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### LETTER TRANSCRIPTION

N. Orange 5th June 1862

Dear ones all,

The last few days, has seemed very busy ones to us, and I fear we have neglected you somewhat but we had *such a welcome reminder* that we must answer it immediately. Allie has been teasing in a half joking way for some kind of a present for *her birth* day, and you must know how glad we were to receive the pictures—*excellent* onces too—and shall think very much indeed of them, and many thanks for them, it won't seem quite so far away, will it?-- Wish we could write Something new and interesting but it is the same old tale—busy as can be. Business is good and have all we can do. Have one man and nephew Augustus Houghton to work the latter[?] boards with us. a fine young man.

Am expecting Bro Foster and Nellie P. perhaps this week.

Was quite busy for the last week or two, for the S. School Concert, Came off last Sunday P.M. 5 Oclk. A pleasant affair, and one or two Spoke a kind word and seem to appreciate it all.

Have had a pretty fence built arou[n]d the house, and mosquito nets fixed for the windows, and this P.M. after tea, moved the stone out in the *shed* so we are most ready to *see people*. Will you Come? Am going to have a nice meal or two of *trout* tomorrow—wouldn't you like to see them?

Had a letter from Abbie and Will. Hope the later will do well at his Collecting, and *He* must bear with becoming &c &c &c -----

Allie has a long story I suppose so I must *quit*

Can't think just what to say to Mary & He. but give them my particular, brotherly regards, and as my *mustache* is off, Something more if agreeable. To the boys, "Glory Hallelujah" for we've just got the news of *Beauregard's*, *scattering*[?] rabble, and the *brave Bay State boys* all the time.

As ever

Jerome

*[Postscript written in a different hand]*

I cannot retire without thanking you for the nice present you have sent us. we think them very natural. little[?] Lu knew them so I think they must be good. she has held them[,] kiss[ed] them, and said *from drandmader* [baby talk for "grandmother] poor drandpapa, and wanted to carry them to bed with her. she talks all the time and improves very much. leaves to go to school. I am glad you made som many purchases at L. wish I could have gone with you. I have made J[er]ome five if pints[?], and am going to make him some black ones.

Jerome gave me a portemantu [sic] and Mrs G a fine cushion, so I think I was well surplied [sic] I shall look quite nice when I get my rooms[?] set to rite. My rooms[?] will be so much ceuler [cooler?]. it is late and must close I have been over to J-- this afternoon. Mrs. Ballou was there and Mary and self saved[?] for her. her health is very poor. am going to make a sastle[?] for her. have cut two dresses for Mrs G-. put a fruff[?] in Lanny Martin's dress, pleated[?] some skirts &c, &c.

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I have thown the pictures to Mary and Mrs Moore, Mrs. G and they all think them Good. Love to all my friends, tell Hertz[?] to write often.

Your Affectionate daughter,

A. J. P.