

West Amherst, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Cousin Lydia Ann

I have been thinking I would write to you this great while, but have delayed until now, I hope you do not think that I have forgotten you do you remember when we walked up from the mills to your ~~own~~ house, and made calls on the way, yes I dare say you remember it still, and I think I never shall forget it as long as I live, O what a beautiful walk, shall we ever be together so much again, you wanted me to let you know where I am and what I am doing, we have not much to do now, shoe business is very poor and has been for some time, we only have them to close the side seams of boots <sup>and</sup> a pair, it is almost as tire work picking stones out of the street, I think I shall go to Lowell this summer as Caroline has moved up there I never was there unless I passed through in the way, Eunice and Eliza is going up in May, Eunice is going to school and board with Caroline, I don't think I can write you any news now

as I think Sarah and Laura writes you all our neighbours  
are well, Sarah Large <sup>Thomas Large's daughter</sup> is sick they think  
with the consumption

George I think you now is married, Mary is not but I think there  
is a chance yet Daniel David Elbridge and Alden's folks  
are all well, Daniel lives with Patience and is shoemaking  
Alden has sold his house and bought at the corner  
half of the one Mr Pinkham lived in he sold his half to  
Mr Pressy (and Mr Silby has moved in) I and Elvi and Carrie  
went to Lowell the <sup>5th</sup> of May Eunice thought she was going  
to school but in the last term there was 200 scholars in the  
school and they made a law for this term that no scholar should  
go to school unless their parents lived in Lowell so she  
had to pack up and come home with us she thinks some  
of going to hamton now to school, she dont mean  
to give it up so.

we went to Lowell in the cars and  
B I tell <sup>you</sup> if we did not have a grand ride then ill give  
it up when we came home the cars did not stop long  
enough at Newton for us to get out there was no passengers  
to get out but we and no baggage but ours and that was only  
a trunk and basket Steve Bancroft was not long taking it off  
I tell you Elvi spoke before we got there and said lets be  
redy the next is Newton the conductor stue his head in the  
door and said passengers for Newton we up and started, and  
when we got out <sup>the door</sup> the cars were going, Eunice thought instead of  
going they were stoping she thought to give us a chance she jumped  
and fell cross the track but did not hurt here, the conductor said we

Elvi and I must go taking us some back in the next train  
he would send us back in a few minutes but I thought they were long  
about 9 o'clock and the cars came in at 2 the conductor said why didnt  
you get out the cars stoped as long as ever I told him my end did  
not stop it was moving all the time I want going to get out till they  
stoped I ride a week first we walked over to aunts and had a grand  
visit and then back to Newton in the 2 o'clock train

Lydia Ann are you ever coming back to Newbury  
I think not to stay long I will answer for you, ~~for you~~  
O I should like to stop in some day and <sup>see</sup> you washing or baking  
and make you jump for I am shure you would hop 2 feet high  
but I must close I want know what you are doing and Ephraim  
and what you have to eat there and tell me every thing you  
can think of do you go to meeting I think you have heard  
of the revival number has ben baptized I think you sisters  
<sup>well</sup> soon I must close I cant rule this page stute now it was not ruled  
give my love Ephraim Mother calls me to tea

Write soon as you get this to  
and old friend

Sarah A Morse