better let it come directly to R. Mercer I wish ours was out but we still have a good deal I notice that two of the lamps have a good deal of sediment in them. I do not know what to do about the mangoes they have now been two weeks in the vinegar and I asked Aunt Sally for her recipe for pickling them and I find it calls for the horse radish ginger and garlic to be kept in salt and water for three weeks changing the brine every three days now will it do to keep them waiting for that I put it into the brine to day and will keep it in until I hear from you I wish I had Maria's recipe. After all the trouble we took Sam's pantaloons are pronounced too small round the feet I showed them to Harry and he says it is all nonsense I think it is only because Billy's are rather larger he sent in word the other day that Jenny said she would take them for one of her boys so I said very well but that she would have to make Sam's

I went to Ellen Smiths to day to see if she would clean out the house for Garwood which she promised to do except the white washing which I shall get Henry to do. What ought I to pay her for it? Where is the corrosive sublimet I would like to give the washboards a good dosing and then fill up the cracks with rosin and soap.

Tuesday night

I sent to the landing this morning and was much disappointed when Billy came home without anything for me however I concluded that by some accident it had been left and then this evening when I found there was no letter I hardly knew what to think. But while we were at tea in came the bag and letter which Uncle Dick had brought from the landing having turned out after Billy had left and it was enjoyed to the full I can