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Dear Doctor:

I received your letter by Gilbert last night, and would have gone over to your house today, but for the coldness of the weather. I will do so when it gets warmer. We are getting ice, and I think, can fill the house this season.

The Bible says, "That the sins of the father shall be visited upon the children even unto the fourth generation!" Our misfortunes lead me to conclude that some of our ancestors must have been guilty of some monstrous transgression against the laws of God, for it seems, that our troubles are never to end. As soon, or even before we can get out of one difficulty, another comes upon us.

The "Mail Rider" is about to undertake the school at the Academy. His plan is to push upon us for the next year, and to add to that, we think, that his and the Eldridge's aim will be to push Polly upon us also, to go to school to him. We can do nothing. I am upon the eve of giving up. Whenever I attempt to talk to Mamma upon the subject, the only response I meet with is about two bushels of groans. I am satisfied that she would not permit herself to believe her own eyes in any case of this sort.
If you have an opportunity see Brown about the Blacksmiths. If he agrees to take Cambridge to be at the head of the shop I would like to get George in as an Apprentice. And whether he takes Cambridge or not, what he is willing to give for a Turner, in order that I may get George in, if he wants Cambridge for neither place. I will learn between this time and Christmas, what can be got for little money at the Court House. When George comes down I have an old Panama hat and a pair of old boots up stairs which I will give him. As George and Cambidge will probably come over together they will afford an opportunity of bringing your cows. If you are under any obligation to Mr. Mundy say nothing about the cow, I merely suggest this to save the risk of sending in case you will have bought over. Frances has bought thirteen chickens of roasting size from Uncle Samuel for ten cents a piece. She wishes her Turn Cambridge and Roderick and Harmony sent over by the first opportunity. She will make inquiries about the butter and Turkeys next week.

I am glad that you have purchased a home to suit you. Social is well and hearty, and continues to gather.

Yours Truly

J. Austin