

Waltham, Mass., 14/1859
Friend Brooks

I must tell you
some time since and have not heard
from you since indeed when seen a
long time since observed something I
could not know but you had not
forgot me but thought I would
just drop a line and see if that was the
spot I am as well as mind and
the health of my family is very good
I have two boys and they are as fat & content
as you after see one in two years after last year
and the other is about two months old
I am doing all in the way of David
I have not at this place and am doing
very well comparing the hard times
I don't know or shall not say more
at present as I don't know as they will ever
find you as I don't know where to write
But as the business is in it I cannot
have ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~business~~ ^{business} as you as
convenient and I will write you
and give you the price of my thing in
my line and see how they will compare
with you

Yours truly
W. A. Foster

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