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Description: Roxanna Hunt of Bath wrote to her son William Hunt who was working as a ship caulker away from home.

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small salmon last night which weighed about 10 lbs the 4th
one that they have caught this season they have now up
smoking about eight thousand alewives and as great many
more on hand. we, had a very heavy N E gale here
yesterday and a little snow which damaged their
hedge quite bad and this is the second time they have
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cold backward spring yesterday it was cold enough to
wear an overcoat, by the way your Uncle William
left Bath in the cars yesterday for Illinois to see his
children and from there he is going to Minnesota he
intends spending the summer there and carried his
tools not knowing but he should be gone a year.
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not gone back yet he says that he is very sorry that
you are gone he misses you very much as he resembles
what a good time you and he had when he was here
before, Benjamin is a very likely young man the best
appearing of any of them but his health is not good,
your Grandfathers health is very poor and I think
that he fails very fast. William I hope you do not
neglect to read that book which I gave you when you
went away when you take that up ~~Remember~~ remember
your Mother ^{and} also your Creator. I feel a great interest
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as you receive this ~~but~~ and if it is consistent give
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close as it is impossible for me to express my feelings
with pen and ink be a good boy and forget not home
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