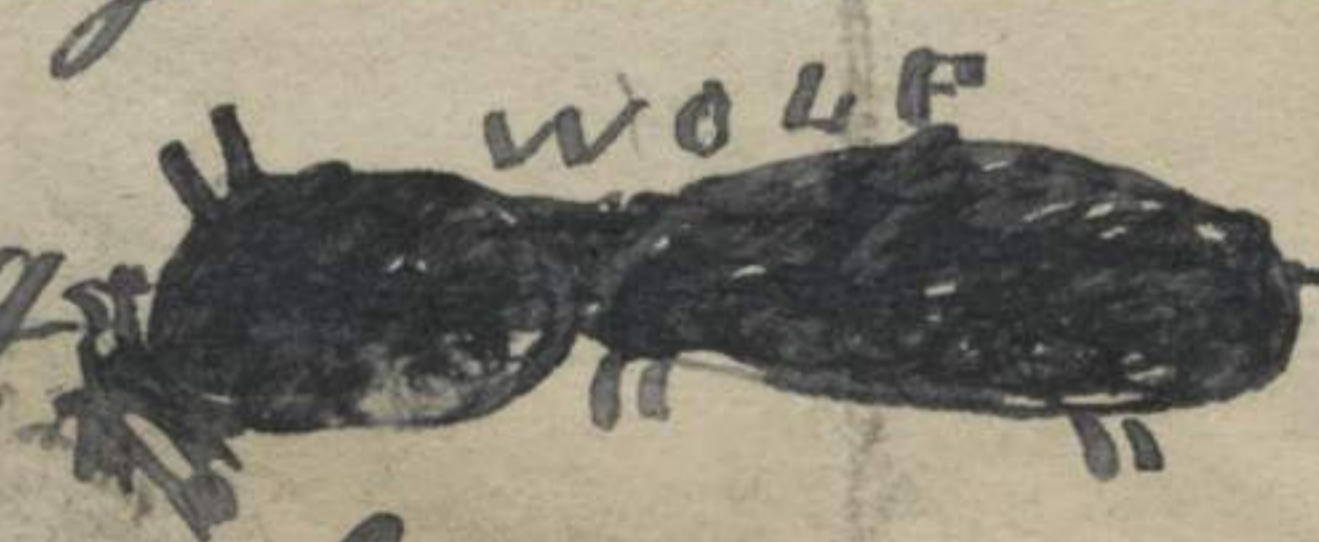


1881

November 30th

Dear Mamma and Sisters  
I have been wanting to write for some time, but will now say first about  
mamma's head, she will break anything we put on her head  
is a great deal worse than when you was here it has broke in a  
another place where the matter can run in her eye so two places  
are a running, and she dont want any body to touch it  
or wash it but i try to keep it out of her eye when i can  
we have doctored her head twice with a quill a long time  
ago but saw no pipe it would make you feel bad to see it  
it fairley sets me wild about it Grandpa thinks he will or has  
spoke about chaining her and Collic has went down ells and  
hunted up a chain the only rooster we have got died last night  
we picked him and cut him for the cats and dogs so we have no  
rooster young or old that i know of we are just out of hen feed  
but Grandpa has started off know to get some of picee at 05 etc a  
bushel with 30 cents in his pocket 15 of it to pay for the other we  
got i will tell you about it it was the bottom of his bin it was  
so full of dirt that Mr Picee thought there was about one peck of seed  
in it but it took pretty near 2 bogs full Grandpa thought there  
was a 1/2 bushel of rice corn in it but we pretend there is a peck of seed  
in it to any body els the old dominike hen is dead our tall rooster  
came up missing ~~the~~ the other day and i spell the wolf got him  
so we are bad off Grandpa bought 3 small <sup>pigs</sup> bogs of grigby for 2 etc  
apound all dressed and a short time before a large ham and shoulder  
of a large hog or an old sow for 10 etc a pound we have salted it all  
down we have eat the souce we are a baking headle once in a while  
when i have time there is one a baking now we all work like  
niggers slaves Lewis and i have been picking up buffala chips  
while Grandpa and Collic drawed sorghum stalks from Grandpa  
timber claim they have them all drawed in and in pretty cords  
between the stacks of hoy and all in from uncle Joes claim in  
a little stack Grandpa has just come home from Pierce but he  
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get some but he was gone and Mrs Atkins <sup>lent</sup> him a pair full in the  
head. we have a lot of bones to boil back bones that will last a good  
while besides every little while Mrs Grigby sends me a lot of  
liver we will get along by work my my dear Grandpa is  
always to work. Mr Mack came here from Leaned and I got him some  
dinner and he said to Grandpa your housekeeper is very young  
but she seems to understand it pretty well and <sup>he and</sup> had quite  
a visit after he was through <sup>eating</sup> he took out of his pocket ~~some~~  
and handed it to me and i said i would ~~not~~ would not take  
it he said he would not neither so he left it by me i tucked  
it in his bundle but he made me take it he said it was a  
present and not pay for the dinner. Mr Lowe took dinner here once  
Mr Grigby took dinner once Leharley Webb is a making \$10  
dollar a month in doge in a round house we have a lot of  
brush very green from mel for i guess ~~is~~ a load. we have  
our house all plastered two coats and once more got to living  
but you mind this we will straiten these things all write  
if we can and you need not worry we are prepared pretty  
much for a ready storm but we dont want any we have  
to much to do i should be glad if grace was here but i am  
afraid she ~~had~~ better stay until Christmas I have not much  
time to hear her but i expect i will have time <sup>after Christmas</sup> to hear her  
when i get a good chance to hear Louie i hear him he is through  
his reader in reading but not through all of the spelling  
he has ~~comenced~~ again my shoes are all a weiring out  
both soles on both shoes were a going flip it flop but grandpa  
soda sew it up with wax ends and one has wore off so  
one is flip it flop and i dont know how long it will be  
before the other is the same and one heel is or was out so it  
~~shod~~ my bare heel but i sewed it up with a double thread  
my stockings are very poor the Collic and Grandpa wear  
their ~~old~~ woolen ones aunt Louisa sent and Louie his best  
Blue ones and i wore my faded striped ones with holes  
in the heel Collics boot has a little hole in the ice but it dont  
do much but Louie were good and Grandpas are rather small  
but were good as far as wear is concerned. the black cow has  
died up a good while ago but we expect her to come  
in very ~~fly~~ thick for lots of milk when she comes in  
my writing books but let the teacher ~~see~~ see ~~correct~~ correct them

some of our money is a ruble to a ruble for our



I saved the skin of the chickens gizzard and I cure several for Grace and I will send some for Grace and I will send some for Grace and I will send some for Grace

I have no room to begin my name in my own  
 they are a block it is 5 minutes ago of your loving daughter  
 a great many would like to see you  
 after time all the children would like to see you  
 after grace goes away in the town place so the boys and  
 near your road right - see only staying one week and coming  
 thing to think Grace is away when we are plastering the house  
 Louie works like an ingan and we have to hold him back  
 or he will <sup>lift</sup> such heavy loads for Grandpa and myself to carry  
 I have to tell him he can't go some places he likes to go if he lifts  
 so hard. the little man <sup>and Little Louie</sup> got the white cow and getty in the  
 barn when Grandpa was gone away we had tried it before  
 when Grandpa was here but could not birds head i think  
 is about well now send Mrs. Ackrigher dress at the grocery  
 our hens are all dying off ~~of~~ have died all ready we have no  
 corn to feed them they are doney and have the colic they bring by  
 has to by rice corn for his own pigs at 35 cts a bushel of  
 big nose piece. Mrs. Quance sent me some liver up by horse  
~~man~~ when he went down after the trowel Louie wants to go  
 to school before Grace goes away and wanted to cry when i  
 I love Grandpa I burnt some bobbles when brownning it in the big dippers it was very terrible sorry angel

man and Grace