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## Letter from Joanna [Muir] to Emma [Muir], 1874 May 16.

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and ships it. If you do  
send up here for some  
Mother thiles you would  
like Mrs Mitchels better  
than Mrs Arnolds as the  
latter makes it very salt

(I am getting into such a  
habit of scrawling I am  
afraid I shall never be  
able to write decently again)

We, that is your Portage rel-  
atives, are all enjoying pretty  
good health, Maggie is in  
the country at present visit-  
ing John's folks. I guess  
my eyes are a little better  
and tell the Doctor I am  
becoming daily more and  
more grateful for his  
little bottles of medicine I  
think it is going to hold out  
well. Mother sends her love.  
Dorothy yours, Joanna

of your reding the  
pattern which you  
offered me. I have  
one from which  
you get your  
black dress. As  
not trouble to  
cut it off and  
I will make good  
care of it and  
send it to you.  
I want to have a  
dress fixed over  
it.

Portage City Wis.  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Dear Emma

You may perhaps  
have expected an acknowl-  
edgement of your naughty  
little note ere this, but the  
fact is I have only just  
recovered from a serious  
fit of indignation. Did  
such a cloud of obstacles  
loom up before you that  
you felt incapable of over-  
coming them, or did you  
or did you have an unfa-  
vorable vision concerning  
the affair? You did not  
give any cause for your  
conclusion. For rather we



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I shall be very glad to hear from you soon, and the Doctor  
also.

hope however that ere the and as usual is busily  
season is over you may yet employed in improving  
make us a visit. both house and grounds

Father and I have been after which he will doubt-  
quite busily engaged in mak- less become tired of it  
ing garden and already He however enjoys it at  
rejoice in the possession of present.

of a beautiful row of pear John has sent us some  
of which we are very proud. more of his pictures which  
we also have a good bed are better than the ones from  
of lettuce (I should think which Mary copied yours  
that would bring her), and they look very natural  
several rows of corn planted and are the same size.

Our ivy geranium is doing I wish we had yours and  
finely as is also Miss Murphy Dan's also.  
and the other slips. How

are your plants prospering the price of butter here and  
and how does gardening at present it is about 80c.  
flourish? it is higher than formerly

We had a letter from owing to a man having  
Father last night who is moved here lately who  
delighted with his new home buys up all the butter.