

Painesville Ohio..

Jan. 8. 1868.

My Dear Husband..

Johnny is stowed  
away in bed sleeping sweetly - and  
I propose to write a few lines to you  
before I retire - I think Ma is  
improving some but she still coughs  
badly - the rest of us are usually  
well - Greeting Mr Clark Chimera  
and I with the children have  
called at Uncle Ben's - we found  
him as comfortable as he ever is  
but just over a hard time -  
Elviah met with an accident  
day before yesterday - the horse  
ran away with her when near  
home and ran into the barn -  
tossing over the buggy and  
bruising herself badly - she is not  
dangerous - and is doing well -  
today she looks quite bright - & has  
been out of bed some.  
When we came from Uncle Ben's  
we stopped at Uncle Ben's Carl's



and made quite a visit - Johnny  
enjoyed his ride and visit very  
much. - Yesterday Elmina and I  
went to the church to see Libbie  
& Ed married every thing went off  
nicely - she looked real nice. I  
sent the package to her yesterday  
morning she was delighted with  
them - and they were beautiful  
I think I never saw hand saws  
spoons. Last evening I received  
a dispatch from Mr Ingalls.  
saying he sent the machine by  
freight - the day after we left -  
Pa found it at the freight office  
today where it had been a week  
we have not unpacked it yet -  
so I do not know what condition  
it is in. Our room is coming on as  
well as we can expect I suppose - the  
carpenters are finishing up their  
work now.

I hope you will write to me  
real often and give me full partic-  
ulars of your doings and Washington  
affairs. - Mr Clarke & Elmina go  
home tomorrow. Be careful of

yourself darling for my sake. for  
Johnny's sake but most of all  
for your own - and we all love  
you so dearly - Good night - dear  
God bless you and keep you from  
dangers - Your loving wife  
- Frank.



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I hope you will write to me real often and give me full particulars of your doings and Washington affairs - Mr Clark & Climena go home tomorrow. Be careful of yourself darling for my sake- for Johnny's sake but most of all for your own - and we all love you so dearly - Goodnight dear God bless you and keep you from dangers –

Your loving wife

Frank