



Wednesday 6th 1871

Dear Anna

This morning your letter was received, and I think I am a little disappointed that you were not coming home this week. Cousin Josie came this morning with Charles and will stay with me till Saturday, so I shall not be alone. Aunt Mary wants me to return with Josie, but I cannot now as I shall be busy enough looking up help. I went yesterday to answer several advertisements, but none just suited me, or else the place did not suit them. To day I went to several more, but as yet without success

as usual, and the mosquitoes were plenty enough.
We came home this morning in the 9 AM train, but I
really wanted to stay longer. Emma must expect to
find plenty of dust as they are building in front,
and digging and blasting in the rear. I don't believe
I will get off to Kansas, I shall not feel like leaving
home just as we begin to gather home once more.
There's no special news, and I expect Emma
will send me word how she will return home
and what time, and say you will reach the city
of course if you leave Monday you will arrive
Tuesday. I shall expect you with great pleasure
Emma says sends love.

Always with love Mother.

I get along very well with Elizabeth
and Mary the washwoman comes
to sweep every week, but I hope
I shall certainly find help this
week, as I must make a be-
ginning. Tell Emma I went out
to Newark yesterday in the 3 PM
train Aunt Amanda went with
me, found the family all well
and very happy to see us. Aunt
Eliza is there yet, but will go to
housekeeping this week in Court St.
After tea Aunt Amanda, Aunt Abby
and myself went to call on "Mrs
Jabez Wags", and found her as happy
as any bride of 16, we were treated
to cake & wine, saw all the nice
presents, had a delightful call.
Then went to see Anna Palmer and
the baby who is very sweet, and
the image of Herbert. They all want to
see Emma very much, and "Mame"
says there is a maid no one but "Emmy"
can fill. Things seemed to move on

