

Wheatland  
Monday

My dear Lois,

I could not get a moment to write to you yesterday. In the morning every one went to Church but me & in the evening I went. Your father had nice congregations both times & seems very much pleased with the little Church. Of course, Mr. J. has told you how glad I was to get your letter & how glad I was that you had two such pleasant surprises as a visit from Buck & one from James. I am thankful to hear such good accounts of my little treasure & expect he will have forgotten Mamma & devoted himself to Lodie & to the still further pander of Marmy. I have not heard since Mr. J's letter of Friday – but expect to get Saturday's and Sunday's later today. I do not feel uneasy, however, as I know you will all take good care of my little darling & of each other. I think Uncle is steadily improving. His appetite has in some measure returned & his strength is much revived. If this goes on I will certainly be able to get home this week, but it is not worthwhile for Mr. Johnston to come for me – indeed I will not be able to let him know in time. So when I am ready I will start & will telegraph to him & if he chooses he can meet me in York. In view of this, you need not send me the trunk but tomorrow (Tuesday) if possible send one of the market baskets with 2 boxes of strawberries in a tin kettle in it [sic]. I want the kettle to take home some butter. Also ½ doz. Oranges – 1 night gown – 1 pr. drawers – 1 under handkerchief – pink cambric dressing sack – bottle of hair tonic & sponge & little jar for my hair tonic – some of the largest size N. Y. writing paper & envelopes – a good deal of it. This is all I shall want if I am kept here a week – therefore I hope the trunk has not started. In the store room you will find a little black bottle marked "Whiskey J. B." Ask Mr. J. to fill it with his good rum & put it in the basket. Also a loaf of bread & tie it very securely & start it off tomorrow or Wednesday. Your father talks of going home tomorrow or next day if Uncle is well enough. Netzie will not get off for sometime. She looked right pale when we came up but looks very well now. Blanche & Alice & John Nevin were here. I could not see them but met John & Pattie in Church last night. I am sorry you did not enjoy your party. I hope you had refreshments for them. I sent you a message by Peter from the station. Did he deliver it? Make Mr. J. drive you every afternoon & go about & enjoy yourself as much as possible & do not get lonesome or homesick. Kiss Baby over & over & tell Marmy she ought to have him saying Mamma when I get back. Lots of love to Mr. J. & yourself. I hope Eliza & Margaret & John & Peter & all are doing well. Ever yours.

Affectionately,  
Harriet

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