Dayton, June 10th, 1863

Sells brought me your letter just as a good rain set in. Both letter and rain refreshed me.

Day before yesterday Lib took me in her carriage with some of her children and Father took Mother and our children in the Spring wagon out to Stillwater.

We saw after ferns and moss with which to ornament the little alley behind our house; we have made a different arrangement, and now have a walk through from front to back and have the few beds between the windows. Father and Mother worked hard at them, but I ask for the sheriff to help and, I think, when the fence is planted and a few more vines like this shall cover our yard it will
look quite pretty all over. Father had already
put on some hand-erks, before I came and
it looked much better than usual.
Our two boys give some trouble, for they
are not content to lie down in the alley
but want to tug their shoelaces all through
the front part. I despair of ever having
the peace you under the cedar tree for
they are always running to the fence and
playing football.

Frank was invited to a party at Parkdale's
last night, and met my kindly aunt, and
that she could care for him.

They thought better that the best letter
go and take care of both him and me,
but uncle olmasını and Mary are both too
near to go. Frank needed shoes which
his older brother wouldn't get, and to
earn all that he needed,

He gave Uncle John the check to pay
them. I have not heard from them since
I sold now to pay taxes. Paint the fence
get some paint for Frank, some new
door, new windows, and try to

You ask about the refrigerator, it was
$10.50, but that eternal bulldog.
Uncle J. said he spoke to Robert just before he went away, but could not get him to do anything. Perhaps you will succeed better with him if you receive a visit.

I and Eliza met me at Pringle's Sunday and we took tea together. I do not well, and Kitty says today that they think Kelly is lasting. 

While in the woods the other day Kelly took hold of a piece of moss and, very much to his surprise, pulled off a large piece; he brought it to me, saying, "now mamma! now mamma! now you like me?" She always asks this question if she is particularly pleased with anything he has done. It is late and I have been at work all day today, so will finish in the morning.

Good night, dearest.

Morning. It has rained all night, so we are well pleased. All well as usual and trying to get along well. I feel perfectly at home, but it seems as if you were off on a visit, rather a long one too, but I am not complaining. Guess you write very often.