

cold weather here in
it has rained all day so
hard so it can so that
I could not get out & I
have had to lay abed & read
novels for want of something
better

if you go home I dont
want you to go for that
school marm for I want her
my self if you do I will
bring some a big pistol &
lots of powder & it will be
good by Lerb

as my thinking cap is about played
out I will check this to a four
write soon & all of the news
yours truly W. S. Johnson
To L. S. B.

White River Mich
Sept 6th 1861

Cousin Lerb your
letter is recd & finds me
all right sick up with cold
& the worst I can wish of
you is that you are like

I ever in hopes that
you would favor me with a
call before you went home

Why cant you come and stop
here this winter & not go home
the lumbermen are offering
\$28 & \$30 per month not to go
in the woods, if you should
get you a good team & come
here to log this winter you could

Average over \$3,00 per day
clear of all expense & you
could do better than that if
you would buy a piece of land
& chop & haul off the wood
to the docks & ship it in the
spring, you could make from
\$3,00 to \$4,00 per cord off it
you can get good land from
\$5,00 to \$6,00 per acre

I like this place the best
of any place I ever was in
for a man that has to grub
for a living he need never
be out of work & can get
good wages, winter or summer

I don't believe I will go
home this winter as I can
get all of the work I want
to do & good wages

I had a letter from
Jennie last week she
says that all of the folks
were well she says that
Miss Miles is going to
open a select school in east
Oridinn & that she Mary
& Martha Whitford & Nettie
Pulsipher are going to attend

I am glad that Jennie
is going to school I want
she should do something beside
scrubbing all of her life for a
living & if old fat can
get stamps enough to back
it up I mean she shall have
a chance I have done pretty
well this summer I am over
\$4,00 ahead now & think
I can get 100 more before



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