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Ivy Neck April 3rd 1860

My dearest Mother

I can hardly tell you how much we are enjoying our new lamps this evening no smoke and such a beautiful soft light. If you should see the Hutchinson's please tell them from me that I thought I would try theirs first and it is perfect. Harry Deedie and I have had it turned first one way and then another it throws the light down on the work so nicely. The little hand one I have given to little Ellen to carry about when she needs it to use when washing tea things and at other times to stand in the back passage the brass one that we had answers very well for the kitchen. I shall give the old lamps a thorough cleaning and hope