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shadow of yourself and forward in this way
and I assure you it would be thankfully
received

I commence my labors in the school
room again tomorrow after 3 weeks holiday

I have no special news, everything seems
to be rolling on in about the usual course
your friends are all pretty well and often inquire
for you, few prospects of a beautiful harvest -
Peafood is very rapidly improving you would
scarcely know it now - He had a very pleasant
S. S. picnic in a grove near by the other day
but they all seemed to think it would have
been nice to have had it in the hollow -
but the poor hollow is a desolate looking
place now. Father's health has been
better than usual during the warm
weather, Mother has not been well

this summer she is now away on a visit
to her sisters and writes that she is better
Maggie I think has been improving upon
the whole all summer though she is often
troubled with her head - The rest are all well
as usual and all send their love to you

Mary sends you with her kindest love the
first rose that bloomed on her climbing rose
this summer - it is very late blooming on account
of being moved this spring - Mine has never had a sight
of a flower on it yet - but it lives and grows - What
a nice fuelled blooming in my windows now I must

I hope we will very soon hear of your health and I am truly
anxious to hear of you

Things are so unbecomingly
warm here and I am
glad to hear you are
improving

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Peafood Aug 18th 1867

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The best of your kind
and very interesting letters reached
us about 2 months ago and I for
one am ashamed that it has not
yet been answered - When you see a
letter that we have looked for
more anxiously or more gladly received
than yours always is full of kindness
and affectionate regard, more I am
sure John than we deserve, though
in our house you are never forgotten
as Mary and I talk over the
happy by gone days and hours spent
in the hollow and in your society
days that I live in this rapid flight
of time that I live in this rapid flight
of time we will be looking back and counting
the years since last we parted;

I hope we will meet again some day
 But that is such an indefinite phrase
 there does not seem to be much sat-
 isfaction in it, still there is more joy
 than we are aware of - it is about as certain
 a phrase as we dare use in this uncertain
 world, when we are so far separated.

How comforting is that comforting truth
 that firm hope that we have of meeting
 our dear Saviour with all those who are
 dear to our hearts no matter how long or
 how far we have been separated, if they
 love Him and rejoice at His coming
 in the clouds of Heaven when every
 eye shall see Him, although the
 time is so uncertain if we were not
 sure of it coming some day, I think
 we could never endure separations
 from our loved ones that we are every
 day of our lives subject to.

I hope John it will be ours to meet in that
 glorious time, and wish we may meet many times

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precious to it - I know it would give us all
 the greatest pleasure if you could come and
 see us and I hope in arranging your plans for
 the future a visit to Canada will be among
 them.

I have often this summer been imagining
 you travelling over those prairies that you
 talked of visiting with some little boy that
 you love for a companion searching
 for those dear little flowers that are
 so precious to your heart - and imagined
 the joy of your sisters and mother at your
 return after ^{your} so long absent. I don't know
 how they contained themselves, & have you as
 long away from them, hope you find them
 all well and happy.

Is Amy still in Michigan? and how is David
 Galloway? Does the sight of your eye at all improve
 and let us know particularly is your health
 improving. If you can at all John (I ask it as a
 favor) I wish you would in some of your
 travels from place to place secure a good