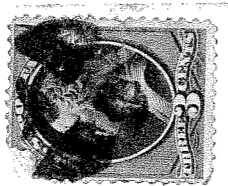


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Grace G. Richards
Maple Grove
Maine

Father soon, ^{and} the rest of you.
By the way heard that you
sold your Coll. So thank so,
and what did you get,
of a fair question.

All Atte to
write ^{and} the next one I write
shall be to her I have written
quite a long letter after all.
Hoping you are all well.

Mobile closed, Excuse poor
writing ^{and} mistakes.

Your Brother
George Richards

Rouillon Sunday Evn

Dear Brother

It has been some
time since I heard from you.
Don't remember whether you
or I wrote last. I have heard
from both Mary ^{and} Carrie this
week. I don't have as much
time to write as the rest of you
I presume. Sunday is my only
day and then I feel like
reading some.

The snow is about
all gone here. The streets are
getting quite dry ^{and} pretty good
wagons about Town. Trade is
not quite as brisk as it has
been on account of the traveling.

I am working quite hard
and I suppose you have
to do the same but my health
is good though I am not
so fleshy as usual Now am
all getting along at home,
I am sorry to hear that Father
is not well this Spring. Tell
him that I will send him
some liquor in a few days
as soon as I get a chance
to send for it. How is Mother
& little Allie? They must
take good care of them
selves as there is a good deal
of sickness this Spring.

I suppose
Father got my letter. ^{and} what
did he say? Did he think that
I was a little tight off, as some
call it. But Corrie I am sorry
that I ever undertook to pay
for that place. I work hard

all of the time, and does not
seem as I have got anything
ahead. I wish I was able
to pay the balance on the
place and give it to Father,
but if I was going to pay
for it. It would ^{have} been better
for me to let what little
money I had at 12% as that
was only drawing 6% and
payed for it later. I wish
Father could sell or mortgage
it to some one and let me have
what little I have got there.
I am willing to pay the balance
and get rid of it of Collins
hand. If I can only get it
back shortly. I fear as if I ought
to have it when it will business
me the most ^{and} I know that I
cant pay high interest. ^{and} I want
it when I can get it at
any time. Write to him from