

Chicago, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Dear Brother Michael. I received  
your welcomed letter, and was  
glad to hear from you personally.  
I would have written to you  
but I know that you hear  
everything that I could mention  
from Kate. you asked me  
to tell you about John's leg well.  
I can truthfully tell you that  
it don't trouble him any whatever  
he has gained about fifteen pounds  
in weight and he is doing well.

his Position is selling milk he  
gets Seventeen Dollars per week  
and a commission over a certain  
amount. and I think he will be  
a first Class milkman after he has  
some experience. I can tell you that  
I <sup>feel</sup> proud of the boys when I see them  
anxious to help one another along  
John was obliged to put up a  
Cash bond of One Hundred Dollars  
to get the job and he no sooner  
said the word when John Bodwin  
spoke up and said I will put  
up the money for you. of course  
I would have given him the  
required amount. But I pleased  
me more to see them help each  
other when they are able. Tell  
Sister Honour that Martin is doing

niecey he is working in a soap  
factory and is well pleased with  
his job. One of the Brothers who  
own the factory is a friend of mine  
and I think after a while he will  
have a very nice job. he is not  
very strong so I thought it would  
be better for him to work at something  
easy. Patrick is doing splendid and  
taking good care of himself. John  
Codrini is better than ever after  
the Rheumatism he just got back  
after having a weeks vacation.  
Kate & Margaret are also well  
and all my own family thank God  
I did have some hopes! Last year  
that possibly I could visit Mother  
this year. But I am sorry that  
I am obliged to postpone my wishes

I still have hopes that the  
almighty will grant me the  
pleasure of seeing dear mother  
before she depart this life. If  
not I will have to be content  
with the will of God. It is hard  
to get sober reliable men to take  
care of your business the great  
majority of mechanics are very  
fond of Lyquo. I am glad to  
see so many young Irish lads that  
dont take it. Kind I hope the  
Clergy will continue to educate  
the young boys and girls of the  
danger ~~being~~ connected with the  
drink habit. I am no temperance  
man myself. I like a drink sometimes  
But I have <sup>seen</sup> a lot of misfortune  
caused by drink.