



Concord Sunday Oct 6th

Dear brother and sister

I was at home today and mother told me how long it had been since any of us had written to you and thinking that you must be very anxious to hear from home I thought I would write immediately. I have not had time to write since we received your letter until now. Mother is quite well at present. Two of her fingers, on her left hand she cannot use much. Do you asked me to describe the disease ma had but I dont know as I can. They called it the Scarlet Dyptheria. She was of a scarlet red from head to foot and of a burning heat, and when she began to get better the skin came off all over her she could peel it off in large pieces; all her finger

nails came off and as I told you
before she has not the full use of
two of them yet. She suffered much
you cannot imagine nor I describe
how much. But I feel truly thank-
ful to kind providence for her
restoration. Charlotte and Eliza had
the same disease but very lightly
Louisa and Lafazett had it and
were not expected to live but they
too recovered and are well now
Louisa is a very pretty little girl she
talks considerable. Thomas is at home
and just as good a boy as ever he
said last night he would give so
much to see you. He would be so
pleased to get a letter from you par-
ticularly for himself. Martha you
dont know how proud I am of him
Charlotte came home with me today
she ^{tell Martha} says she is going to writ to
her when ma writes again she is
getting to be quite a help to ma.

And now about Charles and Cordine
we are well and enjoying ourselves you
will think I am healthy when I tell
you how much I weigh I weigh 138
pounds, Charles is well but he has
worked very hard this summer and
is about tired out now, "We have
got our hops picked and pressed.
It took three weeks with 20 pickers
to pick them. We have sold \$2,50
worth and have about as many more
to sell as we have sold; but we do
not expect to get as much for the
remainder; as the price is reduced.

We wish you much joy with
your baby. Oh how we wish we could
see you all You have chosen a very
pretty name for your boy. Strive to
bring him up to be an honor to
his parents and his country, kiss
him for me I suppose you have
heard before this that Nancy has
another boy they have named it

John for the first name and
I believe Carpenter for the second
She is bound to keep ahead of
you I guess.

Monday night Father Ingalls folks have gone
up to the head waters of the
Baraboo river they started last
~~night~~ Tuesday They felt very bad about
leaving their place and it was too bad
they were too old to be moving; but
Pa did his best to save it but he
could not Peter and Eliza have
gone with them.

I did not tell you of father's
health he is not able to do much
work, ^{and} only that that is light Dr
Chapman says he must not work,
I must bring my letter to a
close Charles was too tired to write
to night so you must excuse him
he writes with me in sending our
love to you all write soon from
your affectionate brother and sister C. C. Ingalls
Charles and Caroline, Martha, Charles