

Charley has gone  
to feel not  
feeling any  
well I  
have wanted  
to send  
yesterday  
he does  
not know  
that I  
am writing  
you -  
he would  
have seen  
thing to  
say but  
I will  
give his  
love to all  
Ella grows  
fast her  
head her  
hair cut  
short and  
runs wild  
no school  
I am sorry for that

Chimela May 21st 1865

My Dear Sister Maggie

I have thought

many times about writing to you  
but you know I am not in the  
way of writing as much as yourself  
beside I have so little time that I can  
call my own, I often say hardly time  
to think, for when my daily work is  
done and I think I will write, why  
baby interferes, and now he has woked  
up and I must attend to his wants,  
well he has gone to sleep again and all  
the rest of the family have followed  
suit, Maggie I am in Kansas but  
my thoughts are elsewhere very often  
and I long to see many of the dear  
ones I have left behind me, but I  
shall try to make the best of it,  
Ella has wished many times she  
had stayed with Aunt Maggie



but she says she will go home with  
you, when you come here, so you  
see she is not waiting for an invitation.  
We have our garden all planted and  
some things are growing nicely,  
the weather has been unfavourable  
too wet and cold, with the exception  
of the last three days which have been  
very warm and you can almost  
see them grow. We have twenty four  
young chickens and five old hens  
setting, so you will see there is some  
prospect for a pot pie by and by,  
high prices have reached as far as Flaxen  
butter is selling forty cents a pound,  
Eggs thirty cents a dozen, as for fresh  
meat there has not been any around  
since we have been here, we shall  
try to raise our own living, of course  
that will take time, as well as every  
thing else does, Maggie to morrow is  
the anniversary of my wedding day,  
twenty years married, Oh how

many changes there has been, who  
would have thought then that I  
would have been so many hundred  
miles away from my native place,  
when I think over the past I can  
hardly realize the truth of it all,  
it really makes one feel sad and  
my eyes fill with tears in spite  
of all endeavours to keep them back,  
as the saying is nothing gained by  
looking behind, I shall hope for  
a brighter future, I received your  
very kind letter and have read  
and reread it - I had begun to  
think you were waiting for me  
to write first, I hope you have  
succeeded in getting a good girl  
one that will relieve you from  
so many cares, See Auntie intended  
to stay in Brooklyn give my love  
to her, tell her her picture hangs in  
the most conspicuous place in  
my little Kansas parlour, and



I have thought many times if she  
could only see and speak what  
she would say, but I have to gaze at  
her in silence, I expect you and  
Mrs Young have every time together,  
do the children enjoy it?  
I received a letter from Liz on Tuesday  
wrote from Scrabs she told me of  
Uncle's discharge, what will he do  
now I guess it is fortunate that Mary  
got home as she did, or it may be she  
might have had to make a longer visit  
here, What is Lizzy going to do, she  
did not say any thing about herself,  
I fancy she feels badly about her situation  
I feel real sorry for her what a pity she  
could not get a good situation as compared  
to travel I think she would like it, and  
it would be beneficial to her, I am  
interested in your blanket write me  
if you can find it, Tell Frank Bennie  
received his letter and will answer soon  
he does not have much time tell it off  
to write, Give my love to Emma tell her  
I was sorry I did not see her before I came  
away, remember me to Richard, tell  
Anna that Ella talks about her every day and  
wishes she could see her, accept much love  
for yourself, write often, to Sister Belle



of her head, she suffered very much looks  
very badly yet, but it is almost well now,  
Uncle received your letter and will answer  
it as soon as he has time. he is kept quite  
busy as they have taken no one yet in Mr  
Langhys place, I shall consider it a favor  
to have you write when ever it is convenient  
for I prize your letters very highly, kiss dear  
little Anna Lards for me my love to Emma  
and the rest. Uncle and Aunt are not here  
to send their love but I will do it for  
them. Lovingly

April 14 1862

Dear Friend

I did not intend that your kind  
letter should remain unanswered so long.  
I am much obliged to you for being so  
prompt, I always think it a kindness for  
my friends to answer my letters at all much,  
less so speedily, I have been forming my  
opinion of my new Aunt, but I can hardly  
tell you what I <sup>think</sup> of her yet, I have seen her  
three times, Aunt and I called the morning



after they come home, we were the first ones  
to call, they had a very large reception, they  
kindly wished me to stay all day, & come back  
the next, but I thought it would make my  
next visit with Uncle when they were more  
alone, Uncle and she were here a little time  
on Monday evening, and on yesterday they were  
here for tea, she is not handsome, but looked  
better yesterday than I have seen her look before, as he feels, they were very sorry they did not  
she has very pleasant manners, but it should  
not think she was an educated lady, she  
has a sister who lives with her, who seems to  
take charge of the house. I saw two of their  
boys they are very pleasant good children  
every one says she has a very elegant house.  
Uncle seems delighted, he seems to think  
a great deal of her, and any one can see how  
very much she thinks of him, I am sure he  
will do his part, and she seems like a very  
good disposition, and I do hope will

make him a good wife, he seems quite at  
home, he has been helping to make garden  
we tell him he has improved very much,  
he gets up at six o'clock, goes to church  
twice on Sunday, and looks so contented,  
he tells me it looks so serious not at all  
bright, but I suppose he feels so happy  
himself he thinks every one else should look  
better yesterday than I have seen her look before, as he feels, they were very sorry they did not  
get to your house, but she was having a  
little filled and did not get it done, but  
she says she is going East every time Uncle  
does, so I suppose you will have an oppor-  
tunity of seeing her again. We all call her  
Mrs. Mrs. Farland, Uncle has not asked us to  
call her Aunt, it seems so formal when we  
call by Uncle to him, but she calls her sister  
Miss and brother Mr. so I suppose she  
wishes us to do the same with her, I tell  
Aunt it could love her better if it could



say Aunt to her, I certainly will give Emma's  
Photograph a place in my Album and glad  
am I to have it, we all think she looks so  
much like you, how we should like to have  
her come see us, could you not let her it  
will not be so pleasant for her since Uncle  
Archy is married as it would have been  
before, for he was such a good Gollant, but  
we will make it as pleasant as we can for  
her, tell her Fanny is a plain little body, with  
no beaus or much company, but it know she  
will like Uncle and Aunt, it is so glad  
to have you by you hope to come see us  
again, I look back to when you were here as  
one of the bright spots in my life. give my love  
to Aunt Susan and her Daughters when I love  
for her sake and would for theirs I am sure  
if it could see them, if some of them and Emma  
could only come we would be glad to have  
them Uncle and Aunt have gone to a funeral  
of a very old friend this afternoon, it is very  
seldom ~~she~~ goes any place, but to the office, We  
have such beautiful weather it is so much  
better for him than the cold wet weather  
we have had the past winter, Aunt Marshall  
and family are well she has been sorely  
afflicted with a carbuncle on the back



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