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Dear Husband,

Your note from the
'Wilderness' only arrived this afternoon
and came along with yours of the 18th.

I am delighted to hear of the com-
fortable quarters into which you have
been placed. Filding and Lizzie both
say that the Douglass Hospital is the
finest in Washington, and Fild said
he would rather be in it than the best
Hotel in the country.

At first I felt as if I would rather have
you in Philadelphia, but am now afraid
to have you move too soon. Robert seemed
to think you had better go to Luther rather
than travel too soon. Think of it all
and don't hazard anything.

Mary has just been in with a bundle

Don't travel too soon, but come to us as
soon as it is safe. I am
afraid to see you
crowded when
so comfortable
as I would wish.
What home is the
best place after
all. Much love
to you from all.
Goodbye dear.

that she has been making for the boys.
The rings are scullt-fostered to a waist-
band of blue on which white stars are
worked, six little bells are fastened
to the lower edge, and it is buttoned
around the waist with a military button.

I have been writing to Mary Vanderbilt
who showed so much interest in you as
to threaten me with thinking of marriage
when she should hear of my being in
very delicate health. - I thought she
would wish to hear of your condition.

P. Capt. Anderson wounded; I saw
that King and Dunn were. What have
you learned in regard to Capt. Lowe? Mart
Brady seemed to think that he was badly
hurt. - I am sitting in our parlor with
Baby asleep in her wagon, Sella having put
her to sleep while Mary and I were walking.

I am tired and shall put my letter
away till tomorrow. Good night dear One.

Sunday Evening - Leru took me out to
his house this morning with Sella and
the Baby; which was a pleasant change from
the hot town air. For Pierce, Sam Davis
and his sister Julia drove out in the
evening; as did Albert Gardner and Mary Jones.

I have never told you that a decent
cousin made his appearance here just after
your campaign began. He is an old
man our cousin to Father and bears the
same name greatly to Sella's indignation!
He was here once before and we were inclined
to like him, not knowing till some time
after he was gone how meanly he had acted
at Uncle's. He had means but was always
"sponging" as they told us, went off leaving
his washing bill for them to pay. - Well,
as I said he made his appearance a short-
time since, and we thinking he was a ruin
man are glad that he had escaped from
Virginia, although we did not know how he was
to be kept, so neither Uncle or Father was able to

to bear any additional burden. He is a Dunkard
and said he was going out to the meeting
at Hagerstown Indiana; whither he has gone
as ragged and dirty as he came.

The old scamp began sporting treason as
soon as he came aboard, both at Uncle's
and in the neighborhood and raised a great
deal of bad feeling. They want to get rid of
him, but don't like to say so to him and are
hoping that Lather will send him off if
he does return. I am afraid they will
all be too much mortified about it and
let him worry them all summer.

The Presbyterian Assembly is in full blast
I have not yet been able to attend any of
its meetings. — Our latest news of Howard
was to the 11th; but they had done but little
fighting then. Oh when will we all meet
daily around our own firesides? And when
will the present campaign be likely to end.

It is late and nothing more to tell you
either. — Keep as advised as to your health.
No other danger of a loose joint in consequence