

"The Limberlost"  
49 Meadows  
May 20, 1911

My dear Marjorie:

Well, Marj, your letter was a dandy, you're getting so you write fine letters. Your writing is improving too, it slants much better. I wonder if you are getting anxious about the examinations? Is it possible that you will get out on Honor this year?

I'm so sorry I didn't know about the eclipse of the sun in time to watch for it, but the calendar says it was cloudy on the twenty eighth, so I possibly could not have seen it any way. Did you get to see it? Was it a total eclipse?

Don't you forget to send those funny papers out with Papa or Cad. I'm getting anxious to see if "The Newly-weds" Baby has another tooth.

How did you hurt your arm? It is funny it wasn't your nose isn't it? How did it happen? Hurra! for Australia! How far can a Kangaroo jump? It must be easier now. Let me see, I'll bet you get 73% in Geog. if you make it 80% I'll get you a squirrel for a fine squirrel mulligan when you come to see me.

Well Marj, the snow has gone both up and down in the last week. For three days it has snowed just as hard as it could, but today it has cleared off once more and the sun has been so bright that our paths are all dry again.

How would you like to wade the meadows out here with rubber boots on? The meadows are so soft that you sink way in every time you step. Have you been fishing lately? The water is so cold in the creek that the fish have not come up this way. I guess they are afraid of freezing their eyelids. We'll pull their teeth this summer never you fear.

Why, if riding in the car makes you sick, how can you go East with the folks? How could you get out here, you couldn't ride and it's too far for you to walk. I guess your summer is spoiled alright. You had better take some calomel.

How pretty your new hat must be. You drew it fine. If you hadn't told me about your hat I'd have thought you had drawn Ben Hur's picture the loops looked like ears. When I found it was your new hat, it was all perfectly plain and the picture for a hat was good but a poor drawing of a donkey.

What a funny way for Mr. Johnson to do, but then he is a funny old fellow. It was real nice of him to give your room the flag, it must look bright and cheery in the room.

My cabin looks fine only it leaks along the middle. (This is a cabin not a porcupine) [*drawing of a cabin with the words "right there" and a line leading to the peak of the roof*]. The cabin needs a board put along the top. I have planned to put your bed under the leak so I won't get wet. I may let Cad sleep there until you get here. May I?

Bill Griffin came over today. He is going to Avery tomorrow. He got real excited coming over today. He saw a lot of deer tracks, fresh ones. Maybe summer will get in here some time. I believe it can come if the deer can.

Write again soon. I must stop. Myrtle and Bill are shooting Bill's 30-30 gun from the porch and it sounds like a canon.

Ring is getting fat on sourdough hot cakes, she's just fine and about crazy over the shooting.

Lovingly,  
Iona.