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Mary S Crabbitt →  
Horn

Newsy letter.

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I will soon  
have plenty  
of flowers  
in bloom I  
have some  
more we give  
flowers in  
Lugan yet  
I will send  
you a piece  
of my new  
apron it cost  
just 20 a  
yard eggs  
are only a  
bit a dog  
is not that  
cheap my  
pockets are  
empty

Two years  
ago we  
began to  
lay out  
mine  
commenced  
to lay on  
the 12 of  
this month  
and they  
lay regular  
taking in  
to lay on  
right day  
leave his  
for mine  
it is to good  
all of it  
Dear Daughter Nora  
I have three letters I ought to  
write to night one to you and one  
to Mary and one to Delia but  
as I have had your letter the  
longest I will write yours first  
altho you are the poorest correspon  
dence I have I always look a  
long time for a letter from you  
before I get it but it is always  
good when I do get it. I am  
glad that you can get a little  
work to do it will help you along  
I think Will is working very  
hard has his shoulder got as  
well as ever How does Delia get  
along with her studies does she  
learn much What will you do  
when she comes home I expect

you will be the same The got  
40 dollars for our cow and calf  
I do not know whether I will go  
to Weston or not this summer  
We will not sell our place here  
in Lugan We are looking every  
day for George he has been  
pushing cars but got his discha  
ge with several others Mary  
has been very sick so George  
had to teach in her place for  
several days. The Pops are as thick  
as flies in summer again & the  
boys to the poptery night and  
keep his eyes open in the day  
the night he is at work in  
day he is at work in the poptery  
done all but the painting and  
Delia has made the fence  
around the house by the ditch

and perch your Father is going  
to paint the porch tomorrow if  
all is well he is about sick and  
he has cut his hand very bad  
with the hatchet Grandma is  
at Aunt Lucinda's she is quite  
smart for her I was down there  
last Sunday and she looked as  
clean and bright as a new pin  
did I tell you what a nice little  
room that your Father and Uncle  
Nathaniel was making for her  
it is so warm that she can have  
the out side door open and it  
makes it so nice to have the  
fresh air all the time in the  
room. Marriam Curtis has  
a fine son after so long a time  
it is about a week old John  
is talking of moving to Ferguson  
in a week or two but is not  
certain The depts have taken Ralph  
Smith Daniel Johnson and several  
others. We have spring here now

people are plowing. He at a letter  
to day from Cyra he is plowing  
too the Preston folks are all  
well Ruth's baby has been  
walking two months or more  
you must excuse poor writing  
for I have no good pen for every  
time your father writes he spoils  
my pen I do not know if I can  
come to see you this summer or  
not but I hope you will come  
and see us if possible you  
must excuse me for commencing  
my letter where I did for  
the boys was bothering me so  
I did not notice where I started  
to write Do you give plenty of milk  
for the babe if you do not you  
must feed him give him lots  
of kisses for me please write  
soon to your lonely and fatherless  
old Mother With love to all  
I remain as ever your loving mother  
Mary S. C. C. C.