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Dear Mother

I received your letter some time ago but have been wanting to know what Father wanted to do about the bill for book plates. His letter came yesterday.

The forcing houses are nearly ready to start the fire. We commenced saving the manure from town right after you left and have the roofs nearly all covered.

There has been a great deal of cloudy weather not very cold but disagreeable. It cleared off last night after a hard storm that seems to have been very extensive. There was rain and snow here. This morning the temperature is 22 above, and growing warmer.

I have been so busy that I have not seen the Crozier's for some time. The Hunter case against the Republican is set for trial next Monday. Judge Dibell is holding court and seems anxious to be very fair. We are all well and glad to hear from you whenever you have time to write.

Yours affectionately
John