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I had a little cash of my own, that I intended to ^{keep for} take me back to Fort I filed. if I should ever want to go - but as we are situated - without a home and have to pay such awful rents here - I thought the best thing for me to do was to buy a house lot with it - and trust to luck for a house. - Well we spent two days looking at lots and could not find one in the City for less than \$200 or 200.25 - & 250.00 with only 50 ft on front and 165 ft back - so we could not think of those - So we heard of this land that was only for sale the day before - and went and looked at it, and that it was just the thing we bot two acres as it was a grand bargain and so near the City too. He wanted \$270.00 for the two acres but if we would settle in it this fall and not buy it for speculation, would deduct 1/4 of price - and for Cash down 10 per cent - off from that, so it bot it down to \$182.00. It is just beautiful land. we bot last Friday, and since then two more have bot - Now the big - we have got to move out of

Huron, Sep 4th. Tuesday - 1883

Dear brother Ned.

I am just going to write you a few lines this time, as it is nearly dinner time, and I don't think you care much to hear from me anyway - for you have not written once to me yet. - How quick you were here to day to take dinner with us - or lots of dinner with us - you would like this part of Country - that is to farm, or raise Cattle - for it is not half of the work to farm here that it is in "foreign or arrostok" - It has been such beautiful weather all the time since the first of June, only two cool days in all that time.

on rain storms, only showers, and just enough, and most of them in the night-- I never saw such a beautiful summer. Fred had letter a few days ago. She said it was like Oct weather there-- how horrid, and here so beautiful-- Friday her letter came. it was so hot I could scarcely wear any clothes--

Geo has just sent up potatoes, & squash for dinner, and also a pumpkin, all ripe-- I told him to get any small pumpkin. it is a great deal larger than a water pail, and such a splendid husband. I shall have beef steak, squash, potatoes, cucumbers, warm biscuit, pudding with Ice Cream on it, (or cold custard) would be the right name for, as I don't want to freeze the custard, wish you could be here to sample it. for

I know it will be splendid-- oh we just feast on milk & Eggs this summer. I have now about 9 doz Eggs packed for winter-- shall have a good many more-- as I have got the two hens with chickens to laying-- working like a little Ceyanore paper in their food every morning-- and a hen has-- see for them to lay in-- shall have some to sell this winter when they bring a good price-- probably 35-40- & perhaps 50 ct per doz. they sell now for 20 ct-- Some things are higher here than at home, and some are cheaper-- and one can get everything here if they have the money-- for they have nice stores. 1 P.M. Geo is waiting for this & can't write half that I wanted to-- will now be big-- I have got a piece of land 1/2 mile North East of the City--