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Brother Lew

I suppose I must  
write you again some day  
ought to have written before  
but can't get time just  
more like going to bed

Love I have

Your folks are as well  
as common I believe. Alas  
has been here a helping  
me say it has finished  
all but the head north  
of the Elders seems as  
though the old Harry himself  
had been to pay that I  
just wake. There has been  
very warm Monday I  
come very near sleeping

and Sunday morning I  
broke the machine. The  
first round I went to the  
shop to get it fixed. And  
Alas I down. I & Kabet's Billy  
thought I would ride home  
to see the Dr. but  
did not get back until  
almost night and felt  
so much better that  
not go. The proposed  
kitchen. Billy in with Pizzel  
& showing pictures or so. I  
was full enough to do so  
went as near as a pin  
until I just got through  
he was stamping the floor  
& he kicked Zoog on the leg  
which raised the old Harry  
with her she started & you know  
about the kind of a month she  
the machine caught & the

left the machine & me in the  
boat & went up sudden Bill  
didn't see to care any thing  
about it but it raised up  
with 200y, turned out the  
coll & worked the horses  
myself all went smooth  
until yesterday Abe went off  
& I waited & drove in  
a little barely drove two  
page & half it waits 200y close  
she knew the Boy could not  
handle her he stumbled on  
the boat & rolled to the  
horses & Pissel started I  
saw her ears come up & made  
for the lines they were twisted to  
the pole I got hold of one of them  
& crawled up to her head  
but could do nothing with  
the bit the rode that way from  
the East End of the Pollator field

thought he had a mate to Betsy  
guess he will come over with him  
up by the Ice house & down on to  
the flat then it was time to  
look out for my self through my self  
as far from her as I could stand  
on my head & shoulders they went to  
the west side of the lake turned off  
the hay rack took a turn or two  
when Betsy ran the rope into a  
corner of the fence & flamed  
her stood looking <sup>at</sup> her when I  
went up as much as to say good  
enough for you jumped her  
legs some never made a  
secret on Betsy I call put  
some bits on her to-morrow  
that I can break her jaw  
I shall get rid of her as soon as  
I get through haying & I may want  
to buy your colt if I can pay  
you as much as anyone else  
I saw a man from New Haven who  
has a mate to Billy & Betsy he is X 20p