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PERSONAL LETTER from Gabrielle Declouet in St. Martinville, to
her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
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My dear brother,

I do want to see you, you must answer me as quickly as you can. If you do not answer me, I shall be angry with you, you must write to Corine (our sister). You remember when Christine (our sister) and I came to spend the evening with you. The grinding season is over. I have a loose tooth. If you were here you would have pulled it off. If my tooth falls before your arrival, I shall send it to you in a letter for a ring.

All the little girls in school send their greetings. Mrs. Ganucheaux and Cece have left since Tuesday. Papa (Alexander Declouet) did not hire an engineer this year, it is Miltone who was the engineer. Mama (Louise Benoit Declouet) bought four chickens from Mrs. Noves. They are hens. Mrs. Theodore Martin came to look for a demijohn of syrup. Mama gave some squares to her little daughter. Papa is telling you that before long he will start planting. Marceline sends her regards and tells you that she is like a cracked pot (old and weak). Miss Laurent kisses you with all her heart.

Goodbye, my dear brother. I kiss you with all my heart.

Gabrielle Declouet

(In Blanche Declouet's handwriting)

Gabrielle is telling you some little fibs.