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Dear Mother:--

I have desired to write to you for a long time, but have been pressed with work almost every moment, and I did not want to be in a hurry.

First, I want to say that I do not think it hardly possible that the sale of the Food Factory will fail. It would have been completed long ago, but they made a mistake in the charter that was drawn up first, and then Eld. Irwin had to go to Washington before it could be fixed up. He will return this week, and then it will be finished.

The sale of this factory has made it more important that I should change my place of work. It became practically impossible for me to go on so far from the Nashville office and facilities for the work. So I am now located in our new home, which is rented for a year for \$12.00 a month. Then I have arrangement with the Tenn. River Conf. that they pay me \$10.00 a month for my work among the colored people of Nashville, and so my rent is merely nominal. Already I see it is much better for my work here. I will say further, that we find it is not so hot where we are as it was on the farm. The trees kept off the breeze, and it is the breeze here that makes the difference. I will say more, I believe so many trees surrounding our country home held moisture, and prevented the sun from drying the ground, and so it was not so healthy for Emma as where we are. We are two blocks from where we lived when you were here. We have a nice new house, and it is very pleasant. I have a lease on it for a year. I pay only \$12 a mo. ~~rent~~ rent, which is very cheap. We shall just stay here till matters are fully settled. I hope that the sale of the food factory will result in the sale of the home that is near it. I want no more country property.

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June 19. I begab this letter a long time ago, but have been so pressed with other matters that it has been long delayed. I shall not be able to write what I desire this evening, but feel that I must get it off to you.

Now, there is a matter that I desire you to fully understand. I have a very valuable property in my photo engraving, and it is very necessary in my book work. But the details of it came on me verry heavily. I have also a very valuable investment in stereopticon work, in preparing illustrations for presenting the truth to the people. I believe this is one of the greatest avenues for reaching the people. This work has been very valuable to me in reaching the people. But this has been a great care and burden to me. But within a very short time others have become interested in this work, and by my being here close to the publishing house it has ~~was~~ been possible for good men to arrange to take an interest in this work, and to take both the photo engraving and the stereopticon work under their management, and so relieve me. I have tried to make such an arrangement for many months, but it could not be so long as I was so far from the publishing work in Nashville.

Relief in these cares is now assured, and I am so glad. I did not think it would be right to throw away such valuable and useful facilities, and now I feel great relief that they can be used in the cause without my being constantly tied down by them.

June 22.--It has seemed impossible for me to get a letter finished to you, but I shall write a few lines and send it off at all events. It is very hot here just now. The spring has been very cool until a couple of days ago, and now it is as hot as we ever have it here. But we are getting along quite well. ~~I can~~ I can send this letter to the P.O. if I finish at one and so will close. ~~Ixxxxxxxx~~ As ever, your son,

J. White