

From your affectionate daughter Caroline Chalkley

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Dear mother after waiting till i am  
tired to hear from you i take this  
time and opportunity to write to  
you to let you know that i am  
alive and well and all of our  
folks i wrote to you once before  
and have not heard from you  
i want to know if you are  
or have not got the letter  
you are sick and want me to come  
home tell me know it and  
i will come i am well content  
down here and like working in  
the mill much i went into  
the mill to work tuesday after  
i came friday the small pot is  
and the chollery to they are a day  
of heat to a grate rate some  
so drop down and some live a few  
hours i want to see and hear from  
you all tell farther that i want to  
see him tell al to write to me kiss  
john for me tell ab and char  
to be good boys and i have seen a  
Pillson Dumbells in my + more  
as draw to an enclose bidding you good  
by