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Description: Peter F. Sanborn letter to his daughter, Sarah

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but desirous of your having all necessary books to
facilitate your studies as I intend to afford you
every means in my power to give you a good edu-
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your apples you ^{last} sent the best we have for
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You will not have I hope to "back" cider apples
1 1/4 miles any more at present - You were it
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directed to you that is rather selfish. I sent
those two barrels of (What think was in them)
apples to Mr Roak partly because he is a much
esteemed friend of your uncle and mine, and
partly because he and his family are so kind
and considerate to my little "tonty" You must
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about to any one except your own folks - perhaps
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Emery wrote and sent home this day a piece of composition on the Apple — He writes a remarkable handsome hand for a boy of his age — The piece he sent down to day was better writing than the writing so far as chirography is concerned, than the writing I am now scribbling — Now great praise you may think if you do not utter it — Well then I will say but few School masters do usually write as well as this piece I am speaking of —

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 it at the Depot but did not learn where it had
 been since I left it. I am pleased to get it at
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