

[Letter from Ed Whitney to his sister-in-law Olive Knight; Ed was married to Olive's sister Alice, who died in 1902; Florence may be the daughter of Ernest Drinkwater, brother to Olive]

Montello, Mass

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Dear Sister,

Have just received a letter from Bell telling me that you have been very sick and are not yet able to sit up. I'm very sorry to learn that you are all so ill and hope by the time this reaches you that you may be much better. You ought not to work so hard now that you have such a good daughter in the family. You must remember that you as well as I are growing older each year, and that you cannot stand as much hard work as once you could. I wish you had gone years ago to the hospital and been operated upon for your hernia. I'm sure you would have enjoyed much better health and escaped so many of the times of suffering you have been thru. Now when you round again, don't think that you must do all the work in sight in one day. Let "Lucy" help you and try to take things a bit easier. I hope Arno is around and not suffering with his bad leg as he did so long.

Didn't we have some winter? It is lovely here just now only there is a strike on in the shoe shops and it is quite serious. Don't know just how long it may be before a settlement but hope not long.

Had a letter from Florence in same mail as Bell's came. She wrote about the same as Bell of your illness and of the backward spring. Have not seen Ned for quite a long time. Never see him unless I go into his home.

I am quite lame this spring. Worse sometimes than others. I go quite often for the massage treatments and they help me a lot. But \$3.00 a treatment runs into money pretty fast if one goes to often. – Well hope to hear soon that you are much improved. – Love to all - Ed