



Friday 6th July 1849

My Dear Wife

It has now been one week lacking one day since I left you & Willie during which time there has nothing happened me worthy of particular notice. Things here in Philadelphia exceedingly dull and gloomy. Though I have been busy ever since my return doing small things & attending to little orders from our customers. I get home in good time as some of our men are sick & otherwise of town. I have to be regularly at the store there has been a death in Mr Scott's family since my return.

Our City continues very healthy only 12 deaths out of 34 Cases of Cholera to day - the highest number of Cholera Cases since my return were 65 and 26 deaths. But it is frightful out west in Cincinnati they are really dying at the rate of 200 per day & it is worse in St Louis than in Cincinnati. We fear it will very much increase on fall business. I am anxious to hear from you all whether you had had no deaths in your family from it. Be certain that Mrs. Doe had a severe attack of it and it is apt to spread when it can break out in a family. I am taking good care of myself and have no particular reason to fear the Cholera at this time. Write to me soon & enclose a short letter this time.

Your affectionate
W. R. Harlan