

Kents Hill Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1840

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Description: Valentine Tarbox, wrote to his older sister with news of his health and his classes and to inquire about his father's health.

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the fulcrum and the lever but if i Dont spring  
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