




O'Har Illinoi
Nov. 19, 1859

My Dear Father

I received your kind letter and, as I had been expecting one for some time it was very acceptable indeed. Grandpa was sitting near at the time I got it and I handed it over to him to read. Cousin Billy has got back from "Texas" and sleeps at our house he is going to remain with us until you come out and then if you are willing is going into business with you he seems to be doing very well there is no "Lawyer" here now but himself tho' Henry has "absquatulated" (run away) Next week I am going to build a plank walk from our house to Grandmas. I am beginning to have a specimen of Illinoi, S.E. the mud. Our little "tower" is growing nicely and I begin to feel more reconciled to the country. It has been quite lively here now for some time in consequence of the corn they are ship-



a great deal of corn from here now
I have connected twice two cars of corn
at one time on the switch ready to
be shipped. There was a man got killed
on the freight-train, night before last-
We have been feasting some time now
on fish and roe. It seems as if I can't
get enough fish Mr Allison is going to
leave us and is going to move to Indi-
ana but he says he will reach once
in four weeks they are all very sorry
he is going to leave. Mr Allison gave
Grandpa some flowers and I set them
out. The children all write

Your devoted son
George A Spaww