

[Letter from Nellie Knight to her brother Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado and has had his leg broken badly in a mine explosion]

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N.B. dont let any one read this.

Hey Darling Brother;

will write you a few lines to take up your suffering mind perhaps for a few moments. Well my old darling we are all so glad you escaped with your life and gaining of course it is very tedious and wearing to wait so long but "we should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer" you know, try and keep up good courage and dont fret and worry because that wont help you any more you know, and we want you to get real smart and strong again as soon as the Lord will permit cant you get some good paying employment this winter and fall if you wont come home where you wont be exposed and that will be so hard for you as it is in the mines dont believe your leg will be strong enough to stand and walk a great deal we hate to have you go in to a mine again was glad to hear that Thomas redeemed himself and was so kind to you thought one spell his heart must be of stone.

Mother feels more composed now that you are gaining and knows that you have good care, you will be lonesome when Ernest goes to work wish I could come in and see you I should expect to find your face drawn down pretty long but I should try and make you talk somehow.

Guess I shall go over to the camp-ground and stay all the week campmeeting week if mother is so she can spare me I never worked harder in my life than I have this summer, shall go away this winter some where expect Ave will be glad to get rid of us girls I dont like the way he talks to us sometimes it makes us feel very badly tell you Arno there is a great change in our home and we fully realize it dont say anything about this for my sake because dont want any trouble if possible have to bear a good deal in this world you know but we try to make the best of it perhaps we shall come out all right in the end Fan's school has kept well this is the second week.

Now Arno take good care of yourself and don't try to get smart to quick and write as often as you please we are so glad to hear from you any day

Yours lovingly Nell.

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Lots of love from your dear old mother and a God bless you.