



Richmond, July 25, 1848

Beloved Aunt

It being your request for me to write after my return, It is with pleasure that I embrace the present opportunity. had rather a pleasant time on board the boat. saw a number of my acquaintance which rendered it more pleasant. And there were some on board that we saw at Kents Hill, - met Father on the wharf with his carriage for me. We left the mill about six got here little past seven. guess you know by this time --- how I got home: so now for the rest, Found the folks all well -- It was truly heart cheering to enter again my native dwelling and shake the friendly hand with those from whom I had been so long absent. I said all were well, sis has been unable to attend school she took a sudden cold and she has a bad cough now, and is stifed bad, But we are in hopes it will be no worse, and in regard to my turkeys there were eight and a sick one he appeared to be on his last legs. he died the same night poor fellow, - I have made a number of calls - found the neighbors well - and enquiring after you.

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Description: Letter to Sarah Tarbox from niece Arabella Webber

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thoughts have often run back to your habitation,  
yes; and they have as often dwelt upon our proceedings  
while together, I have with pleasure reflected much,  
while alone upon the hours that have pass away so  
pleasantly while in your society. And,

"I have thought of thee when the stars wer hung

Beautious on high  
When night hath its sable shadows flung  
Across the sky"

I should indeed be happy to see you and ~~while away~~  
the rest of the kind friends, and while away a few hours  
in your society, and dont not that it would be no less pleasing  
and delightful to you, I trust this may be the case ere many  
months pass away, But it is a delight when friends  
are separated by distance to exchange thoughts even  
through the silent language of pen and paper. I improve  
the first opportunity of writing ~~of writing~~ for mother  
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but a few words she is not situated as the rest of her  
sisters so she can call and see her mother when se pleases  
Give my best respects to all the friends and in special  
to <sup>my</sup> Brother and my Dear Grand Parents, and tell Stephen  
that I did not write him this for I expect to hear from  
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