

Dec 2, 1860

Mr Anderson was a young widower,
he is a real good sort of a man, a pious man.
he has three little girls in the family.

I think I wrote you that Phebe had
to leave her husband, but she has gone home
to her family again, the boys she left with
their father were taken very sick, and he
begged for her to return, In a letter received
from her since, she stated she ^{was} not sorry she
went back.

Ruth and Edward are well, and
in fine spirit. Nancy and Ruth live
within a few yards of each other, and very
near the steamboat wharf.

Darius got home from fishing in
October, has been with me since he returned
I shall try hard to keep him with me.

Huldah came home this morning
to see us, she works in a family by the name
of Jones, Mrs. Jones was a Pinkham, Mrs Pinkham
was a sister of Mr Coleman's, Huldah is in
good health, Frances was in Camden nine weeks
latter part of summer, with old Mr Hunt's folks.

Hay in this section, the past season came
in very light, I got about a half crop, have
eight head of cattle and am $\frac{1}{3}$ short for hay.

Potatoes suffered but little with rot before
they were dug, since then the rot is destroying
of them badly, mine is rather in a bad fix.

We have a remarkable autumn, ground
not froze, and no snow as yet.

Our Election has gone well,
to day the news is, that California and
Oregon have both gone for Lincoln.

The Southern fire eaters are boiling
over, guess "Old Abe" will pacify them
by the 4th of July next, at least I hope
he will, but, if he cannot, I say let the
Devil's go.

Write me as soon as you can,
and as often as you can.

Nehemiah Richards

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I came nigh forgetting Lucy and
 little George, they are both well.
 Jacob Anderson and wife, Lucy and
 Gorgie were all here two weeks to
 day, Stopped over night, left on Monday
 I think Lucy will settle in Rockland.
 More over, I think your Uncle David
 Starnham's eldest son will be her Com-
 panion, doubtless you remember
 Jeremiah. He has a nice house in
 Rockland. He goes to sea, he has
 high wages, N.R.

Dec 7th, plenty of snow now,
 this will go to the office to day, and
 will leave tomorrow morning.

We are as well as usual, hope this
 may find you and family in good health.

Father

M. L. Nichols
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My Dear Son

Once more I take my pen
 to write you a few lines, hoping they may
 find you and yours in the enjoyments of
 good health; both - spiritual and temporal
 things. That last line is very improper,
 but let it pass.

I will now speak of your Brothers and
 Sisters. Starnham is not in Rockland, but
 in very poor circumstances, he has quite
 a large family, and will find it hard get-
 ting through the winter.

Mary and family are all well, she has
 but three children, one girl, one boy, and
 a little girl.

Nancy and husband are quite smart,
 and appear to be enjoying themselves first
 rate. That is rather misty. - I will explain
 Married in Camden, ^{Nov. 10th} by Rev. Mr. Brown,
 Mr. Jacob Anderson Sr. and Miss Honey F. Richards.