

April 5, 1863

you wrote to me about  
coming to the Crookstok  
I cannot come because I am  
so poor but I should like  
to come if I could and am  
in hopes I shall be able to  
to come and see you before  
another winter if good luck  
favours me. I am going into a  
new scheme this season mak-  
ing essence extracts cologne  
Hair oils pills silver plating  
fluid &c I intend to whole-  
sail all I can at the store  
also writing ink and indeli-  
ble ink if I have good <sup>luck</sup> I in-  
tend to get a team after  
haying and put it thro-  
ugh for the Crookstok ~~if~~  
if I can and come and see  
you all. I have given up  
working at the line busin-  
(ess)

my health is so poor.  
I have filed saws sawed  
wood and cobbled <sup>some</sup> this win-  
ter for a living. I have  
practiced but about two  
years filing wood saws  
and dont care for any man  
in this city that files saws  
now although some of them  
have had twenty years prac-  
tice but enough of this. I  
hope dear brother you will  
write as soon as you get this  
and let me know how your  
health is and your lancency  
also likewise your family  
and of the times in your vicin-  
ety likewise your opinion  
of the time of the close of  
this civil war that casts  
such <sup>of</sup> a loud <sup>our</sup> darkness and  
gloom over <sup>our</sup> country.

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I received a letter from  
Darius a few days ago he was  
well but had not been in any  
engagement when he wrote  
I also had a letter from Gath  
er he said His health was  
quite poor and wants  
me to make him a visit  
as soon as I can. I have  
not been to Lincolnville for  
nearly one year. I must drop  
this and close soon as my sheep  
is about full. I regretted  
Brother that you did not  
come and see us when you  
came so nigh to us. I hope  
you will call on us when  
you come  
again. So good night. Yours  
with respect  
to A. S. Farnham Richards  
Richards

Farnham Richards  
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Dear sister I take this  
opportunity to answer  
your letter. that I had  
ought to answer long  
ago but I have neglected  
so to do but I hope you will  
forgive me for neglecting  
it so long. my health has  
not been good for about  
six weeks but is improving  
slowly. I have had a bad cold  
but have not been sick a  
bed. Mary's health is quite  
poor. She has had a cough  
for nine years. this winter  
the children are all well at  
present as usual. we hope  
this will find you all well