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Dear Mother;—

It is about ten o'clock Sunday night and is terribly cold here but I want to say a few things to you before I go to bed if I don't freeze to death first! I took a bath this morning. I got a pail full of hot water at the house & went out to the barn where I am writing now, by lantern light, & washed. Actually, my stockings were about a half inch thick they were so dirty. I had not had them off since last Sunday. I washed them & my underclothes after I got thro with the bath, so that I now have one pair of clean socks besides the ones I have on. Today Mr. & Mrs. Heacox & Mr. & Mrs. Ernst went on a visit & left no hired men here alone. This afternoon I saddled a horse

and went for a ride on
horseback. I went around
the neck, which is
made in thirty-five minutes
as you see I made galloping
partly fast part of the time.
It is a record of five & a half
miles. I will have plenty
chance to do it of on my
ride to done because there
are no fences & about thirty
horses here.
In summer we will begin cutting
the fence & road & I will
probably check it. The
I put some milk hay in the
enclosure for you, feed, just for
yourself with it & imagine how
feel with it. I pulled
clothes all the time. Be sure
to get up on something
with it as fast as I will
great in one yard because
don't want such a bird of grass
in your hand. I am actually
not a cowboy, I am a
cowboy.