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Hamden, Feb. 13, 1857.

My Dear Mother

I thought of sending you a valentine, but before Mr. Everest ~~ordered~~ ^{ordered} them, he told us boys that it was only a waste of money to buy such foolish things so I thought I would not get any, because I would want to spend it all to the Fair, and buy you something pretty and nice. The thing I buy you, I will not send it to but I will bring it to you when I come ^{home} for ^{see} vacation, and if I can ^{see} get any thing Frank would like I will get it for him. ~~I hope~~ if my money will last and I will get some ^{thing}.

for ^{Dear} Anna too. When I received your letter it was dated, Feb. 11, ~~th~~ and I received it the, 13th. You ask me if two dollars was enough for the pair of course it is when my mother and father says so because they know best they are large but I am a little bit of a boy only nine years old, of course it is enough for a little boy like me only nine years old. and I am satisfied with two dollars because my father and mother thinks so. I expect Frank likes his indian-rubber boots first strap because I do mine. And I hope frank will learn how to read and study and he will see what I'll give him so he must try and

learn hard and quick. I will be very glad
to see you father and little sister and big
sister and little brother too. This is all I can
think of this afternoon, so good by dear father
and mother and all in the house good by
when I write to you a gain I will tell you a
~~that the fair~~ ~~to morrow~~ is valentine day
~~that the fair~~ I gess it will be ~~to morrow~~
some of the boys say so. so all good by

Your affectionate son,
Alfred Weed.