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Dear Ann

As it a rainy day or
rather showery & we can't go to church I
will write you a few lines. I expect I should
write to-day or to-morrow ^{any way} as I mean to write
once a week as long as you will at home.
There is a Lutheran going to preach at this
meeting house ^{to-day} what I mean by this church
is a brick one in sight of here about a mile
to go around the road to it; but not more than
half a mile across I guess. It is the nearest ^{here} one.
We are all well here except colds & hope you
are all well. I went to Danvers last Sun.
& staid all night, as you will see by J's letter
I saw a considerable but not $\frac{1}{4}$ of the city.
Mr. Miller lives 3 miles out of the city (west)
but is on a hill in sight of the city.
Mon. he carried me down to the city, & drove

through some of the American streets & we went

into a brick store a day goods store a drug store

a shoe store just as we what kind of shoes

they have in Danforth, some are as nice as ones

as I ever saw so clean & nice. There is a large

College & a female Seminary a number of fine

churches, a state house & many buildings that

would do credit to any city. It is on the banks

of the Mississippi river & has a fair view of the bridge

& all the boats & crafts that go up & down the

river. Just I will write no more at present & about

D. I have written the village of Danforth since

one evening I went to the D. C. with Mr. & Mrs.

Wednesday Oct. 7 I went & bought us a stove, it

is called the "Forest Cook" & is as large as our

"May Queen" but the boilers are not as large.

we had quite a lot of tin ware there in, we

had a stove, two fire pans, two basins, two

other iron dripping pans, two dishes & a large

coffee pot made to go in the stove like a

tea kettle, it has every thing with stove that

there is cash, except cake graters. (which make

the rest was with, as they are no corn meat)

The store was made in Chicago Ill. We bought

the store new, as just in the house today

the plastering & I have taken the better done

has no stain. We could have gone to housekeeping

as soon as we got here if the man who took the

brick work he built had done as he agreed, his

contract was to have it done the first of Sept.

& he did not get it done until the first of Oct.

& the work they are doing themselves that

is good, clean, smooth, & pleasant they have

almost got it done though, & if nothing happens

it will be ready for us in a short time now.

I am going and you ^{will} have chicken & potatoes

& you can save them to put in your breakfast

you go to housekeeping, give them a hearty thank

I was pleased with their leave you and me they

looked humble. There is no winter given so who

affection and sympathy, but that is plenty of

black walnuts, Hickory nuts, chestnuts, butters

nuts, but no chestnuts. The boys are eating black

nut milk, I am going to send you & Mrs. & I

another some leaves we got in the green house

here & dinner yesterday. I have sent you & I

tell you the house and here are just as

there is cash, except cake graters. (which make

the rest was with, as they are no corn meat)

to write you, if you would come and have

of get married in a certain time he would rather
large looking for your wedding, same days he will
be after that disagreeable of your doing it if it does
not look to suit him he will take the opportunity
during day the think my father will give it to my
wife with good long letters & all the news, & she
hopes you will continue to do as well as she has
to much better about home than she used to.
Oprism does it seem possible that so many of our
friends have died since I left the, it makes me
feel that I'd care hardly making it is so, how little
I thought when I saw Pharaoh dead, I never should
see her again in the flesh, but so it is, when
we first we do not know as we shall ever meet
again in the flesh, but God grant that
we may meet in Heaven to meet no more
it is my prayer that God will grant us all as
much again in earth, that he will give us all
health & life to meet in unbroken family, and
if it is otherwise, determine in his Providence
Cimay we all pray that we may meet in
unbroken family in Heaven. Tell father to take
care of his health & tell him I want him to write
tell mother to think of me & give my love to her
tell her I send her a kiss in this letter which you
must give her on her next check. Tell her
she shall have the next letter, & answer

days he want you take good care of his gloves
until he comes or write for them if he will
kiss you to pay for it. I want you to write me
how many letters you all get from me, & I will
write from many I get from you, so that we can

tell how many get lost, I wrote to John last week has
he got it yet? I got one from you & one from Esther &
Rebecca last Thursday, Tell them I will answer soon.
give my love to them & their folks, If any one wants
to read my letters (that is any of my particular friends)
you may let them read them or read such a part of
them as you wish, it will do as well as if I wrote
to them every time & will suit me if it does you.
Tell Bob. to be a good boy & I will send him a
girl some time. Horace says you must ^{all} take good
care of yourselves untill he comes to spend that eve-
ning. He ^{says} tell father that Iowa is in mourning
because "Buchanan" is elected, He says he could
have voted by swearing his vote in, but as it was
stormy day, & a Fremont state & as he thought there
was a good chance for B. to be elected he would
not go to the trouble to vote. It is quite warm
for this time of year, it stormed yesterday & day-
-fore & snowed a very little but never froze & the
snow is all gone, & it is very muddy here now,
and such mud you never saw, it is black as
bog mud, ^{only} no grit or stone at all but soft soil.
I think I shall write to Uncle David's folks

today. O by the way what did they say about
H's daguerreotype, did they like it? Are those
little Guinea hens all lining & do they roost in
the hen house? I guess you are tired of reading
such nonsense if you are just ^{there} it in the
fire & send me word & I will do so no more, but
I like to write you so well that I don't know
but I write too much, You are a good girl
to write me so much and so often, it does me
lots of good. I like to have forgotten to tell
you that I have been to spend the evening
at Mr. Baxters, one of the nearest neighbors,
& have just called at Mr Spears with ^{deu} Lucie
of an errand, some time I will tell you more
about them, I have been to the above places
& Mr. Thompsons & Mr. Millers since I came
here & that is all except some stores. Has
Mac got the letter I wrote a week ago Sun-
day? Write often and you will comfort
your distant friend and Sister
P. A. Jene has just written to Luke Potter ^{if you see him} tell him
To Chas A. E. Duff
Kingston N. Y.
Sarah Underwood

P.S. We have not a letter for father in your last.