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Date: 1823

Description: G.W. Pierce on Bowdoin prank

Fast Day

Dear Sister -

I know you will say I have delayed till the eleventh hour, but do not cast me off till you hear what excuse I can give for my negligence. We have had troublesome times in college, and are but just getting calm again – All those engaged in the Gunpowder Plot have been detected and punished – this famous scrape was conducted with so much skill and secresy

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that even the students did not know who to suspect, so that the discovery excited great interest amoung us, and little else has been talked of for three weeks past—

Three days ago I moved out of college and have taken a room in a beautiful little one story house on the opposite side of the road.. You can scarcely concive how pleasantly I am situated. We are all alone in the house, which has a handsome little parlour – a large sitting room with two adjoining bed-rooms, with convenient closets and clothpresses. The front yard contains some fine larch trees, and rose bushes of various kinds are

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I heard with regret from Dr Gooch that our dear Father's health was much the same as when you wrote – I wish I could be at home with him, and should he remain unwell I think I had better leave my studies which are at this time by not means important, and spend the remaining part of this term in Baldwin. Though I am generally so indolent while at home, I think when circumstances require it I could do much in the way of buisness and take considerable care off of our Father's hands, this is a very buisy sea son of the year and as Daniel is upon the river someone must be needed at home. I feel perfectly willing to come, nor do I think it would be any disadvantage to me, as I am

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ignorant of our father's extensive buisness and aught as soon possible to become in some measure acquainted with his concerns. Do write me next mail, tell me exactly the state of his health, and what he thinks of my coming home —

Harriet I hope mother is well I feel guilty for not writing to her, I aught to have done it before. Give my love to her and father, tell them they occupy the principal part of my thoughts and I wish very much to be with them.

I hope you enjoy yourself this beautiful spring, I can almost see you upon the bed with the rose [word blurred] on the table and all the furniture in your room where I have spent so many happy hours-

Your affectionate Brother George – Mason will come home with me in vacation if I do not go till then –

P.S. Father as I have been to some expense in getting my new room, and need beside some new articles of clothing and I wish you would transmit to me ten or fifteen dollars if it is convenient, if not I can borrow some and pay at the commencement of next term.