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Perry & Muir

Dealers in

Dry Goods, Fine Clothing, Boots and Shoes, &c.,

Portage, Wis., Dec 16 1874.

Dear Brother John

You in your last letter have mentioned money matters & I thought today I would try to make a statement. You stated that you did not know the difference between my a/c with you & that of Perry & Muir - what I got of you is signed D & Muir & the notes or receipts of Perry & Muir are signed with the firm name. As near as I can make out

I owed you before your earliest dates \$88.00

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| The firm owes you | Also Oct 12/66 | 198.00 |
| June 12/69 278.25 | Nov 20/66 | 90.00 |
| Dec 16/69 353.08 | Dec 24/70 | 385.00 |
| Sep 26/71 582.50 | Personally | 761.00 |
| <u>7213.83</u> | Total amt I owe | |

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Now for ^[23] what I have paid out
for you

| | | | |
|---------|------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Oct 22 | 1867 | pd expenses chgs on patents | 2 28 |
| " 23 | " | Dan Muir | 27 00 |
| Dec 5 | | Sent you to Cedar Key | 75 00 |
| Jan 30 | 1868 | pd chgs on Prosser Cedar Key | 3 85 |
| Feb 11 | " | " " " " | 1 25 |
| Sep 1st | " | for Books for Joama & Annie | 3 38 |
| Dec | 1871 | Sent to the Sufferers Wis Jins | 5 00 |
| 1872 | | Books for Christmas presents | 11 95 |

And from Jan 1/70 to May 30/74
I have paid Mary interest & Mds 1034.07
Total paid out for you \$1163.75

I owe you personally \$761.00
402.75

So parry & Muir (The Firm) has ^{fixed}
paid for you \$402.75. I have ^{our book}
to agree with the above. So all
you have to do is to return my
notes or receipts & keep those
of the firm - & tell me how
much I owe you for interest.
Now you understand that I have
paid out for you all I owe you (except
interest) Furthermore The Firm has
paid out for you \$402.75

Now I wish I would gladly assist
you in paying Mary but we have
had our hands full & lack of capital
is still our only trouble

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Office **Henry & Munn**

Dealers in

Dry Goods, Fine Clothing, Boots and Shoes, &c.,

Portage, Wis., 187.

I have been reading your
article ^{in our paper} with great interest
I have taken that Magazine
all summer. We were
greatly relieved when you
reported yourself safe after
your McShasta accident & decent
We had hoped you would
spend the winter here but
you seem to have settled
in Oakland again, hope you
are succeeding to your satisfac-
-tion in your pursuit
We are all well. Mother, Mary,
& Ann (part of the time) live alone
in the brick house. Joannea is
living in Racine with Dan
& is reported gaining slowly

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[4]
Jno Reed says he owes you nothing
The last time you lent us money
I can get \$100.⁰⁰ of it at your request

They had a party a week ago at
Magie's (specially invited) & just in
the middle of it her son No 2 made
his appearance & shortly after
the party broke up. Now this
is an argument either for or against
parties as you will. There has not
been any at our house for
2½ years & I shall hereafter be
afraid of such gatherings

Sarah & family are well
as are all of the family
I suppose you think I
am a poor correspondent
I have so much writing
that I have to do I am
very apt to neglect those who
come be put off but in a
short time when I get time
I will try to write you a letter
Write soon & tell me from ^{us both} you & Maud