

have both from your
 advice for Pa and my order (the
 mine, don't send me for any land
 and does not produce like yours
 50 bu. to the acre is considered
 extra. I have a crop of chickens
 24, and as fate would have it.
 the mother of them died last night
 now can't you imagine what
 responsibility I have on hands
 enough of my own sense I must
 tell you now of your name sake
 I had the privilege and pleasure
 6 weeks ago to name a great
 nephew for you, she is a splendid
 looking boy, and his name is Howard
 & Smith, Ma says if he will just
 make such a man as his name
 sake she will be glad, (I hope he
 will not be as great a "fault
 finder") All the family send love

letter was rec'd and Pa is just able
 to go about now sister has recov-
 ered & is now in Tennessee, Rem-
 ember me kindly as

Your affectionate Friend
 Beulah.

My Cousin Ma
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 wrote that he
 would be
 down this week

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Dear Friend:

Your letter was
 rec'd and I was glad (as I
 always am) to hear from you
 however the tenor of your letter
 led me to the conclusion that
 you have become an inspired
 iceberg, so indifferent and still so
 kind, what comfort I find in
 that lesson of the "Poet" who says,

"The course of true love never yet
ran smooth, we have been quarrel-
ling, "fault finding," &c. for several
months and I have been the cause
of it all and I have suffered
too but I will not enter into my
troubles it will consume too much
time, I am trying to reconcile
myself to the facts that we are
friends, and as such I must write
out what shall my subject be?—
Music?— alas! no! for my soul
is void of that now, and the volup-
tuous strains that once thrilled my
sight with joy and bright hopes for
the future, I fear have died away
forever. Birds no!— that would

be uninteresting. I would have it
that grand and glorious theme
"Religion" if I was competent to
do justice to such a subject, but
I am not therefore, will pass it by
and now I have it. "Farming" that
was yours and it shall be mine
(to begin with) I think you have
done splendidly for excelled any
farmer in this country and the
lady that marries you will have
a very sure chance for "biscuits," Wheat
in this state is very fine, corn only
moderately good, Tobacco a fail-
ure, as nearly all the plants
were destroyed by "bugs" Oats are
said to be very good but our