

Dear Mother

Albion Sept 1st -

We have not heard from home in so long a time that we begin to think you have either forgotten us or do not want to write but I will not be so much as to believe that either is the case but that you have so many cares to occupy your time, that you neglect to let us hear from you as often as we could wish. We are all of us well or nearly so. Phoebe has been complaining for a week or two past. She went down to New Bedford some two weeks ago and took cold, she has not felt very well since. I am in hopes she will get along without being seriously ill. Harriet & Mary came down this morning. Mary looks better than she did the last time I saw her, and appears to feel more like herself. She went to church with me today, for the first time since that Sunday that we all went over to the Methodist church when she was here Mother, three years ago - Arlene & I went down to Ipswich a week ago last Thursday and came back yesterday. Debra Gibbard stopped with me two or three days before she went to Lee River, and was very anxious that we should go with her as far as Ipswich so we did. We found our friends well

glad to see us. Aunt appears to be rather feeble although she says she feels about as well as usual. She is very anxious that you should come out this fall, she wants to see Father very much. I told her if you did come out to spend the winter she must make calculations to go home with you in the spring she would like very much to go and seemed to talk as if there was a possibility of it next summer. She put me in mind of the mother very often. Robert + Simon + Maria are going east this fall as far as Rochester. We went very unexpected to them. we did not conclude to go until the night before we started. Phoebe asked the operators in Springfield to assist us in getting a conveyance to take us up to Robert, so when we got there we found a carriage waiting for us. we only had to pay \$1.50 for riding three miles. How I would like to be at home to night. I never have heard any thing satisfactory since I have been here, how she gets along without me - I want to know just what she is doing and how she stands it to do all the work. I sometimes think I did not do right in coming away as I did. I wonder if she would not like to know whether I have been home any or not. Mother I do not know myself whether I have or not. I had agreed to do nothing here there in Fall creek, but then I do want to see you all very much. Frost is going to be severe here this fall - there is no seriously any frost. Phoebe had the good luck

to get a half bushel yesterday to preserve, Ann and I went
out into the field where while I was there and I guess we
did not see over a dozen and all the trees - how does Deborah
get along I should like to hear from her very much but I suppose
she does not think enough of me to write to me, and Rhoda
is her health any better and does she work in the factory yet
what is Molly up to tell her I wrote her some three weeks
ago and gave the letter to men to put in the of if he did so
she has probably got it and if not she must write me immediately
How is Mary Ann and the children - is Mary better I feel very
anxious to hear from her - and Father how is his health this
summer tell him I would like to be at home as I would take
a ride with him after the old man - how does Betsey Ann get
along - does Maria go to school tell her I want her to write
to me very much - Edward send something in his last letter about
our writing too often - I wish you would give me no reason to
complain in that way - and now Mother I do want to hear
all about how she gets along and what she is doing and whether
you are coming out here this fall. Theresa is calculating to go east
I believe - I have not done much sewing lately for any one but our own
folks, and I have not learned to "Lily" yet - Phoebe thinks
I don't want to learn but I do - write soon and oblige - Love to all
To Mother

Thine Affectionately Jane Cornwell

Union Springs Dec 12th 52

Dear Parents

I have arrived at the solemn conclusion that if I don't commence a letter to you I shall never finish one, and so here goes the commencement, it is about 2 P M Sunday and a pleasant winter day I think. I have been to meeting this A. M. My health is quite good at present, but My Maria's health has got a severe cold and she is most sick. we had a joyous visit with Jane and Mariah and were loth to let them go home, but alas the dearest of friends must part here below.

A great big pile of thanks to Thee my Mother from both of thy unworthy children for thy kind regard and remembrance in send us that nice bowl of Jella. I can tell thee I made it suffer one day when Maria was gone Dec^r 19 well after the space of a week I resume the task of writing. last Sunday I was broken off by the arrival of a house full of company and consequently I did not get time to finish it that day, and my evenings last week were either in labour which was ~~unavoidable~~ or taking care of the sick. Oh Mother I saw a young man, a cousin of mine

breath his last. I was with him last wednesday
night and I was at work close by on thursday ~~night~~
on thursday ^{night} I was up with him untill he died
which was between 12 and 1. I then helped lay
him out for the grave. he died with a bright prospect
of a better world in view. and oh how vividly that
passage of holy writ came to my mind. "Blessed
are the Dead that die in the Lord". God grant
that I may never see a wicked person die —
I had a letter from Deborah last night she wrote
that Irving had cut his foot and had a bad
swelling under his arm in consequence. she says Ella
is troubled with the diarrhea. she is going to try and
make you visit this winter. I must write her a letter
to day. Father was the cloth I sent the suitable
for the purpose that thee wanted it or not
I that it was the most suitable piece I
could find. please write often
to my Father { from your affectionate Son
and Mother { D Blewett

Dear Parents Albany Dec 12 1852

Now that navigation on the Lakes
have closed we ought to write often but
I have been very busy this fall and neglected it
so much. Adeline is quite sick today. Cold I think
her face is swollen and sore throat - high fever
&c. Martin is in Indiana and Southern Mich.
Our folks has renewed the contract to build Chicago
an Southern R. Road and he is helping them
get started. I expect him home soon. I went to
South Bend with him last week had a nice time
of course. I was to Ipswich two weeks ago.
Aunt & Maria both quite unwell with colds
had received letters from the boys after
their arrival in California all right there.

Emma has come too and is as good as
promised to visit Aunt and Maria now.
Charles is gone and can get no one to
take her. Aunt thinks as she would not come
with Charles she don't feel as though she could
send and bring her now.

Cousin Elizabeth Barker was here a few weeks
ago we had a good visit she did not stay long.
Susan has falling sickness fits and her motherhood
is difficult to have her. Elizabeth is fat as a pig
and of course don't look much as she used to
look younger than she did 20 years ago to me.

Mary Polly and Christina spent the day with
us yesterday Mary is very well her face is fat
and her cheeks red in good spirits and
happier than I am a great deal and that
is saying a good deal for her

'Papa' says Tell Grand Father and Grand Mother
she has got the Chicken Pox which is so
only Pox instead of Fox. Tell Sam Lib. R.
of Detroit is married to a widow in Ann Arbor
done well. So don't be discouraged now I
have no one to make my dresses again she
had just made me a black silk I must send
you a piece. Loomis has not come home
yet. Orris is working at teaming gets \$100
dollars per month is in company with one
Mr. Dufford I suppose it is Mary's brother
I don't feel a bit like writing today and
can't think of any news School closes next week
Christina intends to go to New Buffalo to spend
a week with a friend but I don't think she
will be well enough. She is taller than Mrs. Coan
and nearly as tall as myself she does just rate
since I have no other girls to make her ugly
we have had no snow to speak of yet - only a
few flurries makes quite cold today our cow does
bravely give a good crop of milk Provision is high
last Friday Butter 18 c per pound pork 6 dollars per
hundred wheat 75 to 80 c potatoes 50 c we have
a plenty of nice ones

Apples 50 & we have had plenty I have
not seen Mr. Aptons folks since you left Sam
and Daniel is in a store at Cracker Hill
Daniel Man was here a few days ago All well
Telegraphing has been good this fall and winter so
far My receipts have been from \$3 to \$6 per
week but dont exactly know where the money
goes to But suppose that cost \$25 and other
thing in proportion are up money some

Tell Jimmy Mr. B. Bought me a very pretty Sofa
this fall or

My Subject is exhausted after requesting you
to write often and making Sam write and tell
me if she has a bean or any new sheep. It
will bid you good bye

from your Affectionate daughter
Phoebe

[BM I heard that E.C. was up to Cleveland
about 2 weeks ago and thought he would come
here Tell him to write to me

PM

Fall River 12 mo 1852

My Dear Brother E. C.

It has been a long time since I had a letter from any of you and I have come to a conclusion that I must write before I shall receive one from any of you as I have not answered the last I have no excuse but the cares of my business and the cares of my family. This evening I thought I should like to hear from you and thought of no other way but ask in this way for a letter. We are all in usual health though some of us are not in good health our daughter Mary is still out of health but we think she has some improved within the past year. My health has been better of late it is some time since I have had one of my attacks I have not tried what the physician has advised me to as yet. We have come to the conclusion that it is owing to indigestion of my food and by particular care what I eat I have been better. I am advancing a long to old age I shall be 64 years old in the 2^d month 4 years older than my father was when he died I thought he was an old man Gideon Chace is still living and quite smart for a man of his age he is nearly 90 years old.

There ^{are} but a few of the old acquaintances living
in these parts a number has left us within
the past year the names are Oliver Chase who was
very wealthy left about 400,000 dollars left 3 sons
& one daughter Wm. Chad was known by latter
he left 100,000 dollars and only 2 daughters both
single the next was Jerry Wm. Slade who married
Phoebe Sawston. We will remember, he died this
fall and left a large property 200,000 dollars
his brother Nathan Slade died about 3 weeks
before Wm. he left about 75,000 never was
married his property goes most of it to Wm. family
who are two sons & one daughter. Cpt John
Pierce was buried last week has been sick
some time and was quite destitute his age
was about 90 years of age Brother Robert
Holds out Smart he is most of his time
in the ship yard has had the care of the
yard has built a number of large ships
within a few years some as large as 7 & 800 tons
has good wages & in good circumstances
though he has a feeble family his wife has
kept her bed for 20 years or more Cpt Henry
Slade has just called in this evening I told him
I was writing to Elizabeth Cornell he said he was
at the house a few years since and wanted I should
say that he had not forgot the and wished to
be remembered to the Henry & a fine man
much esteemed by us all

Richard Mitchell the man that we went
to Seppio to see when I was there lives in this
place keeps a store - I do not think of
any thing more to say at this time only
my wife and girls wish to be remembered to
the & family I want thy wife to take a
good share of my well wishes to her self
I should be glad indeed to see you here
one more if it could be so remember
me to Jerry & wife & Elijah and family
though I am not acquainted with them
I must come to a close as it is getting late
hoping that we may meet again while
here if not hope that we may take our
course ~~that~~ ~~here~~ that we may be permitted
to meet in a better world to come
Elijah Correll
Miller Chan

Dear Parents

Albion July 12

I take a few moments out
of whole cloth to tell you about our
silver Jane is well she has not been
sick for a day since she left.
has had no bad spells or any signs
of them. The neighbours ask me if
she is not better than she was
when she first came as she
looks better and she does she
is not so speckled with
a good visit at aunt Anna she
has probably told you of it
this is the first which I have
written that Jane has not read
and I knew you were anxious
to hear from some one beside
herself. You need have no
fears about her as she can come
home any time she wishes
I must go to washing so
farewell

Phil

Brentford Apr 30th /54

Dear Sister

I am all alone yet that is John has not got home yet, and I will write to every body I can think of to kill time I had a letter from my dear last week and he thought he would be home in two or three weeks coming isn't it? I take it as cool as possible knowing it is not his fault he is too good a boy to stay away when he can prevent it. he wrote for me to send you what money I thought best and got the nicest things as they were the cheapest in the end. you did not say whether I sent enough or not. I think the fashions change so often that it is best to get things that are passable and get the others what think you? I really hope Ezra and Mary Ann will come here when they go west why can't they? if they cannot I think I shall have to get E. to send my things by express from Buffalo if they go there if not from Detroit on the Great Western. I think they will come safe either way as they do not change cars this side the river on the B. B. & Godrich road and but once

on the G. W. and that is at Paris seven miles from
here it would answer every purpose to have them taken
to Albion if I was certain of going by the time they
go but I do not think I shall get away before
the last of June. I cannot go till past the middle
of June and it will be rather late for something
new then. I suppose you will wonder why I cannot go
one time as well as another if you will not tell
any body I will let you in to the secret now open
your eyes but don't be frightened I shall live
through it and then what a time. now look out
I am going to tell but you have not promised
that you would not divulge the secret. but you belong
to the lodge and I know you will not. so here
the cat comes out of the bag. Jane I am
taking music lessons and my term is not out till
the 18th of June so you see the necessity of my
remaining here John thought he could afford to
let me learn music he has hired a Melodion
for me to practice on and I feel as though I
ought to devote my whole attention to it. I thought
I would keep it still for fear that I should not
learn very fast but my teacher thinks I get
along first rate. I only have to pay six dollars

I do not know whether I will have to be initiated again or not

a team and take a lesson every morning except Saturday for twelve weeks. the Melochian came since John went away. I am going to be able to play four times for him when he gets back. I have not heard a word from Mary Ann she is not offended with me is she. I shall be very sorry if she is. and wish I had not sent for any thing. if the children are sick she is very busy especially if she is moving. Jane does. Ellen help her any more than she would to? I am hoping all the time that Mr & E. will come here. if they cannot please let me know when to look for my things. I am acquainted with the Baggage master here and can have him take the box in his charge when it comes. give my love to Maria and tell her I am sorry to hear that she is not enjoying good health. my love to Mother and all the rest and many thanks to you for your kindness. please write soon.

Your sister Molly

P.S. I heard yesterday that some gentlemen had been over and opened a good Templars Lodge in this place last week if that is so I am going to join

Albion Aug 6th 1854.

My Dear Father & Mother,

I have not written to thee since I have been here as yet. but will do so now. some time since when I wrote to Jane I said tell Father and Mother. I am agoing to write to them after I go and make Samuel Uptons folks a visite. I have not been there yet. but intended to go there to day after carrying Motty to her Brothers. but John came last night. and she and Motty & Mary have just started for Henrys. they will return to night so I have got disapointed about going to Uptons to day. and I dont care much. for I am run under the weather. I have worked to hard for the past two weeks. I am useing pople Bart Lea prittly freely and guess I shall get up soon. Thiram is a going to Teligrap hing. next week and then I shall have plenty more work to do. mine. and his too

We received Phebe's last letter, regret to learn
Merion is so feeble, perhaps a tour to
Michigan would restore her to health.

Edgar & Orson are well, Mart continues
smart, and all of the friends are as well
as usual, John Robertson is gaining
fast. Oris has not come yet. Hiram
and Mary are going up to Cyrus Robertson
to spend the afternoon, for about two weeks
we have had no rain, things are getting
very dry, the Wheat crop was rather
thin. Molly and I went a-berrying
yesterday and got a patient
pail full, and we feast now on berry
pies. Tell Phebe her house and things
are all right. Tell Jane I received her
letter before Phebe left. I shall ans it short-
ly. we have not heard anything particu-
lar about Orson, he is not so obdurate as
she fears. How does J. B. Magee make
things go now, is he likely to smash or not
what is E. B. C. doing, this summer, do they
hear from Nelson often, and is he steady
Please ask E. B. C. to see Huntmaster and

see if he has got any one to run his
Engine, and if he has not as E.B. to
see what Mr T. desires paying, and
engage it for me and I will come and
tent to, it as I fear farming is going
to be to hard bussness for me, if he can
t make arangements with Mr T. I shall
remain here untill spring. my price per
day is \$1.25. tell Jane if she will come
to Mich with Phebe and spend the win
ter. I will send her \$10, tods paying her
fare, we are a going to have a singing
school, and she can learn to sing. if
she chooses, I shall have to bring
this to a close for the want of anything
to write. pleas accept this from your
son. O. I have just thought of someth
ing to write more. how does Mother like
her new Condition as Jane calls it. I
hope it convenient and handy. I suppo
se Jane ~~stirred~~ stirred herself in fixing up
for the Rich relation, what a grand
thing it is to have rich relation a pe
rson can have all of the money they

want to build castles in the air with
if they only have rich relation Well
I will conclude with my love to all. tell
Phoebe let this suffice for her letter for the
present from your affectionate son

Eduard S. Cornell

Elyzah & Eunice Cornell

Ithaca 9th and 7th 1854

Dear wife and Children Thinking
you would like to know if it has been any Rain in
Ithaca I thought I would inform you that we have
been blest with a good Rane and a good clear
atmosphere after it we are as well as usual
Mary Williams has received a letter from her
father informing her that he has sold out and
is going West But where he does not say -
Now I would like to write a great Deal more but
you have been gone so little time that there
seems but little to write about only that the
Knobble face Cow has been caned for and satisfactory
attended to this morning I want you to write
and if you have nothing to write about there
is enough of you to make up something
please inform me about uncle Daniels prospect
about coming out here

Elijah Cornell

Dear Parents Allion May 27th 1855

As I have not heard from home in a long long time I thought you would like to hear from me. and perhaps thereby I might be fortunate enough to get a letter from Jane I am ^{Present} well at I commed this letter a week ago and forgot what I was going to say now on the last summer. or when I need
This is a cold windy day. ^{writing the above I was suddenly called away, and put} Hiram, Mary & Ellen ^{the letter by and did not take it again until one week} went up south last night to spend this after commed it. Sunday. and left Moot & Evee with Angelina and myself to keep house. I came here from the State of Indiana the 12 of May where I have been repairing Telligraph line and Chopping wood I am stationed at the Crossing where the Southern Mich. & Northam. Indiana Rail road crosses the New Albany and Salem R.R. where there is a large tract of Buck & Maple lumbered land and our line is fastened on trees that are standing on the line of a contract a couple of men has taken of the R.R. Co to chop off they pay 75 cts per cord for chopping. and when there is nothing to do on the line. I chop wood I have chopped two cords and put the same in rack. between sun & sun making twelve shillings per day with my board. and then a recompence from the Tell. Co besides which is doing

Some better than I have ever done before but there
~~is~~ is some inconvenience attending the same
which is this. The Tell Co furnishes me with no
money. and as I have bills to pay. I have ^{to} appropriate
my wood earnings to the paying of the bills. and as
the ~~secretary~~ ^{Treasurer} of the Tell Co is tardy about paying me
I feel some embarrassment about matters when my
board becomes due and my pocket is minus of the
change to pay it with. but the Tell. Co is good
for every cent they contract for. and the returns
will come some time or other. I suppose I have
been away two weeks waiting for a pass on M.C. R.R. and as
Mort has promised me one I shall wait until it
comes. fortunately for me I have been busy. to work
for Hiram Crook. Angelina is leaving to
Telligraph we think she will make a good one
I am a going to have her write you some as she has
never written any. nor myself but little since we
were Married. I have heard from you lately
by way of Elijah letter to Phoebe. now I should like
to step in and spend the day with thee Father
& Mother. & Jane. what has become of her that I
hear nothing from her is she full of business tell
her to come to Mch and have a resting spell
who works the Pottery now Magee has left please write
all of the news and Oblige Your Son E. S. Correll

To Father. Mother & Jane turn over and read
Angelina's letter

Dear Parents

I feel rather delicate about opening a correspondence as I never have heard from you. but as Edward told you I was a going to write before I had a knowledge of the fact it must form my only excuse. I came to ~~off~~ ^{off} ~~Harvards~~ last Thursday where I shall remain two or three weeks found them all enjoying usual health. Mary and I called to Phoebe yesterday they have all got over the War Fever and Phoebe and Arline had gone to Detroit. Edward returns to Indiana to morrow I feel a little lonely when he is away tho Mary is kind and sociable and I enjoy myself very much in her society. yours truly

A. M. Cornell

Father, I hold a note against Alwso of one hundred dollars which I wish thee to collect the money on and send it by Elijah B when he comes to Michigan again to me. I am preparing to buy me a farm and must have it. I here send thee the Note and his letter he wrote me concerning it in the winter, if he makes any apology for not paying it show him the letter. and he, I think, will not quibble. and Oblige Thy Son E. S. C.

Albion Aug 8th 1855

Dear Mother

Eggs and May have been writing to Abner, and I will take the opportunity to enclose a few lines to thee I was quite surprised to find they were here, I was up to Laramie when they came and did not know anything about it until they had been here several days - I am very well indeed - people tell me I look a great deal better than when I first came - I think Michigan air must agree with me - I am very sorry to hear thee does not get better of that lameness any faster - but am in hopes it is gradually wearing off - that is generally the way with the Rheumatism - I hope thee and Father will make up your minds to come here and spend the winter at least - I think it would be a great deal pleasanter for you and you surely could be more comfortable - I somehow cannot banish the thoughts of going back to Fall-creek to live - and if E. B.'s folks come west it will be worse yet - Laramie and May feel rather down about their wheat crop - it was very much injured by the rain during harvest - they had a larger crop than ever before but they would be very glad indeed to have you come, and so would all the rest - the children often speak of you, and ask when you are coming - we do not hear a word from Daniel - has he written home since I left? - Edward and Angeline are at Laramie yet - Give my love to Father - tell him not to work as hard as he used to - I will close with much love to thee - ask Father to write again -

Affectionately, Your daughter

Jane Smith

Albion Aug 26th 1856

Dear Mother

I have been thinking about writing to thee for some time but have not got at it until now - I received thy and Father's letter one week ago today on coming down from Hiram - I was very glad to hear from you - but I felt bad to think of your being all alone - it seems as though I was not doing right in staying away from you - and yet if I should go back to Itasca, I should not be able to be at home much more than I am now - how I wish thee and Father could sell off what you do not want and come here and live! Hiram and Mary have been here today and we have been talking it over they think it would be the best thing you could do - I can get all the sewing I want to do here at the same price I feel in Itasca, the second house above.

Now that I think could be set if you had
rather keep home. The old gentleman that
owned it is not at home his house - it is a
pleasant place. Now I expect that I think
I do not care anything about them and that
only for my own pleasure - but it is not so
I think of you often and feel so that it
ends in a real crying spell - but I do think
as long as they have ~~nothing~~ ^{space} to amuse
ourselves we had and his kindness must all
be thanks, he might partly be and
arrange for you to come beside
Edward is not ~~staying~~ yet - he says he
would go to France if he could get any-
thing to do there - but Angeline does not
want to go - and the girls think if they
should go you would be obliged to have some
one to do the work - for he should be as ordered
as that - she don't seem to be much inclined
to work - I received a letter from Molly last
week - they were with the boys when she
wrote - they have since she went to ~~Stonington~~
she thinks he is going to St. Paul after she
gets ~~married~~ ^{married} living

Now tell them I would be with them
though I have cleared out most of my room
the deep machine was sent on to the
week and the rest was forced over the
back - I thought things were going to get
the worst yet if I came away - I don't think
he has done so if you have to get away
the way you wrote - they have said if she
went to New York with Eliza she was going
to get there a new dinner - I will enclose
two dollars to pay thee for getting my shirt
and they have one too dollars to send thee
for her - have always yet some cloth and
some that is full of cloth making -
have my love and tell him he must
read this letter in answer to his - I will
try and write to him soon - I want him
to write again if it is only a few lines
and then too I can send anything you
write without any difficulty - I am afraid
you cannot pay as much about my writing
do not let anyone read this but Father
I will close with much love
Affectionately your daughter Jane Anne

Ithaca April 13 1857

Dear parents

It affords me pleasure to be able to inform you that we are in the enjoyment of our usual health, and I believe it is a general time of health among our friends & acquaintance in this vicinity. Ezra and Abner & Ellen got home last night and I learned by the way of Mr Wood who saw Ezra last evening that you had made up your minds not to return to Ithaca I therefore told Mr Wood that I would take one of your cows the one that came in this spring, he says she is worth \$30 which I will pay you as soon as I can get the money or in other words when ever you want it if I have to sell the cow again to raise it; Mr Wood said he would keep the other cow and heifer and allow you what was right after taking out their keeping and \$7.00 he said you were owing him

I went down to Fall Creek yesterday to get some pansnips I went in the lot opasit Hilsons and found some that were very nice I measured one that was two feet and eight inches long and 14 inches around the top I guess that is as large as any they can raise in Michigan

unless they have father there to plant and
hoe them, William is now at home but will
go back again in a few days Nelson has not
been home this spring, Johns folks are as
well as usual, Your house and things are all
safe but it looks rather lone some to go down
there, I think taking all things in to consideration
that it will be better for you to stay at
Michigan for the present until we get settled some
how, It seems that I am too poor to get away
from Ithaca and Ezra is too rich to stay here.
So I don't know what we shall do, at any rate
the tendency of the children seems to be westward
and probably I shall be along when the time is
right, as regards your neighbours at Fall Creek
I know nothing about them, There was some
talk of a paper mill being built at Fall Creek
this summer but I believe it has all fell through
business is very dull here this spring, I have not
earned a dollar since I came from the west and
there don't appear to be much prospect of any
building here at all this summer

Please remember me to Jane and the rest
of my friends in Mich

To Father & Mother

From your affectionate Son
E. B. Cornell

Iowa April 15th 1856
Dear Grandparents

Receiving a letter a few days ago from Uncle Ezra with an inquiry from you after Uncle Buffum Chase and at his suggestion I presume a duty which has been neglected and which I hope will never again be neglected. We are all well except father who has a bad headache to which he is often subject with that exception we never enjoyed better health.

We are all at home except Elijah who is at Gammeset Mills at work and Edward he is Iowa we had a letter a week since from him he writes that he is very much pleased with the country thinks that every one ought to settle there and us in

particular thinks father can go into the milk business profitable there or I suppose do any thing he likes if he will only flee to the Paradise of earth father has the western fever once in a while and some times talks a little of going when the shakes is on Today is as beautiful a day as one would wish to see in spring a little cold for this time a year but much more healthy than warm weather the grass looks quite green and the buds of the trees are considerable swollen we have had a very cold winter had two months ~~staying~~ sleighing which luxury father has not enjoyed since was a milkman which is over twenty years But to return to Uncle Buffum he was quite well the last we heard from him he is a smart old gentleman and will walk as many miles as most young gentlemen now a days (unless they are following

after a few innocent birds and then it is
surprising to observe what energetic and
persevering pedestrians inhabit the earth)
he has not been here since February than he
was not well and was obliged to hurry home
Uncle Miller's family are well he lives
in Fiverton Mass is farming and carry
on the Miller business the oldest
daughter is married and lives in Fall
River Mass Mary the second is in
this city studying French boards with
Cousin Daniel Gould Uncle Robert's
family is ~~as~~ the same as usual their only
one healthy one in the family and that
is the oldest Uncle Robert has been quite
unwell this winter I am not acquainted
with Uncle Palmer widow or the
family she lives in Fall River and
some of the children I go once in a
while to here aunt Polly Pettis tell of

of Grandpa Cornell she lives with her
granddaughter Dawson a few steps below
our house she is as well as can be expected
of so old an lady, has walk with a cane
ever since I remember

Father sends his love and would like to
see you in Providence as we all should.

Emice is quite a large girl she goes
to school and teases father to move west
so she can see Grandfather and Mother
I am almost ashamed to ask for a letter
from you having neglected to write for
so many years but still I should be very
thankful for one

With much love

I remain your affectionate

Granddaughter

R. Chace

Elisha Cornell

Albion
Mich

Albion July 26 1858

Dear Sister

I write to you not knowing as E. would get this in time if I should direct it to him. Edward was here the day after Ezra left and was very much disappointed in not seeing E.

He left his note with me and can't think of being disappointed about the money & our heir as he paid 50 dollars down and is to pay the balance the first of Sept and forfeit what he has paid and will lose the land if he fails to fulfil his part of the contract. It will not be possible for him to do it if Ezra don't get the money for him you see it is an urgent case and I hope you

will see Ezra to put him in
mind of it. Ed wants the money
soon by the middle of Aug.
Mother is very homesick she
wants to get to Houskeeping
very soon. If they cant have
a house bought here they will
go back I think.
No more hope to hear from
you soon.

Jane is busy herself to death.
With her friends were rich
enough to help her a little
so she would not have to
work by the day. it is a
dreary thing for a girl
to have a poor father
if my family was not so large
so that it costs us so much
to live. Jane should not work
out another day. With no plain
affectionately

Shub Wood

Brantford 1st Jan 1857

My Dear Sister

I have just arrived at this place, and will embrace the first opportunity and let you know how I am, and what for a time I had coming home.

Well to begin with I have got entirely over my cold, and feel as well as a pin but I had rather a hard time of it coming here.

I stayed at Coctand the Sunday night after I left home and it rained all of that night quite hard. Monday morning I had the blues pretty bad for fear that the snow would leave me in the mud. Fortunately it commenced snowing Monday about 7 o'clock and kept it up pretty well I thought for three days. I drove in the storm Monday until three o'clock, and I think I never suffered so much in a storm before. I was completely snowed in so that I did not go out of the house for two days and then it was almost impossible to get along, but I kept a going slowly and finally got to Jordan. I found my horse nearly well, so that I ventured to drive him although very slowly.

I was glad enough to get home. and the folks here was equally as glad to see me. I have just been up to Mr Brumms where I found them fully prepared to receive calls by bring New Years. and by the way. I wish you a happy new year. I never saw a house more elegantly furnished than Mr Brumms is.

There is several pictures hanging up in the room that each fifty dollars each. and a Piano that each over three hundred. and an other piece of furniture that is nicer than all. and that is Mrs Brumms sister alady about 18 years old. and pretty handsome. and very clever. I called at her fathers in Brock Port as I came home. and brought her rather sad news from him. Since she left home he has become insane so that they sent him to Utica. to the Asylum Monday of this week. Mrs B. nor Mary her sister had not heard a word of his illness until I told them. You can better imagine how they felt than I can tell you.

I stopped at Macys at Rochester and saw Robert. they were all well as usual. I did not see Nancy. she was out to one of the neighbors.

I am a gory blood up in the morning to
go back to St Catharines with man that I
sold coming home. it is only 12 miles
this side of the line and I expect that I
shall be so home sick that I shall want
to "crop over" when I get there

I think of nothing more now that
will interest you So I will close with love
to all. I shall expect a letter from you soon

Affectionately

Your Brother

John D. Cornish

J. J. Am.

Albion Jan 5th 1857

Dear Sister Mary Ann

I have not forgotten
my promise of writing to you, and should
not have neglected it so long, but had no pen
that I could write with until today.

Mother is no better than when you left
she seemed better for a day or two - and
if you remember ^{the} ~~best~~ very good then
Sunday night before you started for home.

Tuesday or Wednesday we sent for the Dr.
again, but did not succeed in getting him
until two or three days after - he being out of town
most of the time - and not getting the word,
she was very miserable all this time - nights
in particular - the Dr. thought her disease

seemed to be of an intermittent character
and thought if he could succeed in preventing
the ~~the~~ periodical return of ^{the} paroxysm's she
would get right along - but she did not improve
very fast under the influence of his medicine - I
think she took a little cold - I suppose by getting
up so much in the night - she had such a
tightness across her chest and thus difficulty of
breathing, it seemed at times as though she
could hardly endure it - she commenced taking
in a new kind of medicine last Saturday
which she thought did not agree with her
she was worse Saturday night than ever - did
not get any rest scarcely - Mary came down
yesterday and staid until this morning - she slept
pretty good the fore part of the night -

There is a Mrs Stoddard here to night a widow
woman Mary got to come - she says she is a
good nurse in business - Mother thinks if she
could sleep where she could have more

and better air, she should not be so disturbed
we are going to bring a bed down from up
stairs and put it up in the parlor, and see how
that will go - she seems to want nursing more
than medicine - glad to hear of your safe arrival
home - when is Eben coming west again?
No time to write more at present - write soon

Affectionately your sister

Mrs E. Correll

John

Dear Father,

Pine River Aug 3rd 1859

As I have been writing to Phoebe I thought I would write thee a few lines I suppose thee has a fine garden of vegetables this summer, the fruits of diligence and care, my garden like my other things are very backward, we have not had any snow from it yet except new potatoes, our crops of all kinds promises an abundant harvest, I shall have quite half an acre of potatoes enough for myself and some to spare, James thinks he will have an acre of potatoes on his own place besides ~~1/4~~ of an acre on Kungas he has been very diligent in getting all kinds of stuff planted on his own place, his boys Daniel & Irving are at work chopping down to his farm while he and I am working Kungas farm, our wheat is very plump we have harvested it, we have three acres a piece of the stoutest corn I ever saw growing any where, it stands taller by four feet than I am, on an average I wish thee was able and had a chance to visit our country this fall, thee would say thee never saw any country to go a head of it, in respects to fertility and growth of produce, I should like to hear from thee personally if thy sight is

good enough to write me a letter, sometime
I have in former times found thy correspondence
very acceptable and should like to have
the renew it whenever thou hast time and incli-
nation. I have two good cows this sum-
mer which gives all the milk we want to
use, we make considerable butter to sell; we
are raising two calves one pig and a hoste
of chickens. Aug 4th. it is a rainy morning
and I will finish my letter, we have frequent
showers this summer, I presume you have
plenty of rain in Albion this Season, Father,
I want Benjamin Cornell to come and live with
me. I think we can do better by him, than Ann
Caywood, or even he, himself; for I have understood
that he is strolling about the country working
here, & there, just as it happens. I have written
Ezra to gett him, and bring to me if he will
come, what does thee think of that? As I have
already written so much of the paper, that I shall
not have enough left to envelop the writing, I
will procede trusting to Phebes integrity not to
read it, but hand it directly to thee. I am a
fraid that our late scarcity of provisions
in this County will put a damper on emig-
ration, to the northern part of Michigan, the
present prospect of the heavy crops will greatly
diminish the prevailing rumor that we are all
starving to death up here. Affectionately Thy Son E. S. Cornell
Elijah Cornell

To Father

Fall River 9 mo 10 1837

My dear brother E Cornell

Feeling at this time as though I should like to here from the I imbrace a few leisure moments to write the not withstanding I last wrote - I want to here how thy health is and the rest of thy family, there -

I have not ^{now} to write about I sent the a paper giving the a count of the death of Brother Robert Wife & son of the Rev. Mrs. - The Obituary notice was wrote by our daughter Mary

Robert M was a great sufferer for a long time before his death his mother ~~suffered~~ was not so great untill a short time before her death

Robert felt very lonely him & two grand sons & a here girl are all of his family as Richard I must ~~of~~ the time at George Pieringam

he has got attached to the family & they to him he seems to be a pailling I think he will not live long he has a hard cough & Pain in his side most of the time - We have lately recd

a letter from Paul Cornett the son of Paul he thinks of making us a visit between this & winter - Our girls ~~often receive~~ of letter from him or his younger Brothers

Paul Cornell has three sons Paul John
and Ezra no daughters It seems that Mary
left one daughter that lives with her Uncle
Paul - We have recd letters from her Paul
Is all that is living of his father family
he writes me that he feels lonely there being
all that is left of the family He is 62 years
Old - Sister Rhoda left two daughters
& one son the eldest daughter is married
to Daniel Gould she with her husband
& sister have moved to Liverpool Iowa
he is doing business in that city keeping
a Carpet & Furniture store in a large scale
I have wrote considerable in this and came
to a close I can say that we are all in
good health at this time our family
number small at home - The eldest is
married has 2 children the 2^d is spending
some time in ~~Worcester~~ ^{Quincy} our youngest is
at home makes three of us beside a hired
man & woman - My wife & daughter
give me so much love to you all
from thy brother
Elijah Cornell Miller Chase

Albion Sept 17 [1856]

Dear Father

I miss thee very much
and If I did not think thee
was better of I should be long the
had gone Orson took good
care of the Pig till he got sick
with dysentary and therefore
and I had to feed him I guess
he has got a streak of lean
Mary was down today she is
well A ~~fun~~ is ~~some~~ bad news
Uncle John and aunt Polly have
broke all up again and gone to
Meriams and Chris has come here
I dont know why as I have not seen
any but Orson and he dont tell any
reasons. We have not heard from Jane
and Edward. Coon has been sick but is
well now we get fair milk at Bray
for the Pig and at Sacketts when Dolly
dont run away. So as not to get
milker. Tell Jane that Mattie Gompson
was married in church Tuesday one
o'clock.

Thy Daughter
Chloe Wood

Dec 27th 1857

My Dear Father

Thy precious letter was rec'd yesterday, and thee may be assured it was read with much interest and pleasure, for it is the first intelligence we have had from any of our friends either at Albion or Ithaca since Ezra was here, and we began to think that we were forgotten by you all.

I have come up to Edwards this morning to get away from the noise of the children, in order to write thee as good an answer as I can, but I fear that it will be but a poor return for thy kind and affectionate letter. It will not be deficient in affection however for there is not a day passes but thee is with me in memory, or secretly a night but thee and other dear friends are present in dreams,

and it has been my greatest consolation in the long interval of silence that has intervened between our correspondance, that I have nightly assembled with many of you in dreamland and held sweet intercourse with the absent loved ones. If my father's early household, while both of my dear parents were near with their kind and affectionate ^{care} rendering the interview one of extreme delight.

My dear
Please tell Jane that I shall feel neglected if she does not write to me soon. We have butchered our hogs - had so much poor corn that we could afford to make them pretty good. It is a beautiful day warm and pleasant. Summer is covering his stable. Ed has gone to the mill to get some lumber to make a ^{new} ~~the~~ ^{new} floor. J.B.W.

but alas! to awake in the morning and find it all a dream" and to realize that I never again can enjoy such blessed communion, saddens my feelings and makes me almost wish for wings that I might fly away and find that congenial companionship which I prize so much and which I am so entirely deprived of. But the chatter of little voices around me soon brings my mind back to the even tenor of every day life, and I find enough to occupy my time and attention, without indulging in vain wishes, but enough of the nightly intercourse is retained, to make the day pass agreeably, and a continuation of the same intercourse makes the pillow eagerly sought. Thus week after week has passed and I began to think I should never know any thing else of my ^{future} except in dreams.

We have been moved back on our place about a week and are all in the enjoyment of good health except myself and Irving. He is laid up with the rheumatism in his knee and part of the time is so he can not walk a step. I am afraid if he does not get better soon it will become a settled infirmity the limb swells at times very much but does not pain him all the time unless he hurts it.

The difficulty of my babes back increases it is now larger than a teacup and still she grows and is more quiet than any of my babes have been if she lives and we can find no remedy it will be a great deformity. The weather has not been near as severe with us as it was last month, snow

is about 4 inches deep but the mud is much deeper and the going is very bad. We shall look very much for Hiram & Mary up here if the going improves a little by New years, but may be disappointed. Has John moved to Ithaca or is he only on a visit. If he is there yet please give my love to him and Mary and the dear babe and remind him that I answered the kind letter he wrote me last spring, and directed to Toronto, supposing that he was from home when he mailed me a letter from since which time I have not heard a word from them until thy letter, I shall ever bear in remembrance his kind and sympathizing offer of assistance in our extremity, if needed, and should be very glad to have a letter from him and not only occasionally, and Elijah and Betsy come, too how I want to see them all and their families, Ezra and Mary come, Jane, Phebe, are they never again, to write to us again, if we can not see you a letter is the next best thing, and I hope we shall be more favored with them than we have been. It has just commenced snowing and bids fair to be a hard storm. We have each got a large clay fireplace in our log houses which makes them much more comfortable, but tell Ezra that they are very neat with jambs and a smooth hearth and are much better looking than the one he saw in our house last summer,

Ernie is going to teach school in the house
we lived in & she commences tomorrow, has
12 shilings a week and is boarder but probably
she will be at home and to Ed's a good share of
the time, she footed it through the woods to
the board of inspectors about 6 miles a few weeks ago
and got the requisite license for a teacher of common
schools for one year, and by what I hear, went through
with the ceremony with a much better grade than
her mother did on a certain occasion which perhaps
they will remember, she likes teaching and
is better contented in school than at home.
The little children all remember Grandpa
and Freddy frequently tells Cory when he is
doing wrong that grandpa will say
but, but, if he does not stop.

Our folks are very busy - and I suppose always
will be as long as they are able to work.

Edward is planing and putting up a partition
in his house today and James is drawing
corn stalks.

I think I have written as
much as thee will care to read, especially as
my ink is so pale, it is home made ink
and the only kind to be obtained in here
we are glad to be remembered by the cheerful
things the mentioned they will come good as we are
getting rather destitute of clothing but have not,
come to the extremity yet that some of our neigh-
bors did long ago, and that is to cut up meal
bags to make childrens clothes of and will, I
hope, profit by thy kind advice to divide them
amicably between us from thy ever affectionate daughter
Selrah & Wood

mother I hope if thy wife and I hear it is advised these will write
to us again, we know they seldom say much