

See write soon
a letter
Been having 107° in shade
Willow Springs, Mo.
July 13th 1913.

My own dear Risten
I'm thinking of you
and loving you but oh!
so busy. Frances is here
for her vacation and
we are giving her a time
so she will come again.
The Milwaukee folks wanted
her to spend her vacation
there but the farm won
out, the boys had to go out
on the range and bring
in some wild young
horses for her to ride
she sure enjoys running
wild. Dorothy & baby still
here and well. Lillian is

coming in a couple of weeks has been spending a few weeks at "Excelsior Springs" with her husband on his vacation, this is a "health resort" - everybody on the circuit O.K. - nearly all our neighbors have their friends from the Cities visiting them and they bring them over to our ranch to have a good time for we have boat & music & everything necessary so we are enjoying the days & neglecting our crops but nature is beautiful and we always have enough and to spare of everything

except "Time" and we make
long days too. up at 4 am
to bed at 9.30. but they are
too short, - we have oceans
of fruit. so much that
we can't possibly use it
or give it away. we just
shake our Peach trees &
pick them up, great big
luscious fellows and
press them into "Peach
Cider", same with Apples
& Plums. we make fresh
Cider every other morning
and barrel the old for
winter use & vinegar
our house smells like
a fruiterers with a bowl
of Peaches always on the
table. - Wonder where you

will spend your vacation
you always seem to take one
or two per year. I never
get one. I say mine is a
continued Vacation every
day. I don't know where
I could better myself.
Mama is busy cooking
fried chicken & other
grab for the crowd. tho
we all help her, so she can
have a good time too. our
garden furnishes a big
variety of vegetables,
several of which would
be new to you but you
would learn to like them.
'Sweet Corn', Squash,
Tomatoes, Peas, beans,
Cucumbers, Cabbage, Carrots
Parsnips, Beets, Carrots

Musk Melons, Watermelon
Mango Peppers, Egg Plant
besides potatoes, lettuce,
Radishes, Onions, Endive
Okra, Vegetable Oyster &c
so we have lots of variety
we also have Horse Radish
& Rhubarb & Asparagus,
Say, do you like vegetables
Ha! Then we have big chunks
Hams, buried in boxes of
wood ashes to keep them
sweet, and Chickens galore
our guns add young Rabbits
& Squirrel, we never shoot
Partridges (Quail we call
them) afe of their being
so useful to the farmer
but we can go to the creek
a mile away & get fish
Bass, Crappie, Cat Fish

Suckers, &c but none so
good to me as sea fish—
but you'll think I'm ad-
vertising an Hotel, waiting
Summer boarders Ha!

Keep thinking everyday
I will send you the books
I promised but when I
get home I forget, but
you will have them for
winter study. They are
too heavy for hot weather.
Forgive this scribble just
scrawled it while they are
getting dinner table so

that accounts for filling
it with cabbages, Ha! —

Good bye. Just wanted
to tell you I loved you
every day. Pro Dan

Monday Mug

Dearest Rio,

Just read over my letter & it doesn't seem worth wasting a stamp on but it will pass ten minutes for you & it may be a wet day when it arrives & you can't get out. Mamma says she thinks I've two brains. I can switch one on and chat about little insignificant subjects or

I can switch the other on
and discuss something
worth while. Ha! I think
the simple half is the
biggest, — but you'll get
used to my moods by +
by. — Now I'm going to the
cross roads to meet the mail
carrier + chat with my neigh-
bors who come to meet her.
I love you — Dan