



JOSEPH CRAIG,

DEALER IN

Groceries, Clover and Timothy Seed,

FEATHERS, LIME, FIRE BRICK, FIRE CLAY, TILE,

Calcined Plaster, Louisville and Rosendale Cement,

47 SOUTH DIAMOND STREET,

Allegheny, Pa., August 5, 1874.

Miss. M. E. Craig, New Castle, Pa.,

Dear Sister - I am having a delightful time during your absence. Since you went away I have not been out an evening but devote my time to preparing for school. About noon on Monday, Dick Watson came into the store - having dined with me on the "scraps", I being the last one, we walked over the city several places and, as I suppose you know, he kindly took George under his care as far as New Castle. Today on the noon train we sent Aunt Hannah's jays and "Egg", the pup. Mr. Morrow took dinner with us today. Last evening the door bell rang and, when I answered it, a gentleman inquired for you. I told him you were not in the city, so he left his card, inscribed "A. McClelland". I never heard of him before; who is he? I have not been near the flooded district since Monday week, and have no desire to visit it. I have been unwell for some weeks - last week Doctor Mabon ordered me to go to the country

for a week. I did contemplate visiting Mary Shipman
but feel so much better that I have given up the notion.
The last few days the weather has been cold in the morning
and evening and hot at noon. The melodious "Sheet" is
beginning to play on my feelings - witness my hands
and face.

We are dull today, not much doing. Nell B. is
still tramping brick, Will C. was sick last week, but is
better this week. All of the children are well.

Write soon,
Your,
Affectionate
Brother

Edwin Staunton Craig.

P.S. Don't let anybody see this letter as it will disgrace.
Keep the common herd Lou, Will, Robt, Saul & Harry at a
respectable and respectful distance,

N.B. When I started I did not think that I could fill both sides
of this sheet. Wonderful!

~~Edwin~~
E. Craig, (Bank clerk's signature)