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The Horseman's Journal

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Dear John,

I have so much work to do, I cannot write for my friends. I shall send this in by my postman. The remainder of the day is occupied in showing them what man to ride, what to use, and what not to use. They have a very bad eye, and I should not have recommended the saddle. I am sure they will be happy, and I am sure I shall be happy to see them. The climate is very healthy, and I am sure I shall be happy to see them.

I hope to see you again soon. I am sure I shall be happy to see you. The climate is very healthy, and I am sure I shall be happy to see you.

Your truly,

John
My dear Debie,

Weary and eager to write, I must not expect a very lengthy letter tonight, for I have but half an hour to write it in. I am not going to write it very plainly, either, for it will exercise you as reading, writing, and studying my letters. I had an excellent ride on horseback yesterday on a horse called Santa Anna. Do you know from what horse man this horse was named? Tell me in your next letter all you know about him. What country he belonged to, what office he held in his government, and anything else you can learn about him.

Write down your thoughts on your state. Let Charlie correct the spelling if he can find any mistakes, and tell you where to put periods, commas, and capital letters. I was about to tell you of my ride on Santa Anna, a horse you know is not a man. When it came my turn to ride out, round the ring and cut the heads of Bran, which I told Charlie in my letter. I drew my saber, which is a big, heavy broad sword, carried it in my right hand against my right shoulder, driving my horse with my left. One of the heads was on the ground if my horse got under such desperate headway that I seemed to have no time to rise up or make my cut after cutting the head on the ground. But I had a splendid ride. Would you like
such a wild ride? I have once or twice ridden a horse named Marat. Leave off the a when you pronounce this word & pronounce the a like a in la in music, or as if the word was Murat. Now tell me if you know who the General was from whom this horse was named. I will tell you this much. They called him a Marshal (which is in French Maréchal) - this corresponds to our brigadier generals very nearly. Then tell me all you can find out about Santa Anna & Marshal Marat in your next letter. I will then write you somewhat more about these men. My half hour is up. The drummers are beating tattoo, (half past nine). One of the drummers, yes, two of them are smaller than you, and one is a little bit of a fellow, who plays on the fife. These boys have to get up in the morning & come up to the barracks, for they live about half a mile off, and drum us up for reveille. It would do you good to see their fife & drum. They can play anything. Sometimes the little fellows sleep in the guard room on the hard benches or seats, so as to be here in the morning. One night a caller who was "officer of the day," found one there at "taps" at ten o'clock at night sound a sleep - he took pity on the little fellow - got some old guard cloaks, wrapped him up - and he had a good warm sleep that night, much as you are at this minute, enjoying in all probability - so good might be a good boy.

and remember that I am your affectionate brother

Otie.
Mar. 9th 1853
Rowland & Charles
Honam March 8th 1853

Dear Mother,

It is Sunday evening and I am pretty well tired. My duties in the office are considerably harder than I expected.

It seems as if I had been there two or three weeks. Edwards arrived about 4 O'clock safe and sound but quite weary from his ride. He has gone to bed now and is having a good sleep. He will add a PS in the morning if he wishes to. I came down here on Saturday afternoon. I found our friends in Portland all well. All of them Judge has a bad cold.

Simpson and Mrs. M. boarded with Dr. Carter, who has all of the family with him at present. They are not doing well. I think that they will enjoy the arrangement as yet. Yesterday, I called on Mr. Clark. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Eady are here and a half. I did not see Uncle Henry. When I first began this I thought I would send it by Mr. Robinson, but Frank had not yet come back enough and perhaps you will see this letter in nearly as good a state as my hand in the morning.

This morning I have been all over town with Mr. B. Up to the College &c. She has started for Leeds. Charles tells me what a smart band of Seamen you have. I think young American.
must have studied. Aunt Martha is very anxious that you should come to Portland. When she goes on West, she thinks the shall break an arm. Keeping of keeping away. He does not like to leave Portland. Keeping off the great deal of going to Australia. I think the best fatigue of nothing else will be sufficient for present him from going. There three young ladies here making with Charles myself and Mr. A. of another, is bored. Half past nine in the evening and the cars are just passing along. The flags almost under one window. There is a scene between in Brunswick tonight, but I am too tired to attend it. I have two classes in Latin hour in Greek, one each in New Philosophy, Geography, Grammar and Reading. They occupy my whole afternoon. I shall be able to study considerately afternoon, but evening I do not feel much like it yet. I have not had a letter from you, although I wrote him a week before I left Portsmouth. You must have noticed pretty hard to get Charles ready. I hope you are more the worse for it. They have not succeeded well at all with my Dickey this week. Tell Lucia I think I shall have to send them to her. Remember me a kiss, and write as soon as you can. I hope you will succeed in getting up this singing school. You must help him just as if we were at home—

Portland
My dear Mother;

I sit now to write you my first letter after having arrived at Yorkham, and to confirm what Mr. Rowland has already written in regard to my reaching here with safety and sound health. I was not very well when I got to my journey's end, for I began to grow tired, somewhat of riding when I reached Hopetown. When we were just by Mr. Gillpatrick's house Mr. Barrow's nephew of a little boy whom we met, whom he lives. I did not stop to go into the house but took my correspondence and started for Rowland's boarding place, to which I was directed by Mr. Gillpatrick. I had no trouble in finding it. When I rang the bell Mrs. Fost came to the door. I think she is quite a pleasant woman, resembles but Ann same in countenance. Rowland hearing me inquire for him came down stairs. He said that he expected me that if known in the area, but finding that I did not come, he concluded that I could not get ready to come so soon. By supper time I began to grow somewhat hungry but no good meal. Soon after supper Rowland went up to Mr. St. and Mr. Adams went out, so I was left alone. I did not sit long before I found that either I must sleep in my chair or go to bed. I chose to do the latter. My bed is just large enough for one person. It is in a room which joins Rowland's & Mr. Adams'. There is no stove.
in my room, so I shall be obliged to stay out of my room, which I am now in. There is a large clump of trees as large as Dellie's bedroom, Rowland went to New York express office this afternoon & there found my trunk. He is going to bring it over this afternoon.

The bill was one dollar merely more than less. My trunk has just arrived looking just as it did when I sent it. Delle's apples are all to date except that Rowland bought them to give me apples which he put in. Rowland is not only a sounder, but a kind of lounge which we have in one of the halls. It is neither a sofa nor a lounge but something between the two, it is not so long as a long nor as narrow as a chair. It has high arms, is filled with cotton and covered with calico. You know that I spoke of taking one of mathis' says he was willing but I forgot it again. I want one very much & I don't want to know what time it is now. I think I must be considerably after three o'clock. This is the afternoon. Rowland keeps up his mornings. When you will wonder why we are not both at school, school does not keep Wednesday after noon or Saturdays. If I find that the school is not as well cared for as at Kentville, it seems very much like a low school.

It seems to me much more like a town school. I am glad study in my room. One window is sight of the trees, I have seen them go just now.
Then I rose this morning. It was quite early and about ten o'clock it commenced snowing and after dinner it began to rain so that Mr. Barrow has order I had stay to go home but it has now closed raining.

I have just now come up from dinner table. Before dinner I went over to the other part of the village to give the Harmon the letter for Josephine if I could find his house which I did readily. All the inconvenience I have experienced Postage and certainly that is a very small one from yesterday's ride is a great favor. For I ride as long in the snow which you know there was brightly yesterday that it made my face feel red and bright of today and also a little sore I think perhaps the wind had something to do with it. Rawland says that the Barrows face looks worse than mine, he was more exposed than I for he gave me the best seat you remember that was left. He gave me the back one after we had got a letching.

Thursday morning. Just another. I rose this morning not as early as I did when at home about 4 1/2 half past two and Rawland and Mr. Adams is sleeping by my side in bed. Since I got up have been lying in my Latin reading book. which is Caesar. I have no gum and so it is in this world. Why I have none is because there is no natives that I shall get some when the family gets up during my girls coat on so I get along very well.
going out to take my morning walk, as you wish. I suppose it is of no use to send this by you as you will not get it until Saturday.

If you will write this is my journal that I sent you when you get this letter. It is now just eleven Thursday afternoon. There has been a very sad accident here on the railroad. There was a very bad man riding in a sleigh car of it when the car came along and ran over him. He had his thigh broken & the inside injured otherwise. He said I believe this horse was also the. I believe he was somewhat hard-drinking. I am now going up to write my first letter at 8 o'clock. Rowland assist came in the afternoon, and I did not have any recreation.

He said I am here all alone. I have been told to study Physiology, Latin Grammar & Caesar & Vergil. My letter must go this morning so it must be finished. Give my love to Della & tell him to write much in your next letter. What will come soon I hope. You did not feel very well, the morning that I left. I hope that you soon overcome it. We shall know if you write as soon as you can. I found that the schoolmen were all quite small boys especially the boys. This is not like what you tell about. Read it all. Give my love to all of the family. Good Bye to them & your affectionate son Charles.
Late March 1845

My Dear Brother Os.

I took it into my head to write to you to-day as I have not written to you this great while, if I think a longer period has elapsed since your last to me, you have written me at least two letters since you have been at West Point. The last of which was written last May. I think I would like to have you write to me soon, Brother. Mr. Charles is at home yet, he will go to Philadelphia next month. I have been to Meeting today, Reverend D. Butler preached. It was thought to be his last, as he has gone there and found it was not as well as he thought it. He is going to preach at other places, but we have no reason to think he is going to stay there. Than that which he said he wished as many to come as possible this season. Oh! Osi. What do you think we have for Your officers this year? I will tell you who they are as follows, P.M. Turner, who is his officer. He is Clerk of Maine, Harvey Tate, Steward, L. Howard, Isaac W. Boothby, Deacon, John Gilmor, Treasurer (only one steersman is left in the last year). P.T. Boswell, Agent, collector of taxes & constable, Charles Jennings is the Committee chosen to fill the place of Mr. Barnes. Mr. Barnes, Steeble is going to leave town very soon, they have got a farm in Monmouth, about three miles from town. Mr. Os. It is said to be a very good farm for the homestead to make use of. So
Woland is gone away and Charles & myself will have to go all of the chores. I expect he has gone to see John H. He has got a little baby, it is about a week—two weeks old 10 pounds on more. Mrs. Jacob Wing is dead. She died a week last Thursday. I believe. He is much misjudged. He was a very good old man, I think, and much loved by his friends. He had no enemies as every one said. New Joseph Turner is sick with the same disease. Mr. W. is attended by Dr. Jones of Greene. The Dr. is thought that if he lives until winter he may get better. Our Society is going along very well. We have got 37 members, all are very much interested in the meetings, we have new members at most every meeting. Charlie is gone to Atee Pray Meeting. He said he would send his love to you and that she would write to you after she got to Hondasville. Father and mother has got their daguerreotypes taken they have not brought them home yet. Grandmother they had not taken too. It was her mother stayed for it. Father is going down to Augusta tomorrow and will bring them home. Thomas McRouncey has got the Meadley. one in Mr. & Mrs. family has had them except himself, five in one family has not had them, don't you wish you had had them?

Remember me to Mr. Goodnight. Remember me as your affectionate Brother. P.S. We miss to me next Etc. Rod.
Dear Otis,

I have delayed writing to you for some time but it has not been because I have forgotten you. No. The fact is I should write you very much often if you did not hear from me or I thought you did not hear from me through another source. This is not a good reason why I should not write you and perhaps often than I do but it operates as I tell you. For instance if I were sure you had not heard of it I could tell you something of recent event which might interest you as connected with my history but I am quite certain you cannot have remained uninformed of it. So you see I have not the heart to tell you what you already know more is then the need of it. Everything outward, external relating to myself or any of us you hear without my telling you and knowing what transpires without me and around me you have the data at least to judge of my interior life. Of the thoughts and desires, fears, hopes and regrets that agitate by turns the soul and with the same old round of eating drinking and study make up what we call living. As I write, was here with me and stopped all night last Friday. I can across him at the cars as he was steaming home.

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in all importance after a few months absence to greet his lady-love and made him stop all night with me. He is just as ever — laughs in the same old way and he and I discussed the histories of our class men so far as we could trace them. I learned from him that Butter is married — was married last fall. There was a fellow of Phil. who knew Butter and told him that he had married a woman who was reputed rich though it was somewhat doubtful whether it would turn out that he really was so. B is teaching, Bell in reading law. Frye too is married to a Miss Spear of Rockland where he is settled as a lawyer. So you see they are just going — three out of our class. Jack and myself too discussed anew the old subject of the women with the new light which the years since we left college have shed on it but we did not make out to arrive at any different conclusions than we used to. The fact is that women as in the older days are somewhat frail and never mind. They were made so. They are not altogether to blame for it. Women I suppose must have their way and I would be the last one to hinder them from doing as seems to their best and if they prefer some silly pop with just enough of culture to indulge in commonplace platitudes such as no woman should use even if he knew she could not
please without why all is? I am ready to give
way to them and let the dear creatures have sad.
A such be their preference I know if such a
Caliber I wish to have nothing to do with.
It is enough to make a fellow mad enough to
think that he has not discernment enough to
tell such a woman and to realize that he has
been seduced into bestowing a single thought on
such a one, you can't tell what a
woman as at first glance through that glance
be a keen one. It takes a sharp eye to see through
a grind-stone or to discern by what route the
right the spirit and soul of a woman. A sweet
face too is a mighty wonder of scrutiny and
one of times in the pleasant hospitality of loving does not like to scrutinize too closely
lest he discover what he fears to. Miss B. did
by me as no woman of any regard for duty or
stability of character would have done. Her answers
in the last case were unsolicited. In my
own mind I had given up or well might given
up all expectations of not all desires of wishing
her love. When it came to me unsought as a
voluntary offering, full, free and unreserved
so different from what I expected that I yielded
myself without one doubt to the charm.
She made no hesitation of speaking of herself
as myself in the second letter. She wrote me
Whereas I expected to win her love and my stages and much pains and you may well conceive that my hopes were highly raised in a whose would not have been under the consciousness that my opinion often rose with the thermometer of her love—then I thought her quite discerning in her appreciation of me and that my hopes collapsed some too suddenly for comfort with the longings and wishes of her whims. It was no long sad lingering of a not distant and fears and foreboding and how doubt but utter indifference treading on the heels of what had woman to use the pastime and love. I was dreaming

That love—let us turn mine together—

Every help was mine to him in his words not yet grown classic but I was "enraptured". But I am not ruined yet. Not by a gold deal. I do not and could not care for her when I know her. I only regret that I have given to so many kinds of love to a so enemies years.

I can heart whole year her love as strong faiths and in the faith, truth, and purity of some woman. I regard they maybe good but they are some exceptions I am slightly inclined to

I suppose to Thee love woman so do I. Honor you own to be a solace and a comfort and a companion and a blessing through life, a loving household, a fire-side joy forever, with a smile and a
in and loving words and gentle deeds and offices of affection, after the heat and labor of the day,
place over to greet you? I hope to have
the time to come to follow your
soul on a true heart and feel that you are
not so now alone, so still do I, as for the rest,
as far as the women are concerned I would not
show it other altogether than it is. As for false
women damn them—No! that scorces of recent
infamy—Confound them—No, blast them—No,
more won't answer; it don't express my
suspensions which are those of utter unconcern
kind of regard to them—So let them be false—false
me, to others, to themselves—false to what
they, true—false to their own higher interests,
false to everything but their own notion to
which they come but remain true.

Thursday. I wrote you twice for last Sabbath, and
intended to finish it and read you twice now but
how keep delaying pretty because I did not wish
introduce you with my own selfish ought,
though I was conscious all the while that you
would and did sympathise, deeply, heartily with
me. You tell me in your letter of today that
suppose one reason for not writing you.

Here is that you give me so much advice
by no means, you give me good advice
such as you may well give, such as I need such as from my heart I thank you for. I have already told you in the very first of my letter why I do not write you often as the real why it is too. I thank you again for your letter of today. It did my heart good and I come nearer shedding tears over than I have over anything else. It was a most welcome messenger and came to me with wings in its wings. No man writes me a letter which I prize as take to my heart and trust to as I do yours. But it is almost eleven o'clock and sir and all of this scold me for staying so late at the office and I must hasten though this is a miss on which any man loves to linger. I will only say Howard that in all the past I can recall no act or word of yours which was not dictated by the purest friendship and most self-forgetful kindness. I shall not allow myself to be grated out by a woman I shall try not to become more morose or selfish though hopes have faded which were clearer than life. Then it is doubtless much more for me to do to suffer and perseverance enjoy. However may God bless you and prosper you and keep you and may a lover that knows not despair ever be as noble yours. I have not written half I would wish—there are some things too you letter I will touch on in a future time.

Yours Belo.

[Signature]
My dear sir,

Leeds, March 3rd 1855

Yesterday evening, thought of sending you a line & which I need not say I heartily welcome. I am glad to see you wrote in such good health. Although your health lately does not indicate a very favourable state of relief, but I hope to hear that you are improving in that respect. It is a great pity that you are not always about to keep some form in an emergency. I have observed my son that you have ten years ago, but I thought your symptoms indicated a state of health such as a change of climate, which I will believe I have observed the symptoms, but have not been able to examine the condition, and bring in our climate, feeling, and the sooner they are removed. The last house will be made with the necessary alterations. I am glad to hear you have visited your. 

Called within a short time to see Mr. Smith, the only time I have really seen them. Our house was gone to his house several weeks, with the son of a severe sickness. I am glad to hear you have

placed of labour with them, his mother thought from what she wrote that she had not said, or some remonstrance, feeling that you had no such intention to effect the same thing, or at least read the business. There were cases where he recovered his health and was to come home. I did not go on expecting a communication from the coloured man to visit me, in company with his friend, they came and shown the house, your father. But if you should be forced to leave your house, you have not made it yet, but your father, with the officers of the company, your friends, to do so, sometimes gone home a week at a time learning was amongst the railroad clerks, and keeping them at bay, he has not been in railroad business yet, but he has been

giving advice, giving advice, to the same condition he was when you were at home, our house has been gathered in his back for someone one, Roland not so many years that you can't, said A. and
he should have died the next morning, we were not there since both of the other documents a present time. Asbury had yet waited encouraged about his health before this last address took place. As The called Asbury and Buck was found in quite well but did not consent the matter. The business is gone from home.

I am advised are one of a Catholic Factory. The same name that brought you letter me from each of your brother Charles Lang is to help them to study with him. This was not certain whether it is a good announcement or not. but it would be best if I just get another copy in his new situation, as he says it harder now to relate the paper. I can not be sure what he has mentioned. They would both of them write you when they are getting along. I understand Charles is going to select the new business position of his own, and take a course to become a lawyer. He is in France and is in the market when you are now in his return and then will return with his family. I think very much of your children and their happiness in the. I am not sure which is your children. I am not sure where they are. I am not sure where they are.

I think it might be certain whether his great and give them boys. I find as you go in from whether is poorly, interested to be just with one of their children, but they being as through with other destinations. The known just called here did not go to think with him because I wanted to work my way to this work and I write so slow I can not calculate my time on.

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South Leeds March 15/33

Dear Brother C:

Received your letter last Sunday night. I was much pleased with it. Another received him from Boston from R. B. C. He is both at home with Charles. He is not here to cancel my letter. R. B. went to Portland 1 week ago last Friday night. He went to Wednesday morning with Mr Barrows & Mr. Avilla B. The Benjamins have been doing some great things here in the cold this spring. Mr. Call Summer had $100 to pay for stoves and he had to pay the rest of the debt which he promised to pay. Solomon R. left for his moved up to Leased again he is going to trading here this spring. He is going to begin to trade the first of April. R. C. is shipping wood, etc. The Rother well go to Massachusetts at the last of the month or the first of next month. Nancy went away the first of this month on account of her brother in Law dying. She came back yesterday. I went out after her at noon. I went in to the factory and saw Elizabeth. Mother has got Aunt Alice's money & Sarah's. Mr. Davis's wife went down to Hallowell last Sh经查 and got them. Tomorrow Mr. Maine's Read and Stables are appointed to meet me some and settle up with father tomorrow.

You asked me to write all I knew about Santa Anna. He was commander of the Mexican troops at the Battle of San Jacinto. He was President of Mexico when General W. C. C. entered Texas. He was commander of the Mexican Army when General C. was in Monterey. He was banished from Mexico after the Americans left. Since 1848, it has been a legal"
That he will be called again president of the pie club for next year. I never read much in history about him; he was one Napoleon's first commanders in the army. He was about the same age as our Major General. He was king of Naples and his wife was sister to Napoleon. Therefore Napoleon made him king of Naples after conquering that kingdom. Father is Treasurer of Steele again this year. He got all but one of the votes. We have got some of the smartest select men in this year; they are W. Harvey Bates 2nd, Stillman & Howard 3rd, Isaac, &c. Boothby, we have got a man to work on the great farm. It is Samuel Longley. I suppose you know him. He lives in Greene upon the mountain they call it. It is expected that Solomon Shupps will be the master and will be licensed to sell liquor. Amad Jones is here visiting. Mr. Barrow is here. William Readwell was here this morning. He had to make his mark at fashionable goods by.

Write soon from your affectionate brother,

Delia

J. C. C. Howard
I am going to begin a letter to you whether I ever receive one from you or not. I mean no hopes I shall get one before I put this in the mail. I spent about a week at home in the usual manner of our vacations, talking with my mother, and visiting the neighbors and friends. There was nothing in Fells especially to interest you except the general welfare of your friends. When I returned, I visited friends as you doubtless have heard. Myself and mother had not got better in their new mode of life when I was there and of course were not enjoying it much, but perhaps they will when they become habituated to boarding. Aunt Martha and team are well. I did not see Henry. Aunt Mary says he talks much of going to Australia, but I don't think there is much danger of it, as she says, in the first place he has not courage enough to endure the look of fatigue necessary on such a journey and this and some other reasons are sufficient to keep him from going. Before I must close I want to say Words and besides my own loving.
Aske him if there was any reason why my brother
should not have his diploma. He replied in his
characteristic way, which, you know, every student
tries to imitate. None in the junior that he knew of. You
brother left college bearing in fact, a very high
character. I sent the letter to go to New Haven and
have the diploma and report put up to him.
I did accordingly and returned with the
document in hand. The letter pleased much
pleased, and said, tell your brother that we
shall be very happy to have him whenever he comes
to Brunswick. I deposited the diploma with
mother. Lizzie says it belongs to her and I
would have carried it to her if I had thought
of it. Yesterdays it is late and you are a candidate
for Commencement at the. It last night
received a letter from you. I got it at the P.O.
on my way to Brunswick tonight and have just
finished its perusal and with it there was also
a letter from Lizzie. We welcome well you
know how Lizzie is today? Just about as charming
as she ever was. I'm glad. But I suppose it is not
enough to her heart as to health. That you refer.
She has a little cough now but I thought nothing serious, probably a common cold of the
nose. She was no good spirits although I thought
feeling at that time a little embarrassed by the new situation. She has so little in her at all.
will probably write in this a few after. So I
will let him speak for himself. Simply
saying that I think he is now as
happy as he has been for some time. Your
letter suggests matter enough for me to write
over a number of pages and I hardly know
where to begin. You like. But please very well
you say. I do rather better than I expected.
But now I can discover all of that beauty
of style and delivery in his letters that
must have of every politician these days.
I have read it two or three times. But I
have failed to discover his tenets on
what I have learned to regard as the leading
subjects of the day. It seems to me a careful
written document. But I can't see as it
contains any more of less much of open
and unqualified praise dealing in similar
amendment from President. Dwyer to Wellington.

The Lee of War. I came to be in great demand
as a man who will try to do rather great and
predicts uncommon things. And I do think
I cannot see here there can be long. Goodness
between such discordant elements as
compare the Pierce Cabinet. Extremes have
their truly vast, and perhaps the wise leader,

You speak of Winter. You have come to me
on election and that rather becoming you.
Think that Pin Colada is an elk, or Lopee in, with him are synonymous terms. Of course it is rather hard for him to put the second May into your Maine had ever been in that celebrated place. I think it very doubtful about his going to New York. But I am sure in hopes that help will make as his mind to go. He is too much of a Whig to join the Lincoln party. 

I was anxious when my young man was at home, at a remarkable of his. Mother said I was going down to Aunt Jane's to make that to call. I had not been there since my return to Uncle. When we were ready to start, he came to the door and in his earnest and that rather imperative manner, asked where were we going. I told him to go to make a call. Jane Mother, and he said he was going to make a call. Jane Mother, and the next away entrance in the dark as to what all it was that state and I should go down to Mr. Headbaker, our School Master to. I went down to C. H. afternoon as I have to take the cattle of the cattle mutton for that time. They did it a regular rabble. All of the Rogers of Seter and Brunswick combined. Adams is fast and I have to put them through I am other fluctuating yet as much as I ought.
You said something about writing a dinner letter, and I believe I will keep this up in about that vein. But come to look at how I like it is as bad as the other and so to write give it up.

Yourself and Sirrie both write about going to West Point this summer. The sudden seem it a matter of first importance to the United States. This is right and does honor to your affection for you. I am flattered that you wish us with me to go with him and on that account I from no other. I thank you heartily to go. But this advice the desire of seeing you and talking with you by the new and fresh examination of the place where you have spent four years (or about 20 years) of your life, the sight of West Point with its historic associations, and the Hudson with its romantic scenes and a thousand minor considerations would be sufficient to do away with all objections barely pruiner character. In fact I have taken a few samples on that point concerning about keeping things I desire. You need not I want to Rom 5. 13 and a clean heart and for myself I should have no hesitation in looking for you with double that amount of money and of things which capital I can ever
almost any day. Suffice it to say that I shall come out this summer if circumstances will admit, and you and a Lizzie will continue to desire it. I cannot go to New York on two days notice and enjoy it just as well as Mount St. But I suspect it is different with you. Lizzie has preparations to make for a journey and to meet her duties. I will write to her and tell her I will go, unless something occurs before August 1 reaches it in expectation. Last night I heard Mr. Abbott lecture on Louis Napoleon. He gave style of the writer and the present position of the man rendered his subject very interesting. It was in the same style as his Napoleon Bonaparte, now coming out in Harper, and for which he receives $4,000 a year. He made out Louis painted a fine yellow, and justified his present position by the world on the same grounds that he justifies the murder of the Duke de Enghien by his uncle X. He made a virtue of necessity. He has been introduced to Louis since he was President, and has been him in many situations. He says he is a gloomy, retired man. His smile is never visible, and his appearance melancholy. I think Napoleon is the most interesting man (political speaking) now living. Russia would be worse if his efforts were crowned with facility. We again and still remember your brother. The
My Dear Mother:

[Signature]

I have a good time of it and nothing to annoy me at all, and it is a comfortable fire and nothing to annoy me at all, and I will take the opportunity to write to you at the opportunity to write to you a letter, knowing that you always are glad to receive letters from the absent boy and son. Why I have this good opportunity for writing this afternoon is because it is Saturday and I have the feeling to enjoy it. My studies are so hard that I can leave them Saturday afternoon and other times during the week. The Thursday evening, James also did Rowland, attended a lecture at Brunswick by J. H. Abbott. His subject was Napoleon. He gave a history of this now quite distinguished man from his birth to the present period. He has been to France, and has seen Louis the Thirteenth. He said, "I have seen him in his private walks, I have seen him in his palace and I have seen him reviewing his army of Eighty Thousand men, and he always wore that a happy countenance." I wish that father might hear that lecture. I do not think he would have gone to an evening in a "divine" but I think that it might have pleased him. He would have said somewhat his dislike of Louis Napoleon. He is a resident of Brunswick. I suppose nothing need be acquainted with his name, for he has written many books, as the lives of the different Kings of England. He is now writing extensively for the Harper's Magazine. The letter was

[Handwritten signature]
interesting to me indeed. I don’t know I ever heard any thing of this kind before. The ticket was twelve 10’s. I’m sorry for the loss.

I got along well in my studies. I now read Acton the judge’s take my reading book & read quite fluently it is that when I’m in my studies which usually is about 10 times. I’ve studied Physick before this term. I like it pretty well. It tells me many thing things which you have before taught one. It says it is a good thing to take exercise in the morning air, which I have done many since I have been here. Yesterday it rained more or less nearly all day & this morning it was very clear & pleasant, and I walked nearly two miles before breakfast. This week he Adams changed some rules to his school. I told you I believe that most of the scholars study in schools. He is to mark every misdemeanor & when they get thirty they are to be expelled from school. They are to be expelled too if they do not either declare or give a written excuse, or if they are not excused by their parent. We have now in school about seventy scholars. The boys are some of getting out some catalogues. I like the school & fall as well as I did the first week. I shall have time enough before the end of the term to give it a trial. Then I can tell whether it will be best for me to come another term. It has now got to be over advanced towards evening that I am obliged to have a light from candle for light. We are furnished with but one lamp & that can’t but one week, which is hardly enough for three of us to study by. Portland thinks of having a lamp filled with oil. Portland & his Adams came back some time ago. He has eaten supper & Adams has walked home. Begun

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every Saturday night - to see his folks. I wish I could be
situated so that I could go see my mother father & brothers any
week. But nine weeks will soon become another New Year.
The wind is rattling the windows tonight so that it seems to
be cold. We have had some very cold days the past week. Unfortu-
nately one cold morning last week just after the fire was
built. I was sitting as near the stove as I could get with my feet
on the hearth, for we have very much such a hearth as that in
store in our parlor at home. I burnt these overcoast pants of
mine, so that a piece half as large as the palm of my hand
came out between on the inside of one ankle. There was a girl who works
for her board & goes to school. She in the evening made up the
bed & she said that she would move the place, but when I
came to look in the trunk for the piece I could find none. I thought
I put some in but couldn't find any. I suppose you would not
know that I have made eating a pastime in writing. If I did not tell you
for just the last sentence Rowland came up stairs & invited me to
go up to Mr. Miller's office to a choir meeting for going in
church down here. I don't want with him. It is about half past nine
I still by the ears, they come in at that time & they have
just gone past. We were very much disappointed that I thought
when found on letter at the P.O. from mother & tell her that is
the day they get here when they are mailed at Leeds on
Tuesday. But perhaps you could not get time to write so as to send it Tuesday, but we will suppose of course that
we shall have one the first of next week. You are not quite
so good to write as Mr. Barron's folks, Insula has had the
But Pearl tell but you are sick or tired or something else my parents
at home will blame you. Rowland will want some news. Dr. Goodnight is a good
soul & is a good friend for your sister always has been. Good night & God bless you.
Dear Mother,

Charleston left me the paper which has no running. But I can make it do, and need to fit another half sheet. I have been to church this forenoon and heard Mr. Gillpatrick. This afternoon I shall hear Mr. C. Judge of Bethal at the Methodist Meeting.

Thursday I received two welcome letters one from Ed and the other from Lizzie. They both wrote in good health and April begins to talk considerably about going to New York. I have told her that I shall try to go if circumstances permit.

The letter remains about the same as when I last wrote except an increase in numbers. Lizzie writes that the weather expect you in St. Augustine. They are very quiet to prevent humidity to receive visitors formally as your acquaintance with Mrs. Reiley will make you welcome to all. Aunt Martha also will be very glad to see you. Uncle Henry is at present gone a fishing to Morehead Lake but is expected here soon.
They are thinking of sending me to a
Seaside School in New Gloucester. The Space
and the Cost is four per year. The Course is of the same
character as at Appleton at Harwich.

except that the No of Scholars is in all,
less.

But my Friend Mr. Lawrence has been
endeavoring to bring a Common School of
Rhode and I assure you, since this will
not have here anLabel, but perhaps it will
agree to hire given. The Committee of the Legislature
input a bill, making the School Law
Easier to be enforced. So it will be of no
Consequence to try to make up finer by selling more
Distances. The usual reliance of Rum-teers,
and the new Cozy project parted as I suppose.

They are all of the same. They are all the same. The fact
That Lewiston like all new places has more
his city than its Influence. Although Natick
does not have to much of the former, yet her
Influence in State or County Affairs would
be twice that of Lewiston. She has older and
more Influence than men. Men of Wealth and
Habitude of character. While the man of Lewiston
pays the men of the Day. Men like me. We
are liable to fall as quick. I
would think their heart man a great way in
any year we are taking. I was calling with
Mr. Wilde (the Orthodox minister) yesterday about Mr. Drummond who writes so much for newspapers. He says he regards him as one of the first men in the State for ability and goodness. He says that in his opinion, they have no superiority in their denomination. As a speaker and writer on almost any subject that happens to come up. From reading his articles I have long been struck by his brevity, force, elegance, style, and soundness. I should feel safe in adopting his sentiments. Then those of any writer which you may read. He has a complete education, high talents, and strict integrity of principle. Besides following means for the most accurate information of helping in Charles has directed me to these pages of that within the past year and so I must look after Annella. I think is doing well in the house. Only now and then a little home sick. She is reading French, Drawing, and practicing on the piano. Her trusty and confiding disposition has made her many friends among the young ladies. Remember me to your friends and you and Dolly give me a letter as soon as you can. Be careful of your health this damp spring for our future for your own. Recollect that we are leaving this place and you and your welfare. Love to Lewis, Delia, their and the rest of the family. Remember as your affectionate son, Rawlenc.
Hopskam March 20, 1853

My dear brother,

Some time has elapsed since I received your last, and being so anxious to hear from you, I have written without delay. I have been in India for six years, and I have been in the United States for six months. My health has been excellent, and I have been able to work steadily. I have been in the United States for six months, and I have been able to work steadily. I am now in the United States, and I have been able to work steadily.

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I have not heard from home since I came here. I feel rather as well as usual. She was as antify as ever to see that I had anything that would continue to all my comfort. She had her very third of the space one away for the week before the day before I left. First. November came home with a lot of letters to the contrary. Then when I began to look for you, I found many personal which are delaying. People that will go to Boston for the spring for I think she will wish you much and she is to be at school in the month of August. And from her she wrote from home for saying that she could not get much news from there. Perhaps you have had a letter since we were here. I don't know what letter ...
My dear mother,

Another Saturday afternoon has arrived and I will write another Saturday letter; although I think this is must write Wednesday afternoon, which is the place for such exercises, for I think you mother have letters Saturday nights, but I know it always seemed the right time to have letters from my brothers. But I don't know what the reason was, because we always supposed it did seem from them at that time. We see one letter from you & [illegible] the same day that we mailed one for you. Which was last Monday, the letter was dated the 15th. When I was to take my walk in the morning early, I mailed another one letter, when I was going up to my astronomy class. I met Mr. Calt with a letter from home. I was glad I told you mother, for we had been here about a fortnight & had not heard a letter from Leeds. I was glad to find that you had been enjoying yourself, for I didn't know but you might like a little company after Monday. If I had left Will Thomas (Brigham) he at home this spring, or was the only at home for a day or two? The best of the best educated young men on the first to leave Leeds, are they not? But surely it seems unhealthy, you there...
This spring, for I believe you mentioned there
inside Mr. Long (who you say is married) who are
very sick, and I forgot—his father who makes
the member fine. You did not mention their sons
but Howland met with Old Mrs. Gilber-
(Benj. Gilber’s wife) who told him all about Uncle folks
She said that Dr. Millett said that it was
doubtful whether Nathan Coffin ever recovers
from his trouble at the Longs. Now this is
sad entailed. When I first heard of his illness
I thought it nothing serious, and still I hope
he will recover. She also said that Hannah
Gilber had
an attack of Numb Palsy in his
arm. This is also dreadful, for likely the man
will again be able to use his arm. This makes
me think of Uncle Eliekel. Now I suppose
(by what you say) that he has gone to his long home.
If it is so, we cannot help it.
But mother! We again were gladened with a
letter from you Thursday morning, which was
given me before it was Leonard on Tuesday. This
Came and to Portland from Emma on
and then came down here Thursday morning, in the mass
Train of cars from P. Which got here about eight
o'clock. Then came trains of cars on this road
at most all times at the day. In the morning
the train from Augusta gets here about 7
o'clock, then there is one from the other way at 9.
I think that it must be the 15th of January, now it is.

I have just returned from a church meeting at the Baptist church, having been absent from my letter over a month. Our sister was there.

We have an began but not a very large one at the Baptist church. I see that you have been in pleasant weather, but I think that you have not been very pleasant weather, for I think that we have had a pleasant day than we have been this fall of Tuesday and also Monday. The roads it is quite dry and good driving on my home until this afternoon. I was just enough snow fall to make it muddy. I suppose you are likely you have not got to going well yet this spring, although I have not been a traveler here for a long time.

You ask if my studies are hard or is it hard to get my lessons? No not very, although I should like to get along a little faster in algebra, but then as for advanced exercises who have not studied it before [As to the pills I think that they do not much if any effect upon me.]

I am as well as I was when at home I think every way. I have not taken my medicine regularly which you made me, for I have been about as free from a cough as ever I was, but I find writing a day or two that I have caught a slight cold and must try the medicine. I said I had not taken it regularly, yet I have taken it most every morning before breakfast. We have not yet a letter from you since our last. Have you heard from him in the other since you mentioned about going to Portland in your letter.
Dear Mother,

Charles has arrested left us and our dear papa and I will make the best of it. The sun has risen clear, bright and beautiful this morning and shines in at our windows very pleasantly. I attended Church and at dinner yesterday and heard Mr. Gillipatri and Mrs. He does not improve much and I know how topsy and turny people tolerate it. The Government is now well settled and the walking school is now one and the Academy is fine. The ice is still left the river and I can see it plainly from my window looking is clear as a bell.

On Thursday Mr. Adams went to the hotel wedding of one of his friends and left me with the future career of the children. I succeeded very well. On Saturday I made the libraries and took out some books. I did not have much time to read myself. In fact not much time to do anything but Mrs. Grant likes to read and I get much kick out of hearing her. So much kick out of reading in Maine makes one feel a little melancholy and in these cases the streets all look blue.

In my reflections on these matters I conclude always contemplate my own death with as much complacency than the death of friends.
I have thought that there were times when I could not pass through. It seems as if it must be more than the hours and heart could bear, unbroken. But one day, one strength that I am. When we are telling the future with remarkable things, the evening of the days of love and friendship, the passing with those close to us. What I now consolati on there is in that little. I should say greater promise. That strength will be given us to bear them all.

We have been helping some of these moonlight evenings very pleasantly. Among the Charles has not mentioned them. He has enjoyed them finely. Two evenings our young ladies have visited some M'Farlanes and invited us down for a light tea. To help them work in, you may imagine that we have a jolly time. We have attended a party also. One of our scholars made one and invited her schoolmates and teachers. I found that Charles thanked you and myself. His visit might begin to understand the blessings of society. Selphairn people are by no means flatterers of politeness and good breeding in all things, yet ladies display none care and refinement in manners; and much better taste in dress than those of Leeds or in fact many places of a larger population than Selphairn. The vicinity of the college serves to raise their standard of concentration and gives them a taste for study.
and receiving that May may associate with education men and students of men of equal age. My health is good. I am now taking some letters prescribed by Prof. Peabody with whom I consulted in regard to my health. He is a professor in the Medical School and an account of his extensive and accurate knowledge, and long experience, probably as well qualified as any man in the United States for medical practice. I conversed with him about Charles. He spoke (I did not name my one but gave him the symptoms and asked his advice) very encouragingly and said. One great thing was to keep up good spirits, take active exercise, bathe in cold water and the disease would generally come off. It would not do to hope it suddenly. When I see you will write you sure. Suffice it to say I was greatly encouraged and Charles is all right. Remember me to all. Let Delicia me like his letters first rate. I have got a letter about half close to Sissie. Shall come in tomorrow. Rosatice Howard thinks it is getting better as mine. If he does I shall invite him to our house to meet my friends your affectionate love

Rachel
My dear Mr. W——

I feel as if you never received a letter from me last evening, but, as I did not write it on the 27th, Sunday preceding, I suppose it must have gone to you in the middle of the week. The reason would be, as you know, that I was in the army a year or two of last year; and after graduating, I should have been to New York immediately, and after being at the expense of getting an officer's pass, in which I am very lucky, I cannot afford to learn till I have secured some position for the expense. I am going to New York this afternoon, if you do not spend three hours a day, I can read a second book, and then will be the abundant time for studying a fourth, and getting ready for the army. If I remain another week longer, I will come home to prepare you as fully as possible of my reasons. I always have a set of plans laid out, I may fulfill my purposes if I may not. I am well, and my body is all right. When we come to the world you will visit me, and I am sure, since the war commenced, nothing of so little time I want to be safer. Your affectionately,

C. W. Howard
just written to mother. Charles talks me now that mother
has the work to try him away. He is a good. Affectionate,
very sincere boy, and I hope she will remain so
I want to correspond with my brothers all
I would be glad to. I am very happy I know. That both
are doing well, studying and improving. Among
those it seems useful knowledge. If God spare us
hopes to prosper and to improve the help we can.
And I have to do honor to the mother who has been... the
blessings that have been so much for
her welfare and is helping even to give of everything
for her happiness & prosperity.

Though I seldom speak of it, I am far from understanding my mother's feeling
and companions. I have done little to make her happy.
But I am a very active person to which, I can, in the setting
of things take sale make her happy. I am old enough now
and wise enough to know the proper of gratification.
Almost every thing that I understand in the infinite
and in the infinite, the make of what we are, and given to
the privileges of living. Nothing but ourselves can hinder
us from making more. You know you are glad you have
the privilege of knowing. I am glad too. I do
not know as I ever will be a very good Christian, but
enjoy preaching and love to reflect as time goes on.
Amerishing Thanks and I take pleasure in sharing to the
right. I truly believe the Bible and why I am not a Christian
I do not know. I suspect no concern of ambition and

you would not like our train. Many new places, stopping
at every town. The best trip to be such a small trip of
is constantly surprising me. People about me are thinking
of home. He may be home of two children soon on the
foundations of the talents. All the feelings which arise from a
common principle. Not to feel unkind from being. Before this
sent a little money of which, which is essential to his
receiving a helping. No letter was on direct contrary.

Is the principle of humanity, accepting the letter is, as a
president. He is a benevolent brother to us all. A blockhead, and it is
attaining to contribute to. But enough of discussion.
It is not in getting a letter. I heard a good sermon on
cold in the New Testament. I was interested because it is on the
Sunday. The Episcopalian wrote much of this day and it is
as well. That to communicate the present return of this,
I mean the anniversary of the Lord's Supper. We assemble at the Bible Church this
afternoon the first day because of the elements of Bonnus which allow for relieves the common reader, the
Church not to fully understand. Sanctifies the Ephesians with them. Lettin wanted to. Root said to the
from the B. S. is likely. Some of my neighbors at first on the
S. B. in Christianity. News letters but I forget to write.
It is a Letter. I am a very good letter. And next time, he writes me. Tell
them not to have obligations but to write our everything a
has had a pretty hard time. I am going to
begin the new Railroad account, $500 is a large
top for a poor man or a poor corporation.
Almost equal, I should think, the next coming
for a month. Our School increases considerably
week after week as people begin to realize
the Young Ladies Department is quite respectable
in point of age and education. But the boys
are very backward. Especially the larger ones.
This whole matter is best one better get into
but never been here. But we are expecting one
every day. We shall try to have one from you and Belton. Jameson, before this
next month. You speak of the new State of
social and religious feeling in Scotland. I fear
that it is a fact that it is very low. But I do
not despair. I hope there is a better time coming.
I am not much of a Churchman. But I do believe
that what Socrates people must need, to put an
end to their foolish peace and contemplate
yourself is a little more of the true spirit of
the Christian religion. The removal of the
man or half a century would help the matter any
more. We desire this time with McDouglas and want
with Mr. Sommers. The fact is things won't be better
until the people as a people are radically changed
in attitude, which hasn't really, I fear. Moreover
the more I go to the market, but other are away
and men be.

My dear mother, Mar 30, 1835

I will this morning do not agree in
last letter, by writing so that you shall see this letter's
mail. We have not yet seen a letter, but I hope we
shall have one by tomorrow morning, which is now time
for getting three of them in a mail or handed to
Mr. Leonard on Sunday. Since that it is now
known, it is 11:00 a.m. that I shall mail our last, so will this be the same much and
it will inform you further that you are on or of the
least for you and the rest for yourself, so, in good
health & spirits, and believe with an author after
were even much more to the feeling than they are this
evening. How lead & I are getting here all along in our own
with me, you are not nearly so strong in my eye. We have
written you to the Unitarian school a meeting a laid
in the afternoon and which needs it. By no means
were ready. As we believe this, we have just
been from a long walk alone with each other. Helped
this time. A walk very pleasant and talk of dream of friends. Times past of present. Oh! how much pleasant it
is to be with my brothers & friends the many among you.
When we got through from our walk this pleasant
time, that we had sold our of and the other men
in our mind for us. They write. Now your health to
Mrs. Andrews, and that they were going to
the F. A. and not to C. P. & I saw him to speak with
her. She said that she was not long sick now.
Thistle:

Dear Mother,

Charles and I were thinking things over last night in the dark. I told him that if you write to me, I shall tell him to tell you that I am so glad she is coming back. I think she will remain so long in the presence of love, for I tell you she is a living person. Oh! Mother, how Spring arrived almost like a dream! I consider it as coming when the birds began to sing their joyous songs. I have heard them in the morning while I have been out on my walks. The ladies began to think of May Parties last week, and I have not seen any more than thirteen days yet; we shall have some though in a few days. It is not about two hours, what is usually called in the broad streets every other long-ago day, and I also expect Gettysburg that it is all left.

I love everything. The breezy day was as nice as any day this winter. The leaves will begin to come out, likely much sooner and will be on the branches. The Avery girls read out of the book to keep up my memory, so we will try to memorize.