

It come out of the boiler
I guess it is well died, with a good
staying color, Mary keeps the boys
well under the warunduk & stove
room, I dont know of Ernest
putting a flower since you have
been away & Watt says he is
the best boy he has seen, he never
cries, so you may guess he
is pleased, or he would let us
know it, the flowers on
the pansies are the best that
I've seen for a long time.
Watt is quite satisfied
with his fare it is exactly
what he likes, when you
spoke abt roughing it he

Bethanga
24 Jan 1889

Dear Wife

There being no letter
from you last night
I infer you are staying
to enjoy yourself instead
of hurrying home when
there is no need for it,
your first letter was at the
station when I left mine,
Mrs Northy baked us a big
batch of bread, & on Monday
Mary & I washed all the
clothes & got done in good
time, one of Watt's shirts
was mighty blue when

thought he

was to be fed on bread & salt junk, so your Idea
of roughing it & his differ it rains a wee today
& I'm going to town if I can. I'm a sort of feeling id
like to see you again, but we dont kill a pig every
day & while you are away you had better enjoy
yourself at your leisure, you will be prisoner enough
when you come back, we are all well
from your affectionate husband

W Mitchell

I am very well myself. The same medicine came again
but I think it stronger, I expected a change, at
anyrate I've been able to ride better with this
fiscie than I have for months before, Northy took
the boar to his place,