

*[Letter from Fannie Knight to her brother Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]*

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My Dear Brother:

Undoubtfully you think me unkind and not very sisterly for not writing to you oftener than I do. I don't know as you would be to blame for thinking so either. But believe me dear brother you are very dear to me. I knew that I could not write anything comforting or consoling in your present affliction could not bear to write to you at all Nellie wrote often so that you heard all the home news and she is so much better a correspondent than I that I kept neglecting writing from one day to another now that she is away I will try to take her place so you will know you are not forgotten. How are you getting along you have not said a word about yourself in your last two letters can you walk any yet We think you ought and want you to come home. And not go out there again I Hate the name of Colorado and I should think you would you have had nothing but ill-luck since you have been there, if you happened to do well for a few months you would be sick and it would take all that you had worked hard to earn so what does it amount to, there are plenty of places besides Colorado and I know all States are not so unhealthy as Colorado there are some whom will be fortunate there but where one succeeds hundreds fail I would not stay in the old place any longer than I could possibly help.

How is Ernest was very sorry to learn that he had been sick I hope he will be rewarded for his kindness to you. I think he has proved himself a true friend in time of need hope he will be blest for it but it does seem to me sometimes that the good and true fare the worse in this world but trust there is an hereafter Mother wrote to you a short time ago and we have got the registry return so we know that you got the letter safely I hope what she sent you will do you some good I am going to inclose six dollars in this letter a birthday present from Emma and I it isn't much I know. I would gladly send you more if I could but in this case you will have to accept the will for the deed. We are all as well as usual at home Winnie and baby are doing nicely.

You spoke about Cyrus in your letter to me in regard to him I think he is a good fellow and I think a great deal of him I know you do not think much of my going with him but I can't help it. I also know that others have talked to you about him and have told somethings that there was no truth in of course he has his failings (there are few but what do have) and I am not so blind but I can see them in him as well as in others but for all he is a good fellow and wants to do right I know he has improved in many respects since I commenced to go with him you must recollect he has had rather a hard time in his younger days and not a very good example set

before him. I know a great many think he is of no account because he is Aaron Young's son and overlook all his good qualities and point out only his failings I say if any one tries to do the best they know how they ought to be respected for it I care not what their parentage may be I don't think a fellow that has always so good to his mother as he has been can be wholly bad Now dear dear brother I will close hoping you will not think to foolish and unwise Your affectionate Sister Fan  
P.S. Write soon as we are anxious to hear from you often Mother is going to write to you soon we have considerable to do this Fall and I am all the one at home now.