
Ghent Ky April 28th/70

Dear Brooking

I received your letter some time ago, was sorry to hear you had not been well, I hope you have recovered before now. Well everything looks very very well on the farm: My meadows look fine we will have a good deal more hay than we had last year: I will need you very much to help in saving our harvest. I will have to get another machine for this season: I think Bud will be man enough to drive one this season: he has learned to drive the pay press, it has been quite wet his spring a bad time for plowing, corn will be late planted: the water has been over the bottom three times this winter: has just gone off the last time, we caught a find lot of fish, we are getting along pretty well, there is a fine prospect for fruit this season. Make good use of your time and prepare yourself for a little outdoor exercise when you come home. Bud Louis takes great interest in talking about hauling in hay; he wants to know how much more we will have this year than last. I think we will have fifty tons more; and it will be clean of weeds this year. My wheat looks very well; I had as much hay as your Uncle Abb last year he thought he would have 30 or 40 tons than I, but when it was pressed he found I had as much as he and this year we will show all of them how to raise hay: At the prices it has been for the last two years it pays better than any other crop. I sowed a good deal more last fall. I want to raise about three hundred tons year after next and then it will look like raising hay. I did want to go to Missouri this spring but have not been able to arrange things so as to go. I will try and go in the fall. I have recd two letters from Willie Spencer he says he will graduate in June and will come and see us as he goes home. You must pull up and show them all you have learned something at K. M. I. for the credit of the institute as well your own. You spoke of spitting blood, do you think it comes from your lungs or nose? You also speak of having dyspepsia. What is the cause of that, do they feed you too high? You must be careful and avoid bad habits of all kinds. We are all well; all join in love to you, I will stop for the present. Your Affectionate Father

John A. Gex

Thursday night – Good night my Dear Son I hope you are well. Bud Louis received your letter yesterday evening he was much pleased we are all pretty well. Write to us soon again your devoted Mother

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