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Wednesday Morning

Mon-cher Françoise

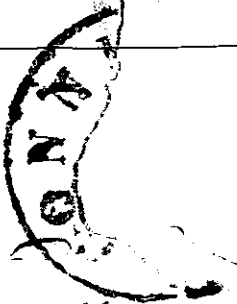
What have you  
an idea of am. I know you expect  
me - I must tell you - Well I am  
visiting the old schoolhouse - every  
summer afternoon - and you at the  
door - Sunday came - I went with  
Pattie and as they go to school - I go with  
her - Did my father here and has  
a fine school - It seems very  
capable here though it seems as if  
I should take his place instead  
of occupying the one that I do -  
I left my father quite recovered -  
I hope to see you Saturday - I think  
they will get along very well -  
I attempted one of Dr. Auer's lectures  
last week - a single one of ladies and  
when I see you I am going to tell

you what I learned - I saw one thing  
coming have long wished to - which for  
was the Greek Slave I looked and look  
at it - and I can see it as plainly now  
as I did when it was before me - there  
was one thing about it which I did  
not really like - that was the hair being  
done off I think if it had been uncut  
and hanging over her shoulders  
it would have been an improvement  
to her looks - it is not a matter of justice  
I enjoyed the lecture remarkably well  
and if Mother and Annie had not paid  
that I must have not seen it  
but I am anything but sorry that I must  
see them - I think you must not  
lots of good things for her - but she will  
not specify a price - if you ever  
takes to buy goods for her it will be  
all right - I think boards at Charles  
Steele's (you know her relatives are all  
miners) and get ready for the  
to town and bring home "Walter"  
with you and as soon as the  
over he is a printed one reader for  
the evening and I read without  
stopping for until the clock struck  
nine - I think you may be sure I had  
an attentive audience - You can't  
imagine what a rough little sub-  
ject - I am glad I enjoyed reading  
"Walter" quite as well as they did listening  
to me - not a good long letter  
from Virginia last week - she says she  
gets along fine - she is catching  
flu with her coughing frequently  
a messenger from the trip to do her best

and if she does succeed and cook  
real nicely he always has a word of  
praise for her - My Dear - you must  
not write a French letter to me - until  
write first - you have forgotten that you  
have been requesting in that French  
of study style - I hope you and it would  
be much easier for you to write French  
than for me to recast it - even you would  
write a French letter to me will you  
You may write as many as you please  
and I will answer them -  
I did not wonder ever that you were  
in the English you wrote are plain -  
deed I think if you had not been  
if would have been very strange  
I was not very much astonished at  
the amount of your English since  
I had to my very confidence in  
you to imagine that you would  
write English foolishly - I do not think  
it very necessary for you to have your  
writing of English - get a while  
but I think it will be better you do  
have one I think your Mathematics  
are pretty deep according to your  
age - I shall never hope to go through  
with such a trial - What a very high  
you can have of yourself in doing  
and your reputation will remain  
at Cambridge if you stay away  
from here - How especially you do  
I think you have the best way when  
I finish writing a letter to me - No matter



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