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Sir

I received a letter from

Matrona and she says that Peter has got well  
and can laugh as big and as loud as he  
used to. She says she can take the premium at  
the babe show she says she never saw a Child improve  
so fast as he has both sleep with her and the babe  
wakes up only once and she gives him his bottle  
and cry's him and then he sleeps until day  
Ermet wakes up and feals around until he finds  
her then he kisses her and goes to sleep he calls  
her Ma Ermet follows her foot for <sup>foot</sup> day long he  
is a very affectionate Child and very smart  
Matrona writes her health has improved after she got  
thing's straightened up she was better satisfied and  
contented she says her work and exercises helps  
her Jimmy Harris is with her a great deal staying  
amongst the renters and she will be compelled to stay until  
Corn and Cotton all gathered or else she will not get any thing  
the fence is so bad that they have to give the back places  
she may not get home until next month I will get  
my Chimney's built week after next rock hauly now  
part on the ground and I have a man to finish the  
house I will get all done I hope before she gets back  
David a great deal of help to her with the Children

I was improving slowly and thought I could do  
a little work and fetched in to quarry rock  
and it got me down I cannot stand heavy work yet  
make a failure and my hogs will die off unless  
I take them to Mass So I shall look out a  
place for them on the Bay. I did not have  
corn enough for hogs and - enough for my  
immediate use I have my hogs up fattening for pork  
they eat a great deal of corn I will have enough to  
do on my own raising. Atonika is living on the  
Bob field he has lived there six years and wants to  
buy the place and Malina wants to know what to do  
and I wrote to her to get rent for the place this year and  
rent to him for one year and no longer the place ought  
to be kept for Malina's business unless it will  
be an income Malina has had a hard time down  
at the Mountain fork and I was afraid it would  
make her sick but the children has got well and she  
has got things in shape now and she is contented her  
big trouble is over now she will have peace and  
quietness nothing to trouble her mind and she is bound  
to improve in health now as she has commenced  
improving and the great disadvantages she has got through  
nothing more

Respectfully  
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