

[Letter from Nellie Knight to her brother Arno Knight; Arno is in Colorado recovering from a broken leg]

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Dear Brother:

As it is so fearful warm here to day I cant seem to do much guess I will drop you a few lines and when you get them you will say Oh! another letter from Nell. Why it is has been terrible hot here the past two weeks and very smokey there must be a large fire somewhere we heard this morning there was a large fire in Lewiston a large amount of lumber and buildings burnt probably we shall hear particulars in the papers. The prizers have been here yesterday and this forenoon W.H. Hodges, Joel Mahoney and Albert Knight. They prized the cushion lot a thousand dollars I believe I don't know how much they prized farm and every thing combined guess Ave does

What do you think about selling the cushion lot got to sell something to pay debts mother hates dreadfully so do we all to sell it poor old father held on to it through thick and thin Ave says if he only had money he would buy it we have a year to pay the debt before they can sell off any thing I believe. Mother has been wanting to write to you but cant seem to get at it and it is quite a task for her to write

Think A.A. is a good administrator and it is such a care from mother

Mother is good deal better now than she has been all summer. I try to take good care of her. Belle Stetson is at home on her vacation Annie Drake gets to Boston to night on a visit. Jamie Thomas has gone off to Colorado or California guess they hardly know which they talk of going after him he has left his girl they had the time set for the wedding to, Annie Spaulding is his girl think he has acted mean if stories are true.

Jamie Tucker and wife have had two or three knockdowns and he is going to leave her he has commenced this morning back to Belfast guess nobody cares very much Fans school is three weeks longer she intended to write to you Sunday but we had company and did not get chance to, Have you wrote any poetry since you have got able to write.

Hope you will gain rapidly now and get smart and strong as ever

Guess I have wrote all the news I write so often that my stock of news has exhausted I know you like to hear from home often as you don't have much to take up your mind. Ernest said in his last letter you did not feel as if you could hold a girl on your knees it reminded me of How I used to try them when you were at home do you remember?

How I would like to drop in and see you a while this very day

Well Arno write as often as you feel like it we are so glad to hear from you any day  
Now Arno Good Bye for to day  
Your same old sister Nell  
Every time