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Dear Selia

How goes the world with you? Have you finished your trades and do you have plenty of work. If you have not I could furnish you with a plenty such as it is, cooking, washing, dishes, sweeping &c. We are all well and hope this will find you the same. So far as I suppose you have heard, has got an addition to the family in the shape of a daughter the very picture of its father every day Augustus has gone there to board, also John and Harriet so they make out quite a family with the addition of Jesse Moseley who is there nursing Sophia is looking every minute for him and Horatio, Little set grows nicely. Eliza Ann is at work at her trade yet, and she has got another brother I guess you will begin to think our neighborhood is increasing fast in fact it is. We now number 13 in the family 4 hired men and a gal. Elizabeth's Libby from Danville she is a wild one I can tell you we have high times here amongst us all. Are you coming up the first of June, do if you possibly can. for I want to know what the fashions are for this season. What kind of bonnets are the most fashionable I am about purchasing one and I don't know what kind to get, I have seen some of the birds eye florence kind I like them pretty well but I don't know whether they can be done over or not. I want you to write and tell me all about it. Penelope Anderson talks of keeping school this summer. I think that you or I are about as well qualified for such a task. I am going to Miss Church the next term if nothing happens to prevent. Mrs Moore and Harriet are up here but I have not seen them. Do you hear anything from Helen lately. I have not heard from her this great while. Do you have such cold weather down to Portland as we have here I wonder, it is cold enough to freeze one all the time. Gus want to write a few words so I suppose I must stop for Lucy J. Dennison