

cold weather & it is in  
it has rained all day so  
far as it can so that  
I could not get out & I  
have had to lay abed & read  
novels for want of something  
better

if you go home I dont  
want you to go for that  
school marm for I want her  
my self if you do I will  
bring some a big pistol &  
lots of powder & it will be  
good by Herb

as my thinking cap is about played  
out I will check this to a focus

write soon & all of the news

yours truly

W. S. Johnson  
to L. S. B.

White River Chick  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1861

Cousin Lett your  
letter is recd & pinels me  
all right sick up with you  
& the worst I can wish of  
you is that you are ditto

I also in hopes that  
you would favor me with a  
call before you went home

Why cant you come out & stop  
here this winter & not go home  
the lumbermen are offering  
\$28 & \$30 per month work to go  
in the woods, if you would  
get you a good team & come  
here & log this winter you could