

say anything to her
about it. Mr. Blick
told you father some
time ago that your
watch was all right
and she could take
it away, but he has
not gone for it yet.
I will send it to you
the next opportunity
we have.
The same day Frank
was hurt. Ben
mashed his finger
a little at the
shop. Not seriously
but so that it has
bothered him some
to work. Gilbert was
in the gutter trying
to see Frank, he had
not entirely recovered
from his cold.
From your Mother
E. M. Watson

yesterday morning without any signature,
but I suppose from the writing and the contents
that it was from you. Well I have some news
to write you this time and it has come very
near being pretty bad news. In my last I told
you that Frank and Ed Peyton had gone to
the Island to stop. They took Will Scanlan
along with them. Saturday night Ed came home
sick: the water did not agree with him.
Monday morning Frank and Will Scanlan went
out to hunt before breakfast. They stood side
by side with their guns cocked ready to shoot
at a duck that was flying past, Frank was
to shoot first and if he did not hit it
Scanlan was to shoot, but Frank hit it and
it fell, he told Scanlan not to shoot and started
to pick it up. At the same time Scanlan

lowered his gun to let the hammer down and in some way it went off and sent the contents into Franks foot. He was so frightened he did not know what to do and Frank had to take off his shoes, cut off his stocking and wrap it up, and then ride ten miles to get home. We called Dr Beede and he is attending to it. The Dr told him that he could consider that he had been a lucky boy for once in his life, for if the shot had hit him an inch farther back it would have ruptured an artery, and he would have bled to death in a short time, there being no one there to do anything for him. Your father thought I had better not say anything to you about it, but I thought I would, I have told it all just as it was and there is no cause for you to worry about it, for the worst is over, and the Dr says it is getting along as well as it possibly could; but of course it will take some time for it to heal. Ben expects Emma home to night, but if any thing has kept her there you need not



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