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From City, Ill.
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Dear Brother,

It's time I was in bed but I've been so busy all day & I feel that I should write to you to-night.

Was so glad to get your nice long letter & am so glad that things have settled down again there & that work is so plentiful. Mama is still with us here.

She intended to go to Detroit a week ago Sat. but Pa was taken sick a week ago last Wed. so she has been staying here taking care of her. She is better now & has been up some

but she's awfully nervous &
weak & doesn't seem to know
just what she does want part
of the time. This a.m. ~~she~~
Clarence came in & she asked
him to go & send a telegram
right away to Ges. then in a
little while she felt better & told
them not to send it. So much
of the time she seems to look
only on the dark side of
things when the truth is it
seems to me things are
working out lovely & it only
needs a little patience & grit to
wait, what is now a very short
time. You asked me to tell
you more about things here -
Well it's just like this - Of course
Ges. come home from there

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you know about broke, We
looked for work here but wages
were so low in comparison
to the high cost of things that
he thought it would hardly
make a living for him. Uncle

A. had made him the proposition
for out there as after looking things
over here he thought that far
ahead of anything here though
of course he had no money to help
himself ev. So he & papa asked
us girls to finance things here
for him for two or three weeks
longer than Uncle A. was to
get the tractor for him &
advance some on the plowing.

Suppose you saw in the
papers of the big liberty loans -
Will it come up just in

time to knock things winding
for us as it took the money
out of the banks & Uncle A.
hasn't been able to get it
yet. Has sent them just
enough to keep them going
out there, though we are
expecting it now most any
day. I suppose that you know
that papa is turning his time
in now to Geo. & working only
for his board in order to help
Geo. out. They have ~~to~~ by
now if nothing happened the
two hundred acres plowed &
at ~~2~~ ^{\$} 25⁰⁰ per acre is not at
all bad since the first of
May. We has the offer now
of 100 acres for another man
& thinks he can get it done

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in a couple of weeks. As
you see the prospects are fine
if the money gets to carrying
soon. He is working from
4.30 to 9 as you see he's sure
"going to it".

The strain of things of course
has been pretty hard on us
all & it's going to seem like
mountains of my shoulders
when the strain is over.

It's been especially hard on
me since Old has been sick &
I'm trying to put in my
time at work & help out here
too ~~to~~ get so tired. Of course
when B. left we had no idea it
would drag along this long
but it seems that it couldn't
be avoided for I know that every

effort has been made on
all sides to change it.

Of course it has taken all
& more than I have earned.
for things here & mamma has
been helping too.

You about what Harvard wrote
about Geo's place here. I under-
stand there is about a thousand
due on it yet & I think by the
way Geo. wrote he does not
care very much if it does go back.
From the way he wrote I
judge he had rather have the
money invested out there
than here. Now from what I
know of things all the way
around I think if you have
some extra there to spare &

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Aspa & mamma decide (as is the talk now) to go West that they are the ones who should have it to make them comfortable there. Of course their going West would help yes. but too as it seems to me that would help most all the way around.

I guess you must have misunderstood what I wrote about my work here. I do not think if I expected to stay there I would care to continue that line of it as I would prefer the machine mending as I have that learned & all it would need would be to get my speed up. Would soon be making as much as I am now if I had medium work & it is more

interesting than the other. Work lately has been very bad as all things considered I sure was lucky to be on time work.

Mamma tells me every day that I've just got to quit & get out of the black lead as she does not think it is good for me.

Am going to quit the last day of July & have a month or six week vacation, then I'll decide what comes next.

Am looking forward as much to my vacation & I can hardly wait till the time comes.

Am going to Detroit & possible down into Ohio to see Carrie Marie Anderson. My last pay starts to-morrow & I want to

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put in every hour that is possible for me too.

Mon. night - Mamma came up stairs last night & said it was not 10 o'clock as I had been up till 12 the two nights before & I wanted to get up at 5:30 this a.m. I saved this to finish to-night & rolled in in a hurry.

Yes I think B. is doing fairly well over there & I'm so glad she had the chance to get out of the factory. She sure has talent along that line & as long as she has her own way to make I for one was anxious to see her develop it. She would not have gone & left me here had I not insisted on it. She has wanted to go far as long.

The "farmer boy" from the
sunny south will be up
some time the first of Aug.
& I am anticipating a jolly
good time. Am going to
Detroit just as soon as I can
get away next mo. & will have
to get some clothes & get them
made before he comes as I
haven't had the money for so
long to buy any with or any
time to make them so haven't
had anything new all spring
but a shirt & one waist.

I don't know I'm sure how
I'm going to come out finan-
cially. I've written to Geo. telling
him I was too tired out to
work longer than Aug 1st. but
I don't know if he will be

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able to help me out financially
now or not as if you could
spare some for me it would
surely be appreciated as I'm
as near out of clothes & have some
domestic work to be done too.

Well I'm sure if I don't
wind this up you'll have to
take a day off to read it & I've
been promising myself all day
a good early start to rest to night.

Tell Lulu I'd sure love to
see her roses I've heard so
much about them & tell
Howard & Frank I'll be awfully
glad to get their letters.

Your last letter has gotten mis-
placed as if I haven't ans. any
of your questions you'll have
to ask them over again. I'm
sure you wouldn't want ^{me}

lengthen this out any more
to ans. them ha! ha!

Love to you all, from
Your ever sister,
Fannie.