

Aberlin Aug 12th 1905

My dear Will,

I was both surprised and delighted to get your letter yesterday. We have been so anxious for news from our travelers & have been very much interested in your descriptions of the country and your various experiences.

There is always some
thing very fascinating
to me in this kind of
penmen life. And I often
used to, after our marriage
try to get your Grand-
father to go West. He did
go as far as Missouri
prospecting but he
returned to settle in
our little State of " Jersey"
and was perfectly
happy to labor there
in the manufacture
of iron and fighting
the Democrats there.

so well, without being
robbed or shot. For
I know what desperate
characters there are some
times in those new countries.

I heard a good deal
about it when I was
in Texas: your Uncle
Adrian often entertained
us with his experiences
when on "The Plains"

How I wish we could
jump into your "Cabin"
this morning! I wonder
what you had for break-
fast. The fuel quite a sum.

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Locofocos, I calculate to
be hard to manage
in time of peace they
showed their devotion
to country in time of
war. I think we
will get to be quite
Geographers as we are
constantly trying to
follow you on your
journey, and Eugene
always has her atlas
in some convenient
place. Well, we do feel
truly thankful that
you have gotten along

of relief when we can
 at best imagine that
 you are with your
 friends. Your mother
 has not worried about
 you, but of course as
 the day went by she
 was very anxious to see
 how you were getting on

I trust you will write
 when often so as not
 to keep her in suspense
 Selden keeps steadily
 at work. He gets pretty
 tired but is very ambitious
 about making money

Your sisters, (Zenas) will
soon be through with
summer school, ~~after~~ will
be very busy getting ready
for their departure in
Sep. I think Aunt May
& Lu, will be here next
month and I expect to
rejoin with them.

I suppose you have
family news aft repeated
so I will try not to repeat
but will bid you a
very good morning
with much love and
kind rem. to your friends
Ever, your devoted Grandma

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