Polly Delowell

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Your affectionate Polly Delowell

[Partial text]

Dear Husband,

Recently went off the 25 with the order enclosed, there seems to be a great number of drafts upon you which seems to be enough to cause the patience of a job. Our children some of them at least don't seem to have the discretion which their age would warrant. Drive is seeming to be very extravagant in many respects but quite humorous on others and with the well balanced brain of his wife think they will probably do well. First Dory and Christopher I fear will always have to depend more on less when mine parents unless they change the course of conduct. I am much surprised that Dory should have called for such a large amount of money for more trifles probably one half might just as well be
well to dispense with but you did continue as well as you did and now as I have commenced meeting the trials of character which our children seem to possess I wish that David and Alice seem to wish to take care of themselves or at least David has done so she has such an indolent turn he will probably do the same and with a few kind and indulgent words there hope with much assurance all will be well. How long will it be ere we may expect David home I suppose when he comes home he will need your advice and assistance now does David want the lack of it resigned would it not be well to give it to Christopher and lit David a new one equally as good as Christopher as the best one this year every child as Christopher is 23 years old or will be in May what are you intending to do with or for him exactly I think you have a harder task to look after the wellfare of your children now they have worked so much hard than I had in taken care of there little wants in infancy as Edain going to school this summer as he is working as he used to be Dr Jackson would say let him be physically developed first he never went to school after the 12 year Edain does not grow well I fear it will check his growth in body and influence his mind I hope Edain and Core will romp to their hearts content. Core is always ready for fun and frolic but Edain loves reading too much for health as he cultivating the flower garden. Threw a letter from Teresa awhile ago she does not seem it of any consequence whether I am at home or at the meeting or whether I am feeling my consent or she does not seem to have a fever or on the brain of God just thinks as if she does why they will be married without any consent that all.
Dear Husband

I received yours of the 25 with the order enclosed. There seems to be a great number of drafts upon you which seems to be enough to weary the patience of a Job. Our children some of them at least don't seem to have the discretion which their age would warrant. Prince F seems to be very extravagant in many respects but quite parsimonious in others and with the well-balanced brain of his wife, think they will probably do well. But Persis and Christopher I fear will always have to depend more or less upon their parents unless they change their ways of conduct. I am much surprised that Persis should have called for such a large amount of money for mere trifles. Probably one half might just as well be dispensed with but you did well to curtail as well as you did and now as I have commenced writing the traits of character which our children seem to possess, will say that David and Aza seem to want to take care of themselves or at least David had done so. Aza has such an independent turn he will probably be the same and with a father's kind aid and influence we may hope with much assurance all will be well. How long will it be before we may expect David home? I suppose when he comes home he will need your advice and assistance. How does David's watch look? If it could be improved, it would not be well to give it to Christopher and buy David a new one equally as good as Christopher will expect one this year, any how as Christopher is 21 years old or will be in May. What are you intending to do with or for him? Really I think you have a harder task to look after the wellfare of your children now they have arrived to manhood than I had in taking care of their little wants in infancy. I am Edwin going to school this Summer? Is he as nervous as he used to be? Dr Jackson would say let him be physically developed first. He never went to school after the 12 years. Edwin does not grow well. I fear it will check his growth in body and enfeeble his mind. I hope Edwin and Eva will romp to their hearts content. Eva is always ready for fun and frolic but Edwin loves reading too much for health. Is he cultivating the flower garden? I had a letter from Persis a while ago. She does not seem it of any consequence whether I am at home at the wedding or whether he Capt Addie gains my consent or vice versa. She seems to have a love fever on the brain. If Capt Addie thinks as she does why they will be married without any consent. That's all. I had a letter from Sister Monday which has been answered leaving it with Brother and her to decide the money you say was given. How do my money affairs prosper, and if you get any what do you do with it?

I should feel myself perfectly insolated from my family if it were not for the letters. The next letter you write will fill the sheet if it is nonsense. Even The Doct has delivered lectures every morn this week and he advised in one of his talks to get up a play house put in broken crockery &c to amuse ourselves. And as he says he wants us to be cabbage heads we
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Yours P D Crowell

Your Nephew is very anxious that you should come to Dansville and have a talk with the doct do you intend to come to the West in June if so we will talk to the Doct about my going home