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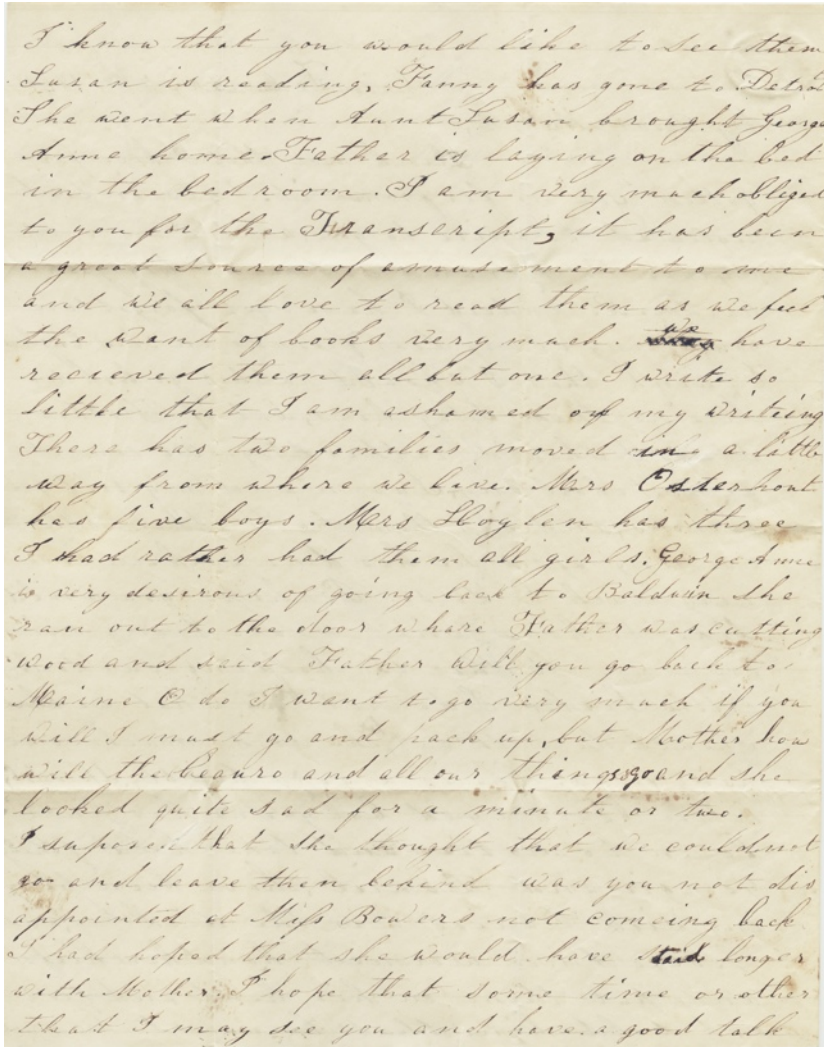
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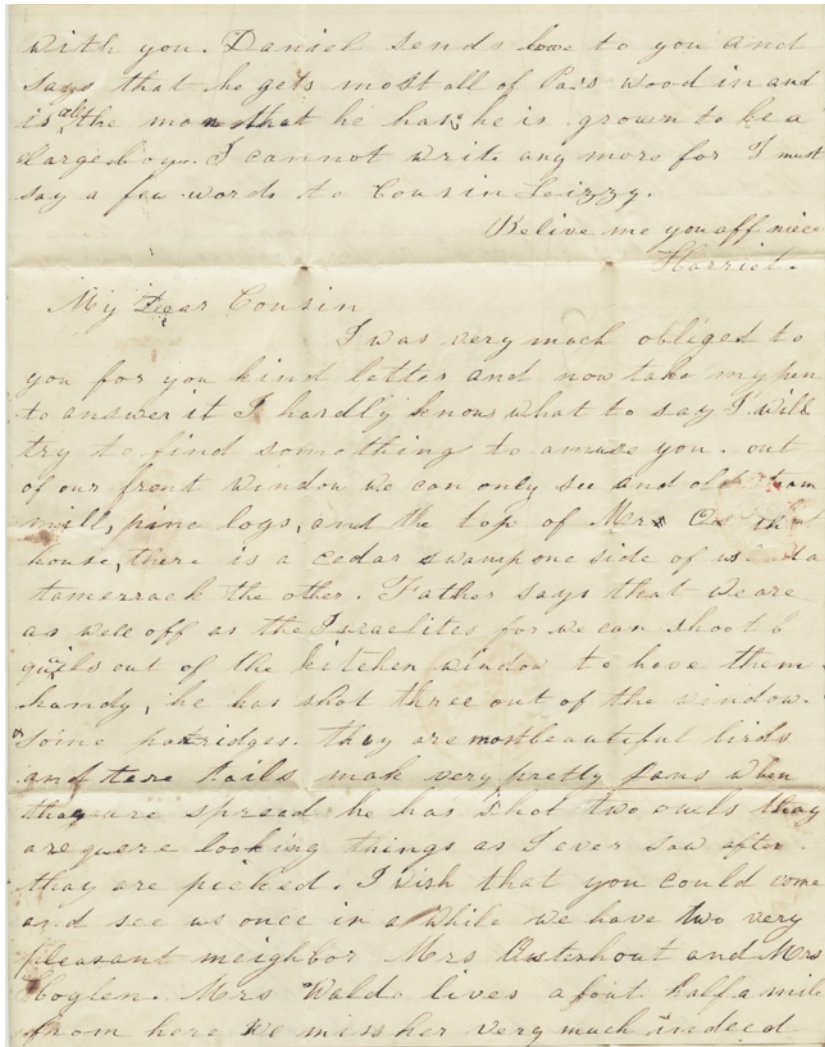


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Anne home. Father is laying on the bed
in the bed room. I am very much obliged
to you for the Transcript, it has been
a great source of amusement to me
and we all love to read them as we feel
the want of books very much. ~~They~~ have
received them all but one. I write so
little that I am ashamed of my writing
There has two families moved in a little
way from where we live. Mrs Osterhout
has five boys. Mrs Hoglen has three
I had rather had them all girls. George Anne
is very desirous of going back to Baldwin She
ran out to the door where Father was cutting
wood and said Father will you go back to
Maine O do I want to go very much if you
will I must go and pack up, but Mother how
will the beuro and all our things go and she
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I suppose that she thought that we could not
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with you. Daniel sends love to you and says that he gets most of all of Pa's wood in and all is ^ the man that he has, he is grown to be a large boy. I cannot write any more for I must say a few words to Cousin Lizzy.

Belive me you aff niece
Harriet

My Dear Cousin

I was very much obliged to you for you kind letter and now take my pen to answer it I hardly know what to say I will try to find something to amuse you. out of our front window we can only see and old steam mill, pine logs, and the top of Mrs- Osterhout house, there is a cedar swamp one side of us and a tamerrack the other. Father says that we are as well off as the Israelites for we can shoot a qu^ils out of the kitchen window to have them handy, he has shot three out of the window. & some patridges. they are most beautiful birds and tere tails mak very pretty fans When they are spread he has shot two owls they are quere looking things as I ever saw after they are pickled. I wish that you could come and see us once in a while We have two very pleasant neighbor Mrs Osterhout and Mrs Hoglen. Mrs Waldo lives about half a mile from here We miss her very much indeed



She was a very pleasant woman indeed and was very kind to us all. It is a very cold day and we cannot keep warm you do not know what it is to live in a log house Mother is afraid that all her things will be spoiled the mice have eaten the books and they know every thing that they can get hold of the worms trouble us

[address written sideways]

Miss Hannah Pierce
 care of Josiah Pierce Esq
 Gorham
 Cumberland County
 Maine

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