

Denmark, Mar. 5, 1872

Dear Daughter,

Yours of Sat. came to hand yesterday, at 3 p.m. All letters come in this p.m. now. You learned by ours of last Thurs. that your draft was recd. I expect the money this week from my land. & then we shall go to Burlington. Yesterday the folks washed up all the things, a great wash, & I worked as hard at the wood pile, to gain time for play, when the children come home, if both come, I say if for I hardly expect Willard to come. In his last he said he could not stay more than two days if he comes, cannot leave. When one is absent for a day the other can eat nothing after breakfast till they close up at night. This he says they can stand for one day, but it is not a diet they relish for a week at a time. It would be worse than "hash". And worse still, he might get into trouble with his partner. I wrote him yesterday that it would not pay to spend two days on the journey, & \$30. each, for two days of visiting, to be divided among so many. We don't know how to give up the idea but guess it is best. Money is hard. & business he says is dull, & I know he cannot afford the expense. We must be careful of his dime for the present.

