

Home Town Wednesday Evening Jan 29

Dear Husband

You dont know how glad I am to hear from you so often you said you might not write Saturday but some how I thought you would and I thank you so much for doing so I am very sorry you were disappointed Thursday but very glad that your heart was not broken for I want you to bring that back home with you in as good shape as it went away Dear Papa I am getting so homesick to see you and have you home with us again that at times my heart seems almost broken for the time being there is seldom a day passes

passes by without my having  
one crying spell now I know  
you think that is foolish but  
I cant help it if my health  
was good I could stand it  
better. when do you think  
you will be home I presume  
you can soon tell

Clifford took sick last night  
woke up at two o'clock with  
a sore throat and chill  
he has been quite sick all  
day has not felt able to sit  
up any and has eaten nothing  
I was quite alarmed in the  
night thinking it might be  
diphtheria but I think now  
it is just a cold I have been  
Dr him as best I know how  
he got quite wet coming  
home from school yesterday  
and I think that is largely

what brought it on do not  
 be alarmed about him should  
 he get worse I will let you  
 know. Mrs LaFollette came this  
 morning to spend the day with  
 me but when I told her how  
 Clifford was she did not come  
 in but went to Tam Froman  
 to spend the day and will  
 come to see me next week  
 Mrs Froman and Otto came  
 early one day last week and  
 spent the day with us Mrs  
 F - had just heard a few  
 days before of my condition  
 and as I told Ma I just  
 believe she came out of curiosity  
 the neighbors have been very  
 good to come to see me since  
 you left - the old Lady Hunter  
 was over one afternoon

Pa and Ma went home Tuesday

I find it very lonely since they  
left Pa was out today I sent  
word to them about Clifford  
and he came out to see how  
he was he has whip and the  
buggy now and will keep  
them until you get home  
so that he can come out  
occasionally to see how I am  
getting along I have not been  
to town for nearly three weeks  
and dont expect to go again  
before you come home unless  
Ma gets worse. Ma was feeling  
very poorly the morning she  
left here and Pa said she  
was no better today they wrote  
for Dr Kitchin to come up  
and see her again I presume  
Lissa will come too I do  
feel greatly worried about Ma  
she is beginning to look so

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bad. I think I told you  
in my last letter that Glenn  
did not seem so well again.  
Clifford said to night that he  
wished Papa was home when  
he was sick. Glenn says to  
tell you that he can button  
his own shoes now.

I guess George the new hand  
does very well but I don't think  
he accomplishes very much.  
This has been a lovely day  
it has seemed almost like  
spring. The wheat and oat  
looks quite green and nice.  
A letter <sup>came</sup> for you today from  
Washington Mitchell. I make  
it out altho it doesn't look  
much like any name. I will  
send it along with this.

Pa said he got a letter from  
Lena's folks today. Uncle Gen

is getting very weak cannot  
get in and out of bed now  
without help. For some reason  
and I have been feeling  
of late that you will not  
get the appointment as  
Agent I really hope you  
will tho' I dont think some  
lick stands any show what  
ever to get it and I would  
be just like you I would  
want none of the Indians  
help in securing the place  
I am glad to hear that you  
are getting along fast with  
your work for I think that  
means that you will soon  
be home. I was surprised to  
learn that there had been  
so little change in the  
old Run Rock ranch it seems  
to me that it would make me

feel very lonesome to wander  
over the old place again.

I'm looking over your letter  
I find that this is the right  
for your entertainment so  
I presume I am not much in  
your mind this evening.

Papa do you get time to think  
of us often or not. Don't  
forget to pray for us, I wish  
you was here to night I feel  
anxious about Clifford I will  
add a few lines in the  
morning that you may know  
how he is. You do not expect  
to come home by way of  
the Grove do you.

George is still milking Nancy  
she gives about a half gallon  
at a milking John's horse  
is getting along all right  
now is getting so that he eats

again Halys Father is still  
alive well Papa I think this  
will do for tonight the children  
are both sleeping now and as  
I have been up since 2 o'clock  
last night I think I had best  
try and get some rest myself  
Oh for a good night kiss.

Thursday Worthington 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

Clifford is much better this  
morning and I think will  
be well again in a day or  
so I will write again Sun  
day or Monday. This is  
another beautiful day. I  
am going to iron this  
morning. I feel pretty poorly  
most all the time it is about  
all I am able to do to get  
through with what work I have  
Loveingly your wife Mary