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I received a letter from Darius  
last night. He says he don't expect  
to come home until another winter  
if he ever does. he said he was  
as well as usual except he had  
~~been~~ cough and that was quite  
common amongst the soldiers.  
I heard from Lincolnville a few  
days ago and heard that father  
was very sick and it was thought  
that he would not get well again.  
But I hope he will get well again.  
I do not know how long he has  
been sick. I heard that the small  
pox was in Lincolnville. it is in  
Camden and in Seasmont  
quite a <sup>large</sup> number of cases in each  
town. there are a few cases in  
Rockland my children all  
had it in April 1862 but fort-  
unately very light. I and my  
wife did not have it though we  
took care of them all the time

this is write about Rockland and all the news you care

times in Rockland and had  
for poor people this winter  
wood is high and coal is high  
provision is high and and cloth-  
ing is high my health is poor  
this winter. But I try to work  
a part of the time and part  
of the time I peddle in the  
city. I go on my own hook and  
do tolerable well most of the time.  
I make inks silver plating  
fluid and essence <sup>of</sup> all kinds  
the plating fluid sells very  
well it is to plate Spoons brass  
copper <sup>and</sup> composition but no more  
of this nonsense <sup>for</sup> it is late and  
I must close. I hope this will  
find you and your wife and  
family all in good health.  
we heard that Huldak was  
married and lives at Fort Fair-  
field good night. Larnham Richard  
you get to. A. S. R. write as <sup>you</sup> so

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Brother  
Larchmont

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Dear Brother

Having a few leisure moments,  
I thought I would write you a few  
lines to let you know <sup>how</sup> my  
health is quite poor this winter  
and Marys health is very poor and  
I don't know as she will ever be  
any better. But I hope she will get  
well though. She has had a cou-  
gh ten years this winter and it is  
very bad this winter. The twins are  
not very well they are slender and  
sickly. Charley's health is quite  
poor. But I hope as he grows older  
he will out grow his cough. He  
has been very sick this winter  
But is better at present. Louisa  
and Emma Jane are well as usu-  
al. Alfred's health is not very  
good but he is as well as common