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{Envelope:}

Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

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{Friday} July 8th 1864

Dear friend Susan,

I set down this evening to write you a few lines to let you know that I want to come home this next week and want you to come out Monday or Tuesday if you can I guess ??? will come out the first of the week if he does you come out with him and ??? out ? ??? pounds of that ??? ??? that we ??? ??? a ??? and three pounds of cheap sugar for I am out ???. I wrote you a short line before but did not have time to write much. I can tell you all the news when you come. I have got a nice lot of ???. I will tell you that much now do come if you don't come send the ??? by Jerome but you must come and have a visit ??? I have been out to ??? and ???

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I guess you will think this is a queer letter but it is all the paper I have got. I don't believe you can read it but you must try dear little ?? wants to see ??? and I want to see fancy ??? now do come we will have a good visit. Mrs. Keeler tell ??? to fetch a little piece of that ??? to ??? that he said he would he will ??? what it is why don't I get a letter don't they ??? come ???. I want one so bad I begin to get homesick do bring me one when you come ??? more this ??? ???? I'll see you again goodbye dear Susan.

from Rily Mead



July 8th 1864

Dear friend Susan I sit

Down this evening to write you a few lines & let you see
that I want to come home this week & week and want
you to come out Monday or Tuesday, if you can & get
Terome will come out the first of the week if he
do, you come out with skin and fetch out 4 four pounds
of that copy shager that we have been a use and
three pounds of cheap shager for & do out some
I write you a short line before but did not have
time to write much I can tell you all the news when
you come & have got a nice lot of money I will tell
you that wash now do come if you dont come send
the shager by Terome but you must come and have a
visit & I have been out to asken and to get

I ges you will think this is a quere letter
had it is a il the paper I have got I dont believe
you can read it but you must try dear little
peter, wants to see mity, and I want to see poney,
to now do come we will have a good visit

Mrs. Keler tell peters to patch a little piece
of that lace to cut that he said he would he
will, no what it is why dont I get a letter
dont they say some o I want one so had I
begin to get home dick do bring me some when
you come me more this time till I see
you a give good by dear Susan
from rily mead,

Mrs. Susan M. Peter
East Saginaw
Mich