

University of Virginia
November 24, 1850.

Dear Pa,

Yours of 24th ultimo
was received a few days ago.
But as I had written home
a few days before its reception
I did not hurry myself
to answer. I have recovered
from the chills & fevers, but
was left with a very bad cold
and wretched cough; but by
taking Cherry Pectoral I have
cured the cough nearly en-
tirely.

As I wrote you in my last,
again I write that I sent the
trunk down by the boat, and
was much surprised to hear

that you had not received it.
I took a receipt from Cousin
Leroy which you will please
find enclosed.

The Students had an elec-
tion here on last Saturday
and Brackinridge was
a head of five, counting the
votes of Students from all
the states; but Bull beat him
among the Virginia Students
considerably -

I hope that you have
caught whoever it was that
was stealing your corn
and have dealt with them
summarily. If you have
caught him or them or who-
ever it may have been tell
me in your next -

Tell Ma to write to me soon

I hope that Cousin May
may soon find some one
to suit her among so
many admirers, and that
she may show her taste
and make a good choice.
There are some 600 Students
in College at present, overun-
ning last year's number con-
siderably - My love
to all - mine soon -

Your affectionate Son

**Broun, William. William Broun to Edwin Broun,
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University of Virginia November 1st, 1860

Dear Pa,

Yours of 24th ultimo was received a few days ago. But as I had written home a few days before its reception I did not hurry myself to another. I have recovered from the chills & fevers but was left with a very bad cold and wretched coughs; but by taking Cherry Pectoral I have cured the cough nearly entirely.

Tho I wrote you in my last, again I write that I sent the trunk down by the boat, and was much surprised to hear...

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...that you had not received it. I took a receipt from Cousin LeRoy which you will please find enclosed.

The students had an election here on last Saturday and Breckenridge was 13 ahead of Bell, counting the votes of students from all the states, but Bell beat him among the Virginia students considerably.

I hope that you have caught whatever it was that was stealing your corn and have dealt with them summarily. If you have caught him or them or whoever it may have been tell me in your next.

Tell Ma to write to me soon.

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I hope that Cousin May may soon find some one to suit her among so many admirers and that one may share her taste and make a good choice.

There are some 130 students in College at present, overwhelming last year's number considerably.

My love to all. Write Soon. Your Affectionate Son.

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Notes:

1. **Ultimo:** of or occurring in the month preceding the present.
2. **Cherry Pectoral:** See [Ayer's Cherry Pectoral](#)
3. [Breckinridge, John C. \(John Cabell\), 1821-1875](#) - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_C._Breckinridge - After Southern Democrats

walked out of the 1860 Democratic National Convention, the party's northern and southern factions held rival conventions in Baltimore that nominated Douglas and Breckinridge, respectively, for president.

4. John Bell (February 18, 1796 – September 10, 1869)-
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Bell_\(Tennessee_politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Bell_(Tennessee_politician)) - In 1860, he ran for president as the candidate for the Constitutional Union Party, a third party which took a neutral stance on the issue of slavery.