

is waiting for the mails. is disappointed wishing they'd write more often. is seeing the ghost of the fence. is mending until plum midnight. is three nights setting a bucket of water on the bedroom floor to collect miasmas. is exhausted, entirely worn away. is making the best of & making the beds. is scratching along the riverbed for finds : from buckshot to walnuts, submergence, emergence : *i therefore desire more solid comfort* : agate, cornelian, jasper, alluvial soil. is roaming the pomological fair, pressing into the skins. is detecting a thickness to the season. is checking future wind with saplings, measuring winter minima. is all sunsets & auroras & how much farther westward he is not prepared to say : the drift, the lacustrine, or loess, alluvium : puzzles : colored pictures or pieces of pictures : catarrh & lumbago, falling of the womb : oval, oblong, obvate, abruptly pointed in a short, close cluster : we have no connection whatever with any other company : dried currants, eggs repacked : putty in bladders & batten per linear foot. oxien was, and still is, the only true food for the nerves. it ranges in thickness : perfectly homogenous, exposed, rubbed fine, the size of a shot : *COMFORT* : "the key to a million and a quarter homes" : a strengthener & a friend to women : a truly formidable list

i think that one cannot take a farm hap-hazard in the bottom, as he might do in some of the table-lands : i think it will not be without interest : i think it will not be difficult for a stranger to travel alone & i think of the woman said to be a seer : her grave cordoned off on its own the far side of the cemetery : a chain around her collecting coins & candle stubs from the locally curious & i think about the baby (little stranger) on its way to getting baptized : thrown from the buggy & buried alone by the tree-line apart from the other saved souls because it never got wet. this map may be taken as accurate as far as it goes & whoever intends to make a new home in this new country will find it of very great value :

is given a free breakfast table. is given a free homestead. is promised the latest patterns in exchange for five subscriptions. is warm mash in the morning. is opening up the hens postmortem—the eggs seem hard, as though they’ve been cooked. is drooping & drooping, refusing to eat. is scattering night across the floor of the house. is measuring happiness, by which i mean comfort : sinkwater running out : gray : to the yard uncovered :

*: the colors i wear in the sun*

*the colors i was*

*in sun*

*worn*

is a grass-filled track, a record. is timber & staff, the stuff of fairs. is a water tank filled with smoke, then snow. is a black wall battered with hailstones, booms & busts & strawberry pie & lines of work. is ice against glass, is tables suspended in air : a tea kettle, knotted hair. the dog at a set angle, always, on the rug

is the blister-sheen of charcoal, coming down the road kicking floor-length skirt. is brushing dust from curios in the forest of overstuffed chairs : heat lightning, cast iron wristsprain : is filling bobbins with thread before starting to sew. is therefore saving time. is rubbing salt in her milk vessel, staying sweet. is making tea towels from old table linen. is bought by the yard & worn by the foot. is jellifying chicken, disjoints & washing before removing from fire. is a single envelope of gelatin heated, set on ice until hard saying *please advise*