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Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

We were very sorry to hear of your fall and we hope that you are getting along nicely. I believe that hot and cold applications of water together with a reasonable amount of manipulating the ankle will aid in your recovery. What I mean by manipulating the ankle is for you to lie down on your back and work the foot and ankle a bit by muscular movement.

Our home or rather our yard still looks like "Hell's Half Acre". We tore down the granary and tool house and are utilizing the lumber in the building of our new garage which is going to be a very attractive and useful building. We have cut down the big tree that stood in front of the garage, but have not yet been able to get it entirely removed. Getting competent help and enough of it at a time to do what you want to is quite a proposition. We have been quite fortunate in having a man named Lear work for us. He is employed at the Sunflower Ordnance Works, but puts in a few hours a day for us and is a rapid and efficient worker. I pay 10 cents an hour above the prevailing price for such labor as this because he is worth it.

We have rented all of our plow land, reserving only for ourselves the two garden plots near our house and Dolph and his boys are making good use of the two lots on the east side of Vermont that formerly belonged to Mrs. Laptad. Their garden is up so that you can see it from the street.

I am thinking of selling the horse. I should like to raise some livestock and chickens, but do not believe it wise to take on the responsibility with no assurance of permanent help.

We are also sorry that Mary Beth's beautiful eyes require glasses. I shall never forget how your range of vision was enlarged when you had your first pair of glasses.

Julia left here Monday night and word received yesterday indicates that she stood the trip well and is making continued improvement. On account of difficulty in securing a drawing room, she was