

Plymouth, N. H. Sun. noon Sept. 13. 1856 -

Dear Mary - I have not written you before this week as we thought you might possibly appear Saturday evening.

We get along nicely - Mrs. P. thinks occasionally

(I suppose) that the good lady is missing - though we

don't know that there is difference enough to talk or even

think about. You was very kind to write me again

so soon & tomorrow (Monday) we hope to hear again.

Cousin Susan came again last evening & is here to day. - As I said before if you were here you would

hardly know that you were not. I have been busy at the field harvesting potatoes, beans &c. when I could leave.

Uncle Lucy is doing very well. Mrs. Talbot was here Wednesday. I wonder if you have such delightful weather yet - we have & we hope the storms will stay away till you get home & we expect to hear something about

return this week. It does not seem possible that you have

been away a fortnight & I expect you will have something

new & interesting to tell me about your journey for the next

Fifty years - my "going to sea" will be no touch to it -

Shall you publish a book? - your description up the Hudson

was equal to any of late Lady's Travels. I think you

must have some cooler weather there by this time - we have

not required a fire yet. I don't know but I am growing  
fat as I have double rations - do just as I have a mind  
to I am expecting a pair of fat rosy cheeks to kiss when you  
return. I think Esta makes quite a Smirk House Kupper &  
Las. does not find any fault with her nor any body else.

I really wish we could manufacture some good, interest-  
ing news but 'tis a real dry time for that now - so you  
must be content with a little small bundle of "small talk"  
well seasoned with that choicest of Sweet Herbs (Majoram.  
Cousin Susan says "give my Love (majoram) to her & may  
be some of the children (our own dearest) will either have  
a word to say or send at this time. I shall have a small  
space for them. Remaining yours Affectionately P. G.

P. G. Sun. eve. I went to walk this afternoon & I am now  
here alone. I trust I would finish. Esta has gone to  
Church - Las. is out. Mrs. P. has gone to sit by the fire  
a few minutes as she has a slight cold in her head - it is  
not cool at all & we have not wanted a fire yet.  
Mrs. G. is here as well as she was when you left & every  
thing goes on there perfectly quiet. Cousin Sally has just been in -  
those girls visiting here in town prevent her from coming here  
to stay - I really I see no need of it & I don't think Esta  
Cares about it.

Dear Mother

I am just going to add a few lines by way of howdy's do. We get along nicely. Cousin L is here for a few days. Anna went home last week. I am having my teeth done. I hope when you get home some good fairy will visit me to go some where. Cousin Sally is down stairs so I guess I won't write any more now. All goes on well they just as long as you want to. Yours in great haste

Esther

We were in hopes you would return soon enough to enjoy some of our Bartlett pears, but, I suppose you will make it up in peaches. I have got some specs - but they make my letter look as if it was written with sticks or old rusty nails ~~which~~ is the case - dip<sup>e</sup> in mud. I will find something better next time - hope you will not be offended as I know it is bad enough at best. Our bill of fare has been made out just as if you were here - we had to day as nice a Roast Beef as ever was - yesterday - Fried Fish - & one day this week we had two pairs chickens stewed (small ones) done very nice & we ate them all up. I think Mary takes more pains now ~~to~~ have things come on in order now she has all the responsibility.