

Alpine Home Gotham  
Friday

Dear Father

I succeeded  
in getting to the train  
in good time and  
arrived here this fore  
noon. I found them  
all well and  
comfortable. Margaret  
 sends her love, and  
is very glad you could  
not make up your

mind I came. In  
one respect it was  
well you did not,  
for we did not  
get to Grand Pond  
till 12, and the  
place was full  
so that no canoe  
for the beds could  
be had.

The weather here  
has been very fine

and dry, and I  
hope we shall enjoy  
the few days we  
shall remain. I

shall write a tele-  
graph about the  
time of our leaving

Please say to  
Elizabeth not to let  
any one touch the  
specimens I left in

the trunk and  
what I had entrusted

Letter L.W.D.  
Aug 1861

A lay away  
leaving,

to be

The children send  
their love and  
thank you very  
much for the  
pears and cakes.

Looking to see you  
again soon I am

Yours affectionately

W.D. Brown

P.S. Please keep an eye on the  
black iron box under my  
desk in the library, or take it  
into your room. M.B.