

Name Finner

Saturday Evening Jan 11 1899

My own dear Papi

as I
am thinking of going into
Towa in the morning and
may be prevented from writing
tomorrow I will write this
evening and mail it in
the morning instead of Monday
I was made very happy this
noon by receiving your
letter of the 7 I had been look-
ing for it two days before think-
ing that the mail left the
Agency Tuesday instead of
Wednesday as you say, I shall
look for another letter Monday
this was the first since last
Sunday almost a whole week
well I can realize something
as to how you feel with only

one letter per week Oh Papa
I do miss you so much tonight
I would give a great deal for
a sweet kiss but I am just
getting along nicely and
you must not feel anxious
about me its only an awful
longing for a little petting
you know I cant live with
out that. I am really surprised
at myself I am standing it
so well. Ma and Pa are com-
ing the middle of next week
to stay a few weeks with me
I am so glad of that for
I shall not be nearly so
lonesome then Haley brought
out their Dining room stove
today and set it up in
the Parlor so as to have it
nice and dry for them
I have moved the bed into

the Parlor. Ma is quite
poorly now is just getting
over a cold, aside from the
cold I cant see much change
in her since you left she
only weighs 119 now Pa is about
over his spell of Rheumatism
Lissas went home Friday
Ellen and Morgan are stay-
ing with Ma until she
feels able to come out here
I have just bathed the
children and put them
to bed after Clifford said
his prayer I asked him
what I should tell you
he said tell him I wish
he was at home now. he
started to school Monday
but was at home three
days with a cold he said
one evening to me when he

was feeling pretty bad I
want you to write and
tell Papa that I am awful
sick. Lythens have not yet
mourned out, the little
Kilcie girl started to school
Monday Mrs Lasso and Miss
Kilche spent the afternoon
with me this week also Mrs
Bodine. Yesterday and
today have been lovely
but quite cool Halsey thinks
it is going to be cool to
night so he wrapped the
water pipe with an old sock
this evening. I hear them
passing to night going
to the Endeavor Society it
is at Hunters Halsey did
not care to go a-hike I was
glad for I did not want
to stay alone, he went

to a party new years night
at the Hall and did not
get home until one o'clock
I did not sleep one particle
until after twelve then I
dreamed such a sweet
dream about you dreamed
of sitting on your lap and
loving you so much I
have been sitting in my
evenings reading since you
left have finished one
book and half through
another it helps to pass
away the long evenings
I have a letter for you from
Della I think there is no
doubt now as to the cause
of her writing to you she
certainly has very little
pride for she would not ask
you for help especially before

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she has put forth an effort
of her own to help herself
Papa you will surely not
send her any money when
we are needing it so sorely
at home. I would feel deeply
grieved if you did. It is
getting quite late so I will
not write more this time
O darling I am so homesick
to see you to night that I
cannot keep the tears
from coming this is the
first real spasm of heart ache
I have had since you left
don't forget to pray for
us I remember you ever night
in my prayers with love
and fond kisses I am
as ever lovingly yours
Mary Walker