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Dear Cousin,

Father has received your letter of Nov. 10, but is a somewhat unable to reply. He is quite weak with the jaundice, having been under the doctor's care for a week; this, added to his long standing cold, has reduced him very much. He has no appetite, but little strength and gets very little sleep. We have written to Aunt Maria & Jane

to come up & see him.

I am glad if your
western experience has
made you the more
a New Englander. Though
your part of N.E. is
rather cold - cold as
it is, however, I should
like to see those woods
and lakes, & rivers in
mid. winter, sometime.

I find that the most
profitable way to
travel is, quite down
your questions before
you start, & be sure
that you get them
all answered, for when
the opportunity offers

You cannot always
get what you want
& know, and if you
can will then regret
to learn it

Edward Hoar is in
concord still. I hear
that the moose horns
which you give him
make the principal
or the best part of an
elaborate hat too

Sophia sends much
love to Cousin Rebecca
& expects an answer
to her letter.

Yours
Henry D. Thoreau

A. D. Thorpe

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