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but father is a curious man,
he wanted me to come home
last fall, and take the old farm
and take care of him and his wife
while they lived. I told him
I did not want any thing to do
with it, but she hangs on so
bad that I told him at last
if he would have the writing
done last fall I would stay
she said he would, and told
me to take the team and
go to work, well I took the
team and went to work, and
worked until after planting
then I asked him, if it wasnt
about time to have the
writings done, and he said
he had rather be alone for
it was no use for him and I
to try to live together so I
left him to his own destruction
and have not troubled him since

I have worked for him ever
winter, since I was for my
self, and paid away about all
that I cant through the
summer for his family and
cattle and never received
the first Cent. So no more
on this subject, you say
you think there will be
nothing doing in the lumber
business this winter in your
section of the country, well
I think I shall ship
to go to Europe or the
West Indies, I dont like
to go to sea but I must
do something for a living.
I should like to come and
see you this winter but I
dont see how I can, I came
from Rockland this morning
I dined at Garrowhams last
night. he and family were well

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Uncle David Harkness
health is very poor I
called to see him this morning
he was sickened with the
dropsy, I don't think he will
live but a short time.

I am at Sturges to night
Fanny has got a little girl
her name is Lucy, Ellen
doney sends her love and
best respects to you and family
Oh Lucy, starting, I suppose
was married about a week
ago, so no more at present
we should all be very glad
to see you so

good night
from your affectionate
Brother
Fanny R
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My dear Brother,
having an opportunity
I thought I should write ^{you} an answer
in answer to yours of October 13th
which I just received; I have
been gone about two months and
just returned home, I was truly
glad to hear from you I am well
and hope this will find you and your
the same, I should be very glad
to see you and your family,
I have been a trip out to
New York and just returned
I like coasting very well, but
I think I like farming better
you said you had hoped that
I would stay with father, well
I suppose I should have said
if he had wanted me to,