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Dear Aunt,

I find myself once more safely at home after an absence of about 3 weeks. I found my family all well and everything in as good order about the farm as I could expect.

I arrived at New York Monday evening at about 6 o'clock. On Tuesday it snowed all day and Wednesday morning the snow was 4 inches deep. I stayed in New York until Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock when I took the cars for Philadelphia and arrived there at 10 o'clock P.M. I stayed there until Thursday noon and then started for home where I arrived safe on Friday evening at about 7 o'clock. I am thinking over my trip and visit at Saratoga it seems almost like a dream. How strangely we can fly through the world in these

days of railroads. I shall always look
back to my visit at Porter comes and
Saratoga with a great deal of interest
I have for many years felt a strong
inclination to visit Old Saratoga
and especially to see you and I feel
amply rewarded for my time and ex-
pense. As I told you I prize your picture
very highly both on your own account and
on mother's account. My wife thinks
your picture resembles Mother very
much we all regard it as a choice treasure.

I felt rather loth to leave you all
when I did it seemed as if we had
just began to get acquainted and ready
to visit when I left. I think if I
live a few years I shall try to give
you all another call. The weather is
pleasant here the ground was frozen a
little this morning but this afternoon
it is in good order for plowing. As
I was coming home on Friday last I saw
one man plowing between here and Wheeling

as I was coming down on the boat.
There is a great difference between
our climate and yours. I hope you
will write to me soon. Tell me how
your own health is and when you heard
from your sons. and whether cousin
Lally Ann has returned yet. I am
very sorry I could not see her.
Please remember me to her and tell her
I am in hopes we will yet be permitted
to see each other. I intended to have written
today to Mr Latham but business called
me from home all day today and this
evening I returned home with the
sick headache and will only attempt
to write to you. I will try to write to
cousin Lathams by the next mail.

We are all as well as usual except
my spell of sick headache and I think
I shall get clear of that when I get
some sleep. So far the present I add no
more. From your affectionate Nephew.
Isaac Th. Adkins

Direct your letter to
Newport Washington Co.
Ohio

My wife says she would have been
very glad if you could have come home
with me. She would be very glad to
see you. She wishes me to give you
her kind regards. And hopes some day
to make you a visit. Our daughter
Mary was quite young when Mother died
but she says she can see that your
likeness looks like her.

I enclose to you Alvin's likeness.
I will send you the rest of the family
as soon as we can get them taken
we have no artist nearer than Marietta
(Dumelis)

We are all well.

J. L. A.