





in order to enjoy the delightful  
weather we have (& have had)  
whether it is sensible or not —  
I was sorry so many of my friends  
in Mass were disappointed by my  
not coming east in the Autumn —  
I have occasional letters from  
different ones telling how they looked  
for me week after week — I think  
it was better however that I did  
not go — for with so much un-  
certainty in regard to politics —  
here & the events which a day  
may bring forth, I save myself  
from anxiety by being at that port of  
safety — All for the prospects  
politically now I am not enough  
of a seer to foresee (Yesterday  
was the Election day — Many  
thought it best to go into the  
election & vote down the Disunion

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That party will be prepared for anything  
We have had a most lovely winter  
We had a few days of wind & cold in  
Nov. - but for several weeks the weather  
has been as warm as October in N.E.  
And such brilliant nights too it  
seemed almost wicked to close ones  
eyes & shut out their brightness - but the  
mercilessness of Nature will often make  
stranger appeals than its love of beauty -  
Es. I am housekeeping on the hill -  
There are five in our family - besides  
much company - gentlemen staying several  
days - Mr Chase of Washington left  
yesterday - after a visit of four days -  
Mrs Earl is with me - takes charge  
of the cooking department & fills  
her son a lad of fifteen cuts wood &  
J. C. Smith is with Dr as usual - In  
the evening when we are unoccupied  
with company he reads to us some  
valuable treatise - history or something  
entertaining - Dr & he went to Topeka  
yesterday to attend the session of the  
Legislature - I suppose Annette will  
wonder where so many of us stay - so I  
will tell her - C. & I have the new room  
on the end - We have a nice spring



from Tom - Spring water - We have  
the ears - things for rain water -  
but it has not rained for more than  
four weeks - I have walked down town  
several times since I came back - Mrs Hunt  
was very sick when I came - so I was down  
at work all day & walked home two  
evenings alone after 8 o'clock - when  
it was so dark I could only keep the  
road as it lightened I have walked  
over to Emily's & back - I forgot to say  
that E. was married in October to Mr  
Grove - Alfred comes to Lawrence occasionally -  
but scarcely ever to the house - I saw  
Mrs Ross & Annetta not long ago. They  
are well & like Kansas exceedingly -  
I do not know whether we are to live here  
or at Lindero permanently - The claim  
title unsettled - Prospects are that the  
town float will be removed - Such  
is the road from Washington - Am  
sorry Emily's health is not better - I would  
it do her good to come & spend a year  
with me - I would take all the care  
of her any body could - Charles will probably  
go East in the Spring - He is not used  
to full of business - I shall try to go home  
another fall & see all my friends - Give  
love to all - I wish I could look in upon  
you & see Mother & all the little ones -  
Was surprised to learn Lucy was a mother.