

that very remunerative. I wish he could strike
 something to make some money this summer. I
 feel for a fellow when he is hard up for funds. I know
 what it is from present and prolonged experience. I would
 mind it for myself and never did worry much over it,
 but Bonnie worries all the time and worries herself al-
 most to death over our debts. I don't believe she has one
 happy moment in her life on account of them. So my
 advice to Bittle is not to get married by any means
 until he has a good practice and is wholly free from
 debt. Living expenses here are very high. My store
 bill up to date amounted to \$195.10, besides what
 I paid cash for. Of this amount I have paid \$58-
 leaving a balance of \$140.10, which debt has accrued
 in the last nine months. Most of the amount, how-
 ever, was for the barn and for wood and coal. The
 bill for horse-feed alone was \$99.12. \$47 was for wood
 and coal and the balance was for the house. Of
 course in that time I have reduced our indebted-
 ness to Mr. DeLong from about \$200 to \$145 and
 have met the quarterly payments of \$25 on our piano.
 But I borrowed \$40 on the policy to pay my in-
 surance, and so on the whole I am getting in about
 as fast as I am getting out. I try to get Bonnie to
 give up worrying and take it patiently as I do, but it
 is of no use, and I am very sorry. She thinks I