

Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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after they took Mother home, and
staid till Nov. 15th, did all I
could to help whenever I was needed,
for three week days, we thought she
couldnt last till the next; and
the house in all the disorder of
just having moved in.
Mother's room was in order before
she arrived, the other parts of the
house, we put to rights, the essen-
tials as soon as possible, any
thing that could be left was left,
and our main time devoted to
her. People in Carbondale thought
we did wonderfully, for no one except
one of the family could do anything
for her, she was so emaciated and
such a sufferer, she was the thinnest
in flesh of any one I ever saw,
and so changed. But through it

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all was so beautifully patient. I
am very thankful I was situated
so I could spend so much time with
them during their affliction, and it
could not have been, had I been
house-keeping.
They are very lonely at home, it
grows more lonely I think, they
begin to forget their intense suffering
at first, ~~and~~ we thought more of her
release, now we look more at our
loss.
Ella is in much better health, has
been since her visit to Gloucester
in the summer of '78, she was a
most faithful, constant and very
competent nurse during all Mother's
illness. She bears the loss like a
hero. I think the lingering illness
did much to make them resigned
to her death. At one time I was
so distressed at her suffering
I said, Dear Lord release this one

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from her suffering, afterward I said
how all this suffering made it ^{now} easy
for them to give her up.
Hattie is in Cincinnati went back
this month to spend the remainder
of the year at the Wesleyans, she
was I very reluctant about going,
but we all thought if she went
to school any more, it must be
this year, Ella would miss her
just as much another year, & E.
has a good girl, now, and then
Mrs. Carrie Finley, teacher in the Normal,
cousin of Mrs. L. B. Sweet - of Topeka,
an old friend of our family of
whom Ella is very fond, boards with
at our house this winter.
Now then my time is up, I've not
written all I wished, nor as I'd

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like to write, but have had various interruptions from little Cornelia. There are many questions I'd like to answer, ask about you & yours. But you must take the will for the deed.

With much love for each one of you I remain

Yours aff. niece

Emma L. Allen Hykes.

P.S. If Will were here he would send kindest regards.

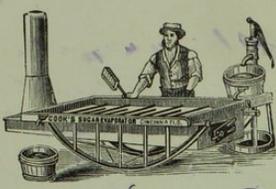
Our Camp is still a great comfort. I have a very pretty bedroom set, walnut, marble topped bureau & washstand, a ^{wedding} present from Father & Mother, a new carpet, which Will had for a surprise for me when I came home last Spring, a pretty little clock, Christmas present (the last Christmas) from Will; &c &c, I'd see more if I had time. Tell Uncle I am trying to be real economical.

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Dundas, Rice Co., Minn.

SETH H. KENNEY,
Morristown, Rice Co., Minn.

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Dundas, Rice Co., Minn. Jan 31 1870

Friend Denison,

Dear Sir,

You will excuse me for not writing you before in reply to your interesting letter of the Dec 16th, as I have not seen it until about a week ago. I started for the south on Dec the 18th, and did not return until Jan 22, and my writing was neglected hereby.

I have put in with Belcher & Schwarz and will go there next fall to help them to run their works. We hope to make a large lot of sugar & syrup, and trust we may be able to make some money. I like the warm winter of that latitude so much better than I do those of the cold north. If prospects are favorable I will move down there as soon as I can sell out here. If you want any prairie Alum, I would like to let you have it at cost. I bought a 300 lbs at 4 cts and the freight I guess made it about 12 cts more. I wrote Kenney when I was in Minn. that he had better order some seed from you. He told me in Fairbault Saturday that he had ordered 25 sacks, I hope we will get a larger order from our wholesale dealer again, if so, we may want

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a larger lot from you. I would like to see some of your syrup but perhaps it will be too much trouble for you to send it. Your ideas are very correct in regard to running slower that you may thus get the best quality. You are right. We could work together very nicely I believe. I think I have two very fine men in the persons of Belcher & Schwartz. I fear Seth is after playing off a little with me, but trust it may not prove so. You need not say anything, of course, but at some other time I may have something to say to you. Did he order that seed of you lately in his own name, or for our Company?

Your furnace arrangement is complete. I have 2 yrs ago fixed up my arches with Clay & sand, and find it is fine. I put up an expensive copper finisher, separate arch, and last year tore it all away, coming to the same conclusion that you have, only more so, that I can make better syrup without it, and with much less trouble. I find that my improvement works most charmingly making the ^{pan} nearly automatic in regard to the skinning. But the steam boiling "gets away" with all fire pans, and is ten times more easily worked. I offer my machinery all for sale. My farm and all. I hardly know of any special thing (new) which would interest you at St L. It seemed to be regarded as practical that the bagasse could be used for fuel, and it was rumored that the stripping of the cane was useless, so my wife has won, over all Kenney has said to the contrary.

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It was proven (as I have long thought was a fact) that all parts of the metals used in boiling, and holding the hot juices & syrups, should be of copper, or tinned iron, as the black iron always blackens the syrup; I was offered by a wholesale dealer in Cedar Rapids Iowa, 45 cts for my syrup by the car load; this was encouraging.

In regard to the changing of your own evaporator over I would advise you to cut down one of the sides (the one on which you take the syrup off) smoothly and straight to within $\frac{1}{8}$ " of an inch of the top of the crimps - thus leaving this end full height & this ^{full height} ^{6 in} ^{put flaring board on here} 3 feet The rich sweet scum on the rear end can be lifted off with a skimmer once in a while and saved. The flaring board should be quite flat, thus ^{the} ^{board} and the opposite side of the pan should have a board nailed on to the top about 5 in wider inclined inwards as at "a". Let the pan on the arch as shown above, with only just enough edge over the left side so as to not burn the ^{edges of the} pan (its wooden side) then 6 inches cooling side to the right is enough. This gives a good wide boiling surface on the bottom of the pan, and a wide arch. This increases the capacity of your pan. The foam will rise up much higher on the left side of the pan, and, the cooling

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surface of the right side with the cooling surface of the flaring board will settle the foam so that the foam will be downward inclined towards the flaring side, and all of the scum will ride right over to the right and land high up on the edge of scum board where it will remain until, ^{at your leisure} with a piece of a ^{thin} board about 16 inches long by 5 broad and with a handle tacked on the thickest edge, you can rake it over into a trough in a "giffy"

It may be that we will have you ship direct some large lots. It is with the most perfect confidence that I would trust you in making, weights and in the quality of seed which you would send. Now you may write me another long letter not a short ^{one} as you saw you will.

I regret that your letter has had to lay so long unanswered. My remembrance of you is ever pleasant, and I trust it will come ~~in~~ some day, that we may meet again.

Now let me hear from you again.

Winter has been cold & long, 30° below, good sleighing. A heavy snow storm is now raging coming from the N.E. Snow laid ⁱⁿ day in the woods about 15 in deep. It is 9 o'clock P.M. I send you my best wishes. Very truly, C.F. Minton

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Hues, Emma Allyx

Lebanon Ill, Feb. 4th 1880

My Dear Aunt:

Word of the 2nd reached me yesterday, was glad to hear from you, and need I say its invitation to spend two or three months away from my husband surprised me.

I thank you for the compliment given in selecting me, and did I think best to accept would try and make myself both useful and agreeable.

I do not feel that I could leave Will to go so far or stay so long.

He is quite subject to severe

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attacks of asthma, caused by cold, and traveling as he is sleeping in different-rooms and beds, caught out in storms, if such overtake him, one never knows when he may come home with a cold, and whenever he has a cold comes the anxiety in regard to an attack of asthma. oftentimes he escapes it, but occasionally has one, and they are a great affliction.

If I could have him with me or near me, I could enjoy staying with Katie & Uncle Hiram very much indeed, but under the circumstances I should not enjoy being away from home.

I assure Will some in his work as he has more than he can well attend to, and if I help it ever paying any one outside.

Nothing but affliction would have kept me at Father's as long as I did remain, and then I only staid from week to week desiring to bring Baby away when she was such a comfort to each member of the family.

I trust your trip to the Pacific coast, may be one which shall bring you both pleasure and profit, be good for mind, body and soul, that you may come back with renewed vigor.

I trust, also, that Katie and Uncle Hiram will succeed in finding someone who will be agreeable, to spend the time of your absence with them.

But as for me, my good friends, I married too late in life to be running off and leaving my husband, unless I saw some

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positive necessity - in the case.
Of course I may see many such
occasions, but they don't strike me
so much as a necessity, as a
pleasure.
(Will would not oppose my going
for a moment if I thought best
to make the attempt.)
So as I see matters now, I must
decline your kind invitation.
With many kind wishes, and
much love for each one of you,
Uncle Hiram, Hattie, Uncle & yourself
I remain
Your aff. niece
Emma Allen Ayler
P.S. Shall be glad to hear
further from you & your parents
1890.

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R., M., N.

Malden, Mass

Feb 2nd 1880

My dear Mr & Mrs Goodnow,
Your good Postal note has
whose comforting words fell like
dew drops on my parched and
dry lip. I do prize your true
friendship and continued interest
in my behalf. Amid the heaves
of this stormy life, few friendships
are strong enough to hold on
and hold out to the end.

I too, often think of, and enjoy
again, the great pleasure you gave
me in spending that night here,
and hope it may be repeated
ere we go hence. I have travelled
long and far on the dusty road
since then, and often feel that
soon my burden will roll off,
and I can be permitted to breathe

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the shell. this utter covering
of my real self, and saw away
to "that mansion not made with
hands", which I have so long been
building. for I am indeed, but a
"Pilgrim and a stranger here"

Yes, I am still Gods doorknocker
in His little home, and it is wonder-
ful how the fears, helps, and
holds me here, amid so many
contending elements to drive me
hence. There is a wise meaning
in all this, my dear friends,
and of that, I am persuaded we
shall all see in Gods time -
Problems have been written on
hims pages, since you were here
and you would have to give me
you them one night to read even
this little paper. I believe I have
been a Pioneer for oppressed, en-
slaved woman, from my early

life. For the love of virtue,
truth and goodness, I have
stood like a battle ax, fighting
all opposing forces, and "been
hated of all men - for Thy name's
sake" - Blessed hate.

well, I did not intend flying away
in this way when I commenced, but
I live in the spirit so much. I was
~~drawn~~ drawn right into your
true, sympathetic, loving spirit at
once. My dear Father, has been
taking me through so many sea-
sating states, in order to empty me
wholly of self, so that He can
turn up His entire abode therein,
that I am seldom allowed to write,
and whole weeks pass by, and no
one is permitted to come to the house
A hermits life indeed - but I love
it, for God and his angels are my
companions -

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Mr R. is back in N. York. but I do not receive, or hear any thing from him. I feel he has gone away near to his limitation. My daughter is still keeping house in T. B. My son. is wholly out of employment just now. a hard discipline which will prove good in the end. I have no doubt. Our lives are all labour pains, for new births, through the rough hum and hard experiences of earth life.

My dear friend, would it be better for you to sell at any price, my Cotts there, taking you pay out, and send you further Cotts. I give it all into your hands, to do as you think best. Over with my deep warm love and Gods blessing on you both. M. A. R.

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Denison, Mo., 1.

Denison, Feb. 28th - 1882.

Dear Auntie & Katie,

Your very kind
letter came marked with much pleasure.
If, you will excuse me, I will write to you
both at once, as my time is not my own
now. Many thanks for the beautiful trim-
ming you sent me, Katie - I had made
Baby a blanket of white flannel, and
your trimming gave it a very pretty fin-
ish - it is the only present I have had for
him - though, I have had several myself -
My neighbors have been so kind, & brought
me some real nice dainties when I was sick.
Baby will be a month old to-morrow - is
very large & just as strong & will as can
be - he has blue eyes & dark hair.

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I find I have made a mistake in commencing my letter, but I will keep on now. It is snowing to day & quite cold, with the exception of several weeks, we have not had pleasant ^{weather} - after Thanksgiving & about the time Baby came it had been cold. I am sorry, Auntie had been so miserable - hope, she is feeling better now. I think of you all so often & wish, as could be done enough to slip in & see each other, when we feel like it. I am truly glad you had so good a visit, Father, & wish you could make your next one to Denver. Will you be kind enough to tell me, the name of the plant with the spotted leaf, which looks like an ivy - also the name of the one with the long slender leaf like a lily? I think you said it bore a scarlet

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flower - it has a bulb like an onion.
It was careless in me to forget so soon,
but I was not familiar with either name.
Kellie + Frank are much pleased with
what Auntie had to say about her sick-
ness + eggs they always beg me to send
the letters that come from Auntie's.
Kellie is learning nicely + will soon
be able to write you a letter. She says,
"tell Auntie + Kellie I have a new doll, +
Frankie has a ball, both homemade."
They are very fond of "Little Brother" + him
sings fifty times a day. I have finished
up the little quilt - Auntie commenced
when she was here. It looks quite pretty.
George was down on the 16th of December,
has since been appointed Agent at
Buena Vista. I think you would be
impaired to see how this part of
the city has changed. There are new
buildings going up in all directions,
+ not only here, but in all parts of

the place. Henry is very well + busy,
and can't come home to dinner to day.
I will ask him to write, if he has time,
after he comes home to night. Remember
me kindly to Uncle Kinard. Kellie + Frank
send love + kisses to all. My love to all.
Your affectionate Son,
Henry L. Decision

We received a letter from George today.
He sends an arrowhead from Buena Vista
So well and crowded with work

It's snowing fast tonight and quite
cold. Hope you are all very well

Yours Truly,
Henry L. Decision

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DENISON, FRANCES

Holtton April 28, 1880.
Mrs I. T. Goodnow.

My Dear Sister
Flattie's postal card came a few days ago. We would like very much to make you a visit while Mr D is gone to the gen. Conference. But our means will not allow of it now, as we expect to have some extra expenses during the summer. I did hope to get a pass & go with Mr D to the gen Con but it did not come & it is all right. I can do some of Mr D's work while he is away & perhaps ^{XX} can do some good.

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I had a good long ^{letter} from Mrs. University Holly Springs
Duvall wanting me to make Miss. I think Fattie saw
her a visit of it come to the him when she was at
conference I would like our house in B. He is
to see her do much. She a good Christian young
wished to be remembered man & I hope will make
to you & Bro. S. her a good husband. She
We expect Ellen does not want us to
& Ella home the first make a wedding as our
of June with the three children house is so small we
I suppose you knew Ellen had can not entertain many
another little girl born the at one time. We will
5 of Apr & are getting along decide about that when
nicely. Now we want you she comes home & let you
all to make us a visit while know all about it then
she is with us. Come some We want Uncle Piers to come
time in June. We will with you as Ellen has not
write you again when they seen him yet & would
come. Ella expects to be married like to see him as well
the last of June or the first as the rest of us. hope it
of July to Bro. W. A. French will be so he can come.
who is now teaching in Shaw We are having a nice rain

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to day that we need very
much. I must close as
we are very busy house
cleaning. Remember me
to all friends. Good to
yourself & all the rest
of the family. Write soon
Yours in much love
Frances Denison

Eaton, H.P.

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C. D. & G. W. CLOTHER, PROP'RS.

Columbus, Neb., May the 1st 1880.

Mr Penison dear Sir

I promised to write to you a long time ago but have had so much work to do that I could hardly get the time We are all well and doing verry well think we will get along all right if the heppers doe not trouble us I am working my Brothers farm this comer it is verry nice weather with the exception that it is quite windy I did not know that you were still there untile we received a letter from my Brother there, they are trying to get me to work in a Cain mill



This fell per a man that
does not understand the
business and I would like
to get some Early Amber
Corn Seed but cant get it
here. I want to know if
you will send me $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel
of seed if it is not worth
over 15^{cts} per Pound, and
if it is I would like to have
you send me $\$2.00$ worth
and if you will send it
I will forward the money
to you as soon as I receive
the seed and find out the
cost will you please go to
Mr. Renaker and get my
corn cutter and pack it in
the box of seed, give my
regards to Mr. Goodnow, folks
I remain yours as ever
H. P. Colon.



Stratton, J.

WENDELL EASTON,
General Manager.

A. T. COVELL, Resident Superintendent.

Washington Irrigated Colony,

OF FRESNO COUNTY.

San Francisco, June 11th 1880

Hon. S. M. Goodnow.

Dear Friend

It has been some time since we heard from you or since we have written. In the mean time we have been working, watching and waiting to see what would be the result. We are still waiting, with mingled doubts and hopes. Though our hopes are becoming very faint and unsubstantial as the days and weeks go by leaving them unfulfilled. A few weeks more however, we trust, will decide whether our enterprise, that has absorbed so much money and time is to be successful or not.

Should it fail me, my intentions are to go to farming on the Colony where I have two lots. I am getting somewhat in years to commence farming on new land, but believe that in three or four years forty or even thirty acres of our irrigated lands, planted to raise grapes & semi-tropical fruits will give me an income such as I can earn in no other way.

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The months of March and April were fearfully cold, stormy and disagreeable, - more so than was ever known in this state before.

Not until the middle of May did we have anything like warm comfortable weather.

Every thing now is lovely, and a trip through the State would be delightful. We do hope we may all be able to do so in the coming future.

What will be the final result of our hard times no one can foresee. Enterprise seems dead.

There is no possible sale for real estate any where - at any price. For over three months I have had my property here in the City for sale, and though considered very desirable, have not been able to get even an offer. A year ago, I could have found a ready sale for it any day.

We are all well, except that I suffer much from my old enemy, the rheumatism.

How are you pleased with the Republican nomination. While most people here would have preferred Blair, "we are satisfied" - nay rejoiced, and hope to carry the State for Garfield. His record on the Chinese question will injure him somewhat on this coast, though not seriously. But I do not believe Grant could have carried the State. Auguste and Lola unite in sending much love to you and Sister Goodnow.

Yours fraternally
J. Stratton



DEXTER E. CLAPP.

YATES CENTER, WOODSON CO., KANSAS, June 24 1880

Dear Br.

Your letter is just received. When your former one was received I was about leaving home, and left it with Mrs. Clapp, and supposed it was answered.

I had no idea that letter had lain so long unanswered.

I regret it very much, and most sincerely beg your pardon.

Mr. Steel is half owner and Editor of the News, our County paper.

He remained with us about two weeks, then went to the Center, and soon after bought an interest in the paper. We like him very well, and should have been very glad to have had him remain

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with us, but he seemed disinclined to take hold the hard work of farm life. He talked some of buying sheep, and I think he is still talking of it.

He has not maintained an active Christian life, but I know of nothing against him. We shall be glad to do anything in our power in his interest. I write in haste.

I have sent you a copy of the Kansas City Journal, containing an article which treats of an attack made in one of our Congressmen Finley, and published in the Lawrenceville Times. Our best regards to yourself, Mrs. E. and Miss Parkinson.

Yours &c.
E. C. Staff

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*written of some things about me. I think my friends would advise me to leave rather than have of sickness be, all for me your friend
P. B. Wood,
St. Louis, Mo.*

Southbridge
July 9 - 1840

Dear Brother & Sister Goodnow

I hope you do not consider me negligent of my friends, or that I am so much absent in self as to take no thought of them, do week after week, & I have been much with you in thought - too head tired to write - & all the time promising myself the pleasure of writing the next week, & that too has gone by & still I have not written, I have been nearly discouraged, to tell you the whole truth I have been so perfectly depreped in mind, that I can not do anything without an effort

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The past winter has been one of great anxiety. Ella was full all summer & fall. The last of Sep I went to our M.D. & told him her symptoms. He wanted some of her urine to analyze. The analysis proved her symptoms to be a case of Diabetic Insipidus & told me she could live but a few months. About giving she could sit up but little. A friend had heard of a health cure ^{found} which is said to keep such patients alive & comfortable. We immediately procured it & she has rallied so far as to be able to take quite long walks &c. She has been quite as well the past few months as she had been for several years. Since she cannot take any employment & we cannot feel that she will ever be well the M.D. has told me very plainly that she is liable to die suddenly at any time. He sure oblig-ed to give up our little home as he said she was not able to call for me when I have the headache &c. We broke up & boarded till the last of June when we came here to Belle. We have not decided what to do when we get through our trip to the sea side. We are waiting for Providence to open a way for us. It is mysterious to me that just when we need the most we should have the least. Now that it is hopeless in respect to Ella's ever being able to help me or to support herself

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*to my nature
at least, but
in a way that
for me, but I
do so much
of my own
struggling &
little, I have
been very
is very dear,
I have been very
sick & I have
been from
you, I shall
not be settled
down here for
is direct in
case of risk
to Littlefield.
I am sorry
to say that
under the
necessity of*

The man who took my money
for safe keeping has failed &
I have nothing but the little
from the Preachers did & what
my relatives do for me. But I
have been able thus far to live
comfortably & pay my bills. Some
how the money has come, when
needed. Truly, this is living by
faith, rather than sight. Is one
of my sensitive nature, this is
severe discipline - & you know
how hard it is for me to trust.
I want to see my way - I can
not see how it is that I am as
easy - that is, free from anxiety -
as I am. I do believe my heavenly
Father will care for us. It very prob-
-ably may not be in a way suited
(CP)

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