

Keosauqua Van Buren Co, Iowa

June 6. 1848.

Dear Brother

Yours was received by the last mail and though I somewhat expected to hear that you had come to the conclusion that you had yet I must confess that I felt "heart sorrow" to learn that it was even so. I have collected together your effects as follows to wit

Springs
Coat.

Library of Practical Medicine Vols. 2, 3, 4, 5.
Surgery Illustrated

Midwifery Illustrated

Cherub on Children

Stokes & Bell's Practice

Dewees on Females *

Pamcast's Mistor Vol. 1 & 2.

Dunghison's Human Physiology Vols. 1 & 2. *

Liston's Elements of Surgery

Pilgrim's System of Midwifery.

* John's pet Spinal being very desirous of displaying some of his mischievous tricks of which he is full so he mounted the bookcase and tried the sharpness of his on the back of Dewees on Females. I am sorry but cannot help it.

* I send you the Physiology as I have no time at present to read you can keep it if you can spare for it. I will keep it and pay for it.

Is the above list all? I send this by Mr Russell
Carter of the Post Master of Fort Madison you
will find the there.

When I told Mr Hadden's family of your determination
Mrs. H. exclaimed "O the naughty Boy" the Girls said
"Give him our good bye!" Mr. H. said he was sorry and
as you would not stay his bill is \$5 ^{per}.

Dr. Booker has just returned from St. Louis he is very
sorry that you do not come to our City. Dr. Hall
has purchased that office that you first thought of
taking and the price \$250 down where did Dr. get so
much more I would like to know?

Platter and I have purchased a farm two miles
from this city you pass through it in going ^{by the way of} to
the Fort Madison. We are now digging a well upon it.
I made this purchase because if I find that I cannot dis-
charge the duties of a Minister on account of Mrs. H. health
I can retire to my home with the prospect of a support
from cultivation of a farm. Mrs. H's health is about as safe
you left. Nancy has the ague I also a touch of it also am
now in tolerable health.

The news from England is truly cheering. I have one
to relate which will at least amuse you and which I have
just received from head quarters at Ripley O. Some time
ago some 700 of slaves ran away from Ky. and colonized
themselves without their masters consent to the
British Progetty's Dominion in Canada. As usual for
that "people of cruel and barbarous customs" there were quite a
number of them from the other side of the "great waters" of

the Ohio in and about Ripley hunting those who "could not
be persuaded to leave their Masters if liberty was offered."
They thought it best to lay aboard the houses of certain
noted Abolitionists in the vicinity of Ripley, thus they hoped
to catch the assembly then to get away. It happened that Mr John
McCoy's house was watched among the rest. (Mr. McCoy is a
very noted abolitionist a fearless man and lived some
six or eight miles from town) one night as they were
watching his house, it so happened as it often does with mankind
that Mr. McCoy had occasion to get up and go out and as he
opened the door they ran and hid behind the ash hopper
and walked up to it as if nothing was the matter and leaned
against it and peeped a way in their faces and then looked
back into the house and to bed. They had to lie and toke
it patiently for they were afraid to stir for fear of
getting a sound drubbing and being known. What do you think
that?

Nothing new. My respects to all the friends. I must
close this without looking over it or not get it in the
mail. Write soon.

Yours as ever

A. G. Rankin

M. B. I rolled the codder oil and sponging in the crust
therefore be careful when you unroll it. you will
find the oil in two small bottles instead of one
for the other day Nancy in her carelessness broke
open bottle and I succeeded in saving the contents of the
two small bottles I send

Yours A. G. Rankin

young man Russel is making the mail therefore as
he is going up to Fort Madison with a buggy &
send the Books &c. by him.

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