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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Captain A. J. Seay,

Shores, Va.

Dear Cousin Jack,

I will write you a few lines this afternoon to let you know that we are getting along about as well as usual. We finished seeding on the 14th of this month and have our corn crop all in with the exception of twenty shocks of Cox's Prolific which we have not shucked yet on account of it being late; this corn has matured nicely and I am going to save it for seed corn. We are having a very nice season now; have had several good rains in the past two weeks and the sun shines occasionally which is very fine for the fall pasture and the small grass seeds recently sown.

Mother's health has improved very rapidly since she came home; she is about herself again, looks well, eats heartily and sleeps well. She enjoyed her visit to old Virginia exceedingly and is glad that she was well enough to get home once again. I do not suppose she will ever attempt to visit Virginia again unless it is so that she can go with some one, stay a short time and return with whoever may go with her; she, like myself, feels that these long stays of from three to five months at a time are too prolonged for her and consequently, we have mutually agreed that if she goes again it will be for a limited stay. I am very proud that she was permitted to return home with you all and spend another pleasant summer with the relatives in old Virginia; it was certainly a great treat for her, and I assume that it was appreciated by the relatives as well.

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Aunt Tabby Thompson died yesterday afternoon at two o'clock near Anchorage, Ky. about twelve miles out from Louisville. She will be buried at three o'clock this afternoon in my father's lot at LaGrange. I thought it would be proper to have her together with Aunt Mary and my father all buried in the same lot; consequently, I offered the family burying room in the lot that I purchased for my parents in the LaGrange cemetery. This ends the last chapter in the once famous old Harlan family of Virginia, on that side of the house. The death of Aunt Tabby closes the entire scene so far as Grandfather Joe and Grandfather James Harlan and their families are concerned; the rest of them are buried in various different spots scattered over the United States. Aunt Zoa is buried in Missouri; Aunt Kate in Tennessee; Aunt Sarah in Rockbridge County, Va; Grandmother in Carroll Count, Ky; and Grandfather in Bath County, Va., on a lone spot leading down by a desolate hollow at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains. Uncle John is buried on the battle field of Sharpsburg, and Father and Aunt Mary and now Aunt Tabby are buried in the cemetery at LaGrange.

I wish to congratulate you and Aunt Tug on the approach of your golden wedding; we all regret very much that we will not be able to attend, but Lizzie and Mary and Lillian have all been sick with bad colds and are just barely able to be about; consequently, we have abandoned the idea of being present on that eventful occasion. However, we are arranging to remember you all with a golden present of some kind; the selection has not been made but Horace and myself are going up in the city tomorrow for the purpose of buying some suitable gift and we hope you will accept it as a token of our appreciation and high esteem for you both. With best love for all of you I remain

Your devoted cousin,

