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Dear Husband

I believe I will break over my rule and send you two letters this week I feel sure that you will not object. I received yours of the 18 today also one Sunday. I am always so anxious to get them Kaley laughed at me about being so eager to hear from you he said I was worse than some school girl with her first lover but I dont care what he thinks I am in love with you and your letters are just as dear to me as they used to be well I guess you dont care much for such nonsense so I will try and think

of something more interesting  
to you. I am having  
quite a time about getting  
help. Halys Father got  
so low that he felt he  
could not stay with me any  
longer they came for him  
last night in great haste  
thinking his father could  
not live until morning but  
he was still alive this morn-  
ing when Halys came home  
to do the milking for me but  
said he could not stay any  
longer with me as they wanted  
him at home. He said he  
knew of a young man that  
could get if I wanted him  
so he came out to see me  
this noon and I have engaged  
him to stay with me he could  
not come until tomorrow so I

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got Mr Lytton to come and  
do the milking for me tonight  
and in the morning, I don't  
know but what I am glad  
that Halys is gone for Pa  
was so worried with him all  
the time and wanting me to  
turn him off he did not do  
right about the work and  
was gone from home at least  
half the time always riding  
the horses and half caring  
for them Johnnie and Mabel  
are both very poor and Pa  
says its all an account of the  
way he used them.  
The cows are amounting to  
almost nothing Nancy has  
done nothing but tear around  
ever since you left and  
last night Pa and Halys  
worked for two hours trying



every way to get her into  
the barn they finally drew  
her in with a horse Pa  
is determined to turn her dry  
so he turned her out of the  
barn this morning and tonight  
Lyttan could not get within  
a half mile of her. when will  
she come in fresh again  
well that is enough about  
the cows that you can see  
that they are not amounting  
to much. I had hoped that  
Ma and Pa would stay with  
me until you came home but  
they do not seem very well  
contented here especially  
Pa and I think I cannot keep  
them here longer than the  
middle or last of next week.  
I am sorry for I am not nearly  
so homesome when they are with

Ma has been <sup>(3)</sup> feeling quite  
well to day and has calve  
more than usual. Ellen came  
out with Pa last evening and  
stayed all night going in town  
this afternoon with Pa. They  
are going to hear Rolland D  
Grant Lecture to night at  
the Opera house so you see  
Ma and I are alone tonight  
Pa has Morgans Buggy and whip  
to drive to town with  
Washington sent of his letter  
Monday for you. What would  
I care whether the Indians  
were pleased or not I should  
pay no attention to them  
whatever you know they are  
never satisfied with their agents  
I am surprised that you were  
told them that you were  
trying for the agents position



You spoke in your last letter  
as that you might know by  
the 1 of February if you got  
the appointment or not I did  
not suppose you would know  
so soon as that I hope you  
will however and am hoping  
that you will <sup>be</sup> about through  
with your work by that time  
so that you can come home  
to us. I am writing this  
in a hurry for it is getting  
quite late so if you have  
a time making it out don't  
try much. Yes I missed my  
thimble I presume I dropped it  
in the patcher after sewing  
the buttons on your pants the  
morning you started I did  
not send the measure for gloves  
because I thought I might  
be going out there soon and

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could get them myself but I  
think I will send the measure  
in this or my next letter.  
Well I haven't said any thing  
about the weather and I  
know that always interests  
you the sea and about sunset  
& with a high water turning  
quite warm in the night  
there was no snow here to  
speak of but we have been  
having some very heavy  
rains last night it just  
poared but it has been quite  
pleasant today and tonight  
it is just lovely.  
Ellen says she wrote Black  
about his cattle but never got  
a word from him about them  
but thinks she wrote to the  
old man Black  
and in regard to the meat

that she should have got  
of Lester after Daughters left  
she thinks there was never any  
money paid to Sam you  
know Daughters furnished  
the provision and hired Ellen  
to cook for them and she is  
of the impression that Sam  
was to get the meat off the  
papers without their paying  
for it. I am glad you have  
not shaved and hope you  
want until you get home  
I want to see you with a  
full beard again Kouley  
found the salt for the cows  
well as usual I am stringing  
out at great length so will  
just stop short, with a kiss  
or rather a dozen I think if  
I could see you I would not stop  
at one the children are well lovingly  
your wife Mary Walker