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now that is of meat we get plenty meal
but we can not eat it it is old and bitter

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not get any grease and but one pound
bacon for fifteen days and that will
grease much Rice or any thing else
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week but we eat it steeved or broiled
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along. if you had your cane saved before
the cold ruined it and how your potatoes
has tured out if you have got them dug,
if you have got enough seed peas and
ground peas saved how your hogs are
fattening; all every thing about the place
and the new ground to, and if you would
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Dear Mary,

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