

inferior as much by it. Mother's story is that he is on his knees
or with his face all the time.
This, please my dear
one. It is all right
for them as don't
although it may differ
from him in our blip
I hope we shall be
wiser. It has answers
to all the good work
if a kind heavenly Father
the certainly need his
support in such times
and our basis
Thank you all.
Auntie

Dayton O. June 3rd.
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Which is it that is to
blame for no letter this evening, a word
or a note? Certain it is there is no
letter from you sweet, and I am
very near having the 'Blues'; but having
had an attack last evening, I thought
it would sit so, besides there may be one
tomorrow.

I am very helpless now, and Mother
thinks I will be sick sooner than I
think probable; if the children are
only comfortably fixed for warm weather
and my nurse can come, I don't care
when the little stranger makes its advent.
The sooner the better.

Robert's woodhouse was burnt down last
night, supposed to be the work of incor-

diaries - so he has been threatened, I hear.

I have only seen Fatty and Nellie today.

They say Eliza is much frightened and is inclined to give up a trip to Chicago, which Susan told me yesterday, her Father wished her to make next week.

I saw Linnie Truin yesterday; she enquired for you, and I showed her your picture which she pronounced excellent and very handsome; I did not tell her what "elegant legs" might have been appended! She went on to tell me that I was looking well and ^{so} pretty, that she thought you ought to be here to see me. Father asked me if I had returned the compliments; I had not, but might, as she was looking very well indeed.

Strawberries are plenty now, and Lib thinks of having a party next Friday. Of course I shall not attend; I don't think I should feel inclined even if I was more presentable. I want to be

long taken, the War closed forever, and to dear ones safely at home first, then I could attend strawberry parties out there with real pleasure.

When we talked of selling, I told Mother to remove my handsome plants, consequently we have fewer roses than usual, but the Prairie Queen will soon be full, and Mother's trees fill up. The Grape vine that you set out at the south ^{west} corner of the front building is quite large and full of flowers. Father is training it under Nellie's window. The Boursault rose that stands at the corner we are training around to the western side.

The blackberries are thriving and promise a good crop. Father says there was very good fruit on them last summer.

Don't forget to tell me about the fence, and indeed, just what you expect me to do with the money you send. I must put out most of my sewing; I tried to work

yesterday, but have suffered for it - ever since
I can still cut out, and ^{can} sew a little with
my hand; all else will have to be given up.
Whether Uncle is doing anything with the note
I cannot say as I scarcely see him.

We spent the evening at his house quite pleas-
antly last Monday.

Our son Robert deliberately put both feet
on the table at dinner today, because I
refused to let him come back for more
dinner! The movement took us so by
surprise that Grandpa left in haste to
prevent an explosion, and the rest of us
were glad to introduce something to laugh
at immediately! - I will send up early
in the morning and try to get a letter in
time to answer before the mail goes out
and will say good night now to my dear,
good Husband.

Morning - Sella has been up to the Office and
been rewarded with your letter. Chick received
and thank you for it - shall I paint the fence?
I am near post-office time so I cannot answer fully.
Why did not my last letter arrive sooner I wonder. Sent it
Thursday morning. - Gen. McCook has joined the church
left off drinking and has prayers with his staff every day.
They say they wish they too could be married if they could.