

I think that I have so much to do that I can't leave home
 I received a letter from her a few days ago they are all well and
 expect to move in the new house next week, they will have
 a beautiful and convenient house Sister calls the baby Susan
 Francis it is a fine healthy child and the perfect image of
 her - Len is well and hearty, and is in the Telegraph
 Office in Houston, I think that he boards with Saddle
 Sister mentioned in her letter that she spent a day with
 Saddle a short time since, and says further that she
 looks very fat and well but complains a good deal
 you may look out in October to hear something more
 about the matter, she seems to be perfectly happy and
 very pleasantly situated in Houston, and I am told
 very much beloved among the ladies there,
 I wish that you and Pa could be with us it would be
 so much more pleasant and you must be so lonely
 when you are that I would be so glad if we could all
 be together - How is your health and Pa's and where
 is Pa, is he still in Texas, tell him to be sure to write
 to me - How is Grand Pa and Ma and Uncle Stephen
 I want to come on next summer if I time to show
 Grand Pa and Ma the Baby - tell Uncle Stephen that he
 must forgive me for not writing to him, it is not for the
 want of a disposition to do so - but a lazy habit that I
 have fallen into which I must overcome - give my
 best love to them all - and to all of our friends
 I am as busy as a bee whitewashing and painting
 do answer my letter, and tell me all the news, for I am
 so anxious to hear from home - Mr M joins me in
 warmest love to you all, and believe me ever your
 affectionate Daughter
 Caroline

you must give Mr Morgan for not writing, he feels so
 all the time, that he has no life for anything -
 I will give you a list of my marketing - 150 pounds of butter
 I have not raised more than a hundred chickens my
 sickness prevented me if I live, this fall I expect to do great

things in the way of making butter and raising chickens - Marie Ann a great deal of her

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My Dear Mother

It has been so long a time
 since I heard from home that I begin to feel
 restless and impatient to know the cause of
 your not writing and feel afraid that some of you
 are sick but I trust this is not the case, I wrote
 you and Pa a long letter in February but don't
 know that you ever received it but I hope you did
 as I flatter myself that you are always glad to
 hear from us, I received a letter from Pa
 in April as I was on the eve of going to Houston
 to say good by to Cornelius who was then about
 starting to California but they did not get off so
 soon as was expected and I did not tell him
 good by after all as I was compelled to return
 home before the time appointed for their
 leaving - yet in my heart I felt ten thousand
 times more than I could express in that little
 word good by nor do I regret not being him
 off for it is a sad thing with me to part with
 those I love even though for a short time
 all left in fine spirits Mrs Harris encouraging and
 urging them on all the while I have received one
 letter from Cornelius dated Fredericksburg May 16th Sister