

Hallowell April 27 1844

Much esteemed friends

As you have already looked at the signature  
and your surprise is now quite upon seeing my name at the bottom  
of this letter (if in this scroll you find any thing wanting the appellation  
of letter) I will tell you why I have not written before. First I must ask  
after the health of my aged and young friends for such I deem  
you all to be. I hope you are all as well as I am which is quite true. I  
will tell you what become of me after I left your home.

I left Waterville village at one of the clock and arrived at Mr. Down-  
es at 3 P.M. when I did not write the next Thursday I then had an op-  
portunity to ride home and improved it. I found my friends  
all well and glad to see me one especially very glad. I changed  
my boarding place last week and have come to Mrs. Osborns to board,  
and enjoy myself very much. She and Mrs. Osborn send their love and  
respects to you and family and they say you must come down this  
summer and make a good visit. I shall be so glad to see you  
and Elvina and the rest of the girls. As for Elvina in particular  
come down soon but stay a week or three and we will have  
a grand time we will take a trip up to Boston and get some  
breakfast and dinner and over come home to tea the  
next day. It shall not cost her any thing more than a little  
seesickness which would be good for her. send do either one  
soon or as soon as you can. If not before it will  
then be warm and pleasant. It is beautiful weather is it not?  
Mother is doing her best works now and she has clothed the  
fields with the most beautiful green.