



Bridgton Jan^y the 23 1823

Dear Sister

Three weeks have now elapsed since
 you entered on the list of pedagogues, probably you may think
 me vain when you read the following assertion nor shall
 your insinuations of such a fact be denied; now for the sequel

had nature favoured me with a musical voice and ^ more
 prominent nasal exervessence my name ought perhaps have stood
 as high on the catalogue as that of Ichobod Crane or some other
 favoured mortal, but enough of nonsense for the present
 As for my school it is tolerably pleasant the number of is
 variable the averag number however is a bout thirty five
 two or three of which are older than my self for the most
 part they behave very well some times they are quite noisy it is
 most likely they in the habit of being so at home there is more
 anxiety and labour attached to school keeping than I ever before had
 [blotch] idea of, I shall be glad when my time is out which will be in
 [blotch] week from the commence of it, the school would be more
 pleasant

wer the members more forward in their studies there is but five
 with matilions and two passing and two studying the grammer.
 The house where I board is ocupied by a old gentleman and his wife
 in the one part and in the other by his son and family which consists
 of his wife and four children I board with the old folks they are very
 kind and attentive have but little company and are them selves
 rather cultivated.

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