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Maggie → Nora

Wellsville, Dutch County

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Miss Maria O Crockett

My Dear Friend your ever  
welcome letter came safely to hand and believe me  
it was welcome as your letters always are. You see by  
this that I am at home again in the rain, as it  
has stormed ever since I arrived, but I am in hopes  
it will clear up <sup>as</sup> it is always darkest <sup>just</sup> before the dawn  
I am pleased to think you like teaching them so well  
as it is a good thing for the health to be happy. I  
guess it will weigh nearly 2.00 lbs. and am quite healthy  
but Baby has had quite a sick spell since we came  
home, but feels some better today. Charlie is out at home  
is still at Alpen but I left him in very good health  
but thought he would be homesick for his little Maria  
when we were away. but I guess he will survive. at least I hope  
so he will be home in about 3 weeks and will make up for lost  
time by being more affectionate. I am take a good deal of  
money as long as you can make a living for yourself as near

are generally deceitful "But opposition is the life of trade".  
Well I have found things in about their usual dead  
condition, it is terrible lonesome I wish you were here; there  
has not been any meeting or S.S. to amount to anything today  
as there has quite a number gone to conference, mother has gone and  
I am hoping home for her father has gone also, I hope they will have a  
better time than I have at home. it has just poured down all day, I  
was up to Martha Kasten's today awhile, she is looking to be confined any  
day now. she has a nice new house on Mrs. Calkens's lot, and so has  
Mrs. C. I saw Euphemia today and she looks as if she had swallowed some-  
thing that would not digest. Mrs. Barker is still the same, Mary Owens  
is very sick today, there is a very great deal of sickness here now. Sadie  
Jones has been quite swamped for about 8 weeks but is better today  
Levi has gone to Salt Lake and M. G. & M. A. sit up all night to sell  
liquor, they get a pretty hard name here. Mary & Will is up to Beaver Canyon  
I had quite a nice time this summer out there as well as a  
pleasant trip home, and Mary & Will will be home now in a day  
or two as well as the Misses Stoddard. Mr. J. A. I still corresponds  
with Ellen, Johnny wrote to me last week and sent his kind  
regards to you. I think you have escaped something by  
giving J. W. L. the mill then as his summer wages will not  
pay his debts, & even all around, and this paper as it is  
all I could find Nora<sup>is</sup> as cute as ever (I think) hoping to hear  
from you soon I am your sincere friend (Massie)