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Dear Elias:

I have been watching the clouds constantly since my arrival, & at last have had my patience rewarded by seeing it clear, I trust that you are alike fortunate, & that you are now getting out some cotton. I hated to leave home especially as things had not seemed as I would wish to have them. Bear in mind all I have said, & be the man always. Don't get ruffled at corrections or suggestions. Nobody is perfect, & these are given freely, & by every body, & not once in a thousand times save with the best of intentions. Try to be prudent,

systematical & economical, It is the 5 & 10 cent pieces that count now, & it is merely a question of time before you go to the wall if you fail in these things, Keep a record of all you spend - to the very cent - both for farm & personal expenses, Unless you do this you can't tell when a reduction can be made, Before I kept a record of every cent I bought \$5⁰⁰ hats & shoes, but in '95 I commenced it, & the amt. footed up so rapidly as to alarm me, I then commenced to cut down & find now that I live just as well on one half, To keep a farm implement as long as possible, but it under cover, even iron will decay exposed to the weather, & never feed a single horse in town, as long as you have

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a grain of corn & take along
with you, A cigarette here & a
cigarette there, a newspaper here &
a newspaper there are very little
in themselves, but suppose the
man spends 5 cents every day,
just 5 cents - it aunts, with inter-
est, at the end of the year &
\$19.34 - one bale of cotton. Ten
cents is two bales & so on, Even
in my own case I see the
necessity of these little things
& I have reduced my tobacco
& newspapers & 7 cents per day,
& I find I get along just as
well as when I spent 38 cts,
This is the only way now that

the vast majority will ever make
both ends meet, I am exceedingly
anxious to see the farm once
more self sustaining, & I believe
it can be done if a perfect
system could be introduced, or
at least as perfect as one finds
it in thousands of city estab-
lishments, I am introducing it
at 1413 K St, because I find it
absolutely necessary, with taxes
constantly increasing & with vacant
houses & decreasing rents I should
not long be able to hold my
head above water, Write me
freely whenever you get a chance
& afford John all the information
you can in getting off a month-
ly statement. I will write him
tomorrow. He joins me in love
to you all,

affly Button.