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Date: July 16, 1862

Description: Martha Usher Osgood wrote to her friend "Annie," commenting mostly about family and friends who were visited or expected to visit.

Bar Mills July 16th 1862

Dear Annie,

I have just received your letter and hasten to enclose you five dollars, so that you may not be delayed in Boston for the lack of passage money.

I am very sorry for your vexations, and hope you will get away from annoyances for a few weeks at least. You have had more than your share this last year and if it might exempt you for the next year we might review them pleasantly.

I feel quite sure no letter has come for you, but would not detain this letter till I might ascertain with certainty -

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July 16-18
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