

Mayville May 19th 1850
Sunday Evening

My dear Husband

In accordance with your telegraphic request I sent Johnny to the "Brilliant" in search of a much longed for letter, the time seemed long till his return and then "no letter" was the unwelcome news, I started up to the house to cool myself as best I could, reaching the back porch I saw Philip & Bell the latter holding up the letter to my view, the disappointment explained by McTripletts being the bearer.

I read your letter at the top of the back steps while Bell & Philip waited and returned it by them to Pa, and Ma, for present I shall receive it in the morning.

I had an early visit from Pa. this morning, He thinks our place "a very pretty place though like us he thinks expensive, He was anxious to hear from you.

The children are very well, Annie Maria says "tell Father I am a good girl and Mary Ellen when you are spoken of tries to say "good". They are out doors all the time this pleasant weather.

Lizzie is with me all the time, and Johnny cats here though cannot sleep here because Henry does not return home till after ten o'clock at night and Charles is afraid of being left alone. Do not feel uneasy on our account, we do not feel fear, and should any of us be taken suddenly sick we have

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I will have to write
H. C.