

Home Farm

Sunday afternoon Jan 20 1888

Dear Papa

I am now waiting for Pa to come home from Church before getting dinner so will scratch off a few lines to you. Yours of the 22nd reached me Friday afternoon it is so nice to hear from you as often you don't know how it helps to pass away the time I am beginning to dread the rest of the time before you return for Ma and Pa think they will go back to town Tuesday that will make just two weeks out here for them. I see no change whatever in Mas health it is strange how

she can remain just
the same for weeks. Pa keeps
pretty well and has been a
great help out here in help-
ing and showing the new
man how to do the work
he seems to be doing very
well Pa thinks he is a good
hand his name is George Fluke
he has Nancy in the barn
and is trying to bring her
back to his milk. The cows
are doing so poor that Pa and
I thought best not to buy much
milk feed for them but we
are having the carrots dug
and are feeding them. Young
Johnnie horse is sick George
thinks he may have the distemper
but Pa thinks Haley run him
into town the night his
Father took sick and then

left him out in the cold
and that he took cold his
throat seems to be sore
he eats very little.
Eliam does not seem to be
very well again he is restless
nights and I fear his back is
growing worse Clifford keeps
well and goes to school when
the weather is good. we have
been having a few days of
nice weather but it is raining
quite briskly now. I will
send the measure for my gloves
in this letter. I dont want
any flowers worked on them
just a little stitching on
the backs as I have marked
on the pattern. There has
been no planning done
since you left. I am
glad the agents salary is \$1200.00

especially if you should be
the coming one to receive
it I am so anxious to know
how it will end be sure
and let me know just
as soon as you get word
from Washington. I presume
the present Agent will have
household goods and Furniture
to sell but I don't want us
to buy any thing for we
may only get to remain
a short time if we did
secure the place. a change
in Administration might
remove us on short notice
This is not a very long letter
but I am not feeling very well
today and will promise a better
one next time be sure and write
often now for I will be lonely when
the folks go home with lots of kisses
and much love I am as ever your
loving wife Mary