My dear daughter:

Since your mother writes me that you have received my last long letter and are pleased with it, I have set down to write you another. I shall love to write to you as long as I feel that you try to follow the advice I give you. It is all intended to make you happier and better, but if it does you no good because you do not try to do as I advise, I shall become discouraged and stop writing. I hope you will try to remember this. I wish to say something more to you about obedience, because the first thing you have to learn is to be obedient, promptly and cheerfully obedient.

If you try to remember why it is that you so often fail to do what you are told, I can say you will often find that your disobedience has been caused by forgetfulness, thoughtlessness. Hence you should, when you are sent to do anything, first listen attentively to what you are told and endeavor to fix it in your mind so as not to forget it, and then go and do it immediately, without stopping to play or do anything else. If you make this a rule, I am quite certain you will give mother very little to complain of. But if you
do not stop to listen and fully understand what
you are expected to do, before you go to do it, you will
be pretty certain to forget what you were bent to do or
do it all, or do it wrong. If while mother is wait-
ing for you to bring her something, you have stopped to
play till you have forgotten all about it, or have in-
tended too carelessly that you do not know what you have
left for, and take the something the door, and think that
you must refect to be called back, and you know well
enough how unpleasant it is to feel that you have com-
mitted and displeased her by your thoughtlessness and in-
cidence. Now, I thank you to say to yourself, I
will not disobey mother a single time for a whole week,
and tell her of the resolution you have formed, so that
the law behind you when in danger of forgetting it.
I have no do doubt but that you will be able to say
after you have earnestly tried to keep such a resolution
for a week, that you can say it was the happiest week
of your life. Then try it for another week, and then
for another, and another, and on, till you will not be long before
you will find it just as easy to obey as not, and the,
how much pleasanter! I hope mother will be able to
write me soon after you receive this, that you have
a slept on such a resolution and are trying your best
to keep it.

You are our oldest child, and you should be our
head. Because you are older we expect more of you
than we do of Frank and Robbi. On that account you
should strive to keep them from quarreling by your pre-
senting with them yourself. Meet them with invariable good
manner and thus will not be much quarrel-
ing or our little household. You may be required to yield
to them oftener than you like, but mother will keep that
about right now, and in a year or two when the boys
are that much older, you will all get along very
pleasantly, I hope. It is very pleasant to see a little
gang of brothers and sisters playing kindly and good-hum-
oredly together, but once things are more unpleasant, es-
pecially to the father and mother, than to keep them quarrel-
less and fighting. You may be sure you will be much
happier through life, if you learn early, to keep your tem-
per. It is impossible not to get angry sometimes, but you
must learn not to show it. You will anger your good
humor and forget your anger all the sooner, if you have
not allowed yourself to show it by striking your brother
or playmate, calling them names, or scolding vig-
ously after them. Remember that it is two pounds
to quarrel, and if you are careful hence to be very
you will get along being smoothly and happily, and
Those who have tried to make you angry were learn-
A shamed of themselves and learn to let you alone. This rule you should remember at school, and try always to be kind and good-natured toward your playmates. Oblige them all when opportunity offers, but avoid the quarrelsome ones as much as you can and choose your companions from those who are not. You will then get along pleasantly if you are studious and obedient to your teacher, also, for the hand in the place of a mother to you while you are in school.

This letter is quite long enough now, so I must just say, Good bye, and stop.

Your loving Father.