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Monday-
July 18th 1881.

North Mountain.

My dearest boy-

Both your letters reached me Saturday afternoon, and, to show you how welcome they were, I'll tell you that my trunk arrived at the same time and I never even thought of it until I had read them both. Poor little boy, it is just dreadful that the city is so hot and close, you must be

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all the more careful of yourself on that account. Do you know ever since we came here we have been so cold that thick dresses, coats and fires have been the order of the day. The thermometer is 62 [degree symbol], and a cold wind blowing. We all planned a lovely expedition for to day, a nice walk, when mother mildly remarked that it was simply out of the question for me to go, I was so disappointed- but this morning Mr. Ricketts told us he might have the stage, so we all hudled in and had a splendid drive to the Observatory- when we got there to our utter amazement we found the observatory had blown down two years ago, so we all [checked times?], when we could see the new almost as well, and it certainly was better fun- To night we are going to have a candy pull by candlelight at the foot of the lake. We are also going to send to Shickshinny for beans and we can have a bean

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bag club, think you will be able to get your hand in soon, little boy? While I think of it dear I want to ask you if you won't please send your letters to me in plain envelopes, would you mind? The stage is going, and I've got to tear to get this in.

Your very loving
Daisy.

Don't forget to bring some warm coat, and overcoat or something, + try to come Friday or Thursday.

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Mr. Lawrence Lewis Jr
~~[506 Walnut Street.]~~
~~[Philadelphia.]~~
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