Tuscaloosa Aug 6/75

Dear Ida.

I dont think to here 2 wont last that it would be two weeks before I wrote again; but if you were here you would see and under stand the reason. When I wrote last I believe I have a grumbler that was done help but more a vexation and warring ness to the flesh and spirit On Monday the next day we had chess matters. Tuesday a rest and wednesday chess matters again "The kind" decided that she must go to Jericho at Comodola, once go the diet I got a woman to come in and help me part of the day and I got through more like to one o'clock see then I can tell. That night about 11 o'clock I was called me I had not been asleep I was told she was sick I found her with Cotera Morbus cold as death and suffering terribly I worked over her till nearly morning before she got warm, call the doct. Mary I vacilated

between her room and the kitchen, could not stop for rest. that night (Thursday night) she began to have a high fever and I sent for the Dr. he broke the fever and said I had done all right by her; but she was so weak to attend such an attack without great prostration. She is now able to walk around and come down stairs; he asked if my cares could keep her from rest for us to get Esther as she was sick too, and the night that I arrived sick Esther was both sick and full of Magnums; I had her to "put one bridle" before I could do anything with her. the girl grew worse rather than better and I told her when her week was out the night I go out Tues. On Saturday. week yesterday a Mrs Hoesch sent me word that there was a German girl from Newark N.J. that wanted a place she came to see me; I bowed her a bright-

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little frauline of about 24 has been in America three years but has lived in a German family since she came "has not learned much English way" She came over with Clara I think She is a good washer and ironer Neat and tidy about house makes bread in her own peculiar German way but the result is invariably delicious all the same. The cooking part and vegetables will come I can show her easily enough. I hope the kitchen department is settled now for some time. Sara is better. Esther is settled in business. The men are dumbbed into masculine subjection. The latest report is that Ella is not coming home until the 1st of June which is left. I presume, judging from the past. that she will come sometime. Well this summer settles one for all time. I shall after this let everyone take care of their own "kids" She is able

to come home better able to take care of her family then I am glad for her. When she left the was to be back the first of July; I expected to hear a little sooner than; She was'nt able to come then would be here the beginning then the last of the month; now some time in Sept: If it was not for Jane I should shut up the house this week and let Mary, the girl, cook your Fathers meals and do the washing and cleaning and sleep away the rest of the time; and take a little outing myself. But I will not hunt Willie feeling he feels enough to bear and is very brave about it. Lou, I am about worried Clay but just keep cross I am doctoring for my throat trouble but the Dr says I must not heat my blood, Oh no of course not; over the stove these hot days to cook for so in the family; or to teach a girl so that I will not have to. Mrs Lewis could fall-

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finding about the food. Oh well call me a big thing. And my time is nearly spent. Thursday there's been very dull, nothing doing; nothing doing but - Oh yes there is buying labor another Streeter case. Indeed there are 5 young men. Nearly Florida day young beards. Impudent Streeter no bail nor shall answer the summons of the police. Do you remember that horrid Ostrander. You met him here one night - at a church affair. He was arrested, bounce over to court. There is a clear case against him, he was in jail at Mechanicville for several days but Friday three Cornwall friends that shed not be identified, because he blackmailed them. It was a case of blackmail called him out. Marion Harper is another that the police is watching and a Port Henry one - and some others. Oh, yes! We are highly flavored on nothing else in the scandal line we get up.

Wheeler is engaged in the highly-toned business of selling pencil sharpeners for a firm in Toledo Ohio. Their goods were shipped there yesterday. Lois thinks he is crazy. Says he goes worse than the penitentiary. Well, now I will try to find something better to write about. But I still give it is hard to find. We have been having very hot dry weather until Friday evening. A sudden rain storm struck the town. It was delightful for us the first rain in nearly two weeks. But it was only local. Only reaching a short distance around the town. All those who they had a terrible thunder storm without rain. A 35,000 bbl oil tank belonging to the Producers and Refiners Association was struck and burned. There was 22,000 barrels of oil in it, but little loss insured; one of the men had just reached the ground from the top when it was struck. Close call

Last night we had another lamb a genuine stomp, one that has done good. The gardens were in a bad condition for want of water, father had turned on the hose and wet ours down some, but it done no perceptible good. All right now. I had a letter from the men at the farm the last of the week. he has his hayin all done, barn full and two large stacks outside. Cows now all giving milk and one litter of wee piggies and we will soon have another flock. Topsey will have a baby this month of mothing presents. Guess she will have it anyway. I hope it will be all right as Will is loving on a wrecker if all goes well. I think things are in good shape at the farm, and the man doing well. I want to go up there but can't please until Ella gets back, unless I tire out completely. I feel about there now; but guess I will stand it

I said I was dull, but they do get up some excitement
We have three Inn aways. Last week in one of them
a horse jumped, with a pig, or co Mr Barber's pig
breaking his buggy all to pieces and hurting him
severely but not dangerously. Do you remember
Mr Bronson's sister Mrs Pennington? She died
last week of Dropsy - she was 80 years old, the last
of the family and the oldest. She was taken back
to Frankford Delaware Co. Pa. for burial, her husband
and children are all buried there. Lehaut August
is booming as usual, rather more than usual
some say; I here not seen the Herrald yet I
think I will try & go up some Saturday and stay
over Sunday. They have excursions this summer
going out Saturday and returning on Monday -
Nice is n't it. I have wanted to go but could not
leave, never mind, I will shut up the house before
Summer early, if I am alive and able, and will
not be seen for - well, for at least twenty four hours

Well, I think I've had enough of it. And I am going to be, I'll say I'll — No I shall not. But I shall rest — some time, soon. Two. only a few years now between me and the Heavenly Well I don't know as that will be rest. I can't think it will be in some sense. There will be a surcease of the restless, needless fret of the imprisoned soul. There will be no more suffering or sorrow; no more trials that try and tire the weak hearted and weak minded mortal. But not a state of idleness I do not believe that. We shall all know some time. The veil will be with drawn, all the mysteries solved and we at home. I get to feeling sometimes that it will be better for all if I were at home over there but I wish to live for my children and home here, as long as I am of use but as longer. God grant I go swiftly when my hour comes.

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Really I did not intend to get into such a sober
mind. but I seem to have done so. It is rather
hard work for one to write to day, and I guess
I am a little not blue — but disappointed and
tired out; when I get rested I shall feel better, just
now I can't get up any enthusiasm even over Will's
new bicycle that he drew in the Tirage de Lan-
ning. A large number of tickets were sold here
and F W Wheeler carried Will's bicycle and he
drew a $150.00 bicycle. Just the worst luck
but not the "cycle." There is a great craze for that
kind of riding; men and women; boys and girls, even
the preachers go spinning around the country. Rev
Stevenson of the Presbyterian Church rode over the
Newark Farm 2½ miles beyond Pleasantville, 8½ miles in
all, in 44 minutes. Swift riding was it. Especially
when you consider the hills. You ought to see the
Rev Lasher on his bicycle. He rides all over town
making calls. Does lots of visiting now, since has

much better. Health and spirits better, too. They say. I don't know as I have not been into the church for nearly a year but since Mary Ann's trouble I do feel as though I need some of the time to stay from church but then it is not to be helped — and so must be content. I read lots of sermons. And take it — only most of the time.

I must go and get lunch. I suppose as Esther will be late she is hungry most of the time the dear child. Growing so fast.

Monday Morning Aug 11th

I got up writing any more last night — they eyes hurt me so. This morning I have gone of the — no date. I am so glad for you that your prospects are so good. Nothing like pluck, and tact, and Yankee go ahead — You see here. Not seen the McClure Magazine yet but shall soon. I would have some time ago and spoke to the Cohens about it — and he wrote before I could get to it — Dick have sent on a subscription by Cohen, so I have not subscribed. You need

of two copies in the family. Though I shall buy to
keep such nice as these Yokes articles in them.
Yes - Mrs Fairbanks is dead. Lost a three months gone
child - at first - they thought - She would live -
but she suddenly sunk once died - Her father was
with her - had just telegraphed & the family there was
better once they were preparing & go to the World's Fair
Mr Bloss died some time ago. His son edits
the Herald.
I send you papers, but I do not
believe you get them: do you? I will try and
send you some Sempo. I might - here called
some but here not didn't know you wanted
them. I can show some pictures of the world's fair
buildings - It is said that the Fair is not a
financial success there has been a good deal
of a good game played over them the financial
embarrassment now failures all over the country
& the main cause. Here there seem since I have
remember, a time when the whole country was in

such a bad condition financially
Brokers Banks, United Compan-
ies &c &c Immense Speculators
gone to crash — The Chicago pork
men got a terrible blow last
week, pork went down from
$ 19.00 per bbl to $ 9.00 one
millionaire is to-day worse off
than nothing. The papers are
full of failures, and Pres Cleveland
is off fishing once more —
No. I believe he is back now.
Congress convenes on Dec 9th — Congress
convenes for a special session
this week to consider the
situation. Phila banks issued
$ 4,000,000.00 lately to help out
the Merchants and others in trouble
but that is gone. The U.S.
Treasury is empty, was left so
by the last Democratic President and
Cabinet — Guess now what will
be done is a question that has
been under discussion for some
time. The outlook is very bad
all over the country. This greed
for sudden wealth, the rush and
race of speculation, the dishonest
use of graceful measures taken
to carry out the will of the
people for wealth, is and
will be the ruin of the

the country while it is in some way stopped. It seems terrible that in this land of plenty, this land of which we proudly speak as the "home of the free"; people should be starving; die actually starving by hundreds and thousands. Hence is to day full of starving miners and their families that are ready to work but the mines are closed and they are thrown out. The R.R.s here brought them to Denver and out lying cities and they are fed, but they want work. A tough, ignorant people. It is all fearful, brought on by avarice and whiskey — Whiskey and monopolies are fearful evils — and growing in their devilish power all over the Country; no wonder that such a woeful state of things exist with us — no wonder that such a terrible problem stands before the country to be solved — possibly if possible — by force if it must be — but to be solved and answered by this generation before God and the world. Never

here! Oh, how! "If God grant it-
be in righteousness. but I
fear it will be in bloodshed
and woe — "Grey hairs are
a crown of glory to the righteous
ones white ones are holy.
That is not a quotation. Oh, no.
Do you know that it would go
my bad ness Goose to hear the
Lord as I've been known how you are
getting on in Paris My wonder
the base this hair and. Make them
blue — Could'nt I get on without
him and his Agency — Oh, No.
But then "ignorance is bliss" some
times. Do you suppose there is
any such thing as bliss in
his life! So this letter
long enough & pray for the
delay — I must close for
the mail, and will
try — to be more prompt. but-
I'll O am out-Mord-Thinks
I forget. there is always a
season. Write often as you
can and take care of your
health. I was sorry to hear
you were ill. The season
is a bad one for the health

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be hot and dry. then it's cold. Why last night and this morning we have a fire. Everybody and all are well as usual. Father & The Wells Will at the office. All send love

God bless you

Lovingly Mother

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