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Mr. Harris,

Athens O.

My Darling Joe:- Your letter was rec'd last evening. I am glad you are getting better, but of course sorry you can not be at work when you want to work so much. I think I can sympathize with you pretty fully in that, but not entirely of course. But you must just be patient until the Dr. says you can go to work. Remember you are getting a rest something you have not had for a long time, and if you do not worry too much it may mean a great deal to you. You must not hesitate so much to speak of your financial embarrassments

when you get where that condition of affairs exists most of the time, as it does with some of the rest of us, you will not feel that it is such a delicate matter. Please do not hesitate to speak of such things to me, you know it is not a new subject in our home, and it does not alarm me in the least. You have done more already this summer than many of the boys who went out from here last year. I should not have expressed so much anxiety for seeing you, but do not pay any attention to that. Come when it suits you in every respect and

it will be all right.
I think our love in the
condition it is in would
stand a year's ~~at~~ separation
if necessary. Father stays
away nine weeks sometimes
and seems to like Mother
just as well as ever when
he returns, so cheer up
things will turn out all
right. If I only had
you here a little while
& I could be at Chauncey,
or wherever you are, I would
make you forget your
troubles for a little while
I think. If you don't quit
worrying about things I expect
I will have to hitch up to
the wheel-barrow and come
down.

We are getting along just fine keeping house. Elsie and I get out and brag on the garden and talk across the road with Mrs Bumgharner since the lady of the house is gone. The milk-man comes along so early, (about 5 o'clock) that we can not manage to waken so early, so we have to set our cups out all night. Why not plump all one can during vacation? I am trying to make up some work in that line ahead for next winter. Do you still have trouble to plump? I have been reading up some of my Latin this week but my eyes will

not stand very much work. I am using them very carefully and do not worry about them any more. I have left that entirely in God's hands and hope they will get stronger. Lex is threatened with malaria fever again but I think he is getting it broken up all right. If you should see Mother I would rather you would not mention it to her as I know she would want to come home and I do not want to spoil her visit when there is no need of it. I did not get your letter that you sent Sat. until Mon. morning

so I was not disappointed.
Now be good to my dear
Joseph and do not tel-
him worry,
May God bless you and
keep you, and restore
you to perfect health
again.
Your own true Sweetheart
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