

Muswick Apr. 30. 1860

Dear Sam.

Do you have
such charming weather at
Leport as we have had
here this whole month?
You never - what shall I say -
saw, felt, knew, "experienced,"
or what for goodness sake is the
word - I mean to express the idea
that such weather as we have
been "having" during this month
has not been at all like the April
weather, which common observation
has noted for its showers, & for
its fickleness - the former asso-
ciated doubtless in your mind
with "May flowers", & the latter
in the mind of naughty men, with
the mood & feelings of woman,
that "varium et ventabile".

We have had nothing but broad
sunshine & starlight - day after

day & night after night, until
we are all wishing for
rain to moisten the washed
earth & to "lay" the dust.

Such beautiful day & balmy
air have tempted us out a
great deal riding, walking &c.
The &c really of more extent
& significance than the riding
& walking; for that as applied to
myself being a hobby includes
all the varieties of gardening, dig-
ging, hoeing, raking, scratching &
all the rest.

How I have missed
you men here some of these fine
mornings, like this, for instance,
to ride or romp with us!

Now when you go home, don't
you cut straight across the
water, & whisk right by us, but
come to Portland & happen by
left on your way home & I shall
certainly pick you up. You have
always been here at my busy time
just before Commencement. You

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can be! Faring says I am
very good when I am asleep -
so I am too when I have
nothing to do.

I have heard frequently from
home of late, & all seems to be
going on much better than usual.
I think Horace is doing very
well. Father sent me money enough
to pay up all John's bills, so that
matter is done with.

It seems to me for you are doing
a "mighty" deal of work for a very
small consideration. I would not
on any account stay another
term. I will give you more than
that to teach Sunday school letters.

By the way I should like to
have you see & try to lift these
two children of mine. They are
solid, I assure you; & if you
were to see the boy you would
like the looks of him I have no
doubt. The boy he is as yet, tho'
it is more than possible that af-

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pellation will not be sufficiently distinctive in a short time, & no one begins to call him Myflys - so we are descending from generals to particulars with his names - first the surname Chamblain but all now we have a sort of a surname = snidde = name Myflys - some time I hope he will rejoice in a real "given" Christian name.

Do you have any May flowers? trailing arbutus & may. Daisy has been arranging some this morning, & she is going to put some in this letter for you for a May-day love-gift.

She thinks she sees you coming every time a lady comes along the side walk. You will have to come & see her very soon.

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