

Shapple Wood Farm

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little soon &  
one parent who  
grows very large  
mother

dear Cousin,

We have been  
having a very successful  
week. The poor horse,  
called Whiteface who was  
sick, grew worse & worse, she  
had not been down for  
nearly two weeks, & at last  
she just dropped, & died, &  
the apples are being picked  
oh such bags, & bags & bags  
of them, knocked off the trees,  
& carried to the barn in bags,  
& then emptied into great  
heaps, kept in by boards, red  
& yellow, & green ones big &  
little, so many of them, &  
such an apple smell, that  
we can notice it, at the house  
quite a little distance away.

ness its back & that it-would bring & throw  
-up, & some one she wanted to give it  
said it-would bring it-seed, but what do you  
think they did do - I received the apple to  
one with & put a block of wood under it &  
then struck it - with a wooden mallet &  
broke the apple up - when it - flew down  
the throat, & the eyes swelled & watering  
& brought a scabber. & swells & watering  
but I may tell you in confidence that it  
was not - 10 minutes before she was watering  
for apples again

Alfred - never the throats came with  
their big machine & all afternoon the two boys  
passed down in the broadside was being  
away & a man has been stopping the water  
about in, & another taking the grain out of



in bags - I was there as well a new day  
I had my pocket full of  
at once for you I wanted to come with you  
I'd like you to know all about how I  
I gave it apples as much as about anything  
I pulling it reading, but after all one  
other, I was dead, by then every, best & best  
all your care, faithfully I will - I alone all  
never let any one say a Massingham was a cheat  
as spoke a hard word, as was right to a boy  
smaller than himself - you have two worth  
& kept a good name, honorable, for, not to  
mention the ten or more that may come  
on to his belts, or worse, for the most you make  
in the good old Regt. :-

My I'm in good to help Babes as you  
can, I give you little trouble, I don't forget the little  
especially the last one night I'm writing me a



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is a hole in the floor  
warded round to make a  
trough, & into this the apples  
will be poured & a horse  
will turn a crank below  
& grind the apples up & then  
they will fall into a huge  
vat below - & what next I  
am not sure, but I want to  
see, & then can explain it to you

This morning there was a  
great consternation, one of the  
cows got into the orchard, &  
Elmer ran to chase them out  
alas! alas! a cow had just  
taken a big apple into her  
mouth, & as she ran it went  
back into her throat & stuck  
there, so the neighbours were  
sent for, & they tried to push  
it down, but it was too  
big, & they tried to pull it up  
but it was stuck fast below  
the gullet, & the women said  
it must die, & old Mrs  
Braunson said to fetch a gun