

June 2nd/₅

I wonder if they wont let the Soldiers all come home now as the last rebel General has surrendered. I cant see what possible use they can have for the men any longer. I was reading Pres Johnson's proclamation last night. I should think by that that he thought most of the Southern men were guilty of treason and I am glad of it. I dont believe though that Lincoln would ever have issued so stringent a proclamation. Dont be alarmed Darling about my getting tired of your letters that's impossible and as to the nonsense I must confess that I "cant see it" Love makes folks blind you know so if some one else should read our letters they might call them nonsensical but as long as we dont think so whos business is it what we write to each other. It is warm stinky weather now we have had no rain in a long time and every thing is suffering from drought

Home June 1st/₅

My own dear Husband: -

I rec'd your letter of the 24th last night and you may be sure that it was gladly welcome though after I read the scolding you gave me I was not so glad. I shant scold you say a bit so just prepare yourself for a regular out-and-out talking to when you get home. I cant scold on paper and do the subject justice so prefer to wait till I see you. I have just come from Ellicottville. Minnie and I went off after four o'clock, came back by Beth and got home about 9. Mother Jay has been down here to see what Adol wrote. Wonder what she'd have thought if could have read your letter. I told her some that you wrote. Dear did you think I would blame you for writing what you heard about Mary after I had

asked you to write it? Phaw Add what
is the harm in your telling me that?

Haent we one? and haven't I a perfect
right to ask my husband whatever I please.

I can't believe that about Mary
after all. It don't seem possible that
she could be so bad as that. It must
be some mistake I think for I don't be-
lieve she would ever have any thing to do
with Anne Helen any way and Ann must
have meant some other girl. I saw Mary
last Sunday she looked soberer than usual
and I asked her what the matter was
she said she wished she could feel as happy
and light-hearted as I did and had as
much happiness to look to in the future
as I had. I told her I'd change places
with her for a little while if she would
but she said "Sati you don't know what
you are saying." I guess I wouldn't change
with her after all for I have got the dearest
best Husband in the world and she haent
so I don't think 't would be an even swap

Christine and Geona Ames came to see
me yesterday also Lydia Miller. Christine
said she supposed you was dead until
she saw our wedding in the paper. she said
she was ever so surprised in all her life
as when she saw it. She is the same
Christine she always was only more so
and I had a real good visit with her
and Lydia. I got a long letter from Marie
yesterday a whole sheet of foolscap written
all over and crosswise. She is going to be
married to Mr. G. G. Suttle so I expect I shall
have a new uncle. Uncle Abraham was over
today and he said that Uncle Preston said
that Sarah had got as fine a young man
as there was in St. Valley. Don't we feel comple-
-mented Add? Ed Wilcox got home Tuesday
so I suppose Jim is as happy as can be.
Well I don't envy her any but I do wish
my Soldier would come home. I will be
patient though and not complain though
it seems a long long time since you
went away. Good night Darling Love

company tomorrow. Add you darling I
should love you to death if you were here
tonight. As it is I shall have to wait till
you come then you may be sure that you will
never get away again. I must stop now and
go to sleep. Here are more than a basket
of kisses from your loving and true wife

Sarah J.

God bless and protect my noble Soldier Boy

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June 3^d

I suppose you have a distinct recol-
lection of a year ago today haven't you?

Sadie

you folks down in Washington
get all this rain I guess for we
don't have any here. I am not going to
get the Blues because the veterans don't
come home but I should really like
to see some of them. That Review must
have been a splendid sight - I have just
been reading an account of it in the Tribune
and I could almost see it from the de-
scription. But my imagination I suppose
would fall far short of the reality.

Poor Jeff! It is too bad that he has
to eat the same rations that our common
soldiers do. He ought to have some some-
thing a little extra such fare as he gave
our prisoners for instance. That might have
a beneficial effect on him. At least would
make him content with his present fare.
He needn't worry about it for the Government
will take such good care of him that he
won't need any rations after awhile.

I don't know why your folks don't write
to you. I guess Mame has written two or

three times. Perhaps they think that I
write so often that you wouldn't get time
to read any other letters. I told them what
you said about their not writing so maybe
you'll get a letter before long. It is so warm
here I wish 'twould rain if we don't have
rain soon every thing will die. It is
calling me to go and help milks so
good bye till I get back. Biddie has
got all her chores done so now she can write
again. It's a splendid moonlight evening
Minna has just come from the Office
but I didn't get any letter. Weston is coming
home in about three weeks. He has been very
sick but is better now. Clark has gone to
Sawmill Run this week so Mollie is alone.

I wish they (I don't know who they
are but suppose it's the President and Cabinet)
would let us know what they are going to
do with our Soldier Boys. One Paper will say
they are all coming and the next week will
contradict it so I don't see what we can
believe. I am not going to believe anything

and shall not look for you until I see you
coming. Isn't that the best way?

Seems to me Add that you have a very
lively imagination. You must have ^{been} looking
ahead considerable. Then you think you are a
lucky boy? Wait awhile and see if you come
to the same conclusion. I am afraid you will
put a. n. before the S. Lucky. Pen Peace!
I should think as much. Aun't you sorry that
you didn't leave him in undisputed possession
of Sallie? He will never forgive you for get-
ting her away from him. Will you scold me
Dear if I tell you that I am going to have my
hair cut off light to my head? I shan't know
whether you scold or not until after it is off
and then it will be too late. You won't know
me when you come back with my short-wig and
short dresses. How I do want to see you. It
seems as if I could never wait for you to come.
How glad I'd be if I could be with you. I hope
we can be with each other always after this
war is over ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~war~~. I must go to bed
early tonight for we'd going to have lots of