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My darling Boy,  
you are  
good about writing.  
There is absolutely no ob-  
jection to a farmer's life  
only you need to be very  
particular about your  
manners, & also I wd try  
harder than ever to at least  
have a year or two at the fall  
so that you might be a  
gentleman farmer, & not a  
mere clown farmer - or as  
you call it Hayseed -  
as far news

Mrs Malton is very well?  
Mrs Low has been ill but  
is better I went to see her  
yesterday - have heard  
Mrs Frank R. died on  
Monday morning, funeral  
is private. Another very  
old friend died the same  
day Mrs Cassels - she was  
born in Nova Scotia, the  
same month of the same

year as grandpapa - She  
was 88 last Oct. & has been  
failing all winter.

Liz is fainting away  
& has been asked to design  
a cover for the special  
May ground number of  
the Witness which is coming  
out in a week or two  
5¢ a copy. That will be  
quite an advertisement  
for her if she succeeds.

have had your ear  
while I whisper - I am  
going to have my photo taken  
to go with father -

I enclose a few stamps  
& will send more later.  
If you wd write a kind  
of diary each day - of the  
doings in it - & then <sup>post</sup> ~~send~~  
every second or 3<sup>d</sup> day, I  
wancy I wd really follow  
& share your life better  
& it wd require less postage.  
I am about to send her  
Turkey the money for  
your first month's board

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The difference - God makes  
big laws, & if we go with  
them, obey his orders, & follow  
the right - no one can hinder  
your being well & doing well  
But, if we say 'we will &  
must - do as we choose what  
right or wrong, then indeed  
we are up against it" & the  
way is hard & the pay bad -  
very bad - "The ways of sin  
is death"

Of course the trouble with  
you was that the high way  
for boys was impassible for  
you at the time, & you were  
stumbling over rocks & ditches  
where there was no road, & you  
cd not see, that we were  
trying our best to help you -  
What you have gone out of  
your own class in life, &  
find the lower one better for  
the present. It is a good, &  
honourable one, & your expe-  
rience will be worth a lot  
of Greek or Latin - & some  
day, with fine health, &  
strong muscle - you will  
fall to at-backs also, &