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QUEENSWARE, GROCERIES, PRODUCE, &C.,

Beech Hill, Mason Co., West Va., March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

My dear Mother

I thought I would  
not write you until I heard ~~fr~~ from  
you of your arrival & trip.  
We are all well, & getting along tolerably,  
well. Willie has not come down yet.  
Dr Hamilton says that he has written  
to Philadelphia for genuine virus, &  
for you not to have go & store vaccinated  
unless you know the matter is genuine.  
he says that it would not do to take  
matter from either Mason, or, George Roberts  
arm. now if Dr Welch had matter that  
he knew was genuine, you might get him  
to do it—but no one else unless they knew  
the matter was from a healthy child, as  
as they might be diseased for life. Kiss Jo  
& Steve for me tell Jo he must write to me  
tell me all about your trip, & how you all

~~all~~ got along, especially Steve J. O. Mason  
I George Robert. Minnie, was worried  
about you all going to Trent Hills  
at night. I will look for a letter  
from you Saturday. Regards to Lollie  
Siz. Lillie, Allie, & Lollie

Best Bye  
J.H.M.

Tell Lollie I saw Mr. Long yesterday  
he was well but said it was mighty serious  
he went to Gallipoli to day. I think he will  
get sick and write for you all to come home  
I am anxious for the 2<sup>d</sup> of April to come so  
as to meet you on the 4<sup>th</sup>. How will you  
and Lollie do about the trunk if she  
stops at Portsmouth,

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

J. A. Miller Bush Hill  
West, Va



Mrs. J. A. Miller  
Martinsville  
Kentucky

Wood, Ford, Co &

Beck Hill W Va  
Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dear Nettie

I wrote you on  
the 8<sup>th</sup>, but there has been no  
mail since, owing to all  
the Boats having to stop on  
account of yellow fever, it  
has been raging for the last  
10 days. Terrible to think of in  
Gallipolis had the people  
fled. Mr Dunn closed the  
Duffan House, and brought  
his family up Kanawha, it  
is all confined to the lower  
end of town where the ill  
fated Peter lay. There has  
been many deaths, both at  
Pleasant and Gallipolis  
are quarantined but I  
think the quarantine will be  
raised tomorrow, no Boats

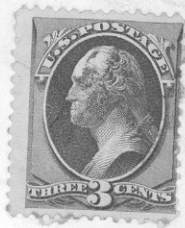
allowed to land at either  
place. I sent a dispatch  
to Mollie, to not let you  
and Sallie start, I sent it  
on the 11, but fearing that  
you had started, I sent  
down to M Pleasant Thursday  
through the hardest rain  
I ever saw fall, to meet  
the telephons. They would  
not let him stop as he  
went - up but the Mayor  
consented for her to stop  
as she came down from  
tonday. They told me you  
did not get aboard, then  
I supposed you had got  
my dispatch, the people  
here were wild with fight  
but I must say, that I  
could not get my mind  
off of you and go long  
enough to think about

yellow fever, that might  
the Quacks were higher than  
any Monro, and reached  
up all my corn along the  
Creek. The next morning  
the river had risen 20 ft  
and moreover 9 miles, the  
river, is nearly out of Bank  
all over the Potatoes, & corn  
back of the house, such  
a rise never was known  
over 40 ft - in 24 hours. over  
65 houses & barns went  
down yesterday. Some of them  
were frame cottages with the  
chimney in the middle and  
even torn down, such a sight  
I never saw. I saw picks  
lay stark. Pumpkins & melons  
by the thousands. We had to  
work all night, and all day  
yesterday to save our slaves  
at - Longs scene, how fortunate

I sold the Bark, had I  
bestined to Mr. L. & David it  
would now have been  
lost - I fear I will lose  
all the Corn the water has  
own before the Hogs can eat  
it - How gloomy, to think, a  
drouth, famine, & flood, but  
the loss above here must of  
been terrible both in property  
and life. We can hear  
nothing as there is no mail or  
Boats running, I write this  
hoping the Boats will be  
down to day. I want you  
& Sallie to start, Thursday  
19<sup>th</sup>. I come to Mayaville and  
if possible, Mr. L. & I will  
meet you there that eve  
and return on this 104 that  
night - you can come from Miss  
Hales to Secy. in the morning &  
down to Mayaville in the  
evening train where I hope  
to meet <sup>you</sup>. Then you will get Home on  
Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

We have not heard a  
word from you since  
Mr. Long wrote, and told  
Sally to start Monday  
or Tuesday as we have  
had no mail, I told  
him to tell you that  
it was no use for me  
to write again, as Jo  
was better and I had  
nothing <sup>to write</sup>. We were terribly  
disappointed that you  
did not come, you have  
been gone so long that  
I fear I must know you  
or Joe, either my great  
surprise about you & Joe  
has made me ten years  
older. I sometimes think I  
will never see either of you

again, but I must  
close hoping to see  
you & Joe soon. <sup>the folks</sup>  
Mr L is well, the water  
has done him no damage  
Sincerely,  
Henderson



Mrs. Nettie, Miller  
Mortonsville  
Woodford County  
Kentucky

Sp. not called for in 10 days  
Return to Beech Hill, W. Va.

## TRAVELER'S CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ATTENTION OF MR. \_\_\_\_\_ REPLYING TO LETTER DATED \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

THE AMERICAN SEEDING-MACHINE CO.  
INCORPORATED  
RICHMOND, INDIANA

WRITTEN FROM

Elgin, Illinois, June 27, 1914

GENTLEMEN:

Dear Joe,

The family are all at home again, and we are not quite so quiet except at nap time, and sometimes not then for Curtis doesn't take any. Steve got home last Sunday night; the two <sup>babies</sup> nearly went wild over him, and didn't go to sleep till nearly ten o'clock. I finally had to spank them a few times. Steve went fishing both Sunday and Thursday, got a nice mess both days. Fay and Curtis didn't come till Wednesday. Mr. Curtis wasn't at home so Fay staid over hoping to see him but he never came at all. They had a fine time, all of them, from start to finish. Every body was so nice in Richmond, and they put up with the real old time southern hospitality. Fay didn't get away till Thursday night. Steve went to Columbus Friday so had a little visit there too. We got along all right here, Nancy and I took several trips down town, saw the circus parade last Sunday, but I staid clear of the ten cent store that day, got held up good and proper there the week before, a