

Winchester, June 16th 1852

My dear children.

I am writing a few lines this eve
to inquire why we do not hear from you, the last
letter received was dated the 1st and this is the 16th.
I thought we would receive several this eve, but
not one has arrived, I will suppose you are well
until I hear to the contrary as bad news generally
flies fast, your Pa still talks of returning home next
week, he is writing to your Uncle Andrew this evening
so I will put this in the same envelope,
We are all well but Willie he has a cold, but is
rather better this evening, he and I had quite a ride
this morning on horseback, we rode four miles and
cantered nearly all the way, I am improving or not.
you think so, I should not like to ride tomorrow
as I have parted with some skin, Mrs Henry and
Charlotte paid me a visit this afternoon, Eugene
was sick, they inquired particularly after you, they
are the first Berlin folks who have been to see me,
Levi Taylor has the quinsies so I cannot take Jones
there as I do not think he has had them, Your Pa
was on the beach today but did not catch but
one mullet, Did you receive a long letter from me
by Monday's mail? Jones is looking anxiously for an
answer to his letter and your Pa for me to his,
you are getting largely in debt I think, if you

have as cool weather as we have, you will not be
able to plead the warm weather for an excuse,
Your Ra nearly killed Old Dick last eve, he ran in
the way just as he was striking with a grubbing
hoe, and it struck him on the nose he was in-
sensible, but Willie threw cold water on him and he
jumped up and ran away, he does not seem any
the worse for it today, Our strawberries have nearly
gone, we shall miss them very much Mrs Quillan has
been sick and has not bought any, I feel pretty
lonesome sometimes, having no person to sit with,
Your Ra wants my note so I must conclude
With much love and kind remembrances to friends
Aunts Caroline and Lydia & Olga included

I remain your devoted Affee
Mother M. S. Taylor

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