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Dear Mother & the rest of you! —

I expect you would like to hear about what I am doing. I have been harrowing all week, with a four horse team. We finished on field, a mile square which has been seeded with wheat for next year. We are now nearly done with another field a mile long & three fourths of a mile wide. The dust is terrible. It covers me all over so much that I believe that none of you would recognize me as hidden. There is no place to wash around here. I have just washed my feet once since I left home & I guess I won't have a chance to take a bath at all until I come home. I asked one of the men how often he took a bath & where he got it. He said he took one about once every two months, sometimes



There a month and then he went  
to High River or Hanton to get it +  
it cost nearly five cents. High  
River is thirty-eight miles from  
Hanton is twenty - five.  
Last night Mr. Yeager went to  
Brent, our post office, near Hanton  
for, to get the mail that he forgot to  
ask for mine. I was awfully  
disappointed because I know that  
there is some from you for me.  
I have to make two more after I  
get all done with my other work  
some of the other men have to do  
anything besides their day's work.  
One of the cows is all right but  
the other is a range cow with  
horns + is very liable to kick me.  
It can't be milked without the  
calf so I have to drag the calf over  
to every time. It is an awful bother  
I don't see why I should have to milk  
them old cows + the other folks  
don't. I never got them out of the back



and it does not get dark until nine o'clock.

I sleep alone in the barn on wild hay. Maybe you don't know what wild hay is but you would if it got into your clothes & pricked you all day long the way it does me. I can harness & drive a four horse team all right now & the next thing I want to learn is to ride horseback. Thursday I tried to ride one of the ponies but I did not dare to go fast. The pony galloped a little bit & it just about kicked me off, but not quite.

I am just crazy to go to the Rockies before I go home but one of the best men here advised me not to go unless I wanted to go thro a great deal of hardships. I guess I will wait until about the twelfth of September then go on the train to the nearest place in the mountains & stay a day to see them & then start for home. I want to go to Niagara Falls



