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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet in St. Martinville, to her brother, Alexander Declouet, Jr., at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

St. Martinville, October 5, 1857

My dear brother,

I have received your letter which gave me great pleasure. I did not answer sooner because I was absent. I had been to aunt Tonton's (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme) with Mama (Marie Louise Benoit Declouet), Christine and Gabie (Gabrielle, our sisters). Last week, aunt Tonton was not well, she had the flu and Alexandre also. We went to spend a day at little Uncle's. I had a very good time with Cese and Azelie. I raced Lidya with a caterpillar for at least one hour.

I am writing to you hastily as we are leaving the day after tomorrow to go below the Bayou. We shall take the trip with Azelie, Cece and Madame Ganucheau who are leaving here to go to the city. We are going to pack our trunks today because tomorrow we won't have time, so many people will be here.

You will receive at the same time as this letter three newspapers that Mama is sending you. Papa (Alexander Declouet) wrote to you in the last few days. Mama has received Paul's (our brother) letter. She is telling him that she will answer him when we return from the lower Bayou.

You probably know that Paul asked for the pictures of Snack and Francise. I expect to order the picture of Farceur with Francise.

Goodbye, we kiss all of you. All the family is well with the exception of Christine who still has a little fever.

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Your sister who loves you,

Blanche Declouet

P. S. The servants are sending you their greetings.

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