

21 May 1887

MaReam → Will &
Norm

for you as all was on
the good sid of me kiss
Nora & Baby for me
and think how I would

like to see you all you
could not guess tell
Nora to right to pa how
he aprishedated her letter
rite to me oftes, can
and see me when you
can Edith is cloving
well she roat to me
that she could get a
chook this winter and
git forty dollars, so
ber made the like
her well John gets
over chook fernt. did not
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Chariton May
Dear Children

again I try to right to you
I have been sick I have to work
to hard I have all the work to
do see Edith went home with
an it is to much for on to
do spashley old and week by
like me ya thinks he aint
able to hier help but he
will soon have to hier it
all I am got dinner and the
had bread and milk for
bricckfast I feel beter
and thinking of you I
remember we have not

answered your letter pa said
to tell you that he could
not tell you about the
cattel for it was so dry here
that we did not raise much
and it is still dryer this
spring we have only had
one little shower this spring
it only wet the top of the
ground and if it dont rain
soon we will not raise any
thing the children is all
well John was home and
staid a week and left to
day for smart he said Em
needs a life smart is all
talking about that money
that you owe them & ~~not~~

said that if you dont pa
them soon this month
that she will have to leave
him for she cant stand it
Will if you can pa them
soon dont think that I
am anxious for you to pa
the mortgage if I had the
waiting to do I would
wait a long time you
now that I dont have
much to say in such
things as you would
fair better well my
head akes and I must
quit this time right
soon right to pa keep
on the good side of him