

My beloved Daughter

How do you get along  
without your sisters, or myself? Do you  
all miss me much? I suppose by this  
time you are in the enjoyment of your  
little stove and can have the parlor  
nice & warm all to yourself to read  
& practice. Have you the large stove in the  
dining room and how does it answer?  
Have any of the girls been to see you yet?  
Tell me how you spend your time and  
what you have been doing since I left.  
Joshua dear little Willie wants itty  
Task to do a great many things for him  
since itta is not there. Does he seem to  
miss me. Does he realize my absence.  
I suppose your Pa told you who he saw  
drunk in Woodstock. I think you will  
see that you have no cause to regret  
having taken your Mother's advice.  
I have heard from the girls three times  
since I have received a letter from C.

yesterday. Poor thing I feel very uneasy  
about her. She has what they call whooping  
cough but why that should have stopped  
her monthly sickness is something I cannot  
see through. I think it must be cold.  
I enclose her letter which will tell you  
a great deal. I am disappointed I  
think the Circular says that all neces-  
sary attention of servants is provided.  
I think they are falling short this  
year. Making beds & sweeping is very good  
exercise but this carrying of wood &  
water I do not like, the wood wet &  
dirty especially. Mrs B told you that the  
wood was carried and they kept up  
the fire, this was not objectionable.  
I am going to tell Laura she must tell  
Mrs B exactly how Cornelia is affected  
and also that it is out of the question  
for them to think of changing their  
boarding because it is already paid.  
I expect Comfort Laughlin to see me  
next week. She is going to bring me  
some hard soap and whips & a look-  
ing glass. So they need not send soap  
from home. I have bought a ball of  
soap about as large as a tin for  
which I paid two dollars. Shoes are  
60¢ kid gloves 16¢ cotton ones 8¢ sugar-4¢  
butter-4¢ and so on every thing high in  
proportion. I will write a little to  
your Grandma on the blank part of  
B's letter. Goodbye. With a Mother's love  
and blessing I remain your Mother