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I forgot to put
this in the encl-
ope, and must
send it to you

separately -

Worcester

There does not
seem to be altogether

Rubbish -

Nov. 30th, '78

Dec. 30th, '79

Dear Mother

I hardly
know where to commence or
what to say after having treated
you so shabbily, or regretting
to write to you in such a long
time - My only excuse really
is a multiplicity of care and
duties that had so fully occupied
my time that I had not in-
deed many things that ought
to have done - I am afraid you
were so good as to send your
husband and little girls vic-
tims with the names of some
very poor but first waited

some time to get my little ones of course sometime before long
taken which are usually done and when we do you will be
done something like that and then to be remembered - Please to
and the world although not forget to send someone to
not very interesting with the you know - Will send little
best of it in the evening. boy is a promising little chap
in the present time - do not forget to send someone to
- you have been healthy and - just
the hand has been very good - full of
and some ideas of your thinking - intelligent activity all day -
by the way to that - We have had many am-
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mine today - I have as in the history of the world
get something more interesting - full of very interesting things
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- I have had very good the dream and hopes of our
- I have had very good own contented days they will
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I attended the papers closely
to see what location suffered
most it being more than
likely in my mind that the place
the location of country where
you were living or had passed
any one stopping, was visited -
It is needless for me to say
I am anxious to hope you either
escaped any danger from
it, but of course you must have
felt it to be danger and
not knowing you mind to you -

We had a man at work for
us a few days last summer
by name Henry Lageter
an Englishman - who said
he had been somewhat
acquainted with yourself and
husband when stopping at

some place not far from Brunswick
a few years ago - His story
was that he came out to Colo-
rado to engage in the cattle bus-
iness with another man and
while he was away from his
place of business for a short
time his partner sold out the
entire herd of cattle pocketed
the money and left the country.

He was as proud as mud when
he came here but very full of
big talk about himself and
relations - Do you or your husband
remember any such person?

I wonder if the hard times
have troubled you very much?

It is the universal complaint
here but people coming here
from the East tell us that

we do not half realize the condition of a majority of the people there - The immediate vicinity of Seely is mostly an agricultural country and as the same crops have generally been sown and those that are not yet sown are being sown, although the price for all kinds of farm produce is very low but for those who are so much in debt are many of them hard pushed and are troubled to meet their liabilities - Did Phantasio sing day which has just past recall to your mind any pleasant recollections of your school days? The church service and family gathering afterwards the delicious dinner and pleasant

social intercourse following it? It makes us think we are no longer young but it sooths to glance back at the years gone by - my midwife and who children will have to stand on their own feet and will have to stand of tall in the great battle of life by their own individual exertions - I have a piano now and enjoy it very much when I can get time to pick up on it - My children help me so closely confined at home that I have not much chance to enjoy social intercourse either musical or literary so I have to make the most of my privileges - home life - I earnestly hope but of course can hardly expect it what I may have an early

reply to this for your letters are
very welcome and enjoyable -

Please remember me to your
mother and Willie also your
"Jude man" and daughter

Ever your friend

Lewis Butterfield

Emma Butterfield

I find by looking
over my notes, that I have
missed one of the baby-feed-
and should not like to
let that go which I think I
can do soon - Will send
his when I hear from
you and write again

Please let me hear from
you soon

Lewis