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My Dear Husband.

I am hoping to get a letter from you tonight but while the baby is out of my arms I will try & write you a few lines, we are all well as usual. I am getting over my cold and think if the weather would get pleasant so I could walk out, I should feel pretty well. Pa is making cider today - has been gone all day and will probably be late home tonight. I have thought today how much Charlie talked of going to the cider mill with Little Grandpa last year - he had the promise & talked so much about it. But when the day came Charlie was not with us- I hope our Little John will be as good a boy as Charlie he promises now to be a very pleasant for he is giggling nearly all the time. Blanche Roberts has just left here. [S]he is feeling very badly about her brother Tom, and Mrs Roberts is just killing herself mourning about him. It is not his absence from them, but they feel that he is not doing well. I really pity them for he is a son and brother and they would like to have him be an honorable boy. Blanche could not keep the tears back while she talked of him. Our neighbor Mr Merrill wrote to Tom last evening to see what he can do for him. I pity his Mother anyway. [W]e think it is hard to give up our little ones in their innocence but how much better than that they should live to be such boys, no comfort to Father or Mother or any friends. Mr. Roberts says he don't know but he has troubled you too much - but he is very anxious.

I wish you could be home with us tomorrow it is Sunday and will be a lonely day without you. Dear Jack do get home as soon as possible and darling be careful of your health — and for the sake of our little boy more for your own sake - beware of the tempter in the form of strong drink -there I thought I was going through with this letter without a mention of that- but I can't help it now-

Give my love to Ed & Lou and write to me often while you are away & come home soon.

Your Wife Frank.

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Union Pacific Railroad Telegraph Lines, Office, UPRR Depot. North Platt Dec 2, 1866

To My Dear Wife

I have not written to you before purely for want of oportunity [sic]. I left Chicago the same evening that you did and found on my arrival at Omaha that the Bridge was not completed. I started imediately [sic] for here and have worked night and day rain or shine ever since I got our warehouse and corral up and am now boarding about 150 men in it. Dan has been in Omaha since I came back. I am going to move Lon out here and start a little store. [I]n fact we will have a little of everything going on. I will leave for home as soon as I can see a chance, will not get the track laid as soon as I expected on account of the delay at the bridge. I would like to see you all tonight. I hope you are well. I am feeling quite well. [G]uess work agrees with me. Tom Roberts is here every day. [H]e is wel.l Ed is here now. I am in the way of the telegraph operator so I must quit. Kiss that darling little boy for me—that sounds natural again. I hope to be with you soon love to all. God Bless and Keep you Happy

Jack

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My Dear Husband.

I cannot think what can be the matter that I don't hear from you by letter - for now it has been two weeks & more since we parted-Every evening I send to the office so sure I will get a letter this time but so far have been disappointed. I dream of you nights and last night had such a horrid dream. I would not have it true for any money - had much rather not see you for years than to have you appear in the plight you appeared to me in my dreams but consoling is the thought that dreams go by contraries.

We are usually well excepting bad colds and every one seems to be having them just now, and we are having just the kind of weather for them so warm damp and dreary - it is lonesome weather too makes every thing look so gloomy. I have not been out any only to ride to Aunt Lidi's once. If it does not rain today I expect to go to town sometime before night. I am invited to Mrs Avery's to a party this evening. Mr Pike has arrived with his wife and boy.

Little John lies asleep on the rocking chair in his night gown for just as I was ready to dress him he went to sleep in Ma's arms -- Pa has bought him a crib and will bring it home today. The little fellow is growing finely- you will think so when you see him. Do come home as soon as possible - that is unnecessary I suppose to ask of you for I feel sure that you will come as soon as you can get through your business. But I think of you all the time and I am lonely without you and I love you dearly. I have written this in haste while Johnny is asleep.

Your Wife Frank.

North Statt DEC 7 1/1 1861 My Dear Wife Lon brought me a letter from You last might I was glad to hear from Journal glad to learn that you were getting better. Iam getting out of the Luck a little and begin to find Time to get love some we have Moved out from Monther howe Startiel quite a Hore and a Kanch Generally we are boarding Men for the Company while they get up their buildings next week The Stages us il Commence Summing here and me will have to take them then Japangers Horsey and all me are just getting of our fast truits Ling Started which will make this quite a busy/place for a while I hope to finish tracklaying for this Eason night week then he for this as for as I can Stille up. Durling Joh down Know how Smuch Iwant to Lee Jandle nor half how thou Con I went to water that Tory Joure loo, I don't think I will go to amake feel well all the hime and do more manuel and left

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My Dear Wife

Lou brought me a letter from you last night. I was glad to hear from you and glad to learn that you were getting better. I am getting out of the suds a little and begin to find time to get lonesome. [W]e have moved out from Omaha have started guite a Store and a Ranch generally. [W]e are boarding men for the Company while they get up their buildings next week. [The Stages will commence running here and we will have to take them men passengers horses and all. [W]e are just getting our fast freight line started which will make this quite a busy place for a while. I hope to finish track laying for this season next week then home for Ohio as soon as I can settle up. Darling you don't know how much I want to see you all nor half how I love you. I want to watch that boy some too. I don't think I will go to Omaha until we get through. I like it here first rate, feel well all the time, and do more manuel [sic] and less mental labor- That hardens the muscle and gives good apetite [sic]. Dan is in Omaha. Mollie is nearly or quite sick, so say Lou, bad cold that threatens to be fever. The rest of us are all well. I don't know of any news to write. Lou brought an invitation for us to a party at Mr. Herman Konmtz- Darling I love you more than words can express and hope to be with you soon. [G]ive my love to all at home and a kiss to little John. God bless and keep you happy

Jack

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My Dear Husband.

Your letter of Dec. 2nd I received three or four days ago and this morning a dispatch came saying you would be detained there a few days-so I expect the prospect of your getting home this week is poor-but I will be as patient as possible. We are well and doing as well as we can-The weather is cold and wintry. The ground is white with snow. I am considering all the time if you are having such weather perhaps you have worse and I expect you are glad you have got us home where we can be comfortable. Our boy is growing finely and he is as good natured as he can be. Pa has got him a new cradle and he seems to enjoy it very well. [H]e is sleeping now. I know you will think he has grown ever so much-if you dont [sic] come home & stay with us some this winter you will never know any thing more of this baby than you did of your first. Pa says he wants you to come & take care of him this winter-but I suppose you think your time for baby tending will be when you are Grandpa. I went to little Charlie's grave last Sunday morning. I was feeling pretty well the walking was good and I knew it would soon storm and I wanted to see this spot before the little mound should be white with snow-that must have been beautiful when the trees were leaved & the grass green this summer. I see some improvements about several places that I have passed in going to town-but I have not seen the new houses on Mestor Street. Mr Avery's house and grounds look very handsome-they had a nice party there Friday evening for Mr & Mrs Pike. I sent my regards. I had a letter from Libbie a few days ago-She says her Father has written to her & wishes her to make her visit there and come home this winter. She wants to know what I think of it. I shan't advise her for she knows best what she wants to do. Mr Clayton met Pa the other day and enquired about us & Libbie-Marcia & Symon (?) were here a while Sunday afternoon.

I spent the afternoon yesterday at Aunt Lidi's—they have got a real pretty and comfortable house and will enjoy it. I guess Sean Timon has broken his leg, it is nearly well & he will be brought to Painesville this week. [H]e has sold his farm in Rome. Lovessi (?) & Lodoski are both in a "flourishing condition" so I hear. I have not seen them.

I am glad if you are feeling well and hope you will take care of yourself-don't work too hard for that may not agree with you. I am thinking of you all the time when awake and last night I lay awake a great part of the night thinking of you, <u>Charlie</u> & <u>our little</u> <u>John</u>. I do love you darling more that I can tell and hope before long you will be at home with us and we shall have a happy time. Write to me often as you can while you are away.

Your loving wife Frank.

Union Pacific Railroad,

Omaha, Dec 14 4 1866

My Dear Wife I did not expect to come to this town agun until I was on they was home but I had to Come in this Monning we are though brackleying for this trason guil at the 301 Mile fost, we will down get our Men dis posed of Istilled gladt you were all doing well we are all wellhere Mollie is getting over her cold most Every body hus had bad colds. Thave not Seen mirs. Oring hon Some you left but am going there to dinner tomorrow the called to thee you to day nell forme I Eacher from Talk lake and just Carned that Four had gone I hope to get home for Christmas I want to bee for Buch ils pome douling & love you both I saily qui My love to allas Lord Blef artil Reef for Happy Make

UNION PACIFIC RAILRCAD Office of the Genl. ticket Agt.

Omaha, Dec 14th. 1866

My Dear Wife

I did not expect to come to this town again until I was on my way home but I had to come in this morning. [W]e are through track laying for the season quit at the 30th Mile Post. [W]e will soon get our men disposed of settled up and then for home. I got fathers dispatch was glad you were all doing well. [W]e are all well here. Mollie is getting over her cold most every body has bad colds. I have not seen Mrs. Creighton since you left but am going there to dinner tomorrow. She called to see you today with some peaches from Salt Lake and just learned that you had gone. I hope to get home for Christmas. I want to see you much also John. Darling I love you both Dearly. [G]ive my love to all at home. God Bless and Keep you Happy

Jack

North Platte Dec 23 m 1866 My Deas Wife hereit is although christmas and I am Still here, I did not think it would be to when I left You in Chicago, Sut Tois is and if I get home on how Tears now I thall feel Themstfull. There is to smuch to do and to menny little detentions, we have grain to this out Things to furt away for writer Mun to lake cure of besides the important Mutter of Keeping all right with the Powers that he I thought is dist to fore go the pleasure of deing home for a few deup longer for the Satisfacture of knowing That matters were all left in propper Shape, Cidy Lus gone home is to Much me mi Ophioi Someting in jamens me have considerable Stock and am Juging More me want two or thru hundred Cows for next Summer are building a lunge Le house have built a good Haughterhouse and Blacksmith Shop Wash house & E Is Jun See Liveare getting quite a Ranch The Commissioner & Damiel will be here to might

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My Dear Wife

here it is almost Christmas and I am still here. I did not think it should be so when I left you in Chicago but so it is and if I get home on New Years now I shall feel thankfull. There is so much to do and so many little detentions, we have grain to ship out things to put away for winter men to take care of besides the important matter of keeping all right with the Powers that be. I thought it best to forego the pleasure of being home for a few days longer for the satisfaction of knowing that matters were all left in propper (sic) shape. Ed has gone home is to meet me in Ohio sometime in january. we have considerable stock and am buying more. we want two or three hundred cows for next summer. are building a large ice house have built a good slaughter house and Blacksmith shop Wash house & C so you see we are getting quite a ranch. the commissioners & Daniel will be here tonight Mr Swani (?) has just completed setting a very handsome table for their reception. it is nice and pretty for so far west. no wine or liquor we have the only temperance house in this country, but I will have to close as I hear the train coming with the guests. Darling be as patient as you can, you don't want to see me more then I do you. I am positively home sick, how I want to talk with you and young John and all the rest of you. I love you dearly and hope to be with you soon, give my love to all at home. God Bless and Keep you Happy

Jack

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