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Bill → Nora

from Middletown

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Dear wife and baby,

How I am tired and warm  
and while I am resting I will write you  
I would like to see you both real well  
but must be content I fear things are not doing  
well how I don't want you to work hard  
I have only one thing to ask of you that I  
want your special attention & that you  
will see to it without my request that is this  
take good care of our boy of every thing else  
has to go I hoped Elias has got a chance to  
go home before now I have been coming  
I'da. and have 8 orders This country is not  
near so good as I expected to find it for the  
flock business it has been conserved more than  
any other county I was ever in but I think  
by close & hard work I will be able to make 100  
a month & maybe more look after things as good  
as you can & don't worry about me for I will get  
a long all right I don't work to hard and write when  
you can this <sup>time</sup> you may add me at Boise City

and do so till I give you a difference  
directions I think you can find a good  
market for our eggs the winter they are  
now worth 25¢ a dozen and always 40+50  
in the winter Butter is worth at present  
35¢ when I get home I will see if I cant find  
a market for all we have I like the valley very  
well but small is doubt fit to use and every  
thing looks nice, Cabot a ride up in the  
field + see if all is well + see about the  
garden if any thing goes wrong +  
needs a mediatly attention look after it  
+ use your own judgement I think I  
will be able to make some money if  
I stay with it long enough I could go  
home sick if I would allow myself but I dont  
think of home no more than I can help  
may be down in Aug with Burgon's  
outfit Dont think I will come any more  
unless am required I will send you some  
money + soon as possible.

Over Your Loving<sup>ly</sup> faithful Husband  
Kiss Baby many times for me  
God Bless the boy  
Will Good Bye