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Trout Creek, Nov 13, 1889

My Dear Friend Mary,

I received your letter some time ago and will try now to answer it. I was very glad to hear from you and pleased to hear you were all well, as this leaves us feeling well. I did not feel very well for two weeks but feel better now. And it beats all how much better Mike feels up here than at home. It seems queer to see him sit down and eat a square meal three times a day. And he says he feels stronger than he did. He has worked hard all summer clearing land and packing in our stuff to live on. The people are beginning to move out for their homes in the lower peninsula.

Mr. Buck's people went home Sunday morning. They were our nearest neighbors and they staid with us part of two days and one night last week. We will miss them very much as I liked the children and they liked me. Mr. Gill and wife also made us a farewell visit last Wednesday. They went when Mr. Buck's family did. Mrs. Gill is a Catholic lady so also is Mrs. Carroll, our nearest neighbor now. And Mrs. McLaughlin living about four miles from here. She called on me this summer. We want to go up there before we go home if the snow does not get too deep.

We have been having beautiful weather for over a week. What little snow came the first of the month has all vanished. The sun was so warm last week. It is trying to snow a little this week but it is not cold. The weather so far this month has been nicer up here than at home. Not as cold. We have the nicest spring of soft water you ever saw. If I had it at home I would think I was well off for water. The water is all soft up here. It seems strange for it is so hard at home. All the running creeks and streams. It is a great punishment to have to use creek water to wash with there. Well Mary the holiday is most here and I suppose every body is thinking about them at home. I don't think Thanksgiving will see us there but I am sure Christmas will if the lord spares our lives. We can't tell yet just what time we will come. Some time next month. Tomorrow is our anniversary. We have been married twenty years. It don't seem that long but it is. Just the same, give my love to all of your folks and keep a share yourself.

"Oh" I would like to see you all. I can hardly wait until the time comes. Write soon.
Good Bye dear Mary, from Lida

"Trout Creek": Trout Creek, Michigan is located in the Upper Peninsula.
