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his should like to see you coming out to go one of these bright sunny days when you come in village around with you & introduce you to some of our little boys.

Oh by the way people wonder if I like to live in all collect & take down my little home & take it to the way people live. I like to live in all collect & take down my little home & take it to the way people live.

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go to church where I wished, just as I used to,
& such a church I used to attend, it seems to me
that I could be as contented here as anywhere,
for this is not an unpleasant country to live in
I think. We are as well as usual, my side is but
very little lame now. do hope this will find you
all in good health & spirits. But now about
my presents, ~~Tues~~ morning Horace went to the
P.O. to mail my letters & to see if we had anything
there, he got the paper with 2 cards, a bodkin
and a piece of salve in it, but no letter,
we thought it very strange for we knew well
enough that you mailed a letter at the same
time, well Wednes. the mail comes up again
but he was in such a hurry getting in his
wheat he said he guessed he would wait
untill Friday when the mail comes again &
there he could get all there was for us last week;
but it was so late before he done work Friday P.M.
that he did not go untill yesterday, when he
got your letter also one from Albert. (It is
two miles & a half or more from here to Rincetown,
if it was not so far I should go myself to office,
sometimes, it is too far to walk & the horses
are too lively for me to drive, even if it was

not working them, but you know (or have
heard at least) that horses do the work here that
oxen & horses ^{both} do at the east, only once in a long
time will you see a farmer working oxen
here, and they are those that farm it on a small
scale & are not able to keep horses, you know
that it costs less to keep oxen than horses
besides they dont cost as much & ~~when~~ they are
too old to work they can sell them for beef.)
Now I will go on with my story about my
presents. I am very very much obliged to
you all for what you sent, It is not the
value of a present, that makes it ^{most} acceptable
to me, but the spirit in which it is given,
& when it comes from "loving hearts constant
and true" it gives me much pleasure.

I hope to find something to send you all
for birth day presents, when your birth day comes,
you & John have both had one birth day
since I saw you, I wanted to get something
to send you then, but as we had been here
so short a time when you's was, & it was
so cold & so stormy when John's was, I could
not get anything to send either of you, but if
nothing happens to prevent, you shall have

something next time, for I am getting acquainted
about here now & know better where to look for
anything. It seems very much pleasanter since
Spring came & the river opened. We can hear
the whistles & bells of the steamboats almost
all times of day or night as they go up & down
the river, in the day time we can see the
steam sometimes. It is so high land where we
live that we can almost see the river from
here, I think we might see it in some places,
if it was not for the timber along the banks.
Horace says tell Ann that he thinks his card
is the prettiest of all of them & that he is
going to send you a sweetheart or something
some day. He is keeping that lozenge as choice
as can be, won't let me touch it. I must stop
for the present as I see H. coming & Susan
with him. Sun. P.M. 5 O'clock & 41 min. Jesse & Susan
have gone home, so will scribble a little more
for your amusement I will not say benefit, for
I guess there is not much benefit to be derived
from my scribblings. I read a little of your letter
to Susan, when I read what you said about
Lucin's cutting you out, she laughed heartily
& said I must tell you, you ought to have
spoken sooner, if you had, you could have
had it in welcome for all she cared.

Samuel says that he has travelled a consid-
-erable & has seen a good many girls, but
in all his travels he never has seen as neat
intelligent girls anywhere as the Yankee girls.
Don't you think that quite a compliment for
"us Yankees"? I suppose your school will have
closed by the time this reaches you, and I hope
you will write me a good long letter for if
you knew how much good it does me to get
letters often & long ones I think you would
feel as if you wrote not in vain. He says