

hand got well so quickly because  
I just hate to be sick, especially  
away from home.

I expect to get busy tomorrow

however. My meals cost me  
twenty cents a piece here at the  
Bolinger's and when I use the  
louse it costs me fifteen cents

an hour. I think maybe Will &

Joe & I will go over to buy a team

of Indian ponies tomorrow. If

they can get the day off & we can

scrape up enough money we will

go. Will is talking of going on

his homestead this winter instead

of wasting winter spring. If he does

we might just as well get the

ponies now so that I can use

them to go around with.

I wonder how you are getting

along at home now? Is Mary

at home? Has Evelina gone back

?

Gleichen, Alta.

October 3, 1909.

Dear Mother:-

Sunday has come

again and I haven't written

to you since last Sunday, have

I? I wrote in the middle of

the week but didn't send the

letter.

I have not done a thing

this week on account of my

hand. It is just about well

now but it did hurt pretty

badly for a few days. The

doctor here said it was an

abscess and he washed it in

mercuric bichloride. & then put

on a poultice of anti-phlogistine

I am awfully thankful that my

to Cleveland yet? I <sup>3</sup> ~~just~~ <sup>just</sup> got a letter from Ellen  
yesterday. I mean Will did, and she said that Mary  
was still in Elmira. I suppose she will be in  
Oberlin before this letter is, tho. It must be awfully  
nice for you to be with Mary & at home, isn't  
it? I'd like to be there. I want to be home at  
Christmas time anyway if not sooner. Who is  
going to take care of the furnace this winter? And  
who will shovel the snow off the sidewalks? I  
hope you don't have to work as hard this  
year as you did last, do you? Who helps get  
the meals?