in a store I believed and that you returned very suddenly.
We gave no particulars but that I have been trying to think what could pertain to it and have arrived
at the conclusion that you had left.

We have once said, "Westward the
cause of empire takes it way," and
probably was willing to let everyone
be his own judge of how far west
that westward is. Now I have heard
from various sources that you have
long had attractions westward but
that they fall short of the Post Office.

Appearances would seem to indicate
that this is the point in which you
would find your empire, or at
least make a conquest. Success to
all your undertakings. Strange
answers come at times by the east
winds about Boston and all seem
to hinge on the fact that he is
building on his father's house in the
end. Perhaps it is reassuring the addition.

This end, I have seen the walls of east, give hint of crow in the fall as well as your
story short as we should up and get supplies
over all the particulars they are very interesting. What

Dear Cousin,

Up here no meeting
at our church to day. Dr. Alden
having gone to Cape Cod to refresh
himself, which by the way would
prove the spirit of any the more to
return to know. Perhaps it would not
be much out of place to hold a
little convulsions with you being
careful of excuse to make the gory
debut letter. There is nothing
going on here at present to create
any unusual excitement. The
weather is very cool, in fact Denver

love
saw so little warm weather at
this season of the year. There has
scarcely been a warm day since
about the first of June; but there
has been a great quantity of rain.
I still remain here keeping
books, board at the same old place
and live just about the same as
six months ago. The Simitar
building since adjusted, the
buildings torn down; and the
whole thing cleared off; except
the inevitable squabble among
the managers in disposing of
the funds. It made pretty interesting
time while it lasted; and gave me
an opportunity of seeing a great
many things which can be seen
no where else. Toward the close
there were some of the greatest
lottery schemes of the age, to get

This side of the vast quantity of goods;
and still the work is actually
so that at the close there was nothing
left. I was forced to occupy the position
of ticket agent in one of them for
a while and for four or five evenings
asked like a hoozie for the benefit
of the returning blacks, selling tickets.

When you see Charles Will please
tell him that his ticket in the
furniture lot drew him the valuable
package of rice which will no doubt
impress him unless he has been
officially notified before, but certainly
no more of a surprise than he gave
me as he stalked into the store,
and right from home too, with
a hat full of news. Tell him
he was worth seeing. Among other
things he said that nice had
ran to Providence to take a place.
Dear Cousin

As there’s no meeting at our church to day, Dr Ryder having gone to Cape Cod to refresh himself, which by the way would revive the spirits of another individu whom I know, perhaps it would not be much out of place to hold a little confab with you, being careful of course to make this a devout letter. There is nothing going on here at present to create any unusual excitement. The weather is very cool, in fact I never [page] saw so little warm weather at this season of the year. There has scarcely been a warm day since about the first of June, but there has been a great quantity of rain.

I still remain here keeping books, board at the same old place and live just about the same as six months ago. The Sanitary Fair long since adjourned, the buildings torn down, and the whole thing cleaned up; except the inevitable squabble among the managers in disposing of the funds. It made pretty interesting times while it lasted, and gave one an opportunity of seeing a great many things which can be seen no where else. Toward the close there were some of the greatest lottery schemes of the age, to get [page] rid of the vast quantity of goods; and it left the work effectually so that at the close there was nothing left. I was forced to occupy the position of ticket agent in one of them for awhile, and for four or five evenings worked like a hoosier, for the benefit of the returning braves, selling tickets.

When you see Charley Hall please tell him that his ticket in the furniture lot drew him the valuable prize of nix, which will no doubt surprise him unless he as been officially notified before. But certainly no more of a surprise than he gave me as he stalked into the store, and right from home too, with a hat full of news. I tell you he was worth seeing. Among other things he said that you had been to Worcester to take a place [page] in a store I believe, and that you returned very suddenly. He gave no particulars, so that I have been trying to think “what could the matter be,” and have arrived at this conclusion. You know Mr Webster once said, “Westward the course of empire takes its way,” and probably was willing to let every one be his own judge of how far west that westward is. Now I have heard from various sources that you have long had attractions westward, but that they fall short of the Post Office. Appearances would seem to indicate that this is the point on which you would found you empire, or at least make a conquest. Success to all your undertakings. Strange rumors come at times by the east winds about Joshua and all seem to hinge on the fact that he is building on his fathers house, is that so. Which end or side is receiving the addition? Is he building it high in the walls so as to give plenty of c[?????] in case he, tall as he is, should up and get spliced. give all the particulars, they are very interesting. What [remainder in margins of first page] part does he take in the Sunday school this summer. Don’t suppose you even go, but you ought to, and have John Chapman for a teacher. How
are the fishermen doing. What are you about, and what is going on in
general? an early reply will greatly oblige.

Please give my respects to inquiring friends and believe me yours
devotedly

Chas Shiverick