

January 16th 1857

Dear Friend

In answer to your letter which I received on the 13th I have set myself to write a few lines to you to inform you of my health which is very good at present hoping that when you receive this you will enjoy the same I was happy to learn that you arrived safe at Syracuse and are enjoying your self so well.

I do think I could not enjoy myself so far from home and with strangers your Fathers family are all well I believe George thinks he will take care of his ears he has no mine to try the effects of frost as we do but I hope that your freezing your ears did not make you as sick as my face did me I was very sick after you left home I have not ~~at~~ attended any

parties since you left but I have
attended a wedding uncle was
married on the fourth of this month
I had an invitation to a party but
did not attend. The old Luchman
you mentioned in your letter is
prospering finely he says he has
made three hundred dollars in two
weeks that is doing big business
I can not say good business for that
is not so he has bought him
a pretty good horse and wagon he
has built him a stable up against
the house it is very handy for
them it would not be for us
I do not think that we will stay
where we now are Mr Crosby
wants pa to take his house
the one Mr Sairs now occupies
but that will not prevent you
and me from making your own
yard as you would like to have it

I shall be at liberty to help
you just as much as though
we stay here your Father
told me to get my letter ready
and send it with the girls letters
you must excuse my bad writing
and spelling I hope you will
answer this soon I remain
as ever yours Truly
John Alliger

pa and ma sends their respect
to you

John Allegier

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