

Thursday

Dear Ma:-

It is just  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 o'clock and Willie & I are sitting up, it seems too warm to go to bed, it has been a very very warm day 95 at 3 o'clock in the shade on our porch, mercy what will happen if it is so warm tomorrow work day 6 white shirts and about 80 handkerchiefs, Stena hardly thinks her mother can spare her to help me because she has taken in sewing this week and is very busy, if it is so hot I shall only try and do half of it, besides I half to take a lesson at quarter past 8 o'clock which makes it all the more, I had lemonade and cold tea for supper tonight also last even we had some lovely large Muscumin berries for tea. When Harry came here and to bath so I had to build a fire

any way to heat some water, &  
boil some potatoes for breakfast  
Say ma is it about as cheap  
to buy rye bread as it is to bake?  
They eat rye bread so much  
better, although I have splendid  
luck with baking, potatoes  
are 30 a pk just think?

Today Pa bought a nice nice  
screen door cost 2.00 and a spring  
for the kitchen when he had  
the carpenter over to do some  
put it on, it is one of the  
pretty, plain doors with the  
exception of a pretty moulding  
around where the screen is  
tacked on to the door, so of  
course ignorant as he was the  
carpenter had to put it  
on wrong had the pretty side  
on the side on which the screen  
was tacked on on the inside  
I did not look at it until it  
was done but could not then  
convince him or Pa that it was  
wrong, when he got home he said  
Oh! it is on wrong isent it ditto  
the children, so when Pa got up

called his attention to it a second  
 time, and there being not so  
 sleepy he was convinced of the  
 mistake & told the fellow & in  
 quiry to make him change it  
 He tho had for taking off the  
 knob & hinges & spring will leave  
 leave holes in it, but will prob-  
 ably paint it anyway as he  
 had to put a piece on top, could  
 not find a door long enough  
 with in an inch. Pa in quiry to  
 get enough will screw for  
 back door, the fellow put up  
 both doors for 25. Willie speak  
 up & says tell ma about the  
 customers, he is trying to  
 win the prize stand round oneday  
 to get subscribers, Mc Kellop is  
 a head, tie between Willie &  
 Mc Kellop & is for \$5.00 just prize  
 300 second 200 third, but he wants  
 just of course he has 12 Mc Kellop  
 20, Sam & Nell & all family have  
 been working for Charlie so  
 probably he will get first.  
 Well old lady you now know  
 how I arrived. Bat. I had sent

been telling Daisy how much I  
had saved toward back month  
rent, & the clover bell rang & the  
agent presented 6.00 book, so I  
forked over all the spot cash I  
at that time had minus all.  
I had 4.00 of my own when you  
went away, & rather 3.00 & Harry  
sent me one in a letter. It is a lovely  
book & Harry was pleased with  
it, so was I only it comes kind  
of hard to part out as much  
money when you have so  
many places for it, he is going  
to write & thank you I told  
the agent you were away & wrote  
me he would be here, he offered  
some very flattering remarks as  
regards your being kind  
enough to remember & speak of  
it to me. It is 10.00, & I must  
think of closing, Harry told  
me to sit up until 10 for he  
thought he and Neelie would  
come up from over town but  
I shall not wait much longer

Paula goes to Madison with Miss  
Walther but to attend the Grad  
meeting exercises where Julia grad-  
uates, to become a Lawyer. She  
is going to stay a week, so I will  
have a rest and going to see  
lets if possible, Daisy & Larry  
give me no peace as regards a  
dress for the last day, to take  
part in a dialogue in which she  
required to don a blue dress  
precisely the opposite color which  
we wanted she should have + D  
blue, but the teacher said so  
"that settles it. Park has been  
very scarce since you left has  
been her only visit recently.  
the other eve he came down  
with his horse & buggy probably ex-  
pecting to take me for a drive  
but Maud B + mother + John Norman  
were here also Harry at home so  
we all visited, he + John wanted  
me to go to Pencauder Sunday but  
I just found it for a week he + J  
were to have come over last eve  
but to talk about it but P  
failed to put in an appearance  
he is not so ever prompt as he

was "my heart it will break for  
somebody's sake. Harry + I  
+ Mr Mudding were going down  
<sup>there</sup> to the Palace to hear the "Shrine  
of Normandy, but it was not  
played. Tomorrow eve he is going  
to escort me to Buhlitz Park, but  
+ wife are also going. The people  
have moved in along the street  
the commencing with Mrs. Loring  
left today for Tebracka went  
all alone too, consumptive at that  
Paris going to get some Postal  
cards + write you one every day  
he said, He is just lovely since  
you have been gone, but nothing  
has went to displease him I  
have staid right at home always  
on deck to get his lunch at the  
moment I put up his lunch, have  
the nickel ready for beer, his  
clean shirt + collar + handkerchiefs  
transfer his collar + cuff buttons  
tighten his (drawers) help wash  
his hat, examine him after  
shaving + see that there are  
no flies in his beer, have that  
charcut I get it down here I use

an old experienced house keeper  
all ready + an economical one  
at that, I even feel over the coal  
after something of I would, I would  
not do. But I will sacrifice  
my pleasures + fun with Pat  
all if he only keeps straight  
(but how man I dont bother him  
with much love money fighting  
in his pocket; but he shall be  
needed) if he only keeps straight  
I dont think you oh well our  
more work you. Ma will soon  
be home (how is it? When is  
that little visitor coming?

Well I must close I shall have  
gone to bed + I do not love to  
sit up alone hear too many  
noises. Ma what do you think  
how Harry tried with my lap  
straight when he came down  
a ring box containing an  
elegant Diamond ring honestly  
a genuine diamond ring +  
it sparkles on my finger as  
I write I never was so surprised  
in my life last night he asked  
me for the ring which fit me  
best + I gave it to him thinking

not more about it until he  
presented me with a diamond  
of it in a little box, sparkling  
elegantly & has such an elegant  
high setting he had the dia-  
mond taken out of a ring &  
reset in a new ring purposely  
for my finger. I must be blind  
I could not thank him, but  
am an ass for you to see it  
You know his great friend  
Brunner who is Purdie & Up-  
meyer's head man head gold-  
smith, well H. had a chance  
to get it some cheaper. Well I  
don't remember sleeping so much  
retire with much love of  
eye the way I do. Write  
a letter well I must write her  
sincerely Anna (the old ex-  
perenced house keeper & one  
who can make good Pies, ask  
Marion if he wants a second  
wife? Congratulate Mr & Mrs  
Wm & Joy me Harry had lots to  
say of blue Harry & know'd you'd  
come Harry. While soon