

just see
what date
you get
this &
write the
two dates!

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Dear Mother

I have rather
been forced to change my
mind on the subject of
this climate being strictly
stationary in regard to mild-
ness and levity - the last
two or three days and in
fact the last two weeks
have had a strong tenden-
cy toward the frigid zone
and sudden changes -
why yesterday it, or at
least the thermometer
ranged about 37° regular
N.Y. January thaw - but not
such a slushy time as
you have, last night

at 11 P.M. it was hardly
freezing^{and} I left my
shawl^{and} blanket off
the bed - now don't think
I don't have plenty of
covers - you will know
in my warm room I
used to sleep under a
ton weight - ^{and} when I
awoke this morning - I
felt cold, thought I had
kicked - no not exactly
that, but worked the
covering off somehow -
I thought it cold, when
dressing - especially as I
change my undershirt
for sleeping - it cut
pretty lively as I walked
to our little peasant

The only
time my
hands &
I may say
face and
clean is
when I go
to bed, for
the water
is so hard
that the
soap don't
take hold
you never
saw such
hands -
dirty don't
come near
it, but
blow, don't get much
out, besides - game, poultry,
nuts &c - poultry^{and} game
freezes up as stiff as a
stone - This weather
and getting up early morn-
ing makes a "feller" think
about city built houses
with their modern^{warming}
facilities - makes one
almost inclined to shake
off their old bachelor
attachments^{and} wish for
a nice cozy house and
good economical House
Keeper^{and} bed warmer
don't you imagine for
a moment, that I am
anticipating matrimony

it duty
fact
And
healthy-
that
the kind
and
bred
I am
now-
afraid
for I am not - I would
hardly dare, think of
encouraging such a
thought for one moment
wait until my financial
circumstances will better
admit, before you get
any way alarmed - In
the P.O. there is a bulletin
on which is announced
"Kansas and Pacific mail
distributed" - "9 hours
behind" &c but that is
entirely ignored to night
and on a lonesome piece
of brown paper - in an
uneven and unexperienced
doubt of lamp black and
coal oil is - "K and P -
snowed in" - and from
accounts she is well

up all the
profit -
and best
the C^o -
in postage
Stamps if
I don't quit
as here
goes -
leave to
all -
write -
to tell
you soon
afraid
9
Gauze, assorted - on the
road, somewhere between
here and Burlington - if it
keeps cold, and they are
frozen it will be all
right - if not why then
they won't come as right
as though the probabili-
ties are, that before it
gets warm enough for
them to spoil, the trains
will be through - then
again twelve or fifteen
days trains coming all
in at a time, the market
will be goaded down
way below first cost
those are the chances
we are subject to and

if we could all go through
striking it square every
time, we would all
retire in a very short
time, but there is no
telling how we are going
to strike it from time to
time, the world is a
lottery ^{and} we have as
good a chance to draw
a prize from the wheel
of Fortune as any one -
Times have been a little
dull since holiday times
but we can find no
fault, our chances ^{and}
trade is improving every
week - we hold our
own to make a slang
expression - ^{and} that is
all any one could ask

its a gradual slow im-
provement ^{and} that will
tell in the end - mind ^{and}
time ~~are~~ occupied ^{and} ex-
perience is being purchas-
ed by reaping the double
reward of benefit - I
wrote a long letter to
Uncle Alfred last week -
told him I said I wrote
him - got him talking on
the subject I wrote, and
see what he thinks of it -
It is in reference to ^{making}
some change, if favorable,
opportunities offer - so as
to go into a general
business - my direct ^{aim}
before leaving Kansas was
nothing regarding specifically
to remain here, that is

now - we
have 25 -
live quail
in a com-
fortable
box - a
special
order and
they are
quite good
company -
while right
next the
one the other
side the
partition
is Mr
rat busy.
gnawing -
will use
experience ^{and} expenses to
start, after, with some growing
place in the general busi-
ness growing up by starting
with the place ^{to} but that
would require pecuniary
additions thelf, it is a
matter to be considered ^{and}
looked into although it may
never mature ^{and} perhaps by
spring we would deem it
better not to make any
change - Ed has been sitting
on a barrel reading while
I have been writing - trade
is not very lively - but
people don't run around
much when the thermometer
etc indicates where it is

snowed in - both in front
and rear packed right in
neither can go ahead or
back up - the storm has
a terrible sweep on the
prairie - a broad, unending
expanse of undulating
land - flies up every
cut, banking the snow
up in an unimpenetrable
mass - the wind tosses
sand ^{and} snow at its
pleasure - then just
about 25 miles east from
where the express lay's
is a mixed conglomerate
of freight trains ^{and}
snow ploughs - the
passengers having for
the last week, having to
be conveyed to a train

awaiting on the other side
so now I presume it would
hardly be safe to say
after this storm, how
many miles of cars are
snowed in - in every
sense of the word - the
express may not ar-
rive in several days
and the freight's - would
somewhere between a
week and twenty days
(subject to change for
better or worse) it makes
it bad for all such as
are dependent on the
expectant arrival of
goods to stock with -
we have four bbls of

stand, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from
my room - about 7 A.M.
this being my work to
open - only 19° below
zero - when I found that
out I began very seriously
to think it cold - and
it has held its own all
day and snowing - with
such sudden changes
what a splendid country
for consumptives to
come to and die - Snow all
along the line east, trains
believed and no freight -
one due every day - in
since Monday - when I
awake in the morning
I have to turn over to
get my car warm

get up - breast the ice ^{wash}
my face - I always have
tepid water every night
to wash my hands &c
but it gets pretty well
iced by morning - it's very
healthy but not quite as
comfortable as 57th St - I tell
you when you get up in
the morning or at least
I do I have to keep moving
and then to get out near
1/4 of a mile - clear out
the stove - cut wood - build
a fire, sweep out; set
goods out - and when Ed
comes - I am ready for
breakfast - but when
she runs down to 17°

11 $\frac{12}{11}$
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