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My Dearest Brother Brook,

I know you have felt like whipping me for treating you so badly, and I know it would be just what I deserved, for although I could give you several reasons for not writing I would at last have to confess that "laziness" was the greatest reason. Will you forgive my negligence this time, and let me tell you all the news? I have been to Warsaw several times lately and of course saw ----- Last Saturday Nannie Keene came home with Pa, and Sunday Horace came and spent the day with us and in the afternoon we all went to Warsaw. I never had so much fun in my life and laugh now whenever I think of it. I went to see Flora Brett and Mariam Blackmore, but did not see "Ella" for I heard she was not at home and could not call on her as I intended doing.

Our Good Templars Lodge is doing splendidly and we have someone initiated every Monday night. I know you will be surprised to hear who joined last Monday. Can you guess? It was Horace Means; and Ma feels highly complemented because he gave her his petition after refusing to give it to any of the girls.

Last night Hawk came up to ask me to go to the spring fair and spectacular. I'll go if Pa will let me. He is in Cincinnati now to see to the Hanks business and I hope will come home tonight so I will have time to prepare for the fair.

The Good Templars gave a picnic in Warsaw last Tuesday and we are to have one a week from next Saturday. I believe it will be given in Cousin Walton's orchard. Don't you and Anderson wish you were here so that

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