

Utica March 16<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Husband,

I suppose you are anxious to hear from your wife and children by this time I am very anxious to hear from you. We arrived here about 1/4 past 10 o'clock. Father was at the car house waiting for us. The children are much better of their cough. They do not cough more than once or twice in the night, and hardly at all days. They can run and jump and breath as freely as ever after & they improve the privilege I can assure you. It really seems as though they were let out of a pen. I was rather poorly for 2 or 3 days but think I am gaining slowly. I have nothing else to do but to improve. Mother will not let me do a single thing about the house. Father and Mother express a great deal of satisfaction that we have come home to stay so long. I hope you are comfortably fixed some where. I long to know how you fare. Father has exchanged his stove in the back room for a tight air. We have a fire made up every night before we get the children to bed, which makes us very comfortable. Father says he can get you a stove in the same way that he got his if you wish. He took some damaged plates of that pattern you admired so much. It only costs \$4 I think you had better sell our parlor stove if you can and get one of the tight air. Probably you can sell it to Mr Kelly or Mr Bushnell. If you can get \$8 or 10 in cash and pay towards our waggon it will be better than to have it stand all summer. We have very cold wether since I left you. I suppose it is very favorable for you and Mrs Miller

Wife

When you come down to see us I want you should be sure to bring some of that corn meal and dried pumpkin. Father has been having a very hard cough Mother is making beer and syrups to cure him. He has <sup>had</sup> a very severe turn of the bilious-cholic. He was relieved by the homopathy doctor. The provision that I brought payed for our stove, and saved a ham for father. If our provisions were all here they would sell well. I think we had better sell our land as soon as we can for fear it will grow <sup>when</sup> warm weather comes. Our folks are talking about buying a quantity to put down their hams in. If you should find my my plaid gingham apron put it in your valise so as not to forget to bring it to me. I left Gertrude's best night-gown at home I intended to have sent this by the ~~Rock~~ train but Seymour was taken with the ~~head~~ <sup>ear</sup>-ache. It lasted him about an hour. He is better now. Mothers health is quite good now Margaret Kendall is very unwell. Eliza Miller has gone to Canada. I hope you will write soon I want to hear from you very much. Give my love to all the folk who inquire after me. Do not trouble yourself about us as we are very comfortable but take the best care of yourself that you can. I shall have to close as Seymour is in a hurry to have me take him. He does not feel quite well yet. He says he would like to order if he was here. Your aff wife  
A A Ward