

Feb. I am going to send you
 some very curious garden
 flowers, Mrs. Bryson's
 garden and some roots
 & they are covered with stalks
 with such bloms as I am
 going to send you. There
 is 6 bloms around the
 stalks. I will send you
 some of the seed when
 it gets ripe. Mrs. B.
 calls it "Hay Moss".
 Give 2 samples to
 Grandmother.
 Off you must see
 it growing I think
 you would think
 it curious.
 W. B. the stalk
 is completely
 covered with them
 from root to top
 Feb

Since Nov. July 26/58

It is at very warm, showery
 & cloudy, & there is prospect
 of more, there has been no thunder today yet. I suppose
 you are enjoying yourself first rate today wherever you are
 & I hope you will in a long time become a thought on
 absent me. I am all alone. Harriet has gone down to Jersey
 to get some currants & gooseberries, if you want some of them
 just call soon. By the way those shells you sent & the writer
 of them came in good order. I am much obliged to you for
 them, hope I can send you as much soon. I don't expect
 you are having a nice time now eating huckleberries, how
 I do wish I could have some, but, raised the wish for more
 grows near here that I know of, I have heard of, I miss
 huckleberries worse than any kind of fruit, for I used to
 have lots of them every summer you know. You must
 make a pie of them & eat it for me. If I lived I could
 spend a summer in N.H. before many years pass, if I don't
 go there to live again, for I want to get some wintergreen,
 huckleberries, blueberries, &c, &c. fresh & good. Also I want some
 Lobsters & Oysters. They bring Oysters here fresh but are one
 who has eaten them just as they are taken from the water, lives

[illegible]

Samuel says you need not be afraid of his taking one of the Miller
girls for his fiancée the Ambrose girls most. I will tell you the other
girls ages Lucinda is 20. Agnes about 18. Mary is the youngest
6 or 7. I may be mistaken but I think that if he ever marries he will
take a Yankee girl. Since I commenced writing we have had several
short showers & some thunder. I am a little mow. I think you must
have had a fine time. "Faith" wishes I had been with you.
You say you mean to go to Mr. W. We ^{both} really hope you will go for
they would be very glad to see you, & hear from us westerners.
Tell them all the good news you hear from us. I think you
& Mac better go up there soon. Be sure to see my Flop when
you go & write me how she looks. You speak about flowers growing
easily here. I don't ^{know} much about them. I think flowers would grow
here, but I know that I can go out on the wild prairie & pick
as handsome a bouquet as I would wish. What flowers I have
seen in yards & gardens look flourishingly. That was the kind
of fish I meant. Great time to Uncle J. Stedmans about the 4th
was there not? I received a letter from H. S. Sherman ^{last week} & he wrote that
J. Stedmans husband was married. Glasgow, was just for the fun of it.
I would like for you to find out what his name is & write me.
By the way, Sherman is cutting a great swell round Hingham is she
not? I should think so from her letter. Tell John I think Eld. P.
is very kind to pick him up & lady for his wife & I think he
better look out sharp & not let some one cut him out.
H. says you had better come out here next 4th. he thinks you
will have a use for a thick shawl. H. says he sends you a kiss
in this for he thinks they are scarce that way, says he hopes it
will not make you sick. Say "How do you do" & give my love to
mother. Tell her to write me one of these long, warm days.

I think I have heard you over, for I quote my letter as long as I can.

With Mr. Spauld. co. write that I send you one more and that
 then. When if I did not, it was because I made a mistake.

I don't want my letter over after I have some warning so I expect I make lots of mistakes that I don't know of. I hope

*I have a very nice one in
the collection of the University
and one which you will recollect at St. Louis.
I must stop for kind of room. Mrs. C. has been
your dear H. I am very much
Yours truly, J. Smith*