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Lennie Cowles to John Lewis Farmington Ct to San Francisco 30 Sept 1851 or 52

My Own Dear Brother

We were delighted to receive your letter last eve Sept 2, dated the 30th of June with the two Drafts enclosed one 100 and the other \$200. James will attend to them as soon as possible, his health is gradually improving. I think if he is prudent he will get well soon. 6 weeks ago he was thrown from a wagon and bruised awfully. Although no bones were broken, he did not attend to himself and the inflammation set in and I can tell you he has had a bad time, I think he will be perfectly happy when he can help himself and walk once more. I hope this will not be a permanent disease with him but I doubt whether he ever feels as well as before the fall. I am glad Lizzy has recovered from her sickness, we feel very anxious when we hear you are ill. She must take good care of herself, is it very sickly with you? it has been very healthy here this summer; I do hope you both will take good care of yourselves, when do you think you will come home, we often think of and wish you were here.

Young John Norton is just alive, he has had several attacks of bleeding of the lungs, bled very profusely a quart at a time, there is no hope of his being better, his wife and all his near friends are at his fathers, for three weeks past he has not been able to speak loud or be moved in his bed. Today the Doctor said he had some fever and was extremely nervous, it is not probably that he will live through the night.

Sabbath eve – James is very tired I am afraid that he has walked around too much to-day. if he gets well enough before cold weather we shall go to _____ Springs and spend a few weeks, they are near Rochester.

Cousin Ed leaves for Memphis to-morrow morn. Mother and Lewis talk of going to N. Y. and sister Sarah's in a week or two. Aunt Clara is well, Wednesday last week, Henry Dodd, Abbey and Mary Dodd were out and spent the day, staid at our house until 9 o'clock P.M. We had a delightful visit, we talked about you and Libby, when the mail came, your letter was received. James says he will invest your money safely and for your wifes best interest, all except what William wants to pay for the Drays that he buys for John. We heard from William at the same time your letter was received, they are all well. Sarah & family we dont hear from, except the _____ we saw in the newspaper of last week that Thomas Bacon's store was burnt out. I do not know whether he was insured or not, did I write that he had been here and paid mother for her interest of 60- and given her the Bond & Mortgage, of her property in Ogdensbury he had bought her right for \$1100 had 8 years to pay it in at 6 percent interest, all our family in G. are well, Jimmie(?) has not yet gone to housekeeping Eliza Bacon was married to a Mr Young, the morning Uncle Thun left. Mrs Grey gave a large party Friday eve. I attended, twas pleasant.

Ellen Bartlett & Mrs Richards enquired about Lizzy There is no news to write. The report is that Roubis is courting Margaret Whitman I can't vouch for the truth, he takes her to ride and that you know is enough for a report. Charlie Whitman has been West for the three weeks, he is not well pleased. Mr and Mrs Whitman are well. Jane Lewis has not been home this summer Mr Bodwell and family are well, also Woodbridges family. Emily Cowles is quite well again. Albert Winship and family have been at their fathers for several weeks they are well. Frank is also at home. John Cowles, Lutes (?) brother was here last week, he has been unsuccessful at the West, and expects to return to N.Y. Nancy Thompson is to be married this Fall.

We are having lots of beautiful fruit, apples, pears, peaches, Plumbs & Grapes. Do you have a variety of fruit? How long are our letters in getting to you? Yours are just a month getting here. My beautiful shawl I expect someone will carry it off, so I keep it locked up, its admired by every one.

James is now sleeping in his chair, Lewis reading by the table, by the looking glass in back Parlor. and I am writing you. Mother just came in, says the children are all asleep, and she has gone to see Aunt Clara. Jane has gone out, Margaret has been gone all day but will return tonight. I feel a little Asthmatic tonight but I shall take a Pill and will be well tomorrow. I think I have found a cure in these pills, have no asthma since May Oh I am so happy, do write very soon every mail. I shall write often.

Kiss Lib for me and she can kiss you for me. I hope she is now perfectly well, dont you get her into any trouble, if you do I will whip you. Both the children send 70 kisses and their love. Ella says "me love Uncle John and Aunt Libby They are so full of mischief I dont know what to do with them. Lewis thinks he shall be able to write you before long, Janes mother Aunt C Lewis and J send their love to you both.

ever your own Sister Lennie