

obliged to Mrs. ^{if you like the far}
if any news ^{your hand offer}
you will thank
you for any
present & that you
Christie to make
little Mary.
I love all you &
tell drops that
will be pretty
no more, here
drops of & Daria
to the where I
get & then
some days
about you
but it means
love to you
all.
Yours,
Mrs. Ladd,
March 18th

1860.

thankful that I am permitted to
hear from & write so often even if
is but a few ^{lines} uninteresting that I
can return you in answer for your
good long letters. But I hope you
will pardon all that is lacking
in mine, I write as much as you
can think of to me. Horace is out
dragging down corn stalks. Mary is
holding "Minnie", & I leave ^{it for} you to
guess what Sall is doing.

By the way what are John & you
going at this summer. Better
come out here & make a visit.

Received those pretty little valentines
in due season. I sent Nellie's down
to her, by Horace, he said they
all seemed "tickled" with it, I have

not seen any of them to hear what
they have to say about ^{it}. Tell Mac I
am going to keep Chay's for her until
she is old enough to know who sent it
to her. Mac & you are very kind
to offer to buy a dress & heads for her.
She has five white dresses now, & a
dress made of that yellow & white apron
that Mac gave me that summer I was
at home, I guess she will remember?
Lucinda kept teasing me to make her a
dress of it, it was so pretty so I did so.
So you see she has six dresses & is growing so
fast that they will not fit her much longer.
But as long as they do I don't think it best
to buy her any more just now. But will
do just as you want me to about it.
Perhaps you remember a blue head brace
that Sarah Briggs gave me, well it was
broken so we strung the heads & put them
around Chay's neck & she has them on now.
As for coral heads I don't believe there
ever was one in Iowa. I am very much