

Des Moines, Feb. 6th 1858

My dear wife,

And now I come again. I have just been to the office for my supply of letters from home but they have not come, hope they will today. You are not sick I hope?

I was up last night with some members of the School Com. till midnight, trying to fix out a school law. I do not feel quite as bright as usual this morning. The weather is quite cool. There is some snow upon the ground. Very likely there has been pain with you.

I have been out with the little boys here to buy some paints, brushes &c for the children, & some books for the girls. I have now bought a nice

Sunset page

amount to much. Still it is
very unpleasant. After all it is no
worse than I expected that I know of.
He is a bad man & in bad odor.
His spirit of revenge is diabolical. He will
be equal to any man that I ever had
to do with.

I write you so many letters that
I have not much to say that would
interest you. I am sorry to learn
that Aunt Patie is still subject
to her poor turns. I hope to be home
before long.

I have finished reading Hibbard's
book through to day. Hibbard must
not get sick while I am absent. He
says it is rather hard to cut the wood.
I presume it is so, but it is worth a great
deal to be able to do it. I am glad I have
got such a boy. It is the way to make
a man. Kiss all the children. They send
me lots of kisses. Love to all. George

book a box of paint & a brush
for each of the children. I am sure
they will be pleased with their pre-
sents. I have been rather stupid today.
I have not felt like making much
effort at any thing. I did not eat
quite my usual dinner. The
good landlady said it was because
I did not receive any of your letters
from home.

Evening. Well your letter has come
to hand. I have been reading like the
other with much interest. I hope
you got over his little trouble soon.
I am glad to hear that you are all
so well & that the children are all so
good. I wrote them a letter a short
time ago, directed to the girls.

They say they want to see me. I want
to see them home.
You speak of Mr. Backus at a conference
in Alexandria upon a new
arrangement of the Senate, but it will not