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(Brother)

Mentions Fresh  
Lawn suit.

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Chariton, Iowa,

Aug. 7, 1887

W. L. Raw Esq.

Dear Brother

Your kind and welcome letter of July 22. at hand. it found me attending Normal. I am boarding at home and drive in every morning. There are 230 attending at present. A person has not to be a good scholar if he stands any show of getting a certificate. Only half pass in two branches can get my certificate duplicated in all other branches. It is no fun to attend Normal now.

We are almost through harvesting. Only have two more days. Our Binders make fine Rice and pleased with it.

I can promise you certain that I will  
come out there this fall, if I do not come  
I think I will be there in the spring  
I have got a pretty good thing offered  
me for making sheep & peaches this fall  
and then if I can get a school I think  
I had better teach, it will help fit me  
up for business when I do come and  
under the circumstances I cant very  
well leave I want to have it so when  
I come I cant stay a while.

If you think you can bet I'll honestly  
and of course you wont try any other way.  
maybe you can assist you financially  
that is if you give what you said.

Hold him and that other dam feather  
down if you can. dont let them get  
the best of you if you can

We are all well at present.  
Our oats all fell down and our corn has been  
blown down considerably.  
Edith is about well she is staying with Tom  
Come back this fall and maybe I will go back  
with you. Well I must quit for I want  
to get some more time for to stack hay

Truly Yours J. P. Ruan