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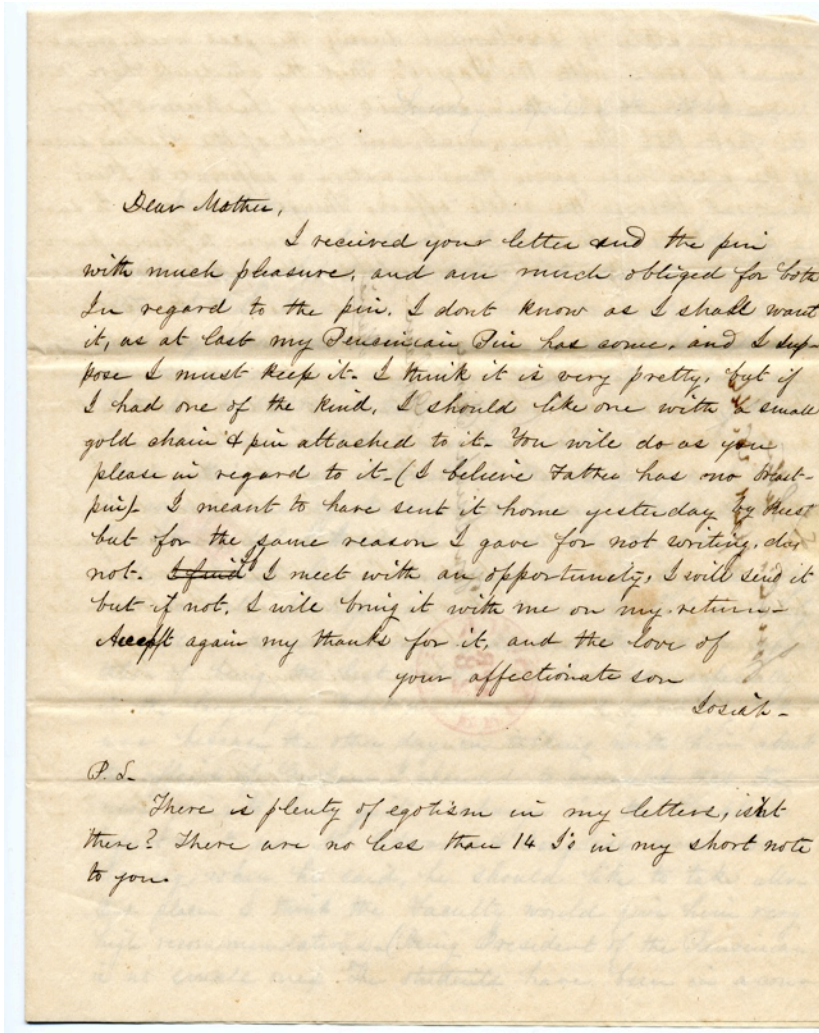
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Dear Mother

I received your letter and the pin with much pleasure, and am much obliged for both. In regard to the pin, I dont know as I shall want it, as at last my Peucinian Pin has come, and I suppose I must keep it. I think it is very pretty, but if I had one of the kind, I should like one with a small gold chain & pin attached to it. You will do as you please in regard to it. (I believe Father has no breast-pin). I meant to have sent it home yesterday by Rust but for the same reason I gave for not writing, did

If

not. ~~I find~~ ^ I meet with an opportunity, I will send it but if not, I will bring it with me on my return-

Accept again my thanks for it, and the love of your affectionate son

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P.S.

There is plenty of egotisms in my letters, isn't there? There are no less than 14 I's in my short note to you.