

Waterloo June 21st /56

Dear Sister Emma

Your very acceptable and interesting letter has remained a long time unanswered and the only excuse I have to offer for neglecting you so is that I have so many correspondents since I came west to attend to that when I find time to sit down to write there is some one whose claims are presented before me and you have an opportunity of hearing from me from which others have received so that you know something about me and my doings at least I have not received but one letter from you ever since I came away so the first one you wrote was never received. This is a heavy

place and the Cedar River with
 the groves which line its banks and even
 the islands which dot the stream is
 looking delightfully from the back of
 of the office at which I am writing
 and to visit the consummation to it was
 is to walk out a short distance over
 the prairie to one of those long narrow
 on each side of which you can find a
 large varieties of the most beautiful ^{wild} flowers
 I can name the most noted ~~of the~~
 few of which are the wild Rose and
 the Lily. We have a half dozen varieties
 of each of each. The Roses are the prettiest
 little thing imaginable as you find
 many in among the tall grass which
 the lilies grow up stately and majestic
 in their brilliant beauty, and look you
 what they are called the King of Plains
 strawberries too in any quantity are
 found upon the "islands" bordering the
 river. And with the wild plums and
 red Apples which will soon be fit to

you see no western adventures are not
 entirely of the delicacies of life.
 It does not seem possible hardly
 that I am so far away from the
 residences of all my friends and
 that for scarcely a week passed but
 some one passes through here and calls
 upon me with whom I have been ac-
 quainted some where or other. Henry Nixon
 has just left here homeward bound
 and of course he will give you
 call and give you his reasons of
 things "out west" I suppose you will
 not be so kind some now that Jane
 has returned to amuse and interest
 you with "doings in Canada" will her
 be a great long letter which I wrote
 to her and Aunt Jane has never been
 answered and I want very much to
 hear her. Tell Nixon that his last letter
 was received and shall be answered in
 due time. Tell Angie all that message
 received from her last night and will be

attended to soon. My compliments to your
Cautious little bit of a school mistress
tell her that such a sweet little bit of
a thing as you describe her to be is just
my "Ideal" of Beauty and I think of
taking a trip to Ohio on purpose to see
You ask if there are lots of pretty girls
out West. Well none so pretty but
what my Sister Emma and her sweet little
school mistress would compare with if
not eclipse them. I have written
you a long letter to Pa and for fear
this is wanting in interest or
lengthiness I refer you to that
my best wishes to you my love to
just who you please. Write again soon
I remain your brother

I my Sister Em

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