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shut out from the wind. I will look for your letter in the morning, sweet and this to the
store to find some one going to
4 all day, with much love
Yours devotedly
Mother.
These photos have not
come yet.

Feb 2nd 1894

After so much mild weather we feel
this morning (9 o'clock) as if we had been put down
in the Klondike region or as if that climate had
been brought to us, the ground is hard frozen & the
the air is bright there is no sign of thawing, nor was
there yesterday, but it is colder today, sitting by a good
fire my feet are cold & hands as stiff I can hardly
write, I feel rather grateful for the cold tho I do not
enjoy such weather, tho I think should kill out
yellow fever germs in Mobile if not further south, by
this way - I saw some man thinks he has found the
germs & that the disease can be prevented by vacci-
nating, as in small pox, that is hard to believe, I
wish it may be so. The thermometer on the front door
frame stands at 31. Saturday was a much pleasant
day, but Sunday was dark, cold, & early in the
morning ^{evening} saw folks came down Saturday, visited.

around & gave notice for service next day. I
arranged for a nice dinner & dessert, invited Mrs
Cochran up & intended asking some others, but the
day was so bad Mrs Colts decided to have no
service but go straight home for fear of a heavy
rain & the creek rising before we could cross, of course
we were much disappointed at not having service, but
missed the 3rd Sunday as we have had no service
in a long time. About 12 o'clock Mrs Cochran came
up, I was very glad to have her, tho I did not
expect she would come out such weather.
Please excuse this blot I dropped the pen while turning
the paper over.

My cook asked for a holiday today as I had to stop &
cook some dinner, then I saw a chance to send Ben
some onions to plant & had to fry them up, in the
mean time Warr called me to see where he should
set out a few trees as I was afraid my letter will
not get off tonight. We decided to put the trees in the
corner of front yard in a line with those scrubby
pear trees, where I can do it I want a few near
each pear tree, & where they begin to grow well, the pears
can come down. Warr has a working spell on him
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FEB. 21st 1898

Today, dug up the tree & put it out himself.
 I had a letter from Fred & Anne this morning. Fred was
 telling me how they manage at night to keep the children
 covered, he takes Frances in the bed with him on one
 side, & Margaret in her little bed on the other, Fanny has
 Freddie in his little bed on one side, & the crib on the
 other, as come full of beds isn't it? Freddie has at last
 given up his bottle & asked his Father to tell me he was
 drinking his milk out of a goblet. I don't know why
 they don't let him use his silver cups. Anne says there
 will be a meeting in Mobile of the guarantors, some of the
^{South} Atlantic & Gulf states, those who were connected with the
 original guarantors, will be expected to be present &
 report on the sanitary conditions, dangers etc of the ports,
 that will take up a good deal of his precious time, I am
 he dreads it.

James Collier is to be married on the 8th to Dr. Hall,
 he is connected in some way with Lawrence, has often
 spent weeks at Mr Collier's, report said Miss Annie
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was to marry him about a year ago.

I was over at Mrs Bowdoin yesterday evening, while there a note came to Mrs B - telling her Al Carlos & Dory Manges had gotten into trouble at the University the latter was expelled, the former suspended for 2 weeks. I am very sorry Dory can't stay any where but home himself, I know it will mortify his father as much. I have not seen Ruben in some time, hear from him only through notes from sister Sally, she is kind & thoughtful of him, as good to him as I could be. I hope after this the road will be as I can go to see her & him too, when I do go want to stay a day or so.

Uncle Hans was appointed "Notary" in Genesee so I suppose he will spend more of his time there now, his horse "Alphie" was taken sick he was telephoned from New Doris, reached home in time to see her die, she was a right good horse could have taken Florie's place, she is getting right old.

Your Father is hunting up some books to send Lewis, was not feeling well yesterday, took cold some how. At Mr Bob Woods store this morning after some rain the thermometer on the porch stood at 22, here it was
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^{mislettered}
Van Dorn Fla

Dear Ben Feb 6/98

As neither the weather or
anything else permits out-
door enjoyment & all the little
comforts I have in the world seem
to be centered here around a good
wood fire there is no reason I should
not write some of my thoughts even
if consensus intervenes now & then
the past week I've spent here idly
reading some interesting papers
Grimm's Garguet sent me - I was sorry
I could not respond to their kind
invitations to attend Evelyn's Mar-
riage & stay two weeks. She went
right off to Florida - Mr Fenner
is the son of Judge Fenner of the Sup-
Bench of La - That fall I had was
serious & set me back a good deal
I fear the Shocks yet - as I scribbled
off something for you I think

I had as well give you the benefit
of its funeral - no attack it
My meat is slowly smoking
while the winter weeps and
East winds blow - we had several
hard freezes the past week in
succession. A reflex of the Bo-
reastic breezes in your
latitude & it set me to
thinking about you - I try to
keep my eye on Trainerville or
occasionally finding time to ride
up but see little of Waver
he needs different environments
- I had your father in town
with me two good days lately
week before last. I was telephoning my
Mam was sick & came out on time to
see 'Alphie' die, could find
no cause or disease.
The last time I was at your
Mother's she was engaged in
utilizing some of the Ten
Hogs killed there

My two weighed well - one
210 lbs - so with Poultry & Corn
& a Bar of flour & 100 lbs.
of good Sugar &c &c I start
out on 1898 - to face the un-
certainties of another year
- Yellow fever is predicted
from latent germs although
Boards of Health are meeting
If I were able I would like to visit
Petersburg this Summer in the interest
of Mother's Estate & property there
I shall not invite any girls to visit as
it is too dull for them. They are sooner
unlock their trunks than they dress to
be off Elsewhere I find one better
than any place I have found yet -
Not a soul but I he has entered the
yard for a week saw to haul me some
wood out of the Pasture - My Dog
Tonto sleeps in a box on the front
porch - The Cows are milked regularly &
cost nothing plenty of milk & butter
to give away or sale for it.

I cook with butter all together
My Turkeys & Geese & other
fowl have a 40 acre range
unmolested - The Squirrels
still come in the yard to play -
My Horse is always ready &
Cart convenient - I can wander
around & study Natural history
or muse on the long Ago or
the Sweet Bye & Bye

I nibble on the nut meg Peans. I saved
& listen to my own Owls hoot on
the old hollow Oaks. or the Jay birds
note of warning as the Hawk passes -
The partridges come near for protection
& the Rabbits dodge around the Cherokee
Rose bushes I look around my
room as I write on the dining table,
where my concentrated comforts are
huddled for cold weather - I see
my faithful shot gun in the NE corner
then my feather bed. - I look Cas I think
& in the NE corner a small table for the
family Bible of Aunt White, The Code of Ala,

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Mr Mallys Atlas & some Vols of The
 British Encyclopædia below on the floor
 then the rocker with Sheepskin over
 it - the Coal Skuttle full of dry wood on
 & on the mantel the old Clock
 with varicolored front ticks unevenly
 In the S E corner another Book Case of
 old literature with Medicine Chest below &
 next a round table with the dictionary &
 odd vols - & in the S W corner the
 tall China Press I ~~use~~ used for some of
 my Law Library in the office but where
 I now keep Honey, preserves, a bot, or two
 &c &c & next to a table & desk on it
 leaving plenty of room around the
 dining table which is extended to
 3 leaves - (Walnut.) You now have
 the winter picture of your Bachelor
 Uncle - (in the other rooms are 4 beds
 & in the Hall still hang the family Portraits
 You can preserve this for future reference
 I send you 2 papers - I have little
 profit from my Crop as I used it to pay
 the estate bills & save the personalty
 I need nothing of more than sent

Stayed in doors next ten days
 Amused myself in various ways
 Made Egg nog - biscuits & mushbread
 On Apple tordies also fed
 Spare ribs Sausage - ~~Some~~ & brains
 Till naught of ninety seven remains
 And through all of New Year week
 I was doctoring my Cheek
 Then Christmas o'er & Scars all healing
 I had some little better feeding
 Accepted several notes to dine
 Plain fare - with Widows & no wine
 But to cut my Story Short
 And tell it quickly as I ought
 For it is now getting late
 And I'll write again in '98
 (These Rhymings, if I choose to write em
 I might extend "ad infini tum")
 Alphie unlike any other Horse
 Lay down & died of sheer remorse
 Moral ~~that~~
 In honorem Amici etiam viduatati
 Equam aut Canem, non nominatē

It is now time dear Ben. I should
take up my pen. And write you
a line. Though it is a bit very
trying On account of my right hand
which surely did nothing grand
When it let my filly fall
And I pitched headlong 'sprawl'.
Had it not been for my Shawl
which enveloped me like a pall
I would have been fatal or nearly
(as it was) I felt quite queerly
Remounted & got to the Store
Then came Ike & the Cart & Flora
I got in & hurried home
And with warm water removed some
Of the blood off my Cheek & nose
Applied vasoline & doffed my clothes
Went to bed & in the morn
Took the road east from Van Dorn
To the house where you were born
Spent two days with your father
Then thought that I had rather
Be quiet at Mistle toe
Where people did not come & go

Since James Kornega & family
left for town I feel I have fewer
neighbors - Dr Rees is just able
to ride over sometimes

John Chapron keeps close
I must tell you that the
Contest of Mrs Norths will last
month in Washington before
Judge Cole was favorable to Mrs
Stewart & the Estate over \$200,000
without my knowing it. The Gov^r
has appointed me Notary with
jurisdiction of Justice - I did not
seek it but they wanted one here
I would have preferred to be U S Commissioner
Demopolis still improves, Remind Henry
Hayden of Cornell with a Bulletin &c
Let Your Uncle John also hear from you Mr
Chadwick stays there now, Miss Mary is
in Richmond - all well in Greeneboro -
New York mill men would do well
to locate at Demopolis or Tuscaloosa -
with much love & good wishes

Affectly yr kncl^y Wm Duggan

Feb 18th 1898

My dear Son

I am a day late this week owing to a little "outing" yesterday, thought I would write last night but was so tired from the jolting, & my eyes very weak from the exertion right in them, that I put off my letter until this morning. Waver & myself made the long talk of visit to Lanesville, were to have driven over to Reuben's first & then to aunt Melville's but when we came to the turning off place we decided not to try it as we heard bridges were bad & road rough. Sister Sally without my knowing it, sent him word we were there & he came over to dinner, is looking very well, the change of water or cook, perhaps both, is fattening him up & I am glad to see him looking so well. His ride over the Holcroft place was

morning as there is plenty of species for him. We surprised them all at Mrs Harris', they seemed so glad to see us, had not even sister Sally since Dec 1st. The east wind is still high but the day is rather pleasant, no need of fire today, I hope these warm days will continue that the seed may come up, we have at last had the garden broken up & some seed planted. This weather is in striking contrast to that you write of, I suppose the sleigh ride did not make you sick. I stopped here to take up the butter, in the mean time Waver came bringing your letter. At such a temperature the sun ought to chin, I don't see how you can stand it, would it we freeze to death in our houses!!

This is a busy time with Lewis, the American Convention is in session in Mobile, he is expected to attend the meetings & to read a paper, it is a great interruption to his studies, I hope it may be of some advantage to him. Beech gave us a most pressing invitation to spend a week with them at Mardi Gras.

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said she would take no expense, unless we
promised to go down when Louis graduates.
Mrs Kirkbide advises Louis very much & says
she "must know Louis's mother." Louis has
written to ask me stay with them, & the Kings
say they will claim part of my time if I have
invitations enough, & if we can arrange about
servants I feel as if I ought to go, tho it would
be a trying ordeal, getting ready, going alone, &
meeting strangers, how would I ever get through
with it!! Louis sent me by the boat a bunch
of bananas, we are enjoying them very much.
This evening my Father & myself will call on
Mrs Willie Beverly, she finds this a terribly
lonely place I hear.

Waves bought a regular summer's buggy, very
light & comfortable, rode home back in town &
drove it out on Tuesday. I suppose now he will
start out travelling. He will sell the heavy
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buggy. Along with the wine will sell Farmers
account books, & has written to the "State live
murexy" to see if he can sell for them, with
three strings to his bow he ought to make
some thing

Suey Melville is progressing with her art &
music, she learns much better than I thought
she would, is devoted to her teacher. Clarence is
still in Terkuloosa, staying at the Washington
Hotel with Mrs. Proflut Harris, they say he is
doing very well there

I have no house servant now, must finish my
letters & get the table ready for dinner, with love
from us all

Your devoted

Mother.

P.S. I was going to say I would try to get a
Mobile paper to send you but I reckon they
will send you ones from there, your Father
will be much interested in the proceedings of
the Convention.

Trullion Ala. July 10th 1898.
Dear Son:—

I will add a few
lines in your mother's letter,
under one cover.

Was not it a pity that
they gave Levey no time
or notice to prepare his
"report" on "Quarantine in
Central American Ports"
before the Southern Quarantine
Convention which met yes-
terday in Mobile. A
large number of delegates
were expected from very
many Southern States.
I felt very much like
going as delegate of Hall
Co Med Soc, but Mrs.
Bob Wood Co. is expected
to be sick at any time
& I am warned to be at home.

3) all round comes out of it. She can't
be satisfied it second. But that she
wants me to take the little field and
manage him, or cultivate his sciences
& education - is the gravest absurdity.
Where you have anything like
a bulletin on such subjects as Roses,
or hot-beds or green houses - or kindred
topics - do not forget to forward a
copy to Miss Meria Minge. Mobile.

Capt Foglar is out again & gone
in his buggy with a driver. Mrs Stewart &

Miss Mary have returned from Washington
city, but the controversy of the "Northville" have filled a cabinet.

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We are invited to Mobile
for the Commencement & ex-
ercises of "Med-Col" in
April - by Beanie S. Lewis
& Mrs Minge. I want
your Mother to screw
up courage & go, whether
I go or not. I think it
will be nice trip for her,
amongst so many friends.

Miss Lou Browder
has returned from Afghan
& is full of news, says that
Mr Field (Jimmy) does not want
Mr Field to marry a certain
widow, whom he knew as
a married Lady before she
(Jimmy) married him, & so
has written him a long
letter, making him out
a bad man, miserable
husband, & a general fuss.

Miss Ernestine Halda - one of our Jewish belles
is to be married soon. - A Jew friend who
was detained here last summer by interven-
tion of the Quarantine Structures.

Some of our neighbors have peas
& cabbages up & have been eating lettuce,
but I am late, my seed only in the
ground. The weather today & yesterday
was Springlike - We feared for you, when
we read of the extreme cold up North,
do not unnecessarily expose yourself.

Yours affectionate Father.

R. D. Myer Nov

writing, the only good ink is up stairs & I did not go for it. All are well,
with much love

Your devoted
Mother.

Feb 16th 1898

Very dear Son

The afternoon is bright & warm
& each interesting work going on out of doors
I can scarcely stay in the house but must
have my letter ready for tonight's mail if
possible. Mr Benten sent us about 3 doz grape
vines, Robert Conry & Waver are putting them
out, we will have enough to fill all the
missing places, so many died last summer.
As soon as possible I will have them planted
& that will finish the work until bagging
time. The ground is in beautiful order for
working now. Yesterday we had our Irish potatoes
planted, mine, a second crop of peas, &c &c.
I think today some okra was planted, & some
bunch butter beans, a little early for them but we
can't afford to risk them. Yesterday morning I

went to Mrs. Brewster to stitch some on their
machine, (myself has about decided to stitch no
more) found Miss Low & Mrs. Barber getting ready
to leave this morning for Mobile. Mrs. Brewster
was all alone today as she sent me word to "come
& stitch some more", I had not a great deal
fixed but thought she was lone some & went up
& sat the morning with her. Mr. Powell came
in with the mail & the news that the Maine
(our war ship) was destroyed, a hundred men
lost, could not say how it was done but
suppose it was by a torpedo, is it too bad,
such a loss to our government, they say she
cost 2 millions. The old Capt. went down to
Mardi Gras, I know Mr. & Mrs. Hoatsch will go
tomorrow & a good many others from around
here. I wish Lewis was to graduate at this
time then I could have gone down too & had
pleasant company. I think I will get myself
ready, & do my best to go down in April, tho
I may not be able to make satisfactory arrange-
ments to leave home at that time. I am more

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tied down at home than any one I know
I had a letter from Fred yesterday they were
all well, had entertained three of the Profs
& their wives one evening in honor of Mrs or
Dr Cary's Mother, but she could not be present,
he gave a bill of fare of the supper & I was
glad to see it was more like other people too,
no fried pork, or hot baked custard this
time. Ambrose has blue eyes, must take
after his Mother's side of the house.

We have not heard from Lewis since the
Quarantine Convention, Waver did not go to
the office this morning.

We were down to see Mrs Stewart a few
evenings ago. Since then they have heard the
will has been probated so now I suppose
they feel easier. Uncle Waver came in yesterday
just as dinner was sent out but I had

enough put by for him to make a dinner
on, had a cup of coffee made & had some
cake to finish off on. Sunday I sent away
dinner for him but he did not come; that
afternoon Waver & my self walked up to Mrs
Joe Collins, Annie's baby is a splendid looking
little fellow, she & the children leave tonight
for Shrewport, Bob will join them tonight at
Meridian, he went on ahead to see if he
could rent the Southern hotel there, they will
visit Fanny & Lizzie. Bob has a fancy for
hotel life, it is as easy to put all the work on
a clerk & housekeeper, & he will stand &
talk big. Did you ever think of it how
some of the families in this neighborhood
are being reduced, only 3 at Mrs Broodre,
3 here, three at Mrs Hatch, & quite a
reduction at "Mr Joe". I had a visit from
Mrs Torbet yesterday evening, he dunes for
tobacco & fruit trees.

We hope to have Mr Hobbs on Sunday if this
good weather continues. Please excuse this

blanket, Miss Terrell the other horse, as darby happened along on an old gray mare as
Miss M. borrowed that & took
I went out Melah behind her, in
that style they reached home.
of course they had to adopt
the gentlemanly manner
of riding. Sister Sally & Benton
were dining with Misses &
witnessed their arrival, sister
said she thought R -
would kill himself laughing
at their appearance. It is
to be hoped they had not
old dress. I must stop
now with much love ever
Yours devotedly
Mother.

Feb 23 / 98

My morning duties are about completed
& the my head is untroubled from the exercises I will
begin my letter, expect company this afternoon, Miss
Mary & Mrs Browder said they would be over, Miss
Mary is keeping Mrs B. company while Miss Lou
is in Mobile. A good many persons of our acquaintance
went down to Mardi Gras. I thought of them a
great deal on Monday, it was such a disagreeable
day, cloudy, & cold west wind, but yesterday the
sun was bright & warm with very little wind as I
suppose they enjoyed the day. I was astonished to
hear that Mr Harris, Lucy & the governess had gone
down to see the sights, a sudden notice struck them
& aunt Melville had to hurry to town to get them a
dress each for the occasion. I would like to have had
a peep at the trio in the crowded streets, I know
Mr H. - looked lost enough. I had a long ride

from Aunt Melville last night, always enjoy her
notes, her style is as peculiarly her own & she gives
interesting details too. Reuben was taking care of
her at night, it is only a short ride for him
over there, about a mile.

I was very glad to have your letter this morning
your cold change must have reached us Monday
I thought of you & said I knew it must be very
cold up there. We had a heavy, all day rain, on
Saturday which prevented Mr Cobb having services
Sunday, we have been disappointed now three
times. I hope you don't have to walk very far for
meals, should think the gentlemen's shoes should
have some attachment for such slippery times, in
fact I think I saw an advertisement of something
of the kind.

We are having some work done today, Allen with
his team is plowing the lower lot, Waver looking
after that & your Father has Robert & Charley
in the garden cleaning up the upper part & plant-
ing more seed. Waver made a very handy push
cart which will help very much in getting ashes,
trash &c in the garden, or out of the way,
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Charley can manage it so much better than the heavy wheel barrow. Your Father has rented the lot in front of us, ("hog park") will plant in corn, sugar millet &c for corn & horse feed, & in the fall it will serve as a pasture for the cows. He might raise a good deal there, & in our lots, if planted & worked at the right time.

Miss Sadie Webb was married last night to a Mr De Campue from Montgomery, it was a surprise to many for it was currently reported that Joe Collins & herself would be married, her Father was violently opposed to the match, so much so that I heard she would be married at her Grand Mother's, he was opposed to Joe's also.

Uncle Waver came to dinner Sunday he was the only one we had to enjoy our turkey, jelly & cakes. It was so cold I wanted him to remain all night but he would not, seemed in very good spirits, & is looking very well. Now the photos have never
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come so I think if I go to Mobile I will have
some taken there. Lewis has not written this week,
must be studying to make up for lost time.
There were so many at the convention & all wanted
to speak that his paper was not read but will
be printed with all the proceedings & speeches
made at that time. Lewis thought they accompa-
-hed very little, there were so many subjects, all
could not be discussed. I had a very interesting
letter from Beecie Stewart, she offered to chop for
me, she has such good judgement in such matters
I will accept her offer, she is a real practical
girl. She seems so fond of us all, I can't understand
why any one should be so fond of me as she seems
to be. We have not yet found another house girl, I am
mailed of all work as usual. I don't mind work,
but at times it is rather hard on one, particularly
in cold weather.

I hope you enjoyed the dance, your aunt Beecie's
girls went to one in Union town, the hard rain
next day prevented their returning so Sunday they
attempted the trip, ^{in Mr. Wilke's buggy,} in Grace's swamp the buggy broke
down, Fanny mounted one horse with out saddle or
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Many does not consider
to visit. Beebe gives a
very brief opinion, this week
invited. Wants to join
them but he declined.

The Progress will be of
the party. There is the
sweet looking girl I ever
saw. Tommy & Louise look
well but are thin. Byron
has grown more than I thought
he would, & is quite talkative.

I wish you could
 see my little flower garden
 it is a large box put, rose,
 carnation & poppies as thick
 as can be. I must
 write to you as good-
 bye, with much love
 Yours devoted
 M. M.

Yours devoted
Broth.

I will write a day earlier this week that you may have your letter before Sunday. I wonder if you are having such chilly weather as we are, your Father is sitting up into the fire & is a rather uncomfortable off at the table; he has a cold that makes him feel chilly & badly, being in the cold wind yesterday did him no good, Uncle Waver is now about the same fix, he dined with us yesterday, we had a nice fried cat fish which we enjoyed very much.

Yesterday was appointed for all interested to meet & clean the church yard, we had a full force of laborers & a great many ladies & some gentlemen to overlook the work, it happened to be memorial day, no one it seemed had thought of that, ^{but myself} I carried over a large number of bouquets, took some hands & had the soldiers

graves cleaned off & put flowers on them, others
sent home for flowers, when our work was
completed the church was much improved as we
all thought.

Wave started out today with his two cures,
wine & a book & ink for copying, his destination
was Union Town & the surrounding country, he will
try to engage some fruit trees to be delivered next
fall. Your Father & myself wanted to go today to
Uncle John's but he feels too badly, hope we
can go tomorrow. Wave & myself appointed three
different days to go but were disappointed by a
threatening of rain.

Your Father left home last Monday morning for
Birmingham, did not reach home until Saturday
evening, had a very enjoyable time, dinners, lunches,
receptions, &c &c, went out to see Belle Young,
missed seeing Jerry Field when he called to
see her. I was kept busy in his absence taking
care of every thing, the garden particularly.
Friday night we had a good rain, next
morning Lewis came with the clothes, I paid
him in plants to set out over a hundred
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I. J. I forgot to say I had a letter from Miss Dugger, she was just recovering from a
 spell of fever, and
 she appreciated
 highly your sending
 her your photo last
 fall I think it was.

Cabbage & Tomatoe plants (each) & some beets
 thought I had done well but received no
 thanks, the only satisfaction was I had done the
 best I could, thanks seems to have gone out
 of style, no one appreciates what any one else
 does, at least I find it so.

Out here I stopped to feed my little turkeys
 (only 12) & chickens, I am having no success with
 fowls this spring, my hens lay very few eggs & few
 of them have wanted to set as I have only about
 45 or 50 little chickens. I have lost three fine
 turkey hens, one was within four days of hatching,
 have only four now sitting, the cool weather is
 unfavorable to little turkeys or chickens either.

Sister Sally writes she has 120 little chickens.

Mr Harris is now in Tachalooen, "young Noelfut"
 wrote he thought if he would go up he might
 make an arrangement to get into business, he
 constantly talks of returning to Tachalooen. I

will be sorry for them to go unless we could follow. We had a letter from Leire last week telling of his first day at the Hospital, 3 deaths, 3 ambulance calls, 2 autopsies & one emergency case, a young man crushed in a R R accident had bled nearly to death when taken there, only lived 10 hours in spite of all efforts to save him. It must have been particularly trying on Leire as he had just set in. Your Father had a letter from Miss Sue Lee this morning, she met Leire the evening before at the Camp ground, says there are 5000 troops camped on the Spring Hill road, another regiment expected, doesn't that look like war sure enough.

Chickamauga is another camping ground, I have forgotten how many are there being drilled & hardened they say, oh! if only some amicable adjustment could be made without the shedding of so much blood!! Mrs Davis advises the southerners against enlisting & I think she is right we have had enough of war, some news in Montgomery the other day made a speech giving the same advice. I don't want any of my boys

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Sehr geehrter Herr Doktor!

Auf Ihre Anfrage gestatte ich
mir zunächst zu erwidern, dass es
unmöglich ist im Voraus eine bindende
Zusage über die Aufnahme einer
Arbeit in die Sammlung zu machen.
Denn einmal lässt sich doch erst
nach Einsichtnahme sagen, ob die
Arbeit passend ist, und zudem
liegt soviel Manuscript vor, dass,
sofern der Zugang so reichlich

feststeht, nicht alles acceptiert
werden kann.

Erwähnen möchte ich aber,
dass nur deutlich geschriebene
Arbeiten zulässig sind. Die Redaction
besorgt weiter keinen Umständen
Uebersetzung oder die Correction
eines mangelhaften Deutsch und
muss Deshalb Arbeiten zurück-
senden, die nicht in einem
correcen Deutsch geschrieben
sind. Deshalb dürfen
wohl die Annals of Botany
für Sie bequemer sein, und
somoch als Dieselben ein allgemeines
verbreitetes Journal sind, das

ja auch gute lithographische Tafeln
liefert. In der Zahl dieser muss
auch die Zahl der sich beschreibenden
auflegen und mehr als 2-2 1/2 Tafeln
wirden für ein Heft von 50
Druckseiten nicht zulässig sein.

Für Ihre freundlichen Zusicherungen
sage ich Ihnen besten Dank.
Wenn Sie im Frühjahr hieher
kommen bin ich ganz bereit Ihnen
mein Laboratorium zur Verfügung
zu stellen und Ihre Studien
zu unterstützen.

Ich habe die Ehre
Euch herzlich
Empfehlung
Prof. Dr. W. Pfeffer