Dear Mother,

I am today kept at home from school by the worst snowstorm we have had in many years. I have received a post card from the Ohio State Fair. It tells of a day in September. Now I think I'll tell you that the prospecting is that my school closes next Friday night. I should have the good fortune to see the folks. Because I have lots of work to do. If I do not go to school, I will go to the store. I'm sure now and have gone over this.

I am letting out Sat. & Sun.

Mrs. Wiggins's young is the cause of all this. I am back with

Your affectionately,

C.H. Hendon
Therm, Saturday afternoon.

It was a pleasant day, and I had a pleasant ride.

Sidney enjoys his visit at Augusta very much. He attends the court, and I see all the sights there are to be seen. My school is very pleasant, and I am glad to have it close. I am quite used to my schoolmates and their parents. It has been some time since I wrote.

It is because I have been down to Augusta most every Sunday. I wonder how you like the new gang. I like it well.

It is convenient too. How is Roland and his wife? Has Mr. Longley moved away yet? I long to see the new house. Mount up on the old place. Sidney is studying some at Augusta.

He is very well advanced in his algebra and well finished at the end of the week. Now is your health good? How do you like your new girl? I am the captain of the boat with you. I have not had more than one letter from home this winter. If you have, please write me a letter to Rome. If I do not come home, the money must be used to pay the rent. This winter is worse. I shall earn 62 1/2 dollars. King of the house at Yarmouth. He came over to see you know when I was at home. She has 5 dollars.
Wrentham, Memorial Hospital, Augusta, Me,
February 22, 1860

Dear Mother,

I received your letter to Dellee By
myself last night. GeLAND went to see from Brimack
that she would like to hear Dellee write him. So I
set from 7 p.m. yesterday. He will return today
or tomorrow. The cheapest and best way for
him to go home will be to take the stage for
Norwich, which means the train leaves at 10 past
eleven. I have a bad cold myself and could at least
very well to take him last. Lizzie is weak and low and
in no apparent danger. Her fever is very
slight. She is better bright and cheerful the morning
It will take some time for him to get back where she
was before this ill time. It was attended entirely by
a cold we think. The baby is perfectly well. I feel
from myself sometimes. She mother has a little nourish-
ment still, but not enough. She is very good and
does not worry at all or grow poor. I ate this dinner
from a yeast bread top with a little dessert from him.
mother and then go to sleep. I have a letter from

Charlotte this morning. She is well. Promises

to school Tuesday. I think I should go

after Finn myself. Maybe Mirand Beller

will go out together. We are not in need

of anything. Mrs. Clark came back and

has been with us for a walk.

Mrs. Clarke is quite well. Mrs. Clark asks

for her daughter. How does she? Did

we write each other?

Well come to all. My cold was not serious.

I am writing at the house getting in letters

today. This weather does sometimes from

writing.

Yours affricately ever

[Signature]
Augusta Feb. 8, 1856.

My dear brother,

My school closed last night and here I am at the Arsenal where I intend to remain till Monday when you may expect me at Brunswick.

I left off one day sooner than I intended, thinking I would go to Leeds. My school also appeared very the last day had arrived. The girls seemed to feel it incum-

bent upon them to shed a tear or two. Miss A. Russell won both prize

some that it was bad that one person should receive both, but no great dissatisfaction. I received

my pay for 15 weeks minus two days of which being the Monday I start at Augusta. It was very hard to part from my friends. There this morning. Edward Wiggins brought me down this morning. I just before I came to the gate of the Arsenal I met Otto with his cold starting for Tappahans.
I got into his horse & rode back to town to see the colt travel. He is now well trained & travels steady.

and prettily. Dellie had just arrived and almost as soon as I had shaken hands, who should drive up to the door but father? He looks natural and left Mother well. I have concluded not to go to Leeds as I could not well return to take the cars to Brum. Now forenoon I was very glad indeed to receive your letter from Mr. I should start to return very much did I not know that I must study very hard especially on the Algebra. I have had a long recreation this noon & I should be ready to begin with renewed energy. Dellie don't want to go to Leeds but will be obliged to go with father. Otis & father went to call well this afternoon.

I should like to meet you at the last next Mond. forenoon. Your Affectuated

Portland W. Howard, Brother Earl W. Howard
Kennebec, Agost. 1856.

February 20th 1856

Dear Mother,

I fear you may be unnecessarily anxious about us if I neglect to write you longer. Lizzie is very comfortable, her system has been completely restored, but though all her flesh is a great portion of it has left her, and consequently very much of her strength, she is gaining gradually. She cannot sit up much longer than to have her bed made, but her pulse is getting stronger and more regular and I am in hopes to see her on her first swim. Your gift she has been properly conserving all the time. Little Gery's arms is well, but so he can be. It is now nine weeks old. He laughs and plays with us all. What could we have done, if father had not sent us that New-March cow. We have milk in plenty. Gezi has the braiding. Mother makes thanks there is great variety in stuffings. We heard about two Grand Clearings but have brought no better, one before Gelly left here some time since. Every expedition has been tried back to no avail. How does Gelly
after his return. I could not be with him or show him so much attention as I should if he had visited me when Lizzy was well. I have not heard from Charlie since he went to Brunswick. Heard through Delcie that Howard read some eyes. His friend Grant said he had written him and asked if it was a fact that he had caught some eyes. How are you all at home. Do Mary and homestead live there? Ten Mother is still with us & likely to remain some time longer. I wanted her constantly to write. Mary has no poorly contented at all. Now that she has got acquainted she can't help liking. I fancy when little boy still with mop? How is Roland & his wife. Have they moved to the other house? Lizzy wanted me when I wrote to give her love & say that she thought you should put a piece of the cloth of your cloak in a letter and send it to her. Mrs. S. is in perfect health. I still hope we will be able to visit you.

Affectionately your son

Q. C. Froman
Side for solving an equation of the 2nd degree involving one unknown quantity.

1st. Write the equation in the form $x^2 + 2px = q$ in which $x$ is the unknown quantity, $2p$ any known coefficient of $x$, and $q$ the known term.

2nd. Work out the value of $x$. It is equal to the square root of the sum of the square of the known term and the square of $p$, the coefficient, $\sqrt{p^2 + q}$.

3rd. The value of $2p$ may be positive or negative, a whole number or a fraction. Do class 9.

Then if you have the equation $x^2 + 4x = 5$ you find $2p$ would be -4. Now solve your rule.

\[ x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \]

\[ x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2 \cdot 1} \]

\[ x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} \]

\[ x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} \]

\[ x = -2 \pm 2i \]

Or $x = -2$ or $5$.

4th. Dear mother, since I wrote you I have received two letters from your niece, and every day they write and show the various books they have been doing well. As soon as Mrs. Clark heard that Mary was well, she wished to go home to see her. When she arrived, she was getting a little nervous. I forgot to write you about the family. I told her she could go home. She was very happy. I hope you will hear from her and not be too long. The next thing we want to do is to get a girl for the kitchen. Baby has the baby things of the baby. She sleeps in the cradle. She wakes up once or twice in the night to nurse the bottle. She goes to sleep. This girl will not have a basket or a sewing machine, she makes a most excellent bed-outride. I think we got a letter from Mrs. Clark, but I have not mentioned anything about it. She has better sleep, which makes her more...
The baby will not be neglected. A gentleman in this town writes to my wife 50th of the 25th quarter to build a suitable house. I am coming him for such work. I write to his nearly every day. He is now well with all I can ask for him. I think if I could get my value house heavy I could take a position of him to great advantage. For Augusta is quite a place for good houses to be appreciated. I have known from the days of Clark's family. As such as Fox, we got well I should go home. I fear them of it not to return from 23 or one team. I think some of going to go there. All of it cleanser to bring back, my heart on. He is now in express again. I fear the express will be too little. That of I remain there twelve months it would expand all they travelling expenses on and back. I have not decided yet little home in all on home. Our letters began to reach the other, but thanks of with the kind to follow our your suggestions. Lesser I think and their love.

Your affecondate son.

A.R. Howard

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Dear Sir,

I solved your problem as soon as I got your letter. I think this form: 1 is the only solution.

(1) \( x^2 + y^2 = 12^2 \) square the 25th quarter to get value of 100.

(2) \( \frac{2x}{2} = 24 \) multiply both sides by 2 get 4, then

\[ 2x = 96 \]

\[ x = 48 \]

Reduce the value of \( x \) from 48 to 12.

\[ \frac{4x}{2} = 14 \]

\[ x = 7 \]

Find value of \( y \) from 7, then

\[ x = 4y - 96 \]

Complete the square.

\[ x = 14 - y \]

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The answer then we get \( y = 8 \) or \( y = 6 \).

\[ x = 8 \]

\[ y = 6 \]

The solution depends on the principal that the square of a number is equal to the square of the first ten plus seven, the 10 by the 8th power. The square of the hundred - for example,

\[ (x+y) = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \]

The second step is to divide the value of \( y \) from the different equations 1 and 2. Then their value equal each other.

Affectionately Yours,

A.R. Howard