

Give my love
 to Mrs. Putters
 folks tell them
 to write me a
 good long letter
 Tell the boys
 they had better
 come out here
 & buy them a
 farm, for land
 here is rich and
 cheap. My head
 aches today and
 I wish I had
 about a dozen
 letters from home
 - I think that
 I would be glad to
 have them.
 Good Bye
 Pray for me
 & forget me
 not
 Sally
 To Lm

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Dear Sister Ann

I will now write you a few
 lines to let you know that, I am not frozen but no
 thanks to the weather for that; for it is as cold as Greenland

is I guess. It snowed yesterday, today the snow blows & it is very
 cold, the snow is quite deep. I do think we are having some
 of the meanest weather, it storms once in every few days,
 How is the weather in N. S. this winter I expect by the time
 you get this it will spring, for I expect the Rail Roads
 are drifted so that the cars cannot get along. I wrote to
 father last Sun. inclosing one for you & Mai, have you got
 them yet? I went down to the P. O. to mail them, (with
 H. S. & Lucinda & I went; to go to the office & have a
 sled ride) Mon. eve. hoping to get a letter from home
 but I was disappointed. Wednes. we did not any of us
 go. nor Friday but yesterday H. went & got yours & Th's.
 (The mail comes to Princeton Mon's, Wednes, & Fridays.)
 You better believe I was some glad, I was frying Bucke
 wheat cakes & I tell you I left them quick to read the
 news from home. You wrote about Thanksgiving & about our

Horace says he shall write Mae's letter down

having a turkey. Thanksgiving here was the 20th of Nov. we did not have a turkey that day, but we have two since. Every once in a few days since we have been in Iowa, we have had Prairie chickens or Quails or wild ducks or common fowls to eat, & the other day we had a quail & Rabbit pie. By the way did you get those prairie chicken feathers I sent you the other week.

I must tell you how smart I have been since I have been here. I have finished those stockings I was knitting when I left home & knit Horace a pair of Socks, doublet & mended my yarn; & knit him a pair of blue & white mittens of some yarn Susan gave me; (she was knitting some for her folks and she said if I was minded to knit H. a pair I was welcome to the yarn) and I have footed myself a pair of stockings & made me a Dehage waist, beside doing quite a lot of chores & c. don't you think I grow smart? I have been very well except a cold since I have been here, I have grown quite fat more so than I have been in a great while. H. has been well but he is not as fat yet as he was last winter. We shall go to housekeeping this week, if it comes fit weather for us to go to Le Claire to get our furniture Susan says she wants you to write lots of Kingston news, says you don't write half enough to suit her; says my folks are the best kind & hopes we shall always stay in Iowa so that she can hear from home often. Lucinda says you had better come out & see your sister in law that is to be; she says tell John that she grows handsome every day and that she is quite a cook now, but can eat better still, (You

know he wanted her to be a good cook for he was fond of quads things so is she, I think they will be a good match) Tell him that I want him to write me oftener I think with you that he must be growing large or else he would have written oftener. I shall have to scold him soon. Tell Mae that she must not get tired if my questions &c. but she must be a good girl & write often. Tell Mother to be a good girl and not forget her noisy Sally. Tell father to not expose himself this cold weather, I am afraid he will get sick besides there is no need of it; I received his letter two weeks ago about & answered it a week ago today I hope he will write again soon.

I want you Ann to tell John I want him to send me that sum that his scholars were at work at when I taught for him, I tried to tell them ^{here} about it but could not think it; it is in compound Subtraction, I want him to work it out & send it to me. Horace says if you will come out here, he will go out for a sleighride across the Mifs, it is about 3/4 of a mile wide at Princeton the village is right on the bank of the river on the west & Caradova in Ill. is directly opposite in plain sight. Jesse says you need not wait until you get your pillowcase full of stockings, for if you are industrious you can finish your knitting while you are coming. Now speak about Eld. Reads son & want to know if that is a specimen of the markets here? Nelson says it is not a specimen of Iowa for 7 days is just

as long as it takes to get acquainted with Mary.
 I am, says he, not thinking of anything to write now, he is going
 to think a good letter next time I write you. By the way that
 winter you was with us all took a day, I am sure it took
 just like that. I am sure now I am any before. I had a lot
 some & I wish I could take up saying "Ody wants more love
 so good?" They told I had better tell you to write no a good
 lot in a newspaper. I am what I think of it I will put
 say that your & his folks were acquainted with other
 the father of his family, you know what I am - Mary says
 much to say about their wanting to each other, just tell her
 about it will you? All about her letter was first rate,
 I want her to write me another like it soon, tell her
 not to wait for me, but write every week, or she will like
 it. Give my love to all my friends.
 I am going to send a letter for E. M. Hays, instead in

I am going to send a letter for E. H. Stealy enclosed in
yours, which I want you to give her as soon as you can.
I have received eleven letters from home with the one of
yours. Yesterday recd. 4 from you & from Mrs. 2 from father
1 from John & one from you & Mrs. I have written 2
I certainly do & rather think I since I have been here, I have
written every week since the first - I am in debt & I think I
wrote Mrs. before that yet, we earn no more, how many have
you received? I hope for me that you to come and
that I will soon find her, nice home, I think I have
forgotten to tell you that winter was not of the best
but no where near here, it grew in Minnesota. I hope
I sent some pictures to father, not but have or other books
ago, have you got them? I was off to get the letters we
wrote him about 3 weeks since? I have written seven and
often & cheer the heart of,
Love John & will wish,

To Mrs. O. C. Apple
Hingham N. S.

None spoken & well wishes,

Frank

Thence says he shall write Thence. Letter down