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This



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Tell your Mother  
I know she is very  
tired & has to work  
very hard but if she  
will only spare  
a few minutes it  
be worth more  
to me than  
Medicine  
I have not heard  
from you  
Grandfather  
Along by or  
Aunt Anna  
in some time.

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My dear Harry

do not think for a  
moment my precious boy, that I neglected  
you or have forgotten you far from it there  
is no day passes, that I do not think of you  
all & wish I could look in upon you & see how  
you are getting along these stormy times, we  
have read so much about the western storms that  
I have felt worried about you all. I am so thankful  
you are getting along so nicely & your father is  
doing so well with his ink & other things, & I hope  
when warm weather comes his trade will increase.

He wrote me he was going to Chicago, has he been?  
& if so what success did he have? I think we have  
great reason to thank God for his kindness & mercy  
in giving you all health when there is so many  
sick - & so many sudden deaths, & we as a family  
all spared. Tell your father & Mother that Horace  
Harrison is buried <sup>today</sup> Aunt Esthus brother - he died

with Congestion of the Lungs was sick but a few days Diphtheria is in North Jay & Rheumatic fever in our village - some very sick with it but as yet none have died Uncle Woodard has been very sick but is better other friends in Plattsburgh well - Uncle Gibbs family all well Jerome & others are at home yet - have decided not to go back West - Aunt Esther & family all well Frank, Miss Ella & little ones well baby grows finely Larty is nearly well of Whooping Cough - & the little darling escaped - & did not take it. She is a nice large baby, never has been sick a day - weighed the day she was five weeks old, 13 pounds we rather expected them down <sup>today</sup>, but as they did not come I think they could not cross the ice - the ~~last~~ last time Frank was down he had Larty with him & going home, the horse broke through the ice & it took him & two teamsters quite a while to get her out - The stage crosses the Broad Lake on the ice yet & considers it perfectly safe but I'd rather be on ~~land~~ land - We have had a stormy day - it has stopped but does not look like fair weather yet Uncle Clark is here - had a letter from Matt & he is crazy

to go so it thinks of going to Denver

Monday Morning A fine day quite mild - we  
have just heard of another sudden death in Jay  
Old Mr Boynton John, the father of Edward -  
Stratton & Weston - he was 84 & well & smart until  
Thursday & died Sunday. I believe he had a stroke  
of Paralysis ~~beginning~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~people~~  
Sugar - we have some snow yet but so sleighing  
I begin to long for weather warm enough to get out  
doors, & begin to work in the garden I have but little  
strength, I can take but little Exercise before my heart  
is palpitating so I can hardly get any breath  
I think there is some trouble with my heart, besides  
weakness - & when I cough hard - it will beat & flutter  
as tho' I had been running - I dont know how or  
how it will terminate - But this one thing I do  
know I am in Gods hands & that he doeth all  
things well - & my daily prayer is for all my loved  
ones (who are all dear to me than tongue can  
tell) may be p<sup>er</sup>sua<sup>d</sup>ed to meet me in the better  
land, where all trouble & sorrow is done away for  
there is no sin there - & therefore no suffering -  
& I pray when I am called to go I can say truly  
& heartily Thy will not mine O God be done

now  
and My Precious boys want you should every  
day of your life read some portion of the bible &  
thus become familiar with & pray each day that God  
would keep you from temptation & guide & direct  
you in all your ways. I have an impression that this  
is going to be a trying Spring to me. there is more  
sickness around than usual both fevers & lung dis-  
eases congestion of the lungs. Rheumatic & Dyspepsia  
fevers &c. a good many cases of bowel complaint  
& ulcerated throats. - & a great many sudden  
deaths among old people & do you realize Harry  
that I am in my seventieth year - it hardly seems  
possible but, is even so - you dont know my dear  
boy how you are such a comfort & blessing to  
your parents & have been all these years kept  
from temptation & have formed no bad habits &  
be sure my dear if you will reap your reward -  
for you know there is a reward for those that love  
their father & mother Give my best love to your  
father & mother - O if you could come, or all of you  
come & visit us this summer we should be so thank-  
ful I'll tell your mother I am waiting - anxiously  
for her good letter if she only knew how lonely  
it was for me to be shut up here all winter she would  
write tell her its only for a little while & then she  
will regret it Good bye God bless you every one  
yours  
yours