

P.S. Mr. Farrier  
is to be married  
on Thursday morning  
and to Miss - but  
in Paris and  
start immediately  
for home -

Bonham Texas

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dear Sallie

In my letter to  
Add. the other day I inclosed a note to you  
promising to reply to yours, at length, soon.

Accordingly I now proceed to answer  
your welcome letter of 3rd Mar.

I was very sorry to hear that you had  
been sick, and feelingly sympathized  
with you, as you were afflicted with "my  
disease". I trust that, like me, you found  
<sup>much</sup> relief in "grunting", for I assure you  
it was a relief to "grunt". As Henry says  
it ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> the only "enjoyment" I have when sick.

You can testify that if there is any relief  
in it, that I always <sup>got full</sup> benefit of it.

But enough on the Rash question.

I am also sorry that you have been  
unable to gratify your ruling passion -



visiting, but hope you will be able to  
make up lost time.

I am pleased to hear that you  
think you will be much pleased with your  
new home. I wish you to distinctly  
understand that I am coming to see you  
whether you get to housekeeping or not.

I cannot say whom I shall bring with  
me. The "little widow" says she will go  
with me then and to South Texas. So you  
see I can get company and good company.

I want you and "the boss" to be ready  
to come with me as I return from S. Texas.

We will come by solitude, stay about a  
week and bring Fannie up with us.

Remember that is the programme.

But, you ask, when will I go to  
Bentonville? There it is again!

'Tis a point I long to know,  
Can I to Benton go, or no?

It is a problem I can't for the life  
of me, solve. Right here, I must tell

you that I rec'd a letter from B.  
a day or two ago. They say that I  
must be sure to come.

What am I  
to do? For mercy's sake, tell me  
Sallie. I am in the worst fix you  
ever saw a poor mortal. If some kind  
soul don't tell me what to do, I don't know  
will becom of me. I am beginning to believe  
that sweet hearts are a bad thing for "a person"  
to have. Don't you believe they are?

"I know that thou believest,"

But enough on that "point".

Everything is quiet in the goodly city  
of Bonham. Nobody married lately  
except our Jordan. He took a foolish  
notion and got married the other night.

He is still living with us

We had one of the most sudden  
Northers yesterday evening I ever saw  
Up to 4 o'clock it was so warm  
that I could scarcely keep my coat on



In fifteen minutes the wind was howling  
& shrieking from the North, and we  
had to build up fires, put on our coats

Yesterday evening was the third  
time that had been appointed to organize  
a Bible class at the Baptist Church.

They had kindly deferred the hour till  
4 o'clock, so as not to interfere with our meeting  
and give us an opportunity of attending.

But the North<sup>er</sup> prevented the meeting;  
so we will have to wait till next Sunday.

We will keep you advised of the  
progress of the class —

I am admonished by the shortness  
of the time that I must bring my letter to a <sup>close</sup>

Jack bale went home and stayed two  
or three weeks until she got well — came back  
a week ago yesterday — Annie Little has  
come here to board — — —

Majors, Dorn & Young have gone to buy  
goods — Maj. D. expects to go to Springfield.  
Bony will only go to New Orleans — May Young  
is at home your friend F. J. A.