

Wharfedale Sun Apr 7

My Dear Mary why are you
so long silent I do hope you
are not sick; am so anxious to
hear from you; Laura is feeling
concerned; thinks you are ill
at something she has written
but I can't think any such thing
She has gone to church & I thought
I would improve the time to write a
few lines to you; I spent the day
with Mary Jane last week; Fred
took me down & Dick brought me
back in buggy; When I came from
Katie here she had come for Elizabeth
& Bob; In the AM she took the York
Train with the children & went to
her new home at Old Missions; soon
as the boats are running she will
be over after her bed & things she
had here; I tell you it makes a big
road way here & quite a space at the
table as well as relief to Laura

Mr Hunt & Grace have Moved in
Mr Gays Cold house near his Mother
She expects to be confined next Month
Order & the boys are cutting wood for
summer, It looks good down there; I
think of some every thing puts me
in mind of former days, - I do not see
any of Gays folks; in fact the snow has
filled the roads untill now that most
every one had to or did stay at home,
It does seem good to see the ground
bare & this nice weather; Seed & his
Mother went Town & got a new Plough
looks like business will start in to
plow for his field Peas; have not heard
from S & D in a long time; Nor any others -
Mrs Sherman came & spent the afternoon
with me but Lanna was gone but came
just before she started home; 2 or 3
days ago Mrs Lowell Soms came
but as usual I was alone all afternoon
She left just before Lanna came -

Mrs Goodland came 2 weeks ago
to day on foot & alone stayed all
day & left as she came; Our Cows
are nearly dry Laura has made
butter all last winter - I get she will
not have any New Milk Cows until
late in summer; I dont hear a word
from Jennie; nor Jim lately

Our Papers (The News) have stopped
coming (We miss them) Legera has
watched & waited so long for a letter
she is sure you are dead at her -
she was so pleased with those
pictures; they are nice & pretty
I do hope to goodness you will write
soon; sick or no sick;
from your Cousins Mother

Stocking

Sid you get the best Mat I dare
not ask you how you liked it
My work all looks rough hung
ling

Elk Rapids Thurs July 21st - 1892

My Dear Mary your long expected come late
last evening been in the office 3 days; I was waiting
to hear from you beside I was to sick to write don't
feel like it to day; I am better than I was best my
hand troubles is dead; It is nice growing weather every
thing looks so nice; The boys have men handling in hay
to day; Laura is turning she works on the farm; I can't
see how she stands it; She is grey & looks old; It makes
me feel bad for her; No one here takes the work & runs
it from her; She is sowing by a big crop of hay
or wheat looks splendid & like every ladies near here
he has 11 acres to harvest - She has 13th in sacks finished
there not been out only to Mr Goddards once; I am going
now & to Mrs Gays before Matilda returns home; They
with Mrs Guy & Matilda came & spent 2 hours with me &
Emma was always rode down & they walked back a wonder
ful thing for Mrs G she was never in this house before
or went to a good place for fruit as she has a good
variety & plenty of it - I dont hear a word from Lucy
I have not been in town since I came Mr & Mrs McLupin
came last Sunday a short time; She has her Father with
her & the word of it is he is crazy or out of his mind I heard
you spoke of sending a bedstead or 2 Laura left her
bedstead & room to me it is a large nice one & I have
3 quarters one & Mathis ¹²⁵⁰ would suit me better; But I
am all right on it is; Only a smaller one would give me
more room; I cant write worth a cent; I am glad you sent
me one of the Pictures; But I think they are horrid
as they all say as I never wear my hair in that form, nor cant
I dress up afternoons in my clean apron & neck tie

Sanna is crazy to go for Bleckle berries up on the Round
man since he gone 2 days & I will bet she comes home
sick I spent one day at Mare's James; Every thing
looks lovely growing; fields corn potatoes garden
clean no weeds or bugs to be seen; Many had come
a large quantity of show berries & made jelly which
I was there; They had picked all the berries but she &
Charlie got & got enough for our dinner & supper -
The boys are good boys dont loiter & feel tired they
steady with Owen & their home shows it; Many have
changed in her mode of house keeping does far better
than she did; Grace is Science Duff's maker in town
has all she can do; I saw her one the 4th she went to
to her work had so much promised work around
she is a very pretty girl of 20 years & is so well
of by every one; Kate is nursing her fellow yet he
is getting better slowly; Sanna is the smartest
on this ranch goes on spring heels every time -
never tires until she is done; The others take their
my cough is near broke up & I am better -

I kept waiting
to hear from you before I wrote; I do hope some of you
will come here this season; Jennie wrote me Jim
could come after I had left - came on horn back part way
then brought a buck head & harness & come on stage 2 days
then she went to Palmer lake with (that is half way) to
head out on the line; Jim had the pret
little mare she ever saw; he did not want her to leave
house to go in that rough place; If she had known that she
would not let me go away - that's all I expect refers to
with love to you & all mother's love

3787 Gilpin St Denver Colo Dec 9th 1889

Dear Mary I do not feel like writing this morn-
ing - but will say enough to let you know I am get-
ting - I have had spells & even all day ^{some days} you need not be
surprised to hear I have dropped off & left this troublesome
spray. It has been some time since I heard from you
but I know the cares & anxieties you have with your
large family I know is a continual strain in your mind
What has become of Perry I have been so wonder why
does he not go to his own home; A man in a strange
city no home no business to be doing is terrible -
This City is overflowed with just such & they find
poor picking for they get snatched up & are sent to jail
or leave town; how I wish Perry was at home I wrote
to Sam about it & she has not written since; she does
not want him home as that puts a veto on much of
her doings - Its no use troubling myself yet I can't
help ^{it} I love my dear Perry with all his faults I love
him still; since Dec came in we have had some
pleasant days - shorts dry & dusty - yesterday
went to church except I left him asleep
all as you has a young woman staying here to be
confined in Feb; she is doing the work at present
she is 18 years old & her husband left her - so
you picked her up; she does the cooking & that
gives Jimmie a good chance to go out which she
improves nearly every day - besides she has a little
girl 8 years old going to school now we have 5 in
house the 8 or 9 (family)

Sat Saturday Jennie took us all down on the
Cable Cars to see the Wonders Land the little woman
27 years old so very admittime the greatest hour
I ever went to see as she is nothing more or less than
the ape kind yet the Man her keeper tells her pedi-
grie is fair to tell. There were also wax figures of
many of the big heads of England Austria Russia
& China, also Queen Victoria & Oh such words
of people it is in every public place even the
Large Churches is cramed full. Jen has just
gone down town to stay all day she goes so much
yet her is in ample order neat & clean in every spot
not one one speck of dirt from cellar to garret walks
& yards - also out here is like a table so clean -
Time has 15 California Decits in a cage in the
yard & they have a big henny now they have
their own eggs with out buying. I hope to feel
better when I write again; We had 2 cats came
to us a long time ago we pited them & now they
have both left us which I take as a bad omen
I work on a fancy Decit for Jennie I think
as good as Time's silk one I made last summer
now with low & best wibes, to all I leave
you with kind Goodness Blessing
Mother Stocking

This is is the 1st letter I have willed
in 2 weeks