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Portage, Wis. October 18-1902 -

My Dear Brother John -

I write to say, in particular, that I shipped a box for you, by freight, yesterday, containing the parts of your wooden clock & other things whittled long ago - I am not at all sure that you will find them satisfactory as they had become so scattered & mixed & possibly broken, that it was a very difficult matter for me to know what to send & what to leave here - Such as the brass wheels & iron bars - etc.

Most of the things sent were found up stairs in the barn loft. They were left in Sarah's care & she knows better about them. However I have done the best I could with them - washing off the dust of years & packing them with all sorts of things to keep them from being broken on their journey westward.

Thinking that Sarah was still in Martineg -
 at the time of packing - for it has taken me
 a month at least to get everything together
 + packed to my mind - I used some of her
 old pieces of cloth + garments to help pack
 which I thought she might some time want.
 But I wrote her about it + she said she would
 not care about these things - in a letter from
 her in Scappoose + received by me after the
 box was mailed up - + I thought they might
 as well go as packing -

I also enclosed the Buffalo horns and in
 each horn you will find one of Sarah's
 little ink cases - which I wanted her to have
 There are also two packages of pressed plants
 which she used to prize very highly. which
 were left her - I have sent these also -

I am sorry that I had no money in
 hand with which to prepay the freight
 charges. But am told that it will make
 no difference, as to their safety.

I still have some money out - but can
 not get it when I want it, which does
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 of the time.

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Am glad that you keep well + able
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to give you his regards etc.

We have had a fine cool summer, and
are now enjoying delightful Indian
Summer weather.

I still have the Owens family in the
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is better this year than last -
In fact I scarcely consider myself an
invalid now. (although I still cough
some every day.)

Please Remember me with much
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Affectionately, Your Sister Anne L. Muir

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