

Bar Mills July 6th 1862

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Description: Martha "Mattie" Usher Osgood of Bar Mills wrote to "Annie" asking her to get some organdy, muslin, linen floss, and other fabric and for dresses before coming to visit.

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is so ~~read~~ red. I came home Friday - spending
the 4th of July on the top of a stage coach.
Lily Nichols from Boston was with me on her
way to Standish - a sweet girl to whom I recommended
you as the best teacher she could get in music.
She thought your ~~S~~ style was the one she needed
and I hope you may sometime have her or her
sister or both. She is nearly eighteen, her sister fourteen
and they have never taken lessons in Boston -
Maggie has a fine voice I have been told but
knows nothing of music. Lily is very anxious to
take lessons, but they probably have not been
ready to afford it yet. She plays prettily but says
her teachers have not been thorough. I gave her
your card but not your number as I thought
it uncertain if you would be found there long.
We have had ever so much company. Mrs Frost
has been here a week. Mother takes her to Saco
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