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Newton University Hospital Baltimore Md Dec 5th 1863

John Harvills 7th Book of Notes while in the service of the United States to put down rebellion that threatens to destroy our Glorious Union and to build up anarky despotism tyranny and ruin in our midst may God frustrate their helish and unrighteous designs

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Feb 17\textsuperscript{th} lent to Parkers $10
April 15, 1864 lent to Parkhurst $12.00
April the 20 Franklin $6
April 20 Weller $2.50
April 21\textsuperscript{st} George Smith $5
April 26 lent to [Luce] $1.50
April 30\textsuperscript{th} Parkhurst $2
[April 30\textsuperscript{th} Wheeler] $1
[April 20\textsuperscript{th} Wheatly] $2
May 3\textsuperscript{rd} to G [Hmith] $.75
May 4\textsuperscript{th} G Franklin $2
May 4 Ormon $1
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Letter Received
Dec 8 Mother, 9\textsuperscript{th} ans
Dec 16\textsuperscript{th} Sister C Vickerson 16 ans
Dec 20 sister Amanda 22 ans
Dec 25 [Intius] 21\textsuperscript{st} ans
Dec 21 to John Batil Jan 18 ans
Dec 24 Henry Mead 24 ans
Dec 24 Mother 24 ans
Dec 27 sister Mary 28 ans
Dec 30 Father 30 ans
Dec 30 Mother 31 ans
Jan 8 Sister Banker
Jan 15 Henry Mead
Jan 16 John Batil 16 ans
Jan 23 Mattie 23 ans
Jan 25 to Mattie
Jan 27 gather 27 ans
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Jan 30 John Batil 31 ans
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Feb 21st Sister Banker 21 ans
Feb 24 to Mattie
Feb 24 Sister Lois 25 ans
Feb 24 Father 26 ans

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March 4 Mothr 5 ans
March 6 Sister Banker 8 ans
March 7 Sister Mary
March 10 Mattie [Trine] 10 ans
March 15 Father 16 ans
March 16th to George ans 22
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May 12 Sister Banker 14 ans
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May 18th to Mattie

important facts
Dec 4 received of Gov $68.35
Dec 21 sent $50 to John Batil Wis
Dec 22 No of my pistol - 12770
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1 Introduction

Dec 6 1863 clear and pleasant dear reader as I open this my 7th book of notes my heart swells with pride and love and praise to my Heavenly Father for his mercy and love to me even through all my live and this 6th day of Dec which is the Sabbath finds me on mercies side of the grave with a goodly degree of health
and a reasonable amount of the comforts of life, oh God though art infinitely wise thy ways are ways of peace and happiness, we praise the as our Creator and Heavenly Father, my dear reader I hope to have something in this work that will interest you I shall adhere strictly to the truth giving a strict account of what I think would interest you

Dec 7th quite cool yet pleasant on the 4 of Dec I was paid off 2 months pay also my clothing money $68.35 so you see I did not draw my allowance of clothing hence forth I will be paid by my officers of the invalid Corps this time I think I will wait for another pay day and then send it all home, in my other book I spoke of a very poor family Mrs Qualls and 7 children they

were refugees from Rich or rather from the white house they lost all their property and arrived in Baltimore peniles, I found them out and rendered them all the assistance in my power, I gave them money out of my own pocket and prevailed on others to give oh I took them everything I could to render them comfortable, well you see the Mother had a very fine looking daughter

and of course that made my visits rather longer in the evening, how could I help it she was sick and needed someone to bathe her brow, often I sat by her bed and held her hand in mine and the consequence was I came near losing my heart, days past and they went to another part of the City, but I soon learned their whereabouts and made them a visit, and I find much pleasure in

their Co, I suppose there is no harm in keeping up the daughter. Just as little as I have been such a good friend to them. Mrs Qualls died of consumption only a few days before our army advanced toward Rich at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg in time of peace they had plenty but raised in Virginia fashion of course new but little how to make

a living, oh here the evils of slavery presents its self thank God the institution is or will be destroyed, oh that people of the south could see this matter in its true light, now this family could get a long if they only knew how to work, poor creatures they thought it such a disgrace to soil their white hands to make a living but enough of this for the present

Dec 9th ½ past 7 o'clock PM finds me in the National Union reading rooms my favorite place of resort here I can spend my evenings in a pleasant and instructive manner it is a very nice Hall up stairs in a large building on Baltimore street as you enter you register your name in a large book kept for the purpose

you will find nicely arranged on each side papers from every state in the Union and all parts of the world and Books of all descriptions flags and pictures adorn the walls, Box to deposit letters tables and writing materials, here the rich and the poor soldier and civilian mingle to gather, every one has free access accept those who are not Loyal
in fact it is a grand institution even those who wish to amuse themselves in simple games can do so with Chess Checkers and so forth, no loud talking is aloud the rooms are open till 10 PM last Monday one of our patients died in the Hospital of the 24 Mich. of my
Brig he was wounded at Gettisburg poor fellow was not

prepared to die like too many others turned a deaf ear to every kind admonition until it was too late too late, if time would permit I would give a short history of Miss Rice Pres of the Ladies relief association of Newton Uni Hospital, she is a keen little Yankee woman and an old maid, proud and ambitious [suits] for the place, as I am

acting as Ladies orderly I watch the timer, she like many others holds a high head on a very small income, But at last driven to the last ditch she makes me her confident, her Father all that is left with her is arrested on the charge of selling lottery tickets for the want of bail, is lodged in jail she manages to carry

him something to eat, I Vol to take it to him, all is kept secret after a while he is released, poverty now stares them in the face Father is too old to work poor woman I always did [pithy] the poor says she but I never expected to come to this, for months their condition has been thus yet by close work twisting this way and that they have concealed

the fact and managed to keep up appearances she discharged her official duties to the entire satisfaction of the association and at the close of the year was reelected, Miss Rice is at heart a Noble woman and has been faithful in the discharge of her duties to the sick and wounded in the Hospital and in view of this I have renderd her all

the assistance in my power I drew up an article and got the inmates of the Hosp. to subscribe to the amount of $15 to make her a present as a token of reward, the set of ear rings and breast pin was truly hansome I presented the present at the request of the subscribers, to day she is in Wash seeking something by which to gain a livelihood

at present I will close this subject but will continue it at some future time 9 PM as it is neer Bed time I will bid you good night and return to my quarters

Thursday clear and pleasant while I write Annie the cook is washing the dishes and Miss Mary Denison and her Pet the Steward Mer Russell are sparking in the other room, as they now set exchanging burning

words and vows of love to each other let me discribe them and woe unto me if they ever get to see this book the Lady is rather tall large and Hansome and about 20 years of age, eyes bewitchingly dark and dreamy, dark luxuriant hair fair skin with rosey cheeks one of the fairest of Southern Beauties, a little inclined to coquetry, but with all her flirting

she posseses a kind and loving heart, and enjoys a very wide circle of friends Mr Russill is Hospital Steward although poor and of an ordinary family has great personal
attractions and is remarkable Hansom a little above the medium size well built light completion blue eyes dark soft silky mustash with read cheeks, and in fact is a rare specimen

of manly Beauty, and oh if I could say the same of his heart, however I may not be a competint Judge, his appearance is haughty and cold rather to usurpe more authority than properly envested with, I have long since been confident between them and of course know much of their courtship, of course I enjoy the sport, I have frequently been the bearer of notes between them, I have enterd her richly furnished Parlor and conversed with her when I could I would drop a word of warning or caution to the young Lady, but Love knows no reason and as they make their bed so shall they lay no doubt whether her parents are willing as not I will now delay this subject, to say more anon

Dec 12th rather damp as it is Saturday much is to be done, Annie is sick and now I must do her work as well as mine, and oh what a time smash splash dear me, did you ever see 4 or 5 Ladies who have no knowledge of house work try to cook dinner for 60 or 70 men well I smoothe it all {?} when I think it is all over our Country, I will [stand] {?} to the rack

Sunday 13 rain so much to da no getting to church today I am sorry it must be so, but as long as I am a soldier it will be one great difficulty, when the church Bell Breaks the mornings stillness I long to hasten and take my accustom place in the house of God However providence wills it otherwise sometimes

Dec 16 weather pleasant I am told that orders have come from the 2end Bat of the invalid Corps to go so I bought me a carpet bag and packed up, I am loth to leave the Ladies but if I must I must and I must make the best of it I have so little to note I will to fill up write a few lines of poetry however I cannot recommend it very highly

an Acrostic
Join me pretty Lass
in a romping glee
On the green grass plot
by the old oak tree
How balmy the breeze
how sweet the flowers
No where like this can
we wile away dull hours
How long will we tarry
oh come let us go
All red with roses your
cheeks they will glow
Real fun for you oh
light hearted girl
Very to see the wild birds
and the squirrel
I long to commune
with nature so gay
Lady come oh come let
us quickly away
Laughing and singing
this bright summers day

Acrostic
My heart is light to day
I know not what to say
So bright the day appears
So soon yet soon it disappears
Black clouds do then arise
Eagerly watch the gloomy skies
Low dark clouds are hovering round
Loud peels of thunder shakes the ground
I hear the rain in torrents fall
No one then doubts the Lord of all
Dear friend acknowledge Jesus now,
And to his love oh meekly {hove}
you witness forked lightnings flash
Oh how it shakes the window sash

Under the storm the trees must bend
Rasked and torn oh good defend
For who can say to the winds be still
Really infinite thy sovereign will
I love the Lord ill praise his name
Even earth will pass yet hes the same
Now lady I write these lines for you
but forget the writer what ever you do

17 – wet and rainy I hear no more of our going, I have a very sore hand my thumb is
    gathering perhaps a felon any way I have a bread and milk poultice on it

28 Friday Dec 18 cool at 3 PM orders came for the 2 Battalion to leave I was cleaning
windows I dropped every thing and in the hurry could not find my knapsack, 4 PM we bid
adieu to old Newton for [Farris Hosp] in an other part of the city, arrived it dark got our
supplies,

19 – cold morning but we come on guard rather tuff, 3 tell you it was rough on me to
come down on
such fare after living for 10 months on the fat of the Land at Night I thought I would freeze any way but I lived through it

Sunday 20 – still cold I went back to newton the ladies was sorry to loose me I got my dinner and returned.

Monday 21st – a little warmer, again I went down to old Newton got my dinner found my knapsack all right

wrote a one letter to J. B [Nickerson] and one to John Batir respecting my Rail Road Mortgage went to the Express and sent $50 home to John Batie then got on the street car Jarvis [Haopin] so I am now in my new quarters and I think I did well enough for this day well I may go out to see the girls to night so good by

Tuesday 22 – looks like snow 9 AM we go on guard, we must hid our revolvers several have been stolen. I have mine and 2 others in my sachal mine is numberd 12770, Jarvis Hospi is situated at the west end of Baltimore on a beautiful sight - cold and bleak in winter but pleasant and healthy in summer the Hospi contains some 500 patients, wards are built one story and very conveniently arranged

in the centre of the grounds stands the mantion once the property of the Rebel Gen Steward, now confiscated by Goverment, the management of the Hospital is much the same as in all others, the place is guarded by a Co of invalid Corps, the surgeon in charge. Doctor Peters is called a very nice man, the guard is under the control of Lieut Gross a very nice appearing man

Dec 25 of course it is Cristmas hurrah for the third Christmas in the army, the last perhaps I shall ever pass in the army to day will be rather dull as I am not well, I have a severe coled, I expeted to go on guard but not so, well 12 AM we enterd the Chapel and listened to a very excelent funeral sermond by Rev Dr Picket of the Episcopal Church of Bal, 1 P.M. the next place of attraction was

neer the enterance of the dineing Room. the 8th NY Band played some very enlivening airs. till the loud and welcome notes of the Bugle proclaimed all things ready for the feast the vast concourse of people enterd and took their seats their eyes feasting on the rich and tempting repast spread out before them, the blessing was marked by Rev Dr Pickard

now dishes begin to rattle when Dr. Picked, again adressed them, saying that he felt highly honored in being called on to officiate on the occasion, was sorry he was obliged to leave us, but seeing the impatient of the men to delve in to the good things said some thought short graces better than long ons before eating, but says he my Countryman ere I close let me
pore out my heart before you my heart is with you are defending one and my home, I had two sons but they left me all alone in defence of our glorious cause, I am an old man and I stand alone with these few remarks he retired amid great applause he was a very venerable looking man clad in a white flowing gown and long white locks neer 15 minutes dishes rattled dish after dish

of good things was passed round by fair damsels both young and old till all were satisfied the [s?ne] closed with 3 cheers for the Ladies 3 for the boys in the field and 3 for the Pres of the asssiation, thus ended a short yet severre contest between knives and forks and roast Turkey, Turkey of course was badly whipped on this [/?eation] the ladies of Baltimore are deserving of the highest praise

Dec 26th cool clear pleasant to day I go on guard, our names Co's and Regts and the No of Gattles we have been engaged in was taken and sent in in order to give a stripe on the arm for every Batle each Soldir was in.

Dec 27, rainy, I came of guard just in time to escape, we had all the fun we wanted however I dont wish pleasure of such a nature, I mean laughing at the talk and staggering of drunken men such as there were passing at all hours of the night while on post even a female nurse calling her self Mother came in a little how come you s, oh how demoralizing war is yes yes its evil influences extend to both sexes of the Human race, oh may the war soon end and permit us all to return to our homes to enjoy once more the pleasures of civil life

Dec 28 rainy to day - I drew a pair of shoes I have but little to note to day the boys are lounging about the quarters, time is killed generly by playing cards

Dec 30th beautiful - I went to Newton University and had a good dinner and had a good visit with the folks, I went to my wash woman for my close paid her 25 cts

also I was at a [?] Express to see about a Box I had sent home, they promised to write on and find out where it is this done I took the street cars for my head quarters

Dec 31st rainy – we of the [?]alid corps was all musterd for pay, Dec 31st oh how cold, I dit not leave the fire all day till night I took the street car and went to the watch meeting at [Hanigh] street Church

the first one I was ever at, the night was story but few were [out] I was called on to speak and to pray, 20 minuts after 12 AM we were dismissed, 2 AM found me crawling in my bunk,

Jan 1st 1864 New Years day, oh too bad my turn to go on guard, but I was visited by some friends to make them a visit and for the first time in my soldier life I
hired a man to stand in my place, for 50 cts, 2 PM I fixed up and started oh how cold, 3 PM, was on hand my friend not being ready the time past chatting reading walking about the streets but this was cold work, 6 PM returned took supper, with my good friends Mr and Mr House, 7 PM we went out to make a call on one of Mrs Houses particular friends, we did not intend

to stay long but company came in, several young Ladies and Gents, after a formal introduction, the fun began at first I was rather still but find this out of place I thru off all rstraint and rushed into the ring the very moove they were wishing for, then commenced one of the best times with the girls, I have ever had since I was a soldier oh such girls for fun

we participated in game and plays, of course hugging and kissing was the principle of [each] play. 10 PM we was invited to the dining room, to partake of a lunch, and rich was this fair, Egg nog wines cake pie almonds candies and nuts of of all kinds walk up says our noble hoste and help your self Jokes went round, philipenos were eaten and all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely

on our return to the parlor new playes commenced and was kept up till 1 AM when we took our leave amid sighs and regrets that the time had arrived for us to separate of course I accepted the very pressing invitations of mine hoste and two lovely Creatures shareing his Hospitality to repeat my visit, why should I refuse, me a soldier, enjoying so little of female society, I must confess that one of the girls made quite an impression and after stepping out into the cold air I claped my hand on my heart to see whether or no I had lost it, 2 AM found me crawling into my bunk in Justice to the girls here I would say that when you are in CO with those who are Loyal, they vie with each other, in making them selves entertaining

Mrs House had long since gone home leaving me with my newly formed acquaintances, thus past perhaps the Happiest New years day I had seen for years one thing more on that New Yeards day I will mention, I was made the recipient of a Beautiful little Testament by my very highly esteemed friend Miss Annie House whome I have been acquainted with some time

and appears more to me like a kind and an affectionate Sister than as more friend and her Aunt Mary shall I ever forget her kindness she who dressed and made a stall for my poor sore thumb, oh how such kindness makes my heart swell with gratitude, and how often I compare them with dear ons at home,

Jan 2 still cold, to day we busy our selves in mooving our
or changing our quarters we are now quartered in a a tent near 100 feet in length heat by pipes underneath we have good beds with sheets and pillow caces

Sunday Jan 3 cool and pleasant 11 AM, inspection all is now quiet now at 1 PM Jan 4 warmer the clouds are gathering it looks like snow, last night I was quite sick, 8 AM I am for guard, but to avoid this

I went and got a written excuse from the Dr. 9 AM how it snows. my Lungs are very sore, also my thumb which has been sore about 8 weeks this is the first snow storm we have had this winter if it comes deep enough for sleighing what a time, folks would have, the use of a sleigh 5 dollars an hour Jan 6th last night I was on guard, and at 7 PM we

signed the pay roll the next thing will be the green backs and then we will have high times, the moast of the boys spend their money with a rush but pay day makes but little difference with me, for I am never without money, I am unwell to day guard duty these cold nights uses me up, the fact of it is, nights when not on duty I am

off till a very late hour yes out in different parts where I am acquainted in the Citty in this way I loose a good share of my nights rest well the society I mingle in affords me much pleasure but I must try to keep more quiet any way untill I have better health, Jan 7 in the evening I spruced up, and in CO with Kelly a Wis man, I called on Mr Olds who once belonged to the Wis 4th

but was discharged and is now married and is now working at his trade Blacksmithing, he is a fine looking fellow, and we when we called we expected to see his wife the very picture of loveliness, let it suffice for the present we were sadly disapointed we visited his shop and other places has a good time returned 5 PM after super, I showed off to see Mrs Quales family and spent the evening while I was there the Daughter

who had been away on a visit returned in Co with her beau I have spoken of this family before when I found them they were sadly in want, but by the United efforts of myself and others they can now procure the necessaries of life, the Daughter is rather wild, once she went off not telling where and staid so long, her poor Mother grew very anerius and advertised for her this brought the simple girl

to a proper sence of her true situations and ungratefulness to her Mother, she returned after staying away several weeks as to the family who she was with I cannot say as to their cararacter, they may be all right or they may not, I have associated with this Lady some mearly to pass time but in future I think my visits will be less frequent I hoped by my Co and advice
I might benefit her, and lead her mind in a proper channel knowing full well the evil influences in a large City I have met her perhaps for the last time, and may God guide and direct her giddy steps at this critical period of her life, Jan 8th was paid $26. the day is cold I am on guard, now the boys are paid we will have as usual high times until the money is spent.

Jan 9th very cold with more snow, I am off guard, Jan 10 Sunday clear and pleasant to day I let Hutchinson have $5 dollars, for $10 next day we are paid, this is rather goo interest, and why the fellow does it is more than I can say, I doubted his honesty some, so I would not take his due bill for the money without the Lieut as witness.

Jan 11th clear and pleasant I am on guard, nothing of interest transpired accept a spree we had with the rats under a pile of boards with the help of the dogs, we laid neer of a dozen of them out, Jan 13th weather pleasant yesterday I was at old Newton got well fed. with good things in the Ladies rooms I bought me some stand up collars and other articles.

to day the 13 we had a general examination in this Jarvis Hospital, eather for discharges or invalid Corps some of the men that were paid off are drunk all the time such foolish men as these I will be glad when their money is spent, not only for their own benefit, but for our own, for my part when I see men using money to their own injury. I feel relieved when it is all gone, I am happy to find my good advice has been received, one, Franklin who has been as reckless as any of them, he now tells me he will hence forth endeavor to lead a better life, and may God aid him in the good resolve this morning I placed a Testament in his hand, telling, him to read the word of God in order to gain strength.

Jan 13 3 P.M. I fixed up in my best and not asking for a pass I past down in the City and called on Miss Annie Daily according to a greement to hear her sing and play on the Piano, she favored me by playing some of the most popular airs of the day, I was delighted, as she is a thorough Loyal Lady which is mor than I can say of very many of this City.

Miss Daily is a member of the Ladies Soldiers relief association, and has endeared her self among the sick and suffering by many an act of kindness and now while her fair jeweled fingers skip over the keys, her cheeks rosey in the bloom of health, her bosom heaving with emotion as she bares out her soul singing that Beautiful and Patriotic song the Starspangled Banner.

let me describe her person rather above the medium size, hansom figure, hair dark as the raven with dark expressive eyes unrivaled by the Gazell of the forest with complection
fair as a lily rather of a restless or active disposition kind and affectionate rather
impulsive, easily aroused to anger, to offer her an insult would be to witness her

Southern blood boil, and her whole soul fired up with honest indignation, at the offender
who would certainly wilt under the withering glance of her flashing eyes but with all she
is a noble creature, and is a rare specimen of Southern Beauty may her path be strewn
with roses and may all who offend her get bloody noses she the soldiers friend and loves
the old flag and scorns to acknowledge the secession rag for the present good by

Jan 14 warm and pleasant to day I am on guard, I was speaking to the Lieut he thinks I
can have a furloug in about 10 days, 7 PM, I am writing in the guard House, the first and
second reliefs are resting, the guard House is a frame, warmed by a coal stove, Bunks are
arranged upstairs if we wish to take a nap below are 3 sells arranged, for the
accomodation of prisoners to day we have but one at present the prison birds are
compelled to clean up old rusty muskets,

Jan 15th 1864 – wet and rainy to day the patients in the Hospi begin the pay rolls, accept
this nothing disturbst the dull Monotony of Hospi Life,

Jan 18th rainy I came off guard this morning just in time to save my hide and lucky for
me it often so happens

yes being the Sabbath, for the first sabbath I was on guard we had orders not to take off
our equipments, I did not allow that to detain me But at the proper hour for devine service
I enterd the Chapel and took my seat with the rest, Saturday I was simple enough to buy
me a flagellet for $1, very cheap that for a new one, the usual price is from $2.50 to $3.

Jan 19th Tuesday morn Clouds are dispelled and the Bright Sun shine once more gladens
the face of Nature, Hospi patients will be paid to day then a large squad will be sent to
their Regts 20th weather good again, but plenty of mud, I am on guard to day 11 AM I
came off post I went to the Lieut for a pass in order to see about a box and $50 I had sent
home time ago, I was soon at the office and made all the
inquiry necessary, then I was next seen in the Barbers shop 12 o clock I went to old
Newton got my dinner was fed up good, got a dish of the Ladies rolebolee had a good
visit and as my pass was neer out, I took the street car and arrived just in time to take my
post on guard at 3 PM shortly after being on post I was agreeable surprised by a visit
from Mrs House in Co with a Ladie whom

I was slightly acquainted being one of a social party at her house of which you heard me
speak some time ago, this party was New years, and as I had not been there since, which
is quite like me, they concluded to come and seem e feering I might be sick, how kind in
them, and I really felt guilty of negligence as I held out to shake hands with them, however, I stamerd

forth an apology of not being well guard duty and so forth promising to call on them soon thus satisfied they bid me good by and turned their steps Homeward, in Justice to these Ladies I would say they are thorough Loyal, and are very partial to the dear old flag never for a moment doubting the Justness of our Cause, may God reward them for the kindness I and other soldiers

have received at their hands, I nailed one man on my post without a pass, I gave him the choice either to leave my beat or be arrested mistaking his man he tried to bribe me with a bottle of Whiskey, this was enough I collared the Chap and called Corp of the guard, all quiet then till relieved this morn 5 AM weather eval to day 5 o Convalescents were sent to Patersonspark

Jan 22 warm and pleasant not much to do to day I spent the forenoon reading my bible writing and practicing on the Flugilett, , 12 dinner, I am to have a pass at 5 PM, so I put on my best went up to get my pass, but the Lieut said I must wait till 6 PM can you wait oh yes I can at 6 I got my pass, jumped on the car, went to see, the two Ladies who came the other day to see me

7 PM I called at Mr Houses I found all well and happy to see me, I sat and chatted till neer 9 o clock found Miss Annie lively and pretty as ever I gave her Poetry written as an Accrostic on her name and my own which pleased her very much I then bid them good by and called on Mr Saillors folks as I passed to the parlor, the cry was oh Mr Harvill how do you do the girls Miss George Annie Miss

Vira anna queer name but the bearer of the name I think is a noble hearted girl and quite good looking and I can say the same of the other they are both full of fun and are good company the hours past like moments 12 o clock I arose to go I bid the girls good by at the front door of course a firm squeeze of the hand and a smack of the lips would have revealed more to a [cacealed] witness of how and on what terms we seperated than I could in writing 7 pages in explanation oh Johny [thon] hast been a lucky soldier on my return to the street cars I heard an up roar, oh now I see a fight a street fight among soldiers and Citizens Liquor the cause, after the cars started one man fell from the car across the track but was seen

in time to get him out of the way of the cars, happy am I that I escaped there temptations, 1 AM I found my self in my bunk all right thus ends this eventfull day the 22 of Jan
Jan 23rd warm and pleasant, nothing doing til 6 PM I concluded to go to prayer meeting over at the Barracks of the Coneticut Cavelry I invited Mr Wheatly one who had once enjoyed a religious life but like so many others entering the army had gotten cold and indifferent and in the course of the exercizes we rejoiced to see him awake and shake off the Lethargy that had so long held him spell bound and inactive in the service of the best of masters, he is a member of the Methodist Church which matters not so his heart is right in the sight of God

Jan 24 pleasant to day I am on guard I am sorry as it is the Sabbath however I am willing to do my duty as a Soldier, 25 very pleasant, I am delighted with such writer weather all goes on smoothly I walked down town orderd me a new pair of Boots made price $6 rather steep but Coa Shoes have played out, too much cheat in them, as I past a long Bal St the principle Street of the Citty

looking at the many nice things in the show caces and listing to the Chirping of the Canary Birds made cheerful in the bright sun shine and now and then pausing to gaze with rapture on some Southern Beauty as she flits by gandily attired, all else is forgotten I see nothing but the sylph like form the elastic step diamonds sparkling in the sun shine I am rivited to the spot

my gaze is fixed, thoughts flit swiftly through my brain of Nymphs of the sea a Naied queen at this moment she turns the corner and is lost from view the spell is broken I look a round to find a little Shaver tuging at my coat tail asking me to give him a penny or a soldiers button at one time I was pleased to see a little girl knee high to a duck retreat to the door at my approach, I see she wished to speak, I approached her with an incouraging smile, I said what is it little one, and in the innocense of Childhood she said Solgee is you Junk as much as to say I am only afraid of drunken soldiers, no my little child I am not drunk, I would not hurt you for the world, what a lessen what a reproof to those who indulge too freely in the intoxicating [boral], Solgee is you Junk

Jan 26 warm and pleasant

Jan 27th clear warm and pleasant to day I am on guard, my health is as good as it has been for some time a funeral train past at 4 PM of 23 Carringes said to be the funeral of a free mason a learge Co marched having on their badges also a Brass Brass band a very solemn scene was thus presented

6 PM we went in to the Chapel where we enjoyed a happy season in prayr and suplication, 9 o clock I go on guard, 28 oh how warm too much so to be comfortable to
day we exercised our selves by playing ball and so forth in the evening at 6 PM a squad of us went to class meeting held at a private House of course it being Methodist was very interesting

86 oh oh how I love to meet with the people of God, many an prayr and exortation was made and all wept for joy not an eye was dry among those present

Jan 29th 1864 Hurrah for 25th birth day now I ought to have a licking and no doubt would if I was at home but in the army one all moast forgets how old he is, I hope ere an other birth day comes

87 I will be at home this is very warm and pleasant I think we are having Indian Summer I get on a little learning to play the Flgelett I can murder one or two tunes, however I will do my best to learn,

Saturday 30 on guard to day I got my new boots all goes well, Sun damp. 11 AM inspection. 3 PM I was at meeting in the Hospi 5 PM I got a pass from the Lieut to go to evening meeting

88 in the Citty 6 PM found me at Mr Saillors found them all well and eating supper but Miss George had the tooth ache poor Girl I was sorry as I had come to go to meeting with them, if they refused I intended to go to go to my own Church, but the girls had no objections but flew round and got ready we went to a Methodist Church where they generly

89 go the learge Church was crowded and the sermon preached by a stranger was good, meeting over we retraced our steps homeward the young Ladies leaning on eather arm, my new boots hurt my feet, but wonderful to say at that time I was comfortable not once thinking of boots so amiable and interesting were the fair creaturs, that led me a willing prisoner between them, at the door they urged me to stay awhile, so I enterd and joined the family in the parlar the time was past in pleasant chat 10 PM I bid them good Night accepting a pressing invitation to repeat the visit as is the costom the Girls accompanied me to the door, here I lingerd a few moments in small talk when I kissed them good by, on my way back to my quarters the wind dashing the rain in my face, oh then how my boots hurt my feet, but enough of this lest I weary my hearers

Feb 1st 1864 rainy yes we are having a very wet spell of weather, we talk of drawing our own rations, but to do this we must give up all comforts furnished from the Hospi, the difficulty is we don’t get grub enough
Feb 2 morning foggy I go on guard at role call the Lieut left it the vote of the Co whether they should draw their rations or not Carried 13 for and 6 against if we draw our own grub all the comforts from the Hospi will be taken from us 11 AM the day looks brighter Wed 3rd oh how it snows and blows this morning of guard lucky again to get out

the storm they set us a better table now owing to so much somplaint, I think we will get along from this on, Feb 5th Fryday pleasant to day I am on guard, we are now in the guard house waiting for breakfast. and it is after 9 oclock oh what a hungery lank set of fellows we are the bread has not come thats whats the matter once and awhile it so happens

last night we went to class meeting, Samuel got up and said a few words, he tells me he enjoyed religion once he is very weak minded and easily led estray. I hope now that he has again taken up his Cross, the Lord will help him to be faithful.

Fry 5th pleasant, I am off three days 10 AM I took 2 of the Conn Cavalry to their camp 5 PM fixed up and in Co with a

Comrad and went down to see Miss George Annie and Miss Eria Annie oh and didnt we have a time well we did , the girls too us over to see Aunt Somebody had a good visit returnd 10 PM now my girl must go home with her basket on one arme and Annie on the other we arrived at the door found it locked and the folks abed so we came back 12 oclock we took our leave, I will not say more of this visit, if we did not enjoy ourselves then it was our own fault, 1 o A we arrived in Camp and turned in for the night

Sat 6 I am on guard all quiet nothing now

Sun 6 pleasant 3 PM meeting in Hos 6 PM went over to Conn Cavalry to prayr meeting the one farmed boy went with us he had just been home on a furlough, after pending a short time with the dear ones at home, he bid them good by his dear Sister gave him a beautiful little Bible, no doubt beging him with streaming eyes, to read it every day, and if possible to avoid wicked companions he resolves to do better, and happy was I when he on his return and for the first time went with us to the House of prayr, the change in this young man shows how

truly the Soldier needs the purifiing influences of home

Mon 8 pleasant all quiet accept a knock down at the breakfast Table, Monday rather cool all quiet until 5 PM when took an notion, to go see the Girls, asked Hon to go with me but a lack of green backs kept him back so in Co with an other I went down to Mr Saillors folds found them at supper told them I had come to take the girls to the
Panorama exhibition of the war and we had no time to lose, so I left my comrad and Miss George to get ready, while I ran to get Miss Annie once ready we went to the Institute I got our tickets laughing and joking we passed in and took our seats 8 o'clock the Curtain raised and I livred through 85 Seens of Battle from Sumter to Chicamanga at the sound of cannon our girls jumped, in order to assure them we slipped the arm around their waist and played the agreeable to the best of our ability 10 PM we returned and took our leave well pleased with the evenings sport Tues pleasant on guard 10 AM listened to a funeral sermon in the Hospi afterwards several Ladies came in the the Chapel, to have a sing and play on the Malodean, I sat out Dr Peters wife and talked quite free with her not knowing who she was well no harm done, she did not disdain to talk with me Wednesday 10 pleasant 9 AM I came off guard, George Smith got word his folks are sick applies for a furlough, now he the careless the wicked young man wears a sadend look has long since spent all his money, of course his comrads have none to let him have, who then in the hour of need can he look too why he goes to those who have been prudent and careful, he applied here and there till he reached me offering 6 dollars next payday for 5 now, I let him have it taking an order on our paymaster in this I run some risk, yet I do it to accommodate him these fast young men call me stingy hide bound old Maid and all sorts of names, because I will not spend my money foolishly, Fry 12th cool & pleasant to day I am on guard, all goes on as usual in the Hospi. Sat came off guard weather beautiful, Gov pays four our washing but because I buy flanel shirts I have to pay for the washing, no Justice in that yet it is even so 10 oclock the Lieut came over with Dr Miles to vaccinate all who should be. I and several others underwent the operation the third time I have been Waxeinated, Feb 14th very pleasant Sabbath day and it is Valentines day all the youngsters here sent valentines around and any not receiving one would feel very much slighted 9 AM the wind commenced blowing a furious gale till dark when it seased and the evening was beautiful, too nice to stay in so I went down to Mr Saillors to take the girls to Church I went alone as none of the boys wished to go, I found them all well, the girls was soon ready so we went to my Church after services we returned, Miss Georgia as full of fun as usual almoast made me forget it was sabbath evening

1 He skips number 101
we went home with Annie there we set Fryday evening to have a Social party leaving me to set the time moast convenient to my self  Annie is a noble Girl and the one they think I cast sheeps eyes at she is not talkative yet good Co, has blue eyes dark hair far skin rather above the medium size, and would not doubt steel my heart if it were

not for the girl I left behind me, Miss Georgia is very unlike Annie she is very wild even to rudeness, love to be huged and kissed perhaps as well as any girl you or I ever met with is good hearted and no doubt means well, is good looking well built fair corn blue eyes, and rather inclined to flirt with common since to look out for no one

Monday 15 pleasant I am on guard, nothing new to day so good by,

16 to day 9 am I am off guard, last Night snow fell to the depth of an inch 1 PM clear with strong wind, Kelley a Wis man in the Hospital, is sick, Dr thinks it’s a case of Small Pox, the general condition of the patients are good 1 or two deaths occur per week, I have applied for a furlough but I dont get it yet

Feb 17th oh how cold the wind blows almost at tornado in fact it is the coldest weather we have had this winter.  I dare not leave the fire accept to go to my meals to day I let Parkers of my Co have 10 dollars for 12 next pay day, this makes $20 have lent since last pay day, on that amount the interest will be $8, rather learge interest that

Feb 18th not so cold I am on guard to day on the night of the 16th I had a strange dream, I dreamed that I was home and in trouble my Father was dead, and I could see him quite plain my greatest trouble was I thought he died without a hope in Christ although this was a dream I often tremble lest such should be the case, my prayr is that he may yet embrace religion

Feb 19 cool yet pleasant now I am in for a spree, after a little fussing Luce Smith and I went down to Mr Saillors on the way I paid 10 cts for a fals face, & .10 for kisses the folks were at supper, here I left the boys went to see if Miss Annie would go, said she had no invitation, I bid them by by, Mr Sailor a very lively old gent went with us, we was ushered into the parlor, as yet few had arived, but presently plays commensed, My Girl was looking fresh as a rose to well pleased to meet me, we played our part, Huging the Girls till 11 PM when 4 Ladies and one get dressed in disguise droped in causing great fun and meriment my girl told me who they were but not to let on as I new, there were the very pearsons I had been to see if they was going

we all enjoyed our selves very much, refreshments plenty such as Lemonade Eggnogg cake Candies and nuts, 2 AM we seperated but not untill we give our Girls an extra hug taking advantage of a dimly lighted room, but why dwell here the young reader possessed
of a lively imagination can guess the rest. reached Camp 3 AM to dream of false faces philipeneas and so forth

115 Feb 21st very pleasant I am on guard, nothing unusual to day

Feb 22 Hurrah for Washingtons 132nd birthday at day light the Loud booming of Cannon broke the morning stillness and at the request of the Mayer of the City, Loyal Citizens [flung] to the breeze the stars and strips, this evening we have a concert in the Hospi and will have good time no doubt

116 1 PM the word came that the old 7th Wis on their return from their furlough was at the Wash depot I went down to see them glad once more to see the boys, most of them received me with Joy, accept Frank Bointon at the time acting orderly, his coldness hurt me, accusing me of leaving them and purposely absenting myself, this was not so, and was hurt to thing some one through

117 envy or malice informed them that I was able but would not return to the field, getting the Ladies here to sign a petition to keep me, this they said was told by Julius Nickerson I explained the matter to them leaving them to think as they liked, I never have been considerd able for the field by any Physician since I left it, I am free from all blame

118 I left them it being late and brought some of my Lady friends up to the Concert in the Hospi, the place was crowded, but the entertainment was poor and ended at 10 oclock giving but little satisfaction, I handed my Co in to the Car and returned and sought my couch with any thing but pleasant feelings with the events of the day

119 Feb 24th pleasant Kelly of the second Wis after a short illness died of the small Pox, Feb 25th pleas to day I am on guard, orders have come to send all who belong to the first Bat to Wash they go at 4 PM Feb 26th warm and pleasant the day wore away bringing nothing new, till 6 PM I concluded to visit the family of Mrs Quals once

120 more, armed with a pocket full of Apples to please the Children I enterd was met by the old lady, who came to the door she wrung my hand and almost hugging me, I am so glad to see you, oh I was wondering why you did not come to see us come in poor Belinda is sick again, yer on the lounge she lay bad off with the rhumatism, poor Girl how quickly my mind rushed back to the time

121 we first time we met, they all appeared to be so happy to see me my conscience almost smote me for not paying them a visit sooner, but the truth is I did not intend to go to see them any more thinking they were not of the best of people, yet I fear I judged them harshly, any way around them hangs a mystery as yet I have not been able to solve, the Daughter said she
had longed to see me but had kept it to her self, as usual I cheerd them all up peting the Daughter Joking and so on treating her very much like a sister she at the same time hinting of her intentions to wait for me, at a late hour I bid them good by and reached by quarters 11 pm,

Sun 28 I am on guard, so goes an other precious Sabbath frequently it so happens that I am on guard

Feb 29th cloudy and pleasant 10 AM was musterd for pay by a Capt of the Invalid Corps 6 PM we went to class meeting to day Mr Nice Paster of my Church made me a visit I was happy to see him, he spoke of several things of a private nature in particular of my keeping Co with Girls too wild for me to associate with, and the great danger of being led away by them, I told him all frankly

confessing that his advice was good and should not be set at nought, I think he left me well satisfied that I would be more choice in the Co I kept, I have spoken of these young Ladies and I was not long in satisfying myself that I could not with safety associate with them,

March 1st Hurrah for the first spring day and the snow is falling, alreadly it is several inches deep and still at 11 AM snowing

March 3 pleasant the snow still lays, to day the Convalescence sign the pay role, at 6 and Smith went to see George Annie and Eria Annie, they give me fits for staying away so long, they were making ready for a masquerade party and succeeded in getting a suit on me, but this was going too far I backed out and did not go. then went to the party while

sought the side of Annie who for some reason unknown to me remained at home, I and Annie enjoyed the evening quite well, 12 oclock I left for Camp however not without her Photograph which she slid in to my hand 1 oclock crept into my bunk

March 6 pleasant Sabbath I am on guard all day long those on with me uterd oaths and wicked and vulger expressions trying to see how disgraceful they could act. 11 PM another Corpse was borne to the dead house he was of the 5th NY Art Mon the 7th pleasant all quite till 12 oclock when some one in the Hospital appeard to loose his reason yelling and screaming like a mad man, in his ravings he was heard to say Lord be merciful to me a sinner he is a professor of religion anctiously I await his returning to reason, that the mistery be explained

March Teus 8th rainy moast of the day, at night cleard. so I and Luce went down Town, I to see my poor people or in plainer Language my blue eyed Belinda when I enterd, the daughter was much better and was out the old Laday and Mrs Wheeler were nursing
some of the little ones who were sick, Jim go call Sister, after while she came in looking
quite well poor girl I feel sorry for her, such a nice looking

girl in such poverty, when I am with them I love to make them happy, some feered they
did not deserve charity, in this I am not so certain, I gave them very little, but may many
acts of kindness I have won their affections but I hope they will not mistake my kindness,
and think I am after the Daughter however the Mother I think would rejoice at such a turn
of affairs But that will never take place

March 10 rainy, to day a [now] of the 2nd battalion was sent off some to an other part of
the Citty, and the res to Wash, oh the man I spoke of that lost his reason he went with
them, he is now in his right mind an says it was only the power of God,

March 13 very pleasant, since I lost was heard from, nothing strange has occurcd,
yesterday had quite a shower

last night I & Smith & Luce went down to Mr Sailors as every they wer glad to see us
and many Jokes to crack Robbins had cut Luce out of Annie. And George was edgin up
to me they said dont go to No 40 say Luce why, whats up, oh well, dont go and hinted
that a wedding was soon to take place, so we did not go, now my eyes was open, I was
not long in discovering an under currant, moast too much

backbiteing, George Annie, wants my Co the evening of the party going to have a dance,
yes then I wish to be excused, this was a stunner, George Annie as a last resort, wont you
give me your Photograph before the party, I could not promise, oh the art & evening of
those young girls while fishing for Husbands leaving Smith to have her Co. I took Luce
who by this timelooked rather crest fallen and left him in Little Annies Co

while I went to Church, my own Church, the sermon was given by a Stranger Rev Mr
Nice of the Methodist order the text was Love thy Neigh as they self, I shook hands with
Brothers and sisters, I received a kind invitations by the Pastors wife to call on them
some evening to take tea when I returned Georgie answerd to the door bell, and the way
our lips met in the Hall fully convinced

me that Smith, had not made much head way in my absence although I espied on entering
the her chair was in close proximity to his this I regreted, I hoped his Co would be
preferd to mine, at a late hour we took our leave, and for my part I was somewhat cast
down, at the turn affairs had taken and at the same time blaming myself for the part I had
taken although I meat not deception, I tried to make

them understand, that my intentions were nothing but to make my self sociabled &
agreeable, and now I see to avoid evil resulting from my visits I must discontinue them,
and be more guarded in future, and in prayer I shall ask God to forgive me where in I did
wrong in relation to this matter and god knows my heart it is my desire to do his holy will in all things

Sunday March 14 dry and windy nothing new to day till 5 PM I concluded to pay Miss Annie Absolum a visit to return 7 PM to go to meeting but a lass for Human resolves, my watch deceived me it said 6 when it should have said 7 oclock, I reached the House neer 6 and surpirsed them found them in their working garb, I apoigised as I expected to be absent on a furlough, some time oh you are welcome, of course

I had some candy for the little ones and a kind wor for Grand Mother, so you see I was very welcome, I told them I would be a way some time, so I soon learned wat was in the wind the mystery explained, I was prepard for the shock speak says I tell me all addressing Mrs. House, well would you believe Annie is now a wife, of course it would not surprise me well she is of a truth

Annie blushed hung her head at my request handed me her Certificate, as I had sought her Co of late they expected a scene but I only laughed wishing her much Joy, she told me all, buisy bodies, told her I had a girl at home, and I tought so, I saw my husband but three times, I was greived to learn by her Confession, that for my Love she would have forsaken him but this I was cautious to prvent by keeping away, purposly allowing him to win her heart & hand he was here on a furlough from Alexandria Va, all this and much more she said, although she is now his Bride, I believe her heart is mine, but as God is my Judge I did not desire such to be the case, I told her I looked up on her only as a dear Sister, I liked the girl, but wished not to gain her love

it would have been better, to never have met, I staid with them till a late hour I gave her advise to be true to her absent Husband promising that in me she would ever have a true friend, that might ere I sought my couch I knelt in prayr asking Gods blessing to rest upon the new Married Couple, may God guide and direct them in all things

her Husband may prove one of the best, but poor Girl her acquaintance was too short she knows but little of what his true character might be and of a soldier especially, but it is a deplorable fact, thousands of innocent Girls have wrecked their happiness in this way taking up with unprincipled soldiers, who deceive only to accomplish their own ends

Annie while I stayed clung to me as ever, and appeared to to be almoast unconcious, she was a wife, so strong is her affection for me, I shall not visit her often, and even then for the purpose of drawing Husband and wife neerer together,

March Thurs 18 pleasant has been cool but now it is moderating. Luce poor boy in his anxiety to see the girls got in to difficulty he asked the Lieut for a pass, but
failed, so he went any way on his return he unluckily enterd the same Car with the Lieut to punish him the Lieut orderd him to be put to bed to be kept one month. his clothes to be taken away, this was a sad disappointment, as he had enguaged the Co of a young Lady the following evening oh Luce learn from this that there is many a shift between the Cub and the life.

March 19th sat pleasant, at 5 PM Whistly & I went to see Mrs. Quales, on the way met the Daughter Marketing after shaking hands she said go up to the house I will soon be there, we staid till a late hour & as usual found out nothing satisfactory tow young Ladies came in and we sung songs and had a lively time but my friend was pained to see them practicing so much deception, I have no reason to doubt their dependence they are poor no doubt, but they are apt to use deception, they must do something to live, she has a chance to place her children in a cotton factory but pride will prevent this as long as they can avoid it

Sun 20th pleasant I went to 11 oclock meeting at

[Union] Square, and hurt my ankle coming back and had to keep still the rest of the day,

Monday 21 I am helping the Carpt build a small place for the Co officers, the first work I have done for some time, the weather quite cool

March Wednesday 23 1864 I am still helping the Carpt but the cold is more than I can stand, Last night the

snow began to fall and this morning the ground is white Last night Luce visited Mr Saillors folks, and Georgie wrote me a letter & sent it by him, and I think he opened the Letter any way it looked very suspicious I think I shall investigate the matter her letter was very good and am happy to find she loves me only as a Brother, oh I would be grieved if it had been otherwise I can only be to her as a brother and in that relation I will ever

discharge my duty and oh that I could induce her to give up the vanity of the world and give her heart to Christ, oh may God smile kindly on Miss Georgie and adopt her into his family to become a Child of God, I will pay her a visit the first oppertunity

March 24 some snow still [returns] & weather cool to work on the building at night I went down to call on Miss Georgie and then to go to

my Church they were all well and flying round fixing for an oyster supper, I thought it my duty to go to meeting but I could not beg off I must stay to supper and I thought as they has invited me I could not with propriety leave so I took my place around the well
loaded Table of oysters fried & stewd and other nickknacks too numerous to mention after doing Justice to the
good things we repaired to the parlor & past the time in friendly chat one by one the
visitors left till I found I and Mrs Saillor & Georgie alone, as is usual with me I staid till a late hour, I desire in such visits to [darop]\(^2\) here and there a kind word for Miss. G, and when we are together, we are like Brother and sister, and I love her as I would a dear sister

March 25th pleasant to day not much work 10 AM we signed the pay roll 1 PM we got out pay I received $26 and the boys owe me $28 so I will have $50 to sent Home, I must confess the boys that owed me came up to the scratch like men 6 PM oh Rain does its work Sargt Toleson & [?] others hired a hack drove up in front of the Hospi this offended the Lieut, so he

had them arrested I got my pass although it rained hard all the way down and back I went to my Church to Covenant meeting. I called on mr Saillors folks a few moments & then stoped to see Little Annie found them all well, when Annie heard me below she ran down stairs and welcomed me with a kiss not as a sweet heart but as a dear little Sister,\(^1/a\)\(^4\) 7 oclock

left Luce and Annie, to go to the House of prayer, owing to the weather few were out but it was a precious season each in turn spok a ward for Christ and on seperating I for myself felt that I had received a blessing, together we spoke of our difficulties our troubles our trials, our Joys and hopes an our progress in the Christians course, and by the grace of God to endeavor to live

neerer to Christ the next Month to come, and may God aid and assist us in these our feeble resolues, Sat morn still raining, nothing new last night I bid my friends good by my furlough is here this is Sabbath March 27 at half past 8 I was at my church at Communion

March 28 pleasant hurrah I am off to Troy NY this coming all right good by

March 28 got my furlough left Jarvis 10 AM get my dinner at Newton University left 2 PM arrived at the Phil Depot started on the 7 oclock Train arrived at Phil 12 PM felt bad had the sore throat, arrived at Jersey Citty 6 AM went across the North river on ferry Boat to New York took breakfast at the Union relief No 52 Howard Street

\(^2\) I think he means drop?
\(^3\) written in small letters at the top of the page
\(^4\) strange fraction symbol used often
9 AM 29th road in an ambulance to Quarter masters neer Castle Garden got my transpartation, and was then conveyed to the ticket office and depot Hudson river R. Road I am now on the Train for Albany & Troy to start 10 AM, I am not well, I have a severe cold, so far I meet with no accident or ill Luck 25 mins past 11 arrived at [Harry] Twon 20 M, of 12 AM arrived at Sing Sing Prison 12 AM at Pigs Kill 20 M past 12 AM arrived at WestPoint ½ 12 Ar\(^5\) at cold springs, ¼ to 1 Ar at fishkill Landing oposite Newberry, 1 PM ar at New Hamberg, ¼ after 1 Ar at Poughkeepsie, here the sun shines, I feel some better, and will be glad at the end of my journey.

2 PM ar at Granbeck ¼ after 2 ar at Barrytown as at Tiville 25 M after 2 ar in German town 20 M to 3 ar at Catskill 5 M to 3 ar at Hudson 3 PM ar at Castleton 9 to 4 Ar at Albany 11 M after 4 PM

March 30 I am now seated by the Table in my Sisters Parlor, I somewhat asked after my Journey, I found the family all well

and as I antispipated our meeting was a Joyish one, and the little ons Johny Willie and little Jessie were almost frantic and I was truly happy to find the healthy inteligent little Creatures, and of course I had a secret pride in being called Uncle so far I enjoy my self, although my heads achs oncount of a severe cold, this is a very romantic little spot, situated in the valley, several dwellings post office and store and a learge fanning Mill an Cradle manufactering establishment constitute the Villedge and situated 8 miles from Troy and 12 from Albany the Capt of the St April the 2 all goes on at my sisters as [normal] to day I went to Troy with a copper head to get Sister a hired girl, Mr Banker gave me 1 dollar, the day was cold and muddy, I was feeling very unwell, but down I went ran to the office for a girl all looked as I enterd, to see s soldier after a girl in such a place, but I [droar] a larg an paid my 50 cts, and started with my precious bundle a mine the tho Irish girl, got home 3 PM, I got Willie and Johney each a knife and a set of marbels. the ride makes me feel bad my throat is very sore, and feer I wont get over it for some time so now good by

Monday 3th very pleasant, as it is Sabbath, and folks can rest from all their labors Mr Banker hitched up and we went up to his Faters only 4 miles I was pleased with the farm and everything when we enterd they were at dinner and acted rather distant towards me at first and Leeya in the time had one of her sick spells, but was muc better ere we left and Miss Hattie who had

\(^5\) Ar: abbreviation for ‘arrived’ used often
been entertaining her beau and played and sung on the Pianna very sweetly, then enterd
her Room or Parlor and exammed some choice peaces of workmanship wrought by her
own hands flowers and Toilett spreads which displayed in their design great skill and
Tast, this young lady is a very nice Girl and claims a Legacy of several thousands

However that did not deter em from imprinting a kiss on her fair Cheek, my friends will
pardon me for such an act if it be a fault of mine I promised to pay them another visit ere
I returned to the Army, we bid them adieu and returned, Monday 4th pleasant I am quite
unwell my cold has settled in my head and on my lungs, my Irish Biddy [pranes] to be a
hard one this time good by

Tues 5th very pleasant I am still unwell, to day we spent the evening with Mr Russells we
had a very pleasant time until ½ past 11, they are good folks and the Daughter has latly
been married to a Captain or I think I should have been Captinated, Wednesday 6th I
jumped up dressed to go and see Miss Hattie, ran to the Depot But missed the Train so I
took it 3 miles a foot, got there I found Miss Hat

was over to her Sisters, to take care of her Sisters Husband who had met with a sad
accident he had two fingers cut off by a Circular Saw, so thought I my sakes dough. Mr
Banker asked me to remain over Night, so after dinner little David and I went over where
Hattie was and spent the afternoon returning after Tea Hattie & I walked by the Brook
and medow keeping up a lively Chit Chat all the while

as we parted she promised to Correspond with me also to give me her Photograph, and if
she could to repay my visit on Sat next, as I must return as soon as Monday any way and
who knows but what it may be our last meeting, this young Lady is of a nice family is not
very Hansom so says the vain and foolish, I think she is one of the Choicest well
Educated and refined inteligent, and possesses

a kind and loving heart in fine what I call an accomplished Lady and will make an
excellent wife saying nothing of her wedding dowry $5000, Thursday Morn the 7th after
breakfast I bid them good by and returned to the Junction my throat continues very sore, I
believe only for the excitement of my visit I would have to go to bed, I have been unwell
from the time I left on my furlough

Thurs 6 very pleasant I went to Troy to see about my transportation but could not get it, I
had some fun, go my likeness taken, one day for $1 very nice and cheep too, the new stile
is called Gems, I got a lunch at the Market for 15 cts, then road up with a farmer reached
Junctons about 3 oclock Sat to day 7 pleasant my caugh so very bad

last night I could not sleep had to get up I had such a tickling in my throat something like
the Bronkeetis, this cold assumes a different shape from any other
Monday 11th here I am at Junction Station waiting for the 3 o'clock Train for Troy so Sister friends good by arrived in NY ½ past 5 Tues 12 and take 10 clock Train for Bal 16 very Hurry oh just in time

171 Ar in Newark NJ 11 AM, Ar at New Brunswick 12 A 10 min after 1 Arived at Trentan NJ 1/a past 1 Ar at Bristo, 1/a past 2 Ar at Phila, ½ past 3 leave for Bal, ½ past 4 Ar at Wilmington Del 25 min past 5 Ar at [Felton] 6 pm we cross the Susquehanah, ar in Bal 8 PM ah here I am, I stoped at Mr Houses & Saillors, and left in their charge a package

172 {demand demand you may kiss me quick and go my hunnie}

of Tobacco 48 papers, a present from Mr Banker my Brother in Law, arrived at my quarters 11 PM and this Morn which is the 13th I feel much better than I expected, Fry 14th pleasant, I am helping the carpenter at 6 PM I and Mr Smith and Luce went o meeting I to my Church and they to theirs, Luce took Mrs Robbins Smith George I managed to see all

173 the folks and the time past pleasantly, we had a very good prayer meeting, Anne tells me she is determined to seek and obtain the pearl of great [prid], I encouraged her all I could and George tells me she has formd peace in believing, I was happy to hear this as she has been a very carless thoughtless Creature, Mr Smith also seems to be interested in the subject of religion

174 although they are not of my own Church, yet I am hopeful and ancious for their conversion, Sat 16 rainy I am on guard, Monday 17 clear and pleasant. last night I went to Church, my friend G Smith went forward to the Mercy seat I will help him all I can, I was going to my own Church but at their urgent request I went with them my be faithful then God will bless them

175 April 18 pleasant I am on guard at 2 PM 200 starved and wretched exchanged prisoners arrived from Richmond as they were brought the scene was truly affecting to see Mothers and Sistes with streaming eyes hover round to catch a glymps of those who were neer and dear to them some of these poor mortals was said to weigh less than 50 Lbs, may God for give their persecutors

1787 Tues 19th three years to day since that disgraceful Riot took place here, since that what a change this day the great Sanitary fair opens in Bal, which promises to be a great Union Triumph

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6 Could possibly mean Elkton
7 There could possibly be a page missing or it could be a mistake in numbering
April 20 pleasant, we of the guard and the Cripples of the Hospi had free pass to the Sanitary fair, I knew so many of the Ladies, My fair was good, now we are back I am so full I can scarsly breathe.

179 April 21st pleasant on guard 1 PM poor Smith who is under conviction of his sins, came to me with a note from Wash stating his Brother sick at the point of death God works misteriously this may be the means of his true conversion I plead his case and he obtained a furlough, as he started knowing he was with out money I

180 April 22 pleasant to day I took 2 prisoners to for Marshal and staid to Covenant meeting tomorrow is Communion,

Sunday 24 or April pleasant half past 3 I enterd with the others and took my seat around the Lords supper Table

April 26 pleasant all goes on well, my health is thank God good again, Mr Smith returned with the sad news that his Brother was dead but still rejoicing himself believing in Christ thank God, was to my Church Mr Wheatly a Methodist is convinced and desires to be Baptised as this is the 30th we will be mustered to day to day Corporal Warf being drunk acused me of taking usury for money loaned, but I am thankful his abuse faild to practice the affect intended, he is a rough profane

{181} and intemperate man and hates me on account of my religion, may God have mercy on him,

May 2nd I was at Newton, eat some rice pooding then was at the Christians Commission got me [?] drawers then to see little Annie had a glass of sweet and one of butter milk with Bread Butter and Cheese at dark and raining took the car helped a laday and two children from the cars home. I arived at my quarters 7 PM,

May 18 I am still well and in good spirits, many things transpire but I am careless in taking notes, I long for the 29th of Aug that is whats amatter

June the 2nd dear Reader it has been some time since you have heard from me

{182} and to your charge of negligence I plead gilty since much has ocurd, fightings rumors pleasures, sorry seems scens sickness death and so forth on the 8th of May I was paid $14.50 transportation deducted, now it is summer the 29th of Aug my time is up, with these remarks I will close, thanking you for your kind attention I bid you adieu and remain as ever True to my country and flag

John Harville

{Back Cover}
Mores and Nims on King St

And must I say farewell again
Almost the very hour
When I have grasped your trembling hand
With fervent friendly power
We met so oft with heartfelt joy
And parted oft with pain
But none can tell my anguish now
To part from thee again

Dr Darrals Cough Balsam
Stodard Congres St