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At home Jan - 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

My dear Cousin;

I write you a few lines this morning to fulfill a promise which I made you, before you left home. Every thing is going on pretty much as it was when you left us. Pa's health is still improving although he eats nothing, or at least hardly enough to keep him alive, he can walk across the room and about the house looks much better. All the rest of us are in very good health except John Emory, you know he was complaining when you left of his appetite he was very uneasy for several days afraid he would starve to death if his appetite didn't improve he was gone one whole day trying to get some Cherry bark to make him some cherry bitters, (but you must recollect all the time eating as much as one meal as two persons could in one week) and after he got his bitters made he drank of it once, just before dinner Cousin Louder; I am not going to exaggerate in the least, he set down to the table and ate one whole chicken and a dish of houmory, still complaining he had no app lite, every once and a while saying "ha what shall I do I know I can't live this way"; but you must not think fun and we laugh at him much only occasionally, we feel very uneasy about him, we try to persuade him out of



The notion of ever drinking any more "Cherry Bitters" we don't feel so uneasy about his perishing as we do about ourselves, for I think of his appetite continues to improve, there is some danger before the end of the month of the rest of us dying, for the want of something to eat, Pa sha and the rest of us have a "heap of fun out of him" They (John & Will) went up to the debating last Tuesday night, (stole off) and sha inquired of Dargen where they had gone, he said, "dey is gone up to de debating" sha asked where was the debating, he said, "I don't know what kind a bait it is less it is one of dem big grubbing worms what dey dig up out of de ground"

"Cousen" I want you to answer this letter just as soon as you get it, and let us know how you got along wheather any accident happened <sup>to you</sup> I was very uneasy about you. The first day, the wind blew so very hard I was afraid it would take you horse and all and "litter" you in some of those high trees, for I knew if it did you never could get down, and then what would that old gentleman ~~and~~ his son William do about the horses, and I wouldn't have any Cousin Sounder to quarrel with, sha said you must come again soon, she stood and watched after you until you were entirely out of sight, you have no idea how lonesome the house, and your rooms looks without you I cant bear to go in there or to look at it, Cousin Sounder do please come again soon, John Enony says if you will he will give you some Cherry bitters to ease that pain in your side, he says it is the best medicine in the world it is good for any thing. Sis Laura is very angry with you she said she never would like Cousin William again she would not have believed you would passed her house and not call to tell her. "Good bye, Sis Laura told me to tell



make out like she was powerfully hurt about it and tell you  
a great long something I don't know what, but she said  
you must come over and give her a very satisfactory  
explanation or she never would speak in your favor  
again, you had better come Cousin Lounder. I found your  
~~old~~ silk handkerchief after you left and am very sorry  
you left it here, for it is the very idea for a person  
to have about them when they have a bad cold, it is  
so soft and smooth, Jane found one of your standing  
bolars and says she is going to send it to you in the  
first letter she writes to you, if it doesn't cost too much  
I could fill another sheet, but they are waiting for the  
letter to carry to the Office. "Therefore I must close for  
to day"

Jane says tell the beautiful accomplished  
and dignified Cousin Lounder, that his lovely sublime  
and magnificent cousin Jane is well, please don't  
look at the spelling of those large words, for I declare I don't  
know how to spell them, <sup>and haven't time to look for them</sup> All send love, Love, love, to  
Cousin Lounder

Write soon and very often to

Your ever affectionate Cousin  
Mitt

P.S.

Excuse the ribbon with which the hair  
is tied, for it is all every bit of that kind  
I had, and please don't put yourself  
to the trouble to criticise this letter Mitt & J



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