

to my doing nothing wrong; but I'm in
for a hard struggle and must take advan-
tage of every person and thing, i.e. put them
honorably to my use.

I have enjoyed Sue's letter, and will
write to her some time next month.

I will not write again (except, perhaps
a postal card) until I am settled in St. Joe,
when I hope to send a good report of my
advent, introductions, etc.

With much love, as ever, from
Your Loving Son
Lewis Collins

Remember me to all inquirers.

Compliments to my lady friends.

And "howdy" for Annie, and how do my
flowers do. L. C.

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Maryville, Mo. Aug. 20, '75.

My Dear Mother:

I did say I would write to
you only once in two weeks, but you have
managed to get a letter every week thus far.

Thank you for correcting my bad spelling; I
hope you will take the same liberty at any
time.

I am glad to hear of Grand-ma's im-
provement, and hope it may continue.

Did cousin Joe think Gallatin would accept
the position offered?

When Sister gets back home, you can tell
her all the messages for me and she can
send word. I like to know that I left some
friends behind me.

Give my compliments to Katie Prindle,
you know why I didn't call, but don't