

with my head, I think I have brought it on  
by reading and sewing so constantly as I do.  
Mr M<sup>r</sup> often urges me to ride and walk with  
him, but you know that I am so indus-  
trious that I do not feel as though I could  
have the time although I know my  
health would be better if I would.

Hannie Bell is the Bell of the  
~~Place~~, she knows every body, and every body knows  
her, two or three times a day she runs  
off up town for candy, she is a great favorite  
with all the young men and they encourage  
her in running away, she is an interesting  
child and a very sensible one and I am  
very proud of her.

The Shakes story in the Spirit of the  
Times was written by Mr Mayan, did you  
understand it so?

I hope that Grand Pa's health continues  
as usual good, give my best love to him and  
also to Uncle Stephen, to whom I often think I  
will write, and what is Pa and Cousin Nancy  
driving at, give our best love to them, and do  
not fail to write for it is a great pleasure to me to get  
letters from home. Ever your affectionate daughter  
Catherine

Easter Sunday, Muskegon  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

My Dear Mother

I have put off writing  
from day to day, thinking that Mr Mayan  
would write, but am now convinced that it will  
not do to trust any longer to his promises for  
he is, if possible more lazy about writing than  
I am myself, since receiving Pa's letter I have  
received one from Sister dated Feb 26<sup>th</sup>  
all was well, and business progressing, but they  
have recently met with an accident which will  
no doubt cause some delay on the rail road  
after loading the Steamer Achille at Lakeside  
with 300 tons of rail road iron, the junk at the  
wharfe during a storm, the wharfe fell in sinking  
200 tons more, making in all 500 tons it  
will cost something considerable to get it up and  
some delay I expect, she is going to school at  
Lakeside, but was then at home on a visit.

Mr Loring and daughter have left some  
several weeks before for their home at the North  
Sister says, that the Misses Miss Loring very much  
although she has a home full left