



Mobile May 19, 1850

My Dear Little Somers,

It is a great while Since I have seen
you - it is more than a year - twelve months make
a year - and it is twelve months and nineteen days
since you left Mobile. - Do you recollect how you
came into town that afternoon - & went to the old
steam boat in the upper part of the City & went down
to the ship in the night - I think you slept on
the steam boat going down - you perhaps recollect
more of the particulars than I do. — Well it is a
long time ago - and you have since grown I
suppose a good deal - you are taller & larger & heavier -
& know more - I am pleased to hear that you read
very well - You will find it a pleasant thing to
read well - for you can then read pretty little stories
which will interest you - & if you read aloud to others
the stories will please not only yourself but those who
hear you - I am told too that Little Kitty reads
very well I am glad to hear that but I hope you
wont let her excel you in reading - O how glad

I shall be to hear you both read when I come onto
Portland - And we will have some pleasant walks too -
on Munjoy & Bramhall hill & not forgetting
where the Lobsters are - for I must have a Lobster - to
say nothing of "a egg" - do you recollect how you
often asked for a egg -

I understand you draw very well on the slate -
your Ma sometime ago sent me a Specimen of your
Drawing on paper - it was very well done - perhaps
you can write fine now - if you can you must
write me a letter - Ellen has written me several
very neat & pretty letters - If your first attempts
shall equal hers I shall be perfectly satisfied -

I suppose by this time you know a good deal
about Portland & can go to any part of it &
not get lost - & the garden & lot round the
house you are at home in - May be you are planting
something for Grandma - you might raise some
corn & potatoes - what Boys have you become
acquainted with and which of your playmates do you
like best? - But I am filling up the sheet &

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must give the rest of it to Dear Little Kitty - so
my Dear little son I will wish you good health & happiness -
all
you must love your mother, sisters & Grandmother & do ^{all} ~~you~~
you can to please them - & that will make you happy. &
they will all love you & I shall love you very much
indeed if you love them & are kind to them -

from your affectionate father K. B. Sewall

Another my darling bright Little Kitty - What shall I say
to you - dont you want to see me? Do you recollect
Mobile, when you lived out here - when you
went away in a great ship along time ago - & left
me here - in Mobile. Do you want to come back
here again - then the pine woods & flowers - the
children all day ~~Kitty~~ ^{Kitty} is a great big girl goes to school
I suspect you'll tire my leg more now than you used to
riding horse - They say too that you can read in the
Bible - have overtaken Somers - I am happy to
hear you read so well - You are a smart little girl -
but you must be as good as you are smart - I recollect
you sometimes doubled up your little fist & stamped with
great energy & decision your little foot & looked daggers -
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extravagant manners - You have little Abby to teach
you gentleness - Dont you love little Abby - if you do
kiss her for me & tell her it is from her father -
she wont recollect me - except by name - Kiss your
Dear mother too for me and all the rest -
Do you love Somers - & do you Somers play together
as much as you were accustomed to out here?

I have nothing pretty to send you - I hope
your dress has arrived - you must take good care
of your dresses - Do you go to church sometimes
& behave well always - Mr. Phillips has some
little girls about your age - They sometimes
come to the office & are very well behaved & lady like
They say how do you do Mr. Sewall & when they
go away they say very prettily good bye - There
is a little boy too - about your age who has
taken quite a fancy to me - I have given
him a picayune or twice -

I send you Somers some little bits of
fiction, what I have cut out of a newspaper & a
half dime present of you - to now be a dear good
little girl - love your mother & grandmother & sisters
& brother - and this grandmama also for me - from your
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