Jasper Colo.
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Dear Mother,

Your letter rec. in due time. We are about through here now. Pa thinks he can't come up. He wants to be here the 1st of next month. I don't know whether to come or not. If I can get about 400 head of Horses + Cattle to feed this summer I can make more than I can in Denver. I will get 9.00 a head for the summer. And will get it all at once. Lee Thorn wanted me to go over to Silverton with him next Spring he said I could

easy get words and that
no body worked there for less
than $3.50 a day and he got that
all this summer. If I could get
a good job there in D. I would
sooner be there than any
place else. But 15 or 20 a
month wont buy me clothes
and a person likes to go some
place once in a while. I
may come up and stay until
March and if I dont get a
good job I can go over to
Silverton There are a good
many of the fellows over
there that was in M. V.
and they are all working
and getting good wages.
Maby they can get me
a good place. I can
write to John Bake and ask him.

No. 2.

This is the deadest place I ever saw and I will try and get out of it as soon as possable I see about as many in the cuntry as in town one one for the street. And it makes me sick to look at the godforsaken place any more. The boys got home from Leadville Friday. When they got in the army hall they cheered and shot off the guns. They was pretty glad to get home. I will send you a box of Rabbits and will try and get some ducks to send to. will send it next

wk. I have been hunting but cant get no deer it wont snow. The snow is about all going. So there will be no water for the farmers this summer if it don't snow pretty soon. You are all living pretty close together now. Well that is nice. You don't have to go so far to see one another I'd like Frodie growing tell him & Blanch I wish I could bring or send them a big fat Rabbit for christmas. Give my regards to all & Ans. soon

Love to all.

Charlie.