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DEAR MOTHER,--

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE WE
HAVE HEARD FROM YOU TO KNOW HOW MATTERS WERE GOING WITH YOU,
WE HAVE HEARD ALL KINDS OF ODD RUMORS HERE, AND AS WE HAVE NOT HEARD
WE DO NOT PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ANY OF THEM. I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO
KNOW HOW YOU COME OUT IN THAT WALLING MATTER. I HOPE HE HAS NOT
SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING UP YOUR PLANS, OR MAKING YOU ANY SERIOUS TROU-
BLE. I BELIEVE HE IS MEAN ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING. I HAVE TRIED TO
DO ALL HERE THAT I COULD THINK OF DOING IN THE MATTER. UNFORTUNA-
TELY CORLISS WAS NOT IN BATTLE CREEK, BUT THE LETTER WAS SENT ON TO
HIM, AND I SUPPOSE HE HAS WRITTEN ON THE POINTS MENTIONED IN THE
LETTER TO HIM. I SENT YOU ADDIE'S AFFIDAVIT, AND A FULL STATEMENT
WAS SENT TO THE LAWYER IN DENVER. FRED WALLING REFUSED TO HAVE
ANYTHING TO SAY IN THE MATTER. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO TELL THAT
WOULD BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IN THE MATTER. HE KNEW NOTHING OF HIS
FATHER'S BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. THAT HIS FATHER KEPT ALL SUCH MAT-
TERS TO HIMSELF, AND I THINK HE IS PROBABLY RIGHT IN THE MATTER. I
REALLY THINK HE IS AFRAID OF HIS FATHER, BUT I DO NOT THINK ANY-
THING HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY WOULD DO ANY GOOD, UNLESS IT MIGHT BE
ABOUT THE MATTER OF ADDIE BEING IN COLORADO THE LAST TIME. IT IS
POSSIBLE HE WOULD NOT BE OF ANY USE IN THAT EVEN.

I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY NOT WRITING MORE TO YOU SINCE YOU LEFT. I HAVE WRITTEN SOME, BUT I HAVE PASSED THROUGH QUITE A SERIOUS TIME. IN THE FIRST PLACE I HAVE WORKED BEYOND ALL ENDURANCE. IT SEEMED THAT THERE WAS ABOUT SO MUCH TO DO, AND IF I DID NOT DO IT IT WOULD NOT BE DONE. THEN I WAS TAKEN WITH A VIOLENT SORE THROAT, WHICH WAS SO BAD I COULD HARDLY BREATHE. BY A LITTLE TREATMENT MY THROAT GOT A LITTLE BETTER, AND THEN IT WENT DOWN ONTO MY LUNGS. I WAS QUITE ILL FOR SOME TIME, BUT I HAD TO CRAWL AROUND AND ATTEND TO THE WORK AS USUAL. BUT I AM NOW VERY MUCH BETTER, AND WITH CARE I DO NOT THINK I SHALL HAVE ANY SERIOUS TROUBLE. EMMA IS FAIRLY WELL. IS MUCH BETTER THAN WHEN YOU LEFT. I GOT THE CHANCE TO TRADE SOME WORTHLESS BOOKS, AND A FEW GOOD ONES FOR A HORSE. IT HAS THE HEAVES, AND IS PROBABLY ON THE SHADY SIDE OF 20, BUT IT MOVES OFF VERY WELL, AND IS IMPROVING EVERY DAY, AND LOOKS QUITE RESPECTABLE. I BOUGHT A HARNESS FOR \$5.00, AND THEN HAD YOUR PHAETON TO USE, AND SO WE HAVE A RIG OF OUR OWN, AND EMMA USES IT CONSIDERABLY, AND I AM SURE IT DOES HER GOOD. BUT IT WILL SOON BE TOO COLD TO RIDE FOR HER, AND THEN I SHALL SELL THE HORSE FOR WHAT I CAN GET FOR IT. WE ARE PREPARING TO HEAT OUR BUILDING FOR THE WINTER IN A WAY THAT WILL BE ECONOMICAL AND HEALTHFUL. IF WE HEAT ALL THE ROOMS BY SEPARATE STOVES IT WOULD TAKE EIGHT OF THEM. AND AS SOME OF THE ROOMS WE USE FOR OFFICES ARE SMALL WE SHOULD BE ROASTED IF A STOVE WAS PUT IN THEM. SO I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING TWO SECOND HAND STOVES, ONE OF THEM NEARLY AS LARGE AS THE STOVES YOU HAD TO HEAT THE OFFICE AND YOUR ROOM UP TO THE OLD PLACE. THEN

WE HAVE IT INCASED WITH BRICK JUST LIKE A FURNACE, CARRY AN OUTSIDE AIR PIPE TO IT TO BRING IN THE AIR FROM OUT DOORS TO BE HEATED, AND THEN WE HAVE AS GOOD A FURNACE AS ANY ONE HAS. I FEEL PLEASED WITH THE PLAN FOR I KNOW IT IS MUCH MORE HEALTHFUL THAN TIGHT STOVES IN THE ROOM, AND IT IS LESS WORK TO ATTEND TO THEM.

OCT. 18. IT IS SOME TIME SINCE I STARTED THIS LETTER. I HEARD THAT YOU WOULD NOT SAIL TILL THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER, AND AS I H~~AV~~ HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH CROWDED I HAVE NEGLECTED FINISHING THE LETTER.

OUR STOVE FURNACES WORK SPLENDIDLY. ONE OF THEM HEATS FIVE ROOMS NICELY, AND WITH THE OTHERS THE WHOLE BUILDING IS NICELY HEATED. CORLISS HAS AGREED TO GO TO COLORADO AND LOOK AFTER YOUR MATTERS THERE. I HAVE HAD SOME TALKS WITH HIM, AND I FIND THAT HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE MATTER THAN ANY ONE ELSE, AND I AM SURE HE WILL BE JUST THE ONE TO REPRESENT YOU AT THAT AFFAIR. I AM PLEASED WITH THE IDEA THAT WILLIE HAS WRITTEN IN A LETTER TO BRO. LINDSAY, TO SEEL OFF ALL THE REAL ESTATE AND GET YOUR MATTERS SETTLED UP, EVEN IF THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE LOSS IN SO DOING. IT WILL FOREST- ALL ANY OF WALLING'S EFFORTS AT ALL EVENTS.

ENCLOSED I HAND YOU A BLANK BILL OF SALE OF THE PLATES AND COPYRIGHTS OF THE BOOKS YOU HAVE TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTRAL MANUFACTURING CO. PLEASE SIGN IT AND HAVE IT WITNESSED AND RETURN IT TO US HERE SO WE CAN HAVE IT PUT ON RECORD.

WE ARE ALL QUITE WELL HERE, AND PUSHING MATTERS AS WELL AS WE KNOW HOW. WE ARE VERY SORRY TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD ANOTHER RUN OF MALARIA, BUT ARE GLAD TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW BETTER.

SARAH HAS HAD A VERY SERIOUS TIME. SHE IS NOT OUT OF
IT YET BY ANY MEANS. SHE HAS A VERY BAD EYE. YOU KNOW THAT ONE
OF HER EYES WAS NOT GOOD, AND NOW THE OTHER HAS AN ULCER ON IT SOME-
WHERE, BUT IT IS SO DEEP THAT THE DOCTOR CANNOT GET AT IT. HE HAS
FEARED FOR THE SIGHT OF IT VERY MUCH. IT IS A LITTLE BETTER NOW,
BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW YET HOW IT WILL COME OUT. SHE IS VERY WEAK.
CANNOT SIT UP MORE THAN A FEW MOMENTS AT A TIME.

YOUR SON,

J. E. WHITE.