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Dear Brother and Sister,

It is long since we have heard from you and longer still since I have wrote but I hope you will not follow my example by letting daily cares prevent. Olive is attending school this winter is intending to teach next summer, I spent three months alone last summer while she was teaching we have a young man boarding with us this winter who goes to school and works nights and mornings so Olive does not have the cow to take care of. I really do not know whether you have heard of Amice's marriage or not, she was married last March to Franklin Chamberlain and lives about four miles from us. Olive wrote to your daughter last
spring but does not know that she received it, we have had very mild pleasant weather this winter. it has appeared more like spring than winter, but now we have sleighing and it is snowing past to.

We received a letter from Sister Lucy a few weeks since she says they are enjoying good health and getting fat on venison and bears meat, she thinks it the most healthy place she ever knew. How rejoicing to hear they are in health, how unexpected a few years ago that they would go so far west of us and enjoy health. I can hardly realize it yet. Brother Langrandsen is in Jackson yet we hear from him frequently was out to see us last summer, says he has forsaken his bad habits, does not appear like same person what a comfort what a blessing. I do hope he will continue steadfast.
I do not know how these hard times affect you in Mass. but here it seriously affects farmers, produce has come down very low, wheat brings only five shillings a bushel, last summer it was almost two dollars, butter brings but a shilling.

Do you not think you will ever come out and see this country, how happy we should be to see you both here, we do not to write.

Your affectionate sister,

Almira Taylor

Clive sends her love to you all and wishes your daughter to write

My love to you all