

I had a letter from Emma last week she says that she had a lot of company they were Miss Miles & Martha & Mary & sisters Addie Wood & Willie Pulsipher & Ed in the evening Sara Albert Wood & Charly Green were there

I wish you & I had been there I bet we would have a good time with them

I would have given all the old boots I ever expect to have & I believe I would have risked a new pair to have been there that evening

If I don't get something that I can do well at this winter I will come & see you & we will go home

Em says that all of Henry's folks are well, she writes that Charly Pearl was dead & so was Henry's wife

My best wishes to you

White River
Mich

Yours truly
A. S. Johnson

White River Mich

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Cousin Let's your ever welcome letter of 11th is received it pinches me in the land of hard labor & little rest yet but if it continues as hot as it has been for a few days I think I shall be obliged to leave it

Saturday the thermometer was ever so much above zero 104 in the shade & 116 in the sun Sunday it was still hotter 109 in the shade & 121 in the sun & has been very near the same since, the only place a person could find a bit of comfort was in about 40 feet of lake Michigan water