

Home Farm Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Papa

Your nice letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> just received this afternoon I am glad you have taken my advice and gone to work on the agent matter in earnest of course it may not be the best thing for us to go out there again but some how I feel if such is the case the way will not be opened for us. Pa was in town today and went to see Weatherford he is willing to help you and will send a letter Monday what has troubled me most from the first is the fear that even if you should secure the position that you

would not be able to give  
Bonds do you think you  
would have any trouble  
on that score, what salary  
does the agent get. I presume  
we would have a good house  
to live in should we get  
the agents place. I have been  
feeling quite poorly for  
several days but have been  
better today and think I  
will feel better after this.

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Tuesday afternoon so it  
is not so lonely for me  
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be when you get home  
again and if I knew sure  
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as agent I would say make  
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came out here I feel greatly  
worried about her she eats  
almost nothing. They are likely  
to go back to town most  
any day for Ma says if  
she gets worse she wants to  
be at home. Pa thinks  
Halley is a very poor excuse  
for a hand and he really  
is not good the first week  
that he was here he did  
very well but since then  
he has accomplished very  
little. We have been having  
a very severe storm this  
week the ice and snow  
or rather sleet was very  
bad for two days it broke  
a great many large limbs  
off the locust firs and  
other trees but I think

did not damage air or  
much it turned warm  
Thursday night and by  
morning the ice was all  
gone and the water in  
the sloughs very high  
you asked about the milk  
well the cows are doing very  
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the bad storm and partly  
on account of the attention  
they get he has turned one  
of them dry yesterday he only  
got the strainer bucket full  
from them at a milking Mr  
Warrins wanted his cutter so  
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ing, I guess the S.S. is getting  
along very well Warrins said  
he had to lead the singing  
last Sunday it must have  
been well Ted dont you think

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yes I got the check from  
the Creamery it was \$16.75-  
Pa had the horses shod this  
week which cost him \$300 and  
then the \$600 you got of him  
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three dollars more which left  
me only 4.75; Mr Warrins  
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you Newsoms letter in this  
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your wife  
Mary Walker

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You asked about the milk, well the cows are doing very poor partly on account of the bad storm and partly on account of the attention they get. he has turned one of them dry yesterday. he only got the strainer bucket full from there at a milking. Mr. Warrins wanted his cutter, so he took it home this morning. I guess the SS is getting along very well.

Warren's said he had to lead the singing last sunday it must have been well led dont you think so.

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Yes I got the check from the creamery it was \$16.75. Pa had the horses shod this week which cost him \$3.00 and then the \$6.00 you got of him made nine so I gave him three dollars more which left me only \$4.75. Mr. Warren's has said nothing about the intrest on his note. I guess Pa will attend to the bank matter for you.

Dear Papa I am glad you do not get lonesome. I hope you will soon begin to see your way through the work and begin to think about comeing home. it is going on the 4 week now since you left home but of course you did not get to work on the papers until the 2nd of this month.

I will send you Newsoms lettr in this. it is getting very late all are in bed and asleep. I think I will not write more this time. I was so glad to get your letter today I had my heart set on a letter and if it had not come, I should have been very blue.

Clifford is about over his cold has not gone to school any this week partly on account of the storm. Glenn is well.

With lots of love and many kisses, I am as ever

Your wife,

Mary Walker