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Wilmington Delaware Friday evening  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Brother

It has been so long since we heard from you that we are very anxious about you. I has been over two weeks since we had a letter from you, and we think you must either be so much better that you think it not worthwhile writing before you come home or else that you are so much worse as not to be able to write. I hope it is not the latter.

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Cousin Mary Chandler is at our house, she says she wants you to come home before she leaves Wilmington, as she wants to see you. I wrote to you a few days after we received your last letter and we put a dollar in it, that was over two weeks ago. It will be 3 weeks next Tuesday.

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what is the reason, but she always expects  
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