

Frank North is here and sends love to all.
Middlebarn July 18th 1858

Dear Lucy

Our letters by Robert Buck
left New York on Monday^{5th} by Steamer Cherokee
Sam'l S. has returned without "Cornelia" who to day
will go to Albany with Edward and return to morrow
Robert it seems did not take the bundle because it was
too large to put in his trunk. I am exceedingly disappointed
but perhaps he will explain it to you, the bundle is valued
at 50 dollars. It will cost a good deal to send by express
and it seems you directed to have it sent that way if there
was no way before the first of June. The two bonnets for Edith and
Eddy will add a little more to its size and value.
Children here wear white sun bonnets more than any other
and I think I should not feel very particular in Cal.
but we will write to Rosina to do the business as you direct
Now I will mention that we receiv'd your letters late last
evening and was much rejoiced to hear from you.
I am glad that you were so far recovered from your attack
of sickness I hope you will take especial care of your health
and hope that your strength will be equal to your day
It is very hard to have the care of a baby when you are sick
well know. I am glad you have such a kind friend in Mr
Adelridge I do not like the idea of your going to house-keeping
alone. I fear that it is unsafe for you to do so. how far will
you be from Chauncey's. you think the man who is to lodge them
a clean honest man and I hope he is. give my best respects

I almost forgot to tell you that news of the President's death came by telegraph to day
and the bells toll'd an hour but I do not know the particulars you will get them in
the papers I hope you will take it
may take it