

paint or varnish. but enough
of this nonsense Aunt Polly is
so bad off she cant get up stairs
I dont believe she will stand it long
she cant if she has to be where there
is so much noise it is too bad for her
to be treated so when she has got enough
to make her comfortable. ~~and~~ the
clock has struck ten so I must stop
writing ~~and~~ for to night. write soon and
all of the news, give my best respects to
all who take the pains to enquire after me
my pen wont mark in haste Jennie
only when it is a ought
to it is so poor

Direct to west Addison in care of
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Cousan Lewis

I received a letter from you
last sunday and was quite surprised
when I got it. I know that you
promised to write, but I thought
perhaps you had forgotten it so I
am glad you are well and am enjo-
ying your self so well. If your
letter found me well and I at
work as hard as ever I took Emma
place, she would not work out unless
she could stay a year so I thought it
would not ~~sped~~ for me to stay at
home, and not work only ~~for~~ five
months in two years. I expect if not
thing happens she will begin in
the fall and work a year. I have not

been home since I came here. Frank went home yesterday he said the folks was all well. Mary Waid has been sick so Ett has been there most three weeks ~~xxx~~ she has got better now so Ett I went home last Saturday I had a line from Emma she wrote Charlie Frost took a load over west last Sunday to meeting. Charlie Green joined the church I do hope Charlie Frost will take interest enough in the meetings to go often this summer. I went to meeting last Sunday. If it is the first time since I have been here, they are having prayer meeting up to Fra. Strong's every Thursday evening it has rained or something has happened so I could not go yet. you are not forgotten in our little meetings and I hope you will improve every opportunity you have and go. I think if I were Ezra I would stay at home the next time I started west or else stay away untill his

folks got well of their grief that day after you went away Martha got to crying so hard Mrs Whitford sent her to bed and got her some sugar & water & pain tincture and put a hot brick to her feet she went to sleep and slept till noon when she got up I did not ask her if she was well. I thought she must be though I believe I have not said a word a foot my place I like living here first rate. As for Mrs Smith is a real nice woman to work for she aint a afraid to work she takes hold and helps untill the work is done up her Brother Wilber Wolcomb has bought William Harburt place Mr Harburt ~~star~~ and family started for Ellmore to day. Are you going to see Henry before you come back I doubt some your coming home next fall you have not got another the pretty girls live when you do you will be for buying farm and staying before you settle down I want you to come out here and show her I expect she will be worth looking at for any one who gets you will be a beauty with out



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