

I was thinking when the grass is short. But we could
raise the mowers in the pastures
to the grass, I think.
I think I shall send
mother some of the
seed in this, also will
send you some for
flower seed. I don't know
the name of it, but it is
quite a pretty flower &
will some thing new to you.
I sent a bag of the last week
with some flower seeds in
it. I have some of you to plant.
Give my love to Uncle
David's family & the rest
of my friends, that
you may see & take
the trouble to inquire
after me.
Harace sends lots of love to
you & some for you to
distribute to others
as you may think
proper. I think
this letter long enough to
write you, such as
it is. I hope you
will write me, as
long as I am sure &
as long if you
can think of anything
to write. I am with every
think from the day
in which I am.
Good bye,
Thine
Dolly
To Aunt
1st B. J. 1844

I found as much as a dozen ripe muskmelons, & wish you had
all of them, for we have so many melons we don't know hardly
what to do with them. We give lots to the dogs. I have been pretty
sick all the past week with the "Diarrhoea" I have felt so bad some
days I could hardly do my work & thought I should have to give up & go to
bed. I took almost every thing I could think of, but it did not seem to help
me. I began to feel discouraged yesterday, but when he came home to
dinner (yesterday) he brought me some Catnip that he found out on
the prairie (There is some growing near this house) & I steeped some
& have kept taking it & to day am better than I have been in a week.
I can tell you I felt lonely enough, being half sick & all alone except
meal times for Harace was in a hurry, meaning & could not stay around
the house much. Susan has so much to do she could not come for Linda's
eyes are so sore & weak she can't do much of anything now. They have been
sore so that she could not bear the light. I had to keep her hands up
to their or else bandage them, by spells all summer. I believe it
is the Erysipelas in her eyes the doctors think. As I was saying Susan
could not come up & I am acquainted with the best very few here
so I had to stay alone. A how often I wished that I had one friend
if no more to come in & stay with me a little while once in a day or 2.
When anyone don't feel well; they miss their friends & are more apt to feel

home sick than they are when well I think. At least that is my feelings. Have you
not felt the same, when you have been away from home & have not felt well?
We rather expected to have gone to Le Claire to church today but I am not
well enough & besides it is very cloudy & looks very much like rain.
I want to know if I have been to meeting this summer? I have not
been since the first of June (I think it was) There has been but few
meetings near here this summer, & the reason we have not been to
Le Claire is, because the horses have not been fit to drive so far, or one
of them has not; you know she had a colt in June & it has been so
hot ^{since} that every one said H. ought to be careful & not drive her & heat
her, if he did it would spoil the colt. One or two colts in this neighbor-
hood are nearly ruined ^(they say) by working & driving their mother. But the horses
are fit to work & drive now, & I think if we are well we shall go to church
soon. Sam^l came up Wed. evening to stay with me for H. to go to the
office so when H. got home, I waited to hear the news from Mr. S. so when
I read about Beck's dress, he said you be sure to get a piece of it to send
west, for he wanted to see a piece of the "prattest dress ever" was seen.
I wish I could have been with you the day you spent at the Sugaray &
Noguesfang for I know you must have enjoyed yourself much, I think
I should have had a nice time too. I have spent a good many pleasant
days in those districts. Is not Mrs. Stephen Whitcomb proud of her grand child?
There is Warren Gardner now, & have they never been keeping house? I sent the
flower (I picked for you) in the Gazette that I sent that week. It was the largest
flower a red or reddish purple, it was not really one colored but it stalks with
leaves nearly the whole length of it. I am very glad you have took home those
things from J. Taylor for I did not like to have them there. I shall want my
little table when I come back to Mr. Pitts line. You say you would like to
ramble over these prairies; but you would find hard walking now, unless
you kept in the paths, for the grass & flowers are as high as your waist
& as thick as a swamp. In the spring & first part of summer it is very pleasant