No 4

Denver
June 29
1874

Dear Carrie

I received a letter from you about two months ago, and I suppose, you think I have concluded not, to notice it, but there you are mistaken, as you can see. I have heard that you had quite a pleasant, and gay time Greenville. I am very glad you did enjoy yourself so much for a little recreation now and then helps one to, perform, his, or her duty at home all the better. Laura seems to have had a very pleasant time also. She spoke of cousin Leon as having a severe cough, and said that cousin Edward spoke of sending her to Colorado. I have written to cousin Frankie giving all the information, that I could, and will also write to cousin Edward, as soon as possible

Joe has improved a great deal in the last two weeks, but there is no telling when, he will be down again for I am satisfied, he has not got rid of his chills yet. Brother John is not doing as well; he coughs more than usual, but gets about all right. My health is good.

Our garden is not doing as well as it ought to. Saturday I took some pears turnips, and radishes, to town and made five dollars, and ninety cents. Will take another load, Wednesday, and Saturday, will commence regularly, with beets, beans, pears, turnips and radishes. The bugs have destroyed about two thirds of our potatoes. The other third is looking well. We saved them by putting on paris green. We were all unwell when they needed the poison, and so could not get it on but a few. Water melons and Cabbages are doing toterably.

We are having some of the warm

weather, that I have felt since I came to Colorado, but still have to sleep under blankets. Least night I got cold once or twice even under four blankets. It is always pleasant in the shade, even in the middle of the day. We have had only one rain since coming here, have several sprinkles. It tried very hard to rain yesterday but failed. We can see it raining, almost every day in some parts of the mountains. When we get very warm we step out and take a good look at the snow, piled up fifty or a hundred feet high on the mountains. Some of the peaks look like mounds of pure snow, whilst others are scarred up, by chasms, and spots exposed to the sun. From our back door I can see Long's, Pike's, and Grey's peaks, mounts Lincoln, and Sherman. Some of these are over one hundred miles distant. If we have time to spare this sum

him down there this fall. Give my love to Father Laura, and all the rest of family.

Yours &c

J. A. Hall.

ALA. DEPT. ARCHIVES & HISTORY MSS

mer, we will take a trip into the main range, as it will cost us nothing. We have never been in the range, but merely in what is called the foot hills, pretty good sized feet though, some of them being over fifteen hundred feet above the plains. There has been several large fires in the mountains lately. They were plainly visible at night thoug seventy or eighty miles distant. We have nearly finished irrigating our wheat. Some of it looks well and some looks badly, our water having failed Friday, and Saturday. Joe has just heard from miss Annie, and from a source you would never dream of. It was a very flattering statement of miss A's standing in college, and of her furture prospects. Joe says you may look out for