

If we could establish **the** rule that each man was a guest in his own house, and when we had shown our visitors **the** passages **of the** house, **the** way to fire, to bread, and water, and thus made them as much at home as **the** inhabitant, did then leave them to **the** accidents **of** intercourse, and went about our ordinary business, a guest would no longer be formidable.

*May 10*

Brook Farm will show a few noble victims, who act and suffer with temper and proportion, but **the** larger part will be slight adventurers and will shirk work.

*May 18*

My garden is an honest place. Every tree and every vine are incapable **of** concealment, and tell after two or three months exactly what sort **of** treatment they have had. **The** sower may mistake and sow his peas crookedly: **the** peas make no mistake, but come up and show his line.

