

Charlita Dec 14th 1862

Dear Mother

I have written patiently a long while
for Tea or Boby to write. and now I will get you to
try and persuade them to write for I am very anxious
to hear from you all. The latest news from them says and
how you are all getting on. I do think Tea has treated
me badly. I feel for my negligence ~~in writing~~ very much
I have not written it is true. I have been so busy
since I came home that I have had scarcely time
to draw a breath ^{of} until now. we have to make Brother
Jessies clothes almost every thread of them, and you
know we have not been idle. but if Tea ~~had~~
~~would~~ ~~write~~ ~~me~~ ~~one~~ hour of pleasure
in replying. I fully intended writing by Jimmie
but Frank and Hollie & real regular have me to go
home with them. I told Ma to write a few lines
for me and from Teas reply it could not have
been many. Mother if I am sometime neglectful my
heart is as it always was. you know and understand
my feelings better than any one else. for ~~the~~ ^{I know Mother}
that you are my true sympathizer. Mother from
what Jim could tell me that you did not take our
dresses for overcoats. I was glad to get the one
I did. but if I had known that you was not
going to take the dresses I should not have sent
to you for one. for I know how you had to work

and are afraid you could not spare it well,
did you send the boys any clothes, did ^{you} have an opportunity
of sending them, ^{rather} am looking for Brother every day, if
he can only live to get home, he has been sick since
last August almost all the time, he had the chills
until a few weeks ago when he took the Eriaspalms
we got a letter from him last week he said he had never
in his life suffered so much his face and head was
swollen so that he was perfectly blind for more
than a week, he said the disease was broke but
it had run down on his back and shoulders, he said
it was so painful that he could scarcely ~~stand~~ ^{lie} by
down, he did not say any thing about coming home
in his letter, but Mrs Hunt received a letter from
Mr Hunt a week later in which he said Brother was
getting well very fast and was coming home as soon as
he could I get him a horse (he had the misfortune
to lose his while he was sick) Mr Hunt says that
Brother is an awfull looking sight he has had his head
swollen, and his head and face is a solid scab,
Mother I get so impatient some days that I am
nearly crazy, if Brother comes you may look for a
flying visit, for I want to see you very much, Joe
says every day he is going to the dark woods to find
Aunt Tea, just think Mother I have to whip Joe
with a switch some times, he is getting so bad, but
he is as smart as he is bad, he has plenty of sense
you may see if he is any child, I know what Tea is
saying, that I think Joe is smarter than common

children. So I do, I thought several days ago that
Ellen was in Corsucaner and that she is no better.
I was surprised for I thought she was certainly getting
better. Mother I have very little hope now of Ellen's
ever getting well. I am now writing to her next Saturday
and am going to see her as soon as I possibly can. I
~~would~~ to see Ellen & have something to ask her. Brother said
in his letter before the last that he saw Jim a few days
before he wrote. He says his health is very delicate,
he says Jim told him all about Josie. Mother Adeline Sessions
is dead. (Globe - Haynes's sister) There has been very little
sickness here this fall and winter with the exception
of the measles they are having them at the Bluff now
we try to keep clear of them as Mattie and Josie has
never had them. Josie and I have that same ~~trick~~ that
Ellen has we have got it in its prime now. Ma says
she has discovered some bumps on her. it scares
her to think she will have it like me. Mother
I do wish you would tell me what to do for it. for I
know nothing about the thing only its itching. and
I've learnt that pretty well. you need not tell me what
to do for that. Mother tell Tom or Bucky one to please
write to me. I feel like I was forgotten. perhaps I may be
I do wish I could see you to night I think it would
cheer me up. The blues has got to be an every day thing
with me. Bucky promises to come up next Christmas and
I'll tell him to come this. Tell him to come and I
will give him a cake, please on it - I have to stop to crawl,

I know you have ~~heard~~ enough of my lingo for one
time, so I will hush up. is Fannie at home I want to see
her very much, give my love to all the family and especially
for your self the love of a Daughter

Fannie Love

P.S. you ought to see the trouble I have in trying to make
Josie wear his shoes it has been raining all day and
I think if I have driven his shoes and stockings once I have
a dozen times tell Fannie Josie needs some socks very
bad and sister has not time to knit them. I wonder who
would.

Fannie