

as broad across the shoulders as I but not
as large around the waist - she is awful
anxious to come she says she knows "she
will like aunt Louise and grand ma"
and think she will like Marcia she wants
to see her cousins well we can not
tell yet - "may be and may be not -"

Clay says tell Willis if he wants
to work in the woods he had better
go to Prentice or Phillips he thinks
perhaps he might get work at Marshfield
on the water works there is now great call
for help here just now there is quite
a number of buildings being put up
the carpenters are pretty busy

I wish I could talk with you on some
matters which I do not care to write -
tell Louis if I do come I shall stay
longer than three days. Well I
guess you are about tired of this
scribbling so give my respects to all
old friends and love to Louise

P. J. Johnson

At 7

Cobby

Oct - 16th
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Dear Sister

I think it about
time I answered your kind letter which
came to hand in due time "I am so neglectful
about writing" I am always so glad to receive
letters then I think I will answer right away
but keep putting off writing until tomorrow
well as an excuse I must say I do not feel
very well any of the time and I chore around
until I am so tired and lazy I have
been lying quite a time with a bad
cold lately it is very sickly here among
the children there is a complaint of the
throat - but the doctors can not agree one
calls it diphtheria and the other say it is
not at any rate it seems to be contagious
there has been three deaths our nearest
neighbor little boy died this morning I
thought I would go right over there it seems
so bad for them to be alone but I

felt so over sick my self then I talked
with another neighbor and she thought -
perhaps they would not like us to lay
out their dead for they are catholics so
I concluded not to go but there was one
of their german friends went in and
lent him out and the doctor was there
too. I see they are making an outside
coffin probably they intend to bury
as soon as possible they have three
men that have had it but are better
we have been having very nice weather but -
it has turned cold today seems most like
snow they are intending to have quite
a time here next friday "Columbus day"
I do not thoroly know what they are going
to do. Hope I will get over my cold so that
I can go and see what kind of permormance
it is and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th of next month the
catholics have a great fair I suppose I
will want to go one or two evenings to
see them I suppose you heard Clay was
down to Oshkosh to the grand lodge he
left home saturday evening intending to
go over and see you all on monday

but he was taken sick sundy night and
he was expected back here fridy
night - so he did not get over there
He said he told Marcia that I and
the children were coming down before
long I told him ought not to tell her
so for there is nothing certain about -
it we have talked a good deal about
trying to come down there this fall
but - I have been having my house sided
up and cornices put on and it cost me
most \$25 - so I can not come unless the
boys can help me Clay says if he gets
work he will help me all he can^{he} has
no stady job just now Jamie says he
will have quite a little coming to him
when his gear is up in the printing
office and if he can get his pay he
will help me quite a bit - our rail
road fare would be about \$25 -
I wanted to come in warm weather
but my health was so poor I did
not feel like going any where you
would be surprised to see what a
great big fat girl Mattie is she is

game & children
came



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