struck up some con-
versation with her, she came to me with a look of hor-
ror and said she was going to leave the boat.

I told her I could not say, she then said I heard you
talking about religion, a'int you a professor?
I answered her in the affirmative and as turn
about is fair play I asked her the same question
she answered that she was not belonging to the Re-
formers, this struck me as a very odd thing and I
prepared my answer accordingly, but she rolled
up her greenish grey eyes saying "where did
you come from if you don't think what them
words!" I puzzled my brain for an answer until
my good genius came to my aid and I told her that
they must be what we called Campbellites. This did not suit
her altogether and I knew it would not, but she was con-
vinced to own that they were the same thing, and after tel-
ling me that her old man was a member too she walked
off much to my satisfaction. I have merely given you
this as a specimen of her wit and turn of mind and
hope it has been deeply interesting to you.
The children have got along remarkably well and when
I compare them with other children whom I meet
I am led to conclude that they are remarkably good
and others think so too. We were very much grieved
about the children getting wet, and sincerely hope that
it did not do them any harm. What a sad thing I found
my shoes and stockings in the traget-
ting bag the same evening. I have missed my linen-
cloth handkerchief that Long sent me, although it may
still be tucked away somewhere, if you find it him-
self, consider it as your own and it will probably
be much more serviceable to you than it would
have been to me. I will leave the rest of the shirt to
be filled up when we arrive at St Louis. Malcom was
up to the hills the morning before and he has some

thing interesting to communicate to Sarah you will ex-
pect him for all day long his letter to her.

Chenille

27th We did intend to leave this at St Louis, but
being hurried had to bring it on with us; we have
not been down it in a hurry. I called at the
Genl. Wright's about the color that could be
nothing more than that the gentlemen at the
Yellowstone have all been heard from and were
well. There is no more boat to come down.
Mr. Paul Burton has not come down.

We are now at our home and every
thing looks encouraging. We all arrived
in health & safety.

I am well, my God bless
all of the prayers of you and for
H. P. & Anne

We will write again when we get
settled



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Mrs. C. A. Clark

Cincinnati

Ohio

[Illegible; found in
group of letters from
Charlotte Von Cleve to
her mother.]





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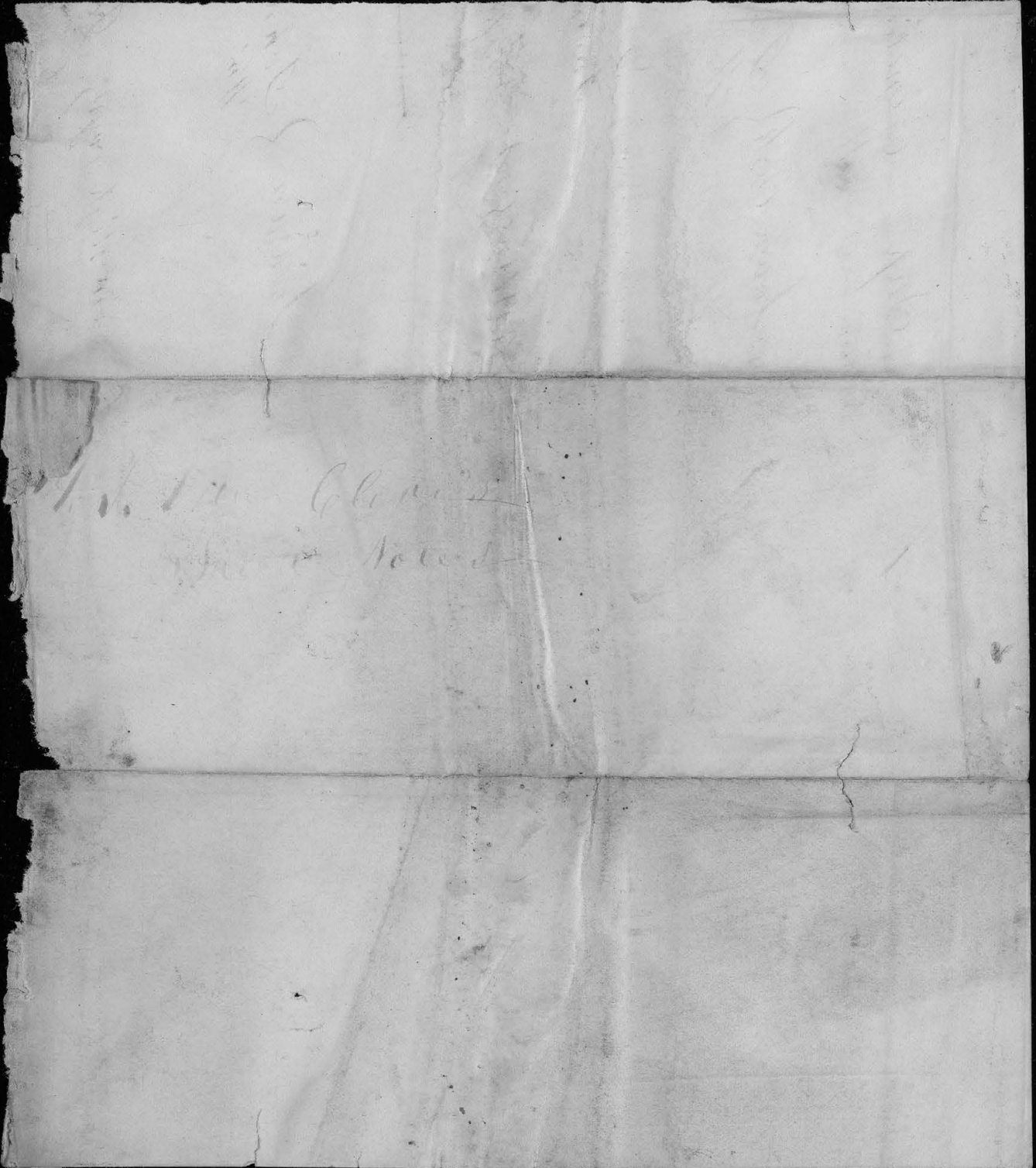
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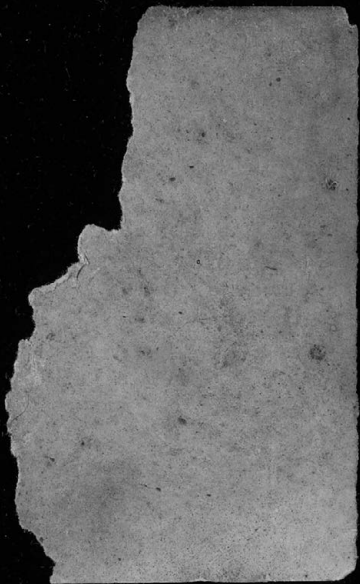
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when some one is at home, and
you do it any more to go. Give much love
to says it would be I get to study the Regulator
for that thinks she will be. I would advise her to
to be in the best of health. I must write to
with us then in a city. I am a little better. I am
- your decision. As for clothing all and please you in
for a long long time to come. I am still
a couple of lines from for notes. I am still
off to there here in the country. I shall make
the best of it. I am still at it.

... but she got
down, to ...
laid down the ...
... a good ...
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... had a ...
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I think one of the
one of the greatest accomplishments
you can have is to be able to
write an intelligent, interesting
letter; it is a great ambition of
mine, and I hope, one day, to
accomplish it.

I think Carrie's health is about as
usual; we have just had a heavy rain
storm, wind, contrary to her usual
way, she has passed through it
without taking cold. I am so
glad, because every little cold sets
her back so much, and I cannot
bear to see Carrie suffer. She
fretted and acted cross & angry
and worried so much, but she
is so very patient, and so very
kind, and so very brave, that
I just go out, beat it all up
and come and see her.
See Carrie, I see she is
as I am.

While great pains
I have gone to summer your last day
letter. First I want to tell you about
my illness. It was an attack of
dysentery, fever, even at the time
was so frightening, but it is
over now, and as you say, I am
in better health than I was when
I left home, to be sure my hair
came out & I wish that I have had
taken the barber to supply his
hair but that is nothing.
What a hair! in the morning
the immortal Billy. It was indeed
pleasure to meet me in June.
It was very lovely to see her kind
face. Speaking of Mr. Carlyle
and I think of Mr. Emerson
his going to the state, and if he will
that you would go to see him.
I have been before the machine
for the health of my
apartment.

for them, dear little Jesus, how they
must miss her, sweet little face.

I am glad to hear that the Sem-
ple are doing so well, give them my love
when you see them. The Mrs.
Fred Barnard joke is a good one,
I like that very much. So Miss
Ann Prescott has concluded to
obey the command given in
Genesis, and has already begun to
"increase, multiply, and fill the
earth," she is a regular rabbit, is she
not? I am glad to see such obedience.

It is pleasant also to hear that the
missionary and missionaries are going
ahead, where are they putting new
buildings in N. H.? I hope they
are successful. I am sorry I hear that
our church is without a pastor, if they
could only show some concern
and visit with the congregation
twice a week, they might support

such the mission, at a good price, and are
very happy. at least I hope they are.

I am going to write to the children
again as I have time, and will
try and describe some of the
peculiarities of the young Kanakas.
I am rejoiced to hear that Col
has taken Sam in charge, he will
teach him if any one can.
Give him ^{every} love and tell
him I shall be delighted to hear
from him. There is the dinner.

I hope dear little Paul will soon learn
to write so that he can write to me.
This little letter from the children
gives me much pleasure. I am
so anxious for their photographs
that I can hardly wait for them.
I am sure you will not forget to send
me a large one too, as I want
to frame it like father's, when
the time comes, and hang
them together.

...the night, a dear lovely lady
...days peacefully, we
...we took some songs and
she played my accompaniment.
During most of the evening took
travels, they liked them so much
that I sang the fine old
"gentleman" and the
"red roses" without the words.
The song, I was singing most
all the evening. Tell mother
that I can sing those out some
times as well. Today I am
invited to a church party at
... I expect that
a very pleasant Mrs. ...
the wife of the Capt. of the ...
... is a daughter of ...
(Mrs. Dartmouth) ...
the call of her mother ...
... cannot be ...

...and would not be able to attend a school.
I think Dr. Linnely would be
very popular, indeed.
How I would like to step in some
fine evening when you are sit-
ting by the fire. I know you would
enlarge the circle to make room
for Phil and me, then what a
splendid talk we would have!
The Lancaster leaves to-morrow.
Mr. Sam. Larnon is going to San
Francisco in her, as he intends to
visit his aunt in Minnesota.
We will give him a letter with
directions to you. I think you will
... as he is a very pleasant
young gentleman, we expect to be
in Minnesota by the first of
...
Monday Feb. 5th, 1866
Did not get up this morning
... at a early at ...

chief family next to the present king,
Prince William takes the throne,
then princess Victoria, (if they both
both drink themselves to death
first, then Mrs. Bishop is the
next heir. I should like to see her queen.
I think all the Americans would be glad.

Saturday evening we went to hear
Madame Anne Bishop & Dr. Chas. ^{Carroll}
we were very much pleased especially
with Dr. Lancelotti he sang beautifully.

I wonder if you would know one
if you were to see me this morning.

I have had my hair shingled. I
will I couldn't help it, it came out
so badly, that I had to cut it off to
avoid being ugly. I must go
about doing like a boy for some
time. Very pleasant weather at present
for a while I expect it is raining
down, and I expect the horseback ride,
intended to take, will be relinquished.

Chas. Stopped out night, &
this morning we are enjoying
a pleasant trade wind, so I
suppose it will be pleasant for some
time now. Last evening I took a
little horseback ride, when I enjoyed
very much, as I had not been
able to ride for several days. It seem-
ed quite a variety. I tipped you.
will think that I live on horseback.
I ride most every place out of our
back if I did not, how could I
be able to ride well. I have a promise
that you, and have determined
to go in fine weather to
Boston, and as you will
drive a small to Cork. So with
patience and submission I will
wait for the long pole. I like
to beat me a good deal. I
to equal as nearly as possible
the joy of Coping.

Mythical being which he calls
Libby or Charlotte, for which alone
sister, I assure you, there is not
the slightest foundation. This
he does when ever he can get a chance
and what can I do for punishment
merit? Besides this he calls me
sister! Only the other day
I was brushing my affection
on him, and what did you
suppose he had the impudence
to call me? An Incubus!!! What
would you do under these circum-
stances? He has just now been
affectionate to trifle with
me, and I fly to you, and
say you will come to my rescue
The result of it is, he tries to pull the
wool over my eyes and make me
think that these girls are all
dearments, in this way he
only yesterday, called me

Miss Drury Cooke when she comes
down from the Coast. I leave you
to imagine how heart rendering
all these things are, while I go and
dress for a church party.

I just returned from the church
party, where I enjoyed myself
very much. Mrs. Austin is a
very lovely lady. Don't you remem-
ber the gentleman we met on the
broad gauge road who asked me if I
was coming to Honolulu? he told
me to present the compliments
of Mr. Mrs. D. Miss Whiting, you
know we noticed that her elder
lady's hair was grey and she
called it like yours. I told Mrs.
Austin about he said that
Miss Whiting was his sister, but
her hair was not white
till the gentleman was
to the admiration of Mrs. Whiting.

...of that kind. She
thinks I must be over-
about the color of the hair, and
I must that I am right, and
it is now a standing joke between
us whenever I see him he asks me
if I am sure the lady had
white hair. I think you will
remember them, they met
us at Hornsbyville, and had
the beds opposite us in the
sleeping car.

Give my love to Mr. Seaside, I don't
forget him. To Mrs. David Seaside
also, and all my friends. I am
sure that if my dear husband
were at home, he would send
particulars to all. His father and
mother and little children are for some
time. God bless you mother dear
and all the dear ones, I think of
you all so often. How I wish

...not ...
particular. A few weeks
confide in you, that I find
my husband is over-
ed to leave, and to deliver him
over to you for a permanent
Paris epagnole. One day I was
riding horseback with him,
and we were going up the valley
as we were passing a native
house we saw an old native woman
stopping down mopping something
in a calabash. her dress was torn in
the neck and very loose so that
as she turned towards us, what do you
think he remarked? "Pickled up
how I come to you for advice, what
could I do as well as a person who
acted in that way? I expect you
to tell me. This is only a story
Mrs. I will tell you of some of the
more egregious.

Get your Michigan notes
changed for Eastern notes
at Detroit. I. See for Kuchera

2^d Pay all taxes that may be due on
the lands in St. Clair. - Cole and
Porter are the agents. See Bill of exchange
accompanying your books for pocket books

3^d I have lands I have sent to me in the
fall, if you can conveniently

4th Ask Kuchera if he can't write
to some one at Washington, and
get him to have your accounts settled
as soon as possible. They were sent
to the Ist Auditor.

Ask Kuchera if it would be wise to loan
some money with the agents to pay taxes

West Point. - Malcolm must accompany you
to St. Louis and assist you in your ex-
penses there.

4th Green Way - See Judge Bean, Judge of Probate.
2nd - Have all your business respecting
the Administration settled.

3rd - Will it be necessary to have commis-
sioners appointed to appraise the land
in St. Clair County, River?

4th - Major Forsyth may be able to ap-
praise it before the Judge of Probate.

5th - Learn whether it will be necessary to
appear again before the Court of Pro-
bate. I do not think it will be,
as you do not intend to make any
further disposition of the property till
the children come of age.
Learn whether it will be necessary to
employ a lawyer.

Ask Gantly if he has settled Wicams
bill. - If not see how your account
stands there with Wicams.

If Miss Patterson has put out the clothing
we sent for, she will have an account.

Ask the price of Crewel - 4 cents each.

Pay Col Cutter \$6.50 for Dr Food.

Pay Col Cutter for Dr Grain \$14.

Recd by Sarah

Mem. of articles to be purchased for N. P. Van Cleave

{ 2 ³ / ₄ yds Irish linen sheeting about a yard and 16 inches broad to match some on hand (See accompanying pricing) — —			
Coat for Charlotte			
Side Combs "	"	1	
2 Thimbles: one 75c one 62 ¹ / ₂			
3 or 4 pr walking shoes for Charlotte	\$1	50	
1/2 doz " thin soles " " "	1	93	
2 pr Cloddie shoes at 50 cents "	1		
Lawn for handkerchiefs. " - \$3 each	3	87	
Linon Cambric handkerchiefs 1 each	1	50	
2 Black silk for aprons for " "	1	31	
a bunch of black darning cotton for "		6	
Box of Cologne water (in strong bottles)	2		
Musk and Sassafras — — —	1		
See Catalogue for prices of other articles			

In New York 1st Dec

He did live in Chambers St. Opposite the Park.

Paymaster. If you cannot

learn from the Directory where he lives
inquire of Mapes & Walden.

2^d

Send my letter to John to the Post office,
if you cannot find from the Directory
where his ^{or dwelling at} ~~store~~ is. Write in the envelope
your address. If you change your place
going in the meantime, leave word where
you may be found.

3^d

Tell the Paymaster where you will
be during the summer in case he re-
ceives any communication for you from
Washington -- from the I^d Auditor.

If you have any difficulty in the settlement of the accounts you had better write to Colonel Cutler and get his advice and assistance. Unless Major Gwynne is in New Haven and can attend to it for you.

Among your papers you will find a copy of the accounts sent to the Ist Auditor in case of accident they may be useful to you.

See how your account stands with Gwynne. — When Major Gwynne is in New York, he no doubt will settle it as he has your money; or you can settle it when you receive your money from Washington.

Apr. 20th I wrote the foregoing pages some time ago,
but thinking they might make my darling feel un-
happy, while away from home concluded not to send
them, — I have been obliged to practice economy
on a large scale since you left. When I returned
from Detroit I had but three dollars and some
little change, or very little. The first call on that was
for meat .87 cents, which lasted two days, then butter,
&c. It soon went. But I would not get any thing
on credit, so we lived on pork & beans, & beans &
pork. — The rest of the family all retire very
early, and I have concluded it was a very good
union, for as Franklin says, Sun light is much
cheaper than oil. The clock has just struck
9, and I believe all are in bed but myself.
To day I settled with McLeod for Malcolm's school
bill and got from him, besides, \$1.00 for the use of desks
which I brought home. I also got \$1.50 from Waldron
McLays Miss Cox told him that was the amt of
his bill.

2 [ca. 1861?]]

and it can be but little pleasure to them, to feel that they have traveled hundreds of miles to be within two or three miles of their husbands and boarding at a hotel surrounded by entire strangers. If we were to be stationed for a year at any point, it would be a different matter.

Mrs. Wall told me that Miller Blaines was a Captain of Texas Cavalry, but she did not know whether he had ever left Texas. I hope he has not, for it wd distress me to think we might ever come in unfriendly contact. — I trust there has been great suffering throughout the country at the evacuation of Columbus. If they cannot hold a point that they have fortified with so much labor and expense, what point do they expect to hold with an army daily diminishing and finances exhausted? They are now suffering disaster after

disaster. Their army must become
demoralized under so many discom-
agements. O the Heavenly Father surely
is fighting our battles.

I must now bid you good night.

Tell my dear John that the pa. will take
care of his net lines when he comes home.

Tell Paul, father is very sorry he has
been so sick and hopes he is right
now. Tell Sam I sh^d like to

see that mischievous face of his. I what
it delights me to learn that he is at the head
of his class. Tell Mattie Foley how I
regret that father loves them dearly.

Give all my dear children for me &
say to them I love them.

Give to Major Smith & his wife. - Your
friends are well as usual, excepting
Major Wilkin. He is at Nashville but
has not been able to join his Regt.

Give our dear husband

Arthur Oliver

Dear Ellen

I have just been to the Post Office and was delighted
to receive a letter from you and Mother. In order to let you a
good "travel" I sit down immediately to answer it. Although
the post closes in a little while and I may not be able to
send it till next week. You want to know all about
our various jobs and to begin immediately to answer your
questions. I must say that poor Mother has no better
work than I have. I select the same to be
sent to you. I have been very busy lately. I have
fallen in with the notion of properly to term it
consumption. That is how it is very properly packed around in
the pork barrel. But, Jack, Mary and the little old one
are well and happy. The chickens are all alive and
well, the get particularly like the curry and admiration
of all children. The afternoon we had a wedding one week ago
The new marriage to Mr. Goodson who I think will make
her a good one. I have been the pleasure of receiving her
in her bridal apparel and a pretty looking bride. I have
seen her. She always inquires particularly about you and I
take care to send a great deal of you. I have a very
large school somewhere between 40 and 50 scholars but the
1. Street school commenced soon and I was relieved from
Malcolm improves rapidly and is often at the head of his class
although the head one goes down every Monday. I have a
very good girl with me. Sister. I have a child at her
side last summer she works for her board and schooling.
The girls make many inquiries after you and indeed I do
every body in the village. I am a mother or child. The spent
last evening at Mrs. Van Kippers and Jane of course trusted
us to rest. The children are now all well. Anna is very
interesting. She is an incapable father and if she never
any thing it will not be for the want of asking questions.
Children often talk of you and Anna wonders very much of
her Aunt Ellen is a woman by this time. She is a
considerable for the old lady that Let Chase would remark
to heaven but she said the good Beauty would because then

she could love him. I will be four years the day after
tomorrow would you not write to her for your own comfort
sweet mouth? Malcolm looks forward with great de-
light to the time when Grandma is to make us a visit
God grant that nothing may prevent this anticipated
visit. I am glad to hear that you are studying and
I trust that you are improving with great rapidity in mind
and on any account. Ellen may visit your private
study and remember that prayer is the life of the Chris-
tian. When have you heard from our dear brother?
I long to hear of his recovery. I am sorry for him
for that alone will be the cause of much sorrow from
temptation. It was very good for him to be
tender always to let me know what you are studying, and
how you advance in your studies. The children are well, or
they would send kisses to all of you. The rest of the letter
must be devoted to Mother. God bless dear Ellen. God bless
and keep you is the daily prayer of your affectionate sister
Mary.

My dear Mother.

In your letter you make some inquiries re-
specting the taxes on the land in St. Clair. I will write to
Mr. Clark to learn what the taxes are up to this date,
and will also request him to see if the timber has been
injured by fire. I paid the taxes on the land for 1837, for
which I thank you paid me when I was in Cincinnati. My
brother John has since paid the taxes for 1838, 1839, & 1840, amount-
ing to \$52.61, for which I have settled with him. I have
now the receipts for those years. I cannot tell whether it amounts
to my share, not knowing what has been paid since. If I
had the money I would ^{pay them} taxes for the present year, but I am
considerably straitened to pay the taxes on my land. I have paid
three years back taxes on my land, since last spring, which
added to the tax for this year amounts to about \$100.00 per-
haps two or three dollars over. One would suppose that the
more land he owned the poorer he would be. The taxes cer-
tainly appear to take all the cream off the land.

I have been to Detroit several times and have seen
the Officers stationed there. They all inquire after you.

Mr. Enclaved regretted that he could not see you ^{when} he
was in Cincinnati, he was laid up with the rheuma-
tism, I think he said.

I am now home from Malcolm lately? When his en-
gagement with the free company terminates does he expect to re-
turn home? It must be at least as two years since
we have heard from him. It is to be regretted that he
cannot be contented to dwell in civilized society. What has
become of Mrs. Alston? Does she still correspond with Mal-
colm? How do you get along since you have enlarged
your house? I am glad to hear that by adding to your house
you have made it more comfortable. I trust you
will not involve yourself in any pecuniary difficulties
for they should rank next in order to delirium tremens.

Do you know how Mr. Fink is getting along in the
world? He has never paid up for the tuition of his son
ter, excepting that he gave Mrs. Fink a note for the amount ^{\$20.}
Do you not think that you may get something from him
by presenting the note to him? Elvise McDonald
niece of Mrs. Briggs also owes us \$12. We understand
that her brother would pay it but it has not been done.
If you think there would be any probability of getting it,
would you have any objection to calling on Mrs. Briggs
for some information respecting her, or her brother?

Ellen says Mary is quite a belle. I hope she does
not think so much of the vanities of a fashionable life as
to forget what she owes to her God. How does Isabel
spend her time? I wish she could have spent the winter
with us. Tell Ellen that Mrs. Kendrick has a son
about a week old. She will recollect that Mr. Ken-
drick ^{died} last June. We were out there on Christmas and
they inquired after her very particular.

Give much love to all the children, and happy
God bless and preserve you all.

Yours affectionately

Wm. D. Anderson

[unrelated fragments]

and ever, Amen.

Good bye my precious wife, and
remembrance to all, from

Your loving husband

W. H. Baird

P.S. I have some ink I think you
will like. Flows very freely, and
though somewhat pale at first, it
soon turns black.

packing for her journey. They
will not leave till tomorrow.

The boys are all well. Most
and family, ditto. — We are
all waiting with anxiety for
the evening dispatches; hoping
to hear good tidings.

We are having another

Dear Mr. [unclear]
I have been thinking much of late
of the [unclear] [unclear]

Some the notices of our dear
Caroline's death.

The other I have found the
reception paper for the [unclear]
you know that city, dead with

work is lovely. There are
great many lovely people in
the world, if we c^d only look
them up.

I am writing now to let
you see that you are not
forgotten by me, while I am

and our house. — I told them
you were well; having a de-
lightful visit and that I did
not expect to see you before the
last of the month; and perhaps
not then. — I am sick of
the curious little Elsie being

very slightly. — Very encouraging
news from Washington, Prof.
Garfield improving daily.

Love to all. God bless my pre-
cious one. May God bless you,
bless you all, through your loving
husband. I can believe

month. I shall keep
them as long as possi-
ble. — This is to my
precious wife from
her loving husband
H. P. Van Buren
written in great hurry.
Love to Susan & children
— Mr. Lewis is a wife.

I am well but sadly
grieved to learn of
Charles Kent's death.
Hastened doubtless
by grief from the loss
of his mother.

All are well with
us. — I sent to you
a P. M. Nov. 12d. yesterday

Said she had written
to J. see but had no
answer. Good bye
May God bless you, May
Heaven bless, may
Love bring but be
J. P. & Co. leave

wonderfully elated.

Our three days of hot
vacation, culminated
in quite a gale last
evening, followed by
rain. This M., it is
cool (72°) and pleasant.

I think I have mentioned
that Carl, like the clergy,
has taken a vacation
and gone out to the Lake,
for a week. —

I am better from Leadville
written July 31 & one of my

much damage to the
town. — Must close
Love to all.

Your loving husband
H B Canalecan

account of it in the Hawaiian
Gazette of July 27.

Last evening I took tea
at Mrs. Eastman's, with Mrs.
MacKee. We had a very
pleasant sociable, We said.

girls to take you out to
ride occasionally.

I am having the sketch
of the car done

Keep close
Think I love them more
more every day. — May God
bless you my precious one &
give you wisdom to guide
you in all that you say &
do, prays your loving husband
Auntie P. T. can blow

wealth, - the Chief
and of mine. I pray daily
for means to pay my daily
debts, so that I may owe
no man anything but
love. For more wealth than
that, I do not ask.

My beloved wife

1877
Dear wife, I shall send friends in a few days. Love your loving husband. Love to Lucie. H. P. O. to love

certainly very unlike, very much abridg-
ed. When you come I shall try to pump some
more out of you, but you need to return to
your usual occupation, I may expect
hard work. I am sorry you

We good bye to the Eastman's on Wednesday
evening, & saying they were to leave the next
morning. — Good bye. May God bless you
my precious ones. — Love to Emma and
Samuel. — Have just had dinner and
Emma is waiting for them. —
Love lovingly, M. P. Gould
P. P. Gould

our street. — Mary and her children,
Frances and Mark with all his family,
have gone out to Minnetonka today.
Cous Sam is out Mrs. Ferry's last night,
and is now in his room at home. Sam
is over the river. You may imagine the
house very quiet. — A telegram from
Worthington in the morning paper announcing
the death of ex Gov. Stephen Miller at 11 or
12 o'clock last night. — Reports from Washing-
ton say Gen. Grant is improving, for which we
are thankful. He is daily remembered in
our prayers. — This is the first time in the Tribune

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JUL
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A. P. Van Allen
Care of John Wood

Chicago,

Illinois

Brooklyn, July 8

My dearest Father

I have
only time to write a few
lines to tell you that I rec'd
the \$15 you sent last
Saturday. ~~to~~^{thank} you father
dear, I have tried hard to
get Mont to take some
but he will not what
shall I do with him?
I am very, very busy
getting ready to go to N.
I think I shall go on
Friday. I shall take
the boat which leaves
N. at three P.M. and go
to N.D. at eight it seems
as if I never was so busy
in my life. I shall
write you a long letter
as soon as I get home.
I shall be very glad

See your friends then
I am so sorry dear
father did not come home
but he is doing so well
and is much better
than when he left that we
must not complain but
I would give any thing to
see him.

But good bye dear
father I am in such
hurry - I must go out this
evening and get some things.
May God bless you.

Pray for your little girls
Anna Yank

I love you so dearly

I am going to have my likeness
taken for you the first
pleasant day.

and take it. I learned of
the work of the boat as a great
secret. This is the most delightful
boat I ever travelled on
and the first to arrive in the
San Jose and Santa Clara
of St. Paul some months
as far as I know. Mr. Cohen
I shall have much to tell you
when I see you. Keep up your
spirit. Good morning.
Bright days in store for us
I feel it. Let us trust him
and give nothing. Mr. Cohen
wants to take you to Mission
San Jose and other places
when he returns. The season
is a splendid time to be
here now. You might write to
Mr. Turner. Mr. Benjamin has
about concluded to go to India
again. My poor heart is full of

Steamer Itasca
At Homer, a few miles
below Winona, mooring
up - Saturday evening -
My Darling, We have had a
little extra travelling to day
at Winona we took on board
between 4800 excursionists
& schools from that town
to take them to La Crosse &
to bring them back again
are now going to La Crosse
etc. again - We get to
St. Louis the same time
as if we had not made this
excursion, as we pass by
many places where the boat
usually stops and do not

stop at Prairie du Chien
but a few minutes. We
saw cousin Emma and Mr.
Slr. I gave her her scissors
and now sorry I had not
brought her picture. She
will write to you before she
leaves for home. She says which
will be early next week -
Sabbath afternoon. Her brother
We have had a charming
trip and are all well to day
We leave on the 5 o'clock
train for Freeport Chicago
etc. Mr. Secombe will go
with us as far as the point
where we turn off for Beloit
and may join us again at
Chicago. I hope to hear from

you soon. We have when
we reach Beloit in our state
and trust we shall hear that
all are well. That Aunt has
just recovered and that
all is going on smoothly.
In settling with Mary, she
will remember that I bought
some things for her in the
Past. Some lace and a
belt, which cost \$25.
Told Grandmother or Aunt Sophie
to try some of the winter squash
in the following way, cut it
in strips about an inch thick
put it in the dripping pan
put a very small piece of
butter, and a slight sprinkling
of white sugar over it.

My husband
Went is going over the
River for Grace's trunk
so I embrace the op-
portunity to send this to
the office

Your loving husband
H B C. C. C.

which from her letter.

I do not forward the letter
being uncertain whether
they will reach you; not
knowing where you cal-
culate to stay for some

Mrs Aldrich says: Mrs L. P.
Benedict ^{of Worcester} is trying to raise

[fragment]

[speech? ca. 187-??]

There a dead ⁵ letter, some
thing to be obeyed and
enforced. Men of Min-
neapolis! You are acting
not only for your dues
but for your children
in this matter.

Do not then, vote for
men whom you know
to be ^{and corrupt} impure. Men
who would sell their
members for a morsel
of pottage, men, who
care nothing for you
except as they may
use you for their own

18th

Selfish ends. and
who will top you
aside when they no
longer need you.

Yes, for one year, good
true, honest, God fearing
men as your rulers,
and God who judgeth
the earth, will reward
your faithfulness, will
establish ~~an~~ city on
firm foundations,
and make Minneapolis
a praise in the earth

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Dear Mr. Monday morning

My darling Nannie,

My letter had been detained till this morning and I must say a word now to my little daughter. We all miss you so much that we are ~~very~~ ^{anxiously} waiting for next week without seeing you. Father said when he first started this morning that he must go after you today, but he will try and be at St. Monday. Lizzie would not go to sleep last night until she had kissed Nannie in the back, and I am obliged to comfort myself for your absence by looking at your dear face almost every hour. He shall probably go to Upsdante this afternoon and return to-morrow. Tell Daniel I have found some of his clothes and tell Mose I found one of his shirts all of which I will bring with me Monday. Ask Mose if he remembers what he promised to write me a long letter about? Give my love to all, kiss little Charlie and Nannie for me. Be kind and gentle to all, and avoid every thing that borders on rudeness. Ask Mrs. Thomson to give you some sewing or knitting or try to help her in some way if possible. Good Bye darling, tell Mose to try and write soon.

Your own dear mother

C. O. Van Cleve.

Anna.

With regard to household matters, I believe every
thing goes on right. Susanna does very well in
the kitchen; keeps the floor clean, and all looks nice
and comfortable. — If the house were plastered
papered & ketcher washed, it would be a very
pleasant residence. — The children behave very
well, and appear to be very happy, and all now
enjoy good health. It is getting to be hard work
to button & dress clothes around him. As he
runs about, he somewhat resembles a butter
flying, turned into a locomotion. An occasional
exclamation reminds you that is a humor.
He is now asking permission to go to school. He
says "Caroline wants me to, she is very much
obliged to ~~wish~~ to go." — I can hardly withstand
such an argument. What would you say
in such case? Mrs. Casselias' school is increas-
ing in numbers, I believe she has nineteen
scholars. The scholars encourage me, for the
children are improving very rapidly with her.
When Maggie comes home she will have to set
hand to catch up with Ellen. All the children
appear to love to go to school. We must send
Eddie the next term, he is so anxious to go.
I intend to encourage all the children hereaf-
ter to learn, while they are young. I have cer-
tainly failed with Matilda.

Mr. Paul appears to be, a very good operator,
I write to you to part with him when he leaves
us. He is waiting for the opening of navigation
to Massena. Whenever he may go, and in what
even business he may engage hereafter, he
will certainly carry with him my best wishes
for his welfare and happiness.

Had I now my dear wife you see I have
written quite a long letter with very little
in it. You must take the will for the deed.
I would have told you an awful deal of
news if I had anything to communicate,
but having nothing to tell, I tell it.

Malcolm says I am trying
to be a good boy, and give him the children
all my love. He children all I
but Ed. He says don't send my love, tell
me to send my some boots.

Good bye my precious one. May God bless
you and the dear children, and all. Remember
me an your prayers. For I need it much.
Kiss the children and tell them that father
thinks of them much, very much.

Your own sincerely attached husband
J. P. C. C. C.

Had you any trouble with your boy
going on the way.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I have [unclear]

the [unclear]

of [unclear]

and [unclear]

the [unclear]

of [unclear]

the [unclear]

of [unclear]

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of [unclear]

the [unclear]

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My facilities for preparing testimony and finding witnesses are unequalled, as I have the P. O. address of thousands of Surgeons, Officers and Enlisted men.

Truly,

C. E. VE.



Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely an address, visible through the paper.

Compositella

June 1870

Expos. Marten

June 1870

Ch. Affliction

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Cincinnati Oct 29th

Dear Charlotte

I arrived on the 28th, safely
left Gen Johnson at things where he
was detained as day, and in consequence
I suppose, met Gen. Beardslee. I
was sorry not to have seen Rich-
ard West that on his return he will
give us a day, cannot you come this
far with him, Mary would be very
glad to see you also all the rest
of us; all are well. Ellen is really
moving this morning hopes to be at
home this week nearly to see her
friends - her children are well, little
Chase is a very fine child - Mary
thinks summer very beautiful and when
I become accustomed to short hair, I
shall think so far to curls in close
knots. all over the head which is
considered unwieldy in its shape
they are all delighted to have a
gray stone, agate, and quartz quarried

about me I am obliged to be quite
circumspect to prevent ill feeling
among them — Father is just going
a horse back ride with Mr. Brier,
it is a delightful morning, all
pleasant both sides of the street —
I have a great deal to say but
have not time this morning as my
reception party is to come off on
Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock George
Williamson for Mr. Willson who has
off and married Miss Spencer, as he
thought it would be quite desirable
no possible objection having been
made to their union — both our
families are going and I am rendering
all assistance in my power, Mother
wears her new dress she is looking very
well, would like very much to
make you a visit give much love
to the dear girl who is waiting,
Mollie — all that I can gather from
the friends is that you will get
that money but not enough
enough to meet your next payment

do write immediately if you do not
conclude to come down I rejoice with
you that your dear husband was
able to ^{go} home down for a short time
and pray that he may be restored
to health and be enabled to return
with renewed strength to assist in
the restoration of peace and Union
to our bleeding and beloved country
give much love to the boys and
little Mollie also my many friends
in Minnesota —

And believe me my dear child
with much love and daily prayers
for you and all your dear ones
Your affectionate mother
E. A. Clarke.

all were delighted
with the pictures
the little boys and
and baby were daily
exhibited with their
accompanying Mary —

My picture is not though to do her justice

As we have had a long
rest of the winter we are now
beginning to feel the effects of
the cold weather. The weather
is now very cold.

Camp near the
Hill near the

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[fragment -
from Murfreesboro?]

Bring Diggins with you & come immediately, if possible. God bless your darling. Love may be disappointed about seeing me, for I may receive orders to march as soon as I reach Somerset; but come as far as Louisville, then inquire of Peter Williams of the Gall House; he can tell you where Gen Cuttenden's Camp is. If he is at Lebanon and his Camp still at Somerset come on. I will meet you at Lebanon or you may come to Somerset and Gen Cuttenden advise you.

Love ever loving, has heard
 H. W. C. Allen

Love to all

You may meet Mrs. Butterfield at Newfield,
and she may come with you to Lake Umbagog.

returned here last
night. I had such a pleas-
ant time and all inquired
with much interest about you.
They live on the other side of
Lincoln Park and we rode
right through the burned dis-
trict which looks desolate I
assure you (This pen is so much like
a pin that I shall try pencil)
When I reached here I found a
dear good letter from [redacted]
and my mind was much relieved
about home. Sam went off very
brave and bright although he
made a great effort to restrain
his feelings. I could see. I think he
was enjoying his ride - and Mr.
Shickline from knowing the
ticket agent's name for him the

best berth in the car. I'll tell you all about him
when I come home. I am a little too shaky yet
to write much about it. John is delightfully
situated and the children are lovely. I am to stop
there a day or two on my way west, and shall
then visit dear cousin Em, who is just as sweet as
ever and speaks of you with real affection. Charlotte
will be here to lunch tomorrow. I shall probably
return with her to Waukegan and spend two days
there, stop here to pick up my duds. Then go into
Chicago for a day or two perhaps three - and then
go to Fairfield en route for Minneapolis East -
You might write one more letter to me here after
the receipt of this perhaps two more as they will
forward them if I have left. In fact don't
change your address till I write again.

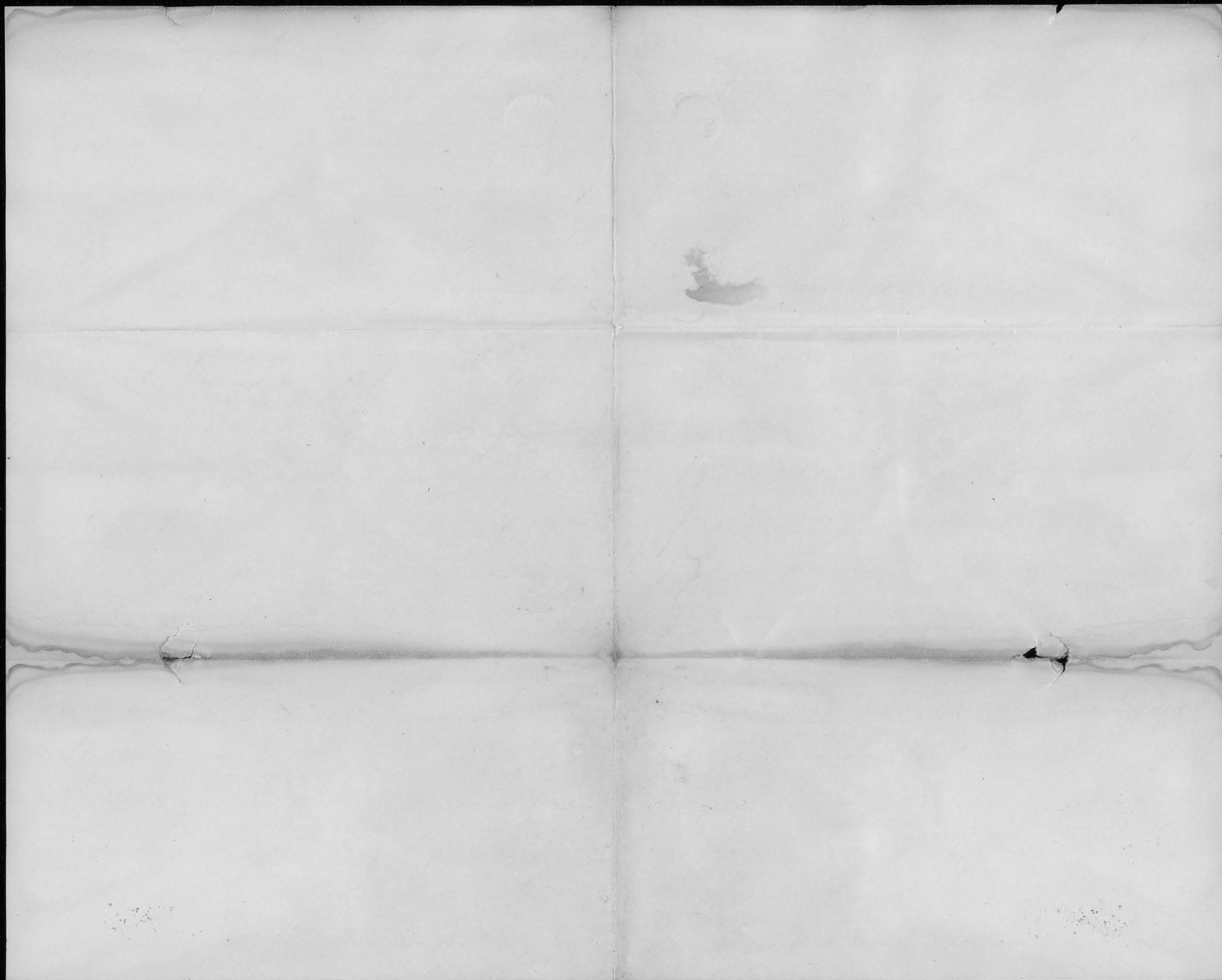
as my plans are hardly matured
yet. I am rejoiced to learn that
you are doing so well at
home and I hope my new Mary
has come and proves a treasure.
I can soon regulate matters
when I come home and hope to
find the kitchen completed.
I should so like to have the
kitchen floor painted and
the back steps that lead to the
well. Then if the paint holds
out that little clerk had some
steps on the West side. Repair
and have the closet painted
and is used, and by
~~the kitchen~~
made. I am glad the scarlet
fever has abated, but watch
closely and don't expose the
dear children. Tell mother I
think Nellie Lincoln means
to spend part of the summer
with Aunt Ellen and if so that
will be her chance to go out

This is a lonely place. Emma owns a very
fine young horse and a nice carriage - she drives
out two or three times a day and we have de-
lightful times - The climate is changeable and
much of the time damp - They wear flannels here
nearly all the year round. But the grass is
so green and the trees so lovely that one is al-
most reconciled to the dampness. I want to mod-
el over our yard when I get home - There is a great
deal of rock work in the Chicago yards made of the
conglomerate picked up after the fire. Iron, china,
glass etc are mixed into a mass. It is almost tea time
now and the ladies fold. i.e. Willie and his father
will be coming home soon hungry and full of news - I write
all my dear ones and all have much to tell you all -
and we can talk together of God's great goodness to us and ours

My dear friends







I have not had time
to look at these effusions

my dear Cousin Anne I
hope you will come home
soon we will have such
nice times Samy is the
little rascal mortie get
a Boie Emma and Flora
horskin we havent got time
to write to arnety Sophie
Send Love to you Samy. mas
most all the time wants
Book Sweet Little Boy the
Boys are gone to school and
Samy gone to sleep I am
making a puppet for him
me and Lizzie had to stay
home this week mortie
is in the first reader
as I havent written
much I will be so glad
when you come home

home i. your letter
my dear cousin Anna
Sophie told him what
the door he went. He said
of wanny call boys he
call botch he is a funny
little boy mortie say
he ought to be proud of his
boots good bye dear cousin
your own cousin Ellen

my dear army i hope
you dont forget me i send
my love to you will you
pray for me to mortie
said in bed i got my
boots uncle felt a boot
the bed same punches
Lissie mortie mortie
cry i heads than you an
Anna most answer

this letter for i
will not know
what to do to you
i send my love
to you all Sophie
send her love to all
i told Sammy did he
send his love to you im
wired very much good
bye dear army dear niece
Ellen bark

my dear Sister Anne I
hope you will come home soon
and will have such a nice time
I have not time to write
to mother. I have made one or
two mistakes & of ~~his~~ sends
love to Mr. Little Sam is very
naughty. sorry when Ellen
wanted to say something
about him he was asleep
on the floor. we have been
absent for a week from
school. and I will be so glad
when you come home
do visit I see when
you come & go home
I have so many gay things
for both. and I hope
and like you will

mind that you think
I might hang about me
any more. most is a
quiet flow good by my
dear sister Ed. Bess
you and take care
of you your sister Lizzie.

my dear mother
I do wish you would
come home and
I am sure I think
I want to see you
I am so tired
I can't write
good by mother