

Metropolitan Hotel

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My dear daughter Stella

I will endeavor to visit with you a little while through my pen. I received your letter some time ago which I answered soon after receiving. I have been expecting a letter from you for some time but I have not seen its "Autograph" yet.

What has become of Ted? I hope you have not melted away during this warm weather.

We have had pleasant weather most of this summer but we had several days that were very warm. Yesterday was one of the warm days. To help make the warm weather more in season or style possibly, they had a horse race at the fair grounds of this town. It commenced Friday and closed last evening. There were some good horses in the different races. Parties from other towns and in the country were there with their fast horse or horses. There were great many people in town from the country to see and be seen and get seen burned. I did not go out to the races I was busy seeing the merchants.

Business in Kansas this season has been tolerable quiet. Merchants did not have the trade in stoves last season and this spring they usually have. In great many towns merchants have good stocks of Ranges and Cooks. The Vapor Stove trade has been very good this spring which has made