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Dennison, Aug 18, 97
Elizabeth Golden
Midland, Mich

Dear Friend,

I received your welcome letter as I was returning home from work tonight and was pleased to hear that you are well and having a good time.

Well, Lizzie, we are all well here in Dennison at present. The girls returned home Monday and all we hear is Chicago. They had a very nice time. A pleasant trip going over but a rough one coming back. **Etta** was sick all the way back. **Minnie** says she would like to live on the water all the time.

I did not go to Grand Rapids Sunday. It was so cold and windy. Was at Grand Haven Saturday. Went out to the park in the P.M. Saw Miss Utter. Said she might come up next Sunday. Will Trotter of Spring Lake was buried Monday. He died Saturday morning. Saw **Frank** this morning. He said that Shep was dead. You will not have to drive him back anymore when we go for a walk. Austen says a dead Mass every morning for him.

Saw **Ella Cooney** tonight. She was inquiring for you. Told her you was well. Tell Mary Tom has made another catch. Tell her I said she is not in it but them there are more pebbles on the beach. It is reported around here that **Hugh McGrath** and **Sadie Golden** Sen are to be married. They have not ben called yet. You said Men were dieing up there for your's and Mary's special benefit. Tell **Mary** there is no men down here like that. They have got wheels in there heads but they are not foolish enough to die.

Father O had Mass here this week. I don't know what it was for though. I did not have time to go. I suppose you go every morning. By the way you said you had something to tell me. Don't forget it now.

I will soon have to quit for news is scares. Half that I have written you is nothing but nonsense anyway. But I have to fill it up with something. Excuse pensile. I might have written with ink but I was too lazy to go down stairs after it. It is raining here tonight. It has been cloudy and rainy all the week. I dreamed last night that you broke your spectacles. I will now go to bed and if I dream or think of anything through the night I will write it down in the morning

Give my regards to **F. M.** and Mary. Good Night
Will

Write again.

“Etta”: Etta Fitzpatrick was Will Fitzpatrick’s sister

“Minnie”: Minnie Fitzpatrick was Will Fitzpatrick’s sister

“Frank”: Frank Culligan was married to Mary Golden. Mary Golden was Lizzie’s sister

“Ella Cooney”: Ella Cooney was a neighbor to both Will Fitzpatrick and Lizzie.

“Hugh McGrath”: Hugh McGrath was Will Fitzpatrick’s neighbor. He lived in the first house west of the Fitzpatrick farm.

“Sadie Golden”: Sadie Golden was Lizzie’s sister.

“Mary”: Mary Malone was a first cousin to Lizzie. Mary Malone’s mother was Catherine Golden. Catherine was a sister to Patrick Golden. Patrick was Lizzie’s father. Mary Malone’s brother was a priest. Father Malone lived in Midland, Michigan. Mary Malone kept house for Father Malone.

“F. M.”: F.M. would be Father Malone and Mary would be Mary Malone.
