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My own little wife darling

We reached Orange City this morning about 10. We got into East Orange last night about 12, 20 and had to remain in a hotel until this morning when we came over to Orange City 3 1/2 miles in a stage. Darling never saw such a country as this we are really, wife, out on the plains in a little town of 20 or more houses a town but 5 years of age, but a very nice town for a western town of its age. The settlers are Hollanders who have named their town after the Prince of Orange. There is a large Dutch windmill about 1/2 mile in front of Man's house. He has a very nice little house of — rooms, enough for them and your friends. He and his partner built it in great part themselves. ~~but~~ They are doing a good