

Dear Mrs. How
I wish
the
you
I have ransacked Mary's desk and
can only find odd pieces of paper
to write on so please excuse.
The crops in this part of N.J. have
suffered very much from too much
rain and a hail storm which
injured the wheat crop which was
in prospect of being harvested before
the showers. The corn was injured
quite a good deal, but is looking
better now. but it is looking up
soon. I am thinking mostly of you
and your farm. There are always
disconagements in business but
God sends the rain the cold and
heat and when we consider how
many are suffering from so many
disasters, by fire Swartz etc cannot
but feel very, very thankful for
our many blessings. The coal strike
still holds on, and it looks as if our finest
forests, about here will all be cut down to
supply mines & factories.

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in good time. You have
suffered & endured
see at home

much
pleased with
held notes

I received a letter from your
mother ^{today}. She is so harassed and
embarrassed for money to pay
bills - and to live, even very econ-
omically, this makes me feel
doubtly anxious that you should
succeed in your endeavor.

I think your mother is going
to Chaparrone (excuse if not spelled
correctly) ^{at party} to the Lake. This week
I trust the change will do her
much good, as well as the girls,
Isolina seems to have a pretty good
time at the Hotel, at least she
makes the best of it and submits
gracefully to being in the "Ordinary"
which she would not have chosen.
She says she is saving every penny.

Our folks, Aunts Mary, Carrie, Anne
Geo. & Eugene Henry & several others
have gone on a picnic to Coaling
Rock this p.m. I am keeping house &
attending to sewing girl. It is a sweet
afternoon & I hope they will have