

it is very sad to relate that the
fine middle case you sent me
came very near getting burnt up
& then the firemen came along
& threw a pail of water over
it. Its heavily lids all smashed
but its useful miss is not saved
as the bottom case caught the
fire & the water did not dam-
age the cotton.

I reckon I shall miss being on
Captain Donn's party quite
considerably. But I am not out
here for pleasure and here
I shall stay unless I get
fired. I miss Miss Besse dread-
fully. I might say even more than
you all. But then you know
I have gotten used to being away
from home. You see I have not
got any one to grumble to