

accepting Old Gilder which I  
suppose has satisfied the craving  
of some impudent ~~knave~~

That is looking well every  
thing beted off than I expected  
Quayle has gone to Chicago &  
has not branched yet with his back  
so I was in time Coaks will come  
mence in a day or 2 I hope be though  
I want to be off within 10 da. if I  
can. How for big news Willard's  
wife have a fine girl so has  
Mrs. Quayle & also Emory Bennett  
High Dayton is looking for one  
every day he has had the mad wife  
2 or 3 time but to soon I expect  
there is one up at the E. I don't  
know Southworth is back!

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Dear Howard Babies

It is now very  
late and my light has gone  
dry once to night I feel I must  
write you and tell you the  
important beginning with  
the morning I left Preston  
well I proceeded on my way  
going over the hills E. of P. &  
coming into Cub. Creek Camp  
& going up the same a distance  
of 4 or 5 mi. when I came to your  
delight in the fullest sense.  
The Choke cherry the most &  
the finest I have ever seen  
if you remember I spoke to you  
of them but I did not really

that there was so many for I  
did not pay attention I was thin-  
king of <sup>the</sup> flowers - the daisy for instance  
and cared but little for cherries  
but now I was on my return  
and a good distance up the  
canyon and prompted by a  
longing desire for them I  
began looking around & to  
my surprise I found abundance  
of them and of the finest quality  
at one small bush I got off  
my horse & by the aid of my knife  
in a minute or 2 I had a fine  
bunch of cherries as you see saw of the  
kind then for the 9999<sup>th</sup> time I  
wished you were a long to help  
enjoy them They were the  
best I have ever eaten not  
like those we had above West  
much larger more juicy & sweeter  
they were good one cluster

would make your hand full & they  
were so large Well I had all I  
wanted which must have been  
near 1 qt. At about 4 P.M. began  
to follow the Indian trail but  
by my absent-mindedness  
I lost it & went the wrong way  
there by making the trip much  
harder I must have been 2 1/2 hrs.  
more climbing the divide getting there  
about 11 P.M. a few minutes later at  
my rate I got to Jarvis's mill a  
bout 12 P.M. had nooned & helped a  
fellow bind on a load of staves  
It took about 1 1/2 hrs. to go to  
Bloomington where I stopped &  
put up for the night & next  
morning I was in Paris by sun-  
rise & wrote you a card which you  
have by this time no doubt  
Well I got home by 9 P.M.  
& found very strong all right.