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My Dear Wife

I received a letter from ^{you} a week
since with inexpreable pleasure
I likewise received 6 Newspapers
from Robert for which I am much
Obliged I guess you will get this
about Christmas time which will
not be the first letter you have
received near that time I will
send you a Franzer's Interpreter
with pleasure next week as it
is not ready now on account of the
President's Message it is a little
Paper for 5 cents in fact you can
get nothing here under 5 cents
the Postage of a letter is 3¢ but
if you pay ^{for} it when you post it
you must give 5 cents you inform

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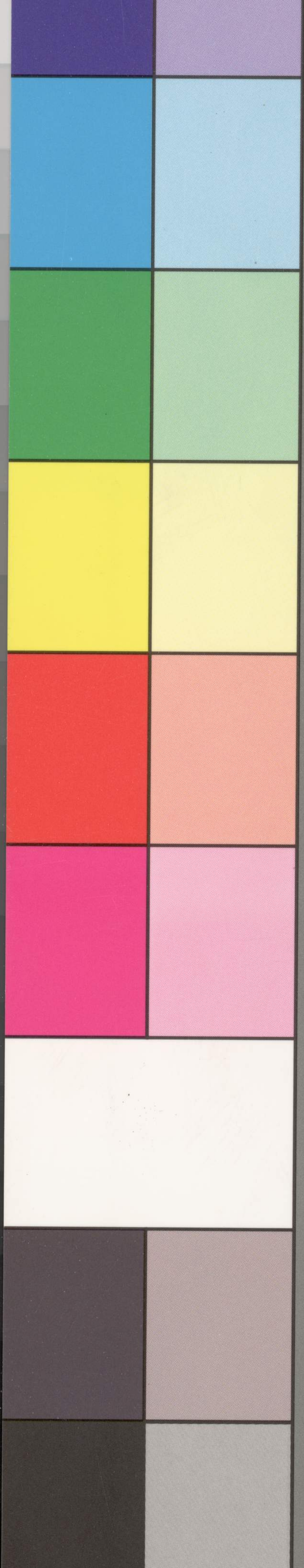
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me that Robert will write the
 next letter shall be very happy
 to have one from him am glad
 to hear that Charles & his Wife
 are well & the pretty little Baby
 but before I go on any farther I
 must recollect you have given
 me some Texts to Preach from
 I will now bend my mind to them
 for a little time but you must
 be satisfied with Mutton in Paro
 as much as I can give in a little
 compass I then you say what con
 ntryman is my Pop - he is a n
 ative American born in Pensyl
 vania left there when a child
 & have been the rest of his time
 in the State of Missouri he
 is just past 22 year of age
 unmarried & so far as I know

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been concerned with him to the
 present times he has a perfect
 Gentleman not civil & Polite
 for a few days like Mr Mullin
 yter but continue so I only wish
 he had more work & did not
 give so much credit he gives me
 as much work as he can & though
 the wages are low considering the
 price of Board here & not regular
 yet he is the most pleasant Man
 for a Pop I ever met with I
 have never had a misword from ^{him} on
 any occasion if he wants me to do
 any thing he says Mr Tovey I will
 get you to do so & so - if you please
 2nd Are you happy in your loneliness
 you say I answer Yes but dont
 misunderstand me being away from
 my Wife Friends & family dont



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constitute my happiness, there
 is many things I have had & have
 to contend with that is not pleasant
 to flesh & blood but still when I
 think of the Goodness of God to me
 & Mine when I think how many
 there are groaning in anguish & Pain
 day & night with little or no int
 ermission many are deprived of their
 sight & others of the use of their
 limbs many are in prisons & Lunatic
 Asylums while I am in health &
 strength with the enjoyment of
 health & strength Liberty of Body
 & use of my rational faculties
 & the enjoyment of Religious conso
 lation & food & Raiment hitherto
 the poet says, thy presence makes
 my paradise & where thou art
 is heaven & although I feel consery

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that I do not live up to my promise
in this respect as I ought to yet
I can say that the consolations of
my God are neither few nor small
unto me in my otherwise loneliness
I feel that his providence is still
over me & you & that if we look
to him in sincerity & truth he
will be our guide even unto death
Again you say what sort of place
do you sleep in — very comfortable
at present I Board with an
Englishman a Tailor by trade
with a Wife & 4 Children & they
do my washing although I have
not been quite so well fixed all
the time I have been in Kansas
I have had to sleep where the
rats have ran over me & slapped
their tails in my face I ask little

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Elya how she would have liked
to have her face slapped with the
flap of a sat's tail. } provisions
are tolerably high. } house rent
is very dear. } the navigation
of the river is stopped, every season
about this time as it is at
present for want of water
& we do not expect it to be open
again for 2 or 3 months. the
Yorkshire Man is near 45 Miles
from me on Indian reserve &
I am afraid when he have imp
roved the claim it will be brought
over his head there is something there
respecting the Claims in the territory
which I did not know before
I came here & that is in referen
to the Government Survey who

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liked will most likely cut across the
with the claim more or less of every man
visions & it may be in some favourite part
sent so that it requires a person to
one look a little before the leap is
my feather taken & now my dear I think
at I have answered most if not all
ter your questions except concerning
be open the Irish Dutch & English
the there is a few Englishmen Irish
Miles there is more but a very bad
e of imp stamp as usual about the same
- imp stamp as usual about the same
e brought number of Dutch who are better
nothing than the Irish the balance is
territory composed of Americans & French
fore please give my kind love to
referen Charles & his wife & all enquiring
y who friend tell Towhley I will write
to him before long am sorry you

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