Dear Cousin,

I am now going to try and answer your letter. It is Sunday night now about six. I have been to meeting all day to day like the star minister frustrated. Stone is poor this summer. She is lazy to day it has been raining all day to day but is clearing up now. I am going after Tuesday morning when your father goes to Boston Monday.
night I went to a party over to Deborah B. Warrick's and had a good time. They were about twenty five over to gregory night and went over to the depot may day for the fun of it. Sency Thacher Sears is going to get married to Mr. Sheldon Thomas some night this week. Henry Vesna is to work around home this summer. George Carlow is going to sea with David Sears and Henry Le Chapman is going with him to Yile is going in about a week. The ship is going to launch in about two weeks. I should like to be at home to see her launched. But I don't see as I can when I go out to dance I am in hopes that you will write me after and Charlie you tell Charlie that he owes me a letter and tell him that I want his photograph. I don't know whether gulien is at home or not. Your father got one hundred dollars for susie. Thomas and Jacob are going to build a race course up and by gerry walkers they went up there yesterday to look at the land they are going to have.
East Dennis  May 17. 1863

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C W Hall

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\[29\] The Shiverick ship, Ellen Sears, was launched on 2 June 1863, and was towed to Boston on 5 June for rigging.

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