

and he and his party made it
appear that it was a damage
instead of a Profit to any man
man or child. Finally we
had to "curse" and to spite
the Old fellow we all signed
the Pledge never to use it as
any thing of its nature.

I will send you mine for safe
keeping, you will keep it for
me won't you Sadie?

Sadie you tell that Brother
of ours (J.W.) that he never has
written to me and I think it is
time he did if he is ever a
ghost. Tell "Ethel" and Mattie
to write if they can afford to
spend the time. I am so

concerned here that I don't know
what to do with my self, it seems
as though I had been here more
than a month all ready.

I went over to Head quarters Wednesday
and they let me have my ~~quilt~~
again so I could get my ~~own~~
Communitarian money I guess
I shall get it to morrow 8 1/2

Camp Parale. April 28th

My Dear Wife.

Your eager looked
for letters reached here to day and
if ever I was glad to get a letter
I was glad to get that one.

I don't know but you will think
I want you to write all the time
by my writing so often. But I
don't want you to write any
often than you want to, the
time seems so long to me here
that I must do something to
pass it away, and when I am
talking with you I see the time
doesn't seem half so long
and I pray as it does at other times

so you must never me if I
should write a half a dozen times
a day. Now Sarah I think you
are too bad to believe me just
because you have no Bed fellow
did you once think that I
was just as destitute of one
as you was? I dont like to sleep
alone any better than you do.

and that night I left I didnt
sleep at all I kept a wake and
thought 'as rather Dreamed' under
a wake all night. 'John' says I
dont sleep any more nor want let
him sleep in peace. But it is
to bad as you say to get married
and then have to sleep with
any body But your wife. This
terrible 'Rebellion' causes a great
deal of incanminence 'as it does
and I am sorry for it But it
cant be helped as I see
I will stop for now and finish this
some other time add

April 28th

Dear Sarah:- I cant invent any
thing to fill time any other way
so I will finish this letter. We
had a Temperance meeting here
last night. The 'Chaplain' came
over here and and invited us to
come to the Temperance meeting
Some one spoke and asked
the Chaplain if he meant a
going to have any whiskey at
all nothing but cold water?;

Well says the Chaplain if you
Boys will all come over and
shame me where Whiskey is any
benefit to a man as a Beverage
I'll send and get some and
treat the crowd. So we
all made a ralley. But in
spite of all we could say in
favors of Whiskey we could
nt convince the Chaplain that
Whiskey was of any use to us

portion for my Darling, good,
precious Wife. I will take good
care of my self Dear for your sake
And you must take good care of
"Sarah" for me. I want to find
when I come back that some
good little "Wife" I left and I am
sure I shall for I know she
loves her Husband. But no better
than he loves her. "My health
is improving very fast. Uncle
"Abraham" will have to take
back what he said about me
in a few weeks longer if I dont
have any serious drama back

I shall have to stop writing
now for it is getting dark

May God Bless your Darling
and protect you from all
harm and keep you in the
path of virtue. is the duty
and constant Prerogative of
your affectionate Husband
Adrian Gray



I will use a little of the
Sanitary paper as it is thinner than
other and wont take up so much room in
the envelope. That's quite economy isn't it?

You must be in great business
checking my sister to death. you would
dont like it if I should see your
name you had got better stop that and
then making fun of my ghost. I know
have you girls crazy on.

"When" what an awful name
day it is I almost sweat a stream
it is so warm. Wonders if there is
steam on the ground in California
you say you are
going to be just as good as you can be
till I get back. I hope you will. But
wont you be good after I get home
I am going to be good too till I
get home again and then I'll try
and be good. "as by the master"

Gods ~~ma~~praid the "kiltt." Oh Darling
I am in such a hurry to get the
notice of our wedding & wonder if
it is probable that you are married &
I have a kind of a faint belief that
you are after all. I know Darling
you didnt say "good bye" but I know
you was thinking it so it seems just
as well as though you said it. I
did hate to come away this time
more than I ever did before. But
as for my crying all the way to the
River that's hardly true, though I
spent doing but what Father saw
was in my eyes & I couldnt help
it now here. I will come and
stay with you some night soon
but I am afraid you will "scold"
if I should rub my whiskers in
your face. But now mind if
you do ~~not~~ scold me I'll go
right out and come back here &
gain "and so I will" ^{and}

I saw Captain "White-side" of my
Regt. last night. he was glad to
see me and wanted me to come
and see him to day. I went down to
his room just now but he was not
there. He has been a Prisoner 20
months his Wife died while he
was in prison. and it came near
killing him he dont act abt as
he used to. "Lieut. Musher" has
gone back to the Campary again
I understood he was very anxious
to have me get back again.
I wish I was there the time would
not seem half so long as it
does here. Well My Dearest
I will bring this letter to a
pages and I guess you will be
be glad too I dont believe you
can read it. But maybe you are
used to it enough so you can
pick it out. Give my love to all
inquiring friends. but keep the gates

Marie did not come she says she'll
never come back to Great Valley. I would
not either if I was her place for there
she is not thought of as if she is here

I am glad Darling that you do write
to me so often I wish I could hear
from you every day. Dont be afraid of
writing. Just got your letter of May 2nd
and was glad indeed to hear that you
were going to be mustered out of the service

I cant be thankful enough Darling
I have written three letters to you and
have recd 4 from you. I cant write
hardly I am so glad you are really
coming home. It has just come
Marie got a letter from Louisa Howe and
she wishes me much joy and says she
thinks there is much in store for me
for you are a good noble boy. She wishes
me to send you her love if I had room
in my letters I dont think there is hardly
room for mine in this short letter but
It is waiting so I must hurry and

My much love from your loving wife Sarah
P.O. Box 8 Mount Lebanon Pa
and I could not make the date
of my letter for some time
I hope to see you
May 4th 65

My Darling Husband:-

I recd your letter
yesterday and was glad indeed to hear
from you. We have heard that all the
paroled prisoners were to be discharged
so I am looking for my Soldier all the
time but fearing that you will not come
I am going to write until you do

It has been terrible rainy weather
here and we have cold and frosty nights
colder than in April. I got a letter from
Wreston today a real good one too. He said
he thought I ought to have invited him to
my wedding even if I knew he could not
come. I thought of it but did not think
he would care anything about it. He thinks
he will be home for a visit this summer

I am glad oh! so glad that the
war is at last over and that our "Soldier
Boys" will all come home to stay

I hope you will never go away again Darling for I am tired of living without you. It seems as though you had been gone almost ^{a year} already. So you are a temperance man are you? I suppose then you won't drink any more Lager Beer or any thing of that sort. I am glad you have signed the pledge. Not that I think there would be any danger of your drinking (I never had any fears about that) but I am glad that you agree with me in regard to Total Abstinence. I signed the Pledge today Myron gave it to me and said he wished I would get as many signers as I could. We organized our Sabbath School today and Mrs. Sarah Fay got two officers "Secretary and Treasurer". Whew! Don't you think your wife is getting up in the world. I think you might come home and help me. Orville is superintendent and Myron S. Dodge Assistant. Don't you think we have good officers? Oh! Add I wish you could be here today

I am so lonesome Sundays though I have plenty of company here. Et is sitting in the rocking chair holding Eosda Minnie is sitting on the other side writing to her Mother and Agg is scribbling on the other corner of the table so I can write as well as if I was all alone.

Father says "tell Add that I'm much obliged to him for that paper he sent me" Agg says "give Add my love" Minnie says "tell Add I'm going to write to him this week" so you see you are the principal topic of conversation. Mollie's hand is better though it is quite sore yet I guess 'twas not a felon after all. I have not seen Mollie since last Sunday. Mother was down here Thursday and she said she was going to tell you that I did not come up there at all since you came away. I do not go any where. I am too busy. I promised to go to Mr. Horton's and sit up with Mary Ward last night but it rained so I couldn't go. Mrs. Willoughby is back again I have not seen her yet

Darling I cant write any more
to day for this plaggy tooth has
Battered me for three days, and nights
and consequently I dont feel much
like writing or any thing else.

Good Bye my Darling
I will write again soon

from your Soldier
Co. G. 2nd Battalion
Provisional Camp
Near Alexandria Va

Near Alexandria Va.

May 4th / 65

My Dear Wife -

I wrote you a letter the
day I left Camp Parole at that time
I thought I should be with the Regt.
before this time now. But you only
came as far as "Alexandria" and staid
there till Friday then you left there
and came out here about a mile from
the City. and near "Fort Lyon".

Our Camp is in a very pleasant
place right in sight of the Potomac
and you can see the "Old Store" and
"Stripes" floating over more than
a dozen Forts around here. you
will excuse me "Sartin" if I should
make forty mistakes for I have got
the Toothache like all Hell.

and you can imagine the comfort
our own take with that. I am trusting
with 3 of the Boys of my Regt. Charley
Campbell of Co. D. and "Isaac
Hacker" of Co. C. Charley Brannen of H.
We are looking for our Corps to
come every day the whole Army
of the Potomac are on this way.
We can expect to have a Grand
time when they all get here. we
shall have an "Grand Review" and
then I guess they will let us go home
I hope so at least. for I am in want
of a hurry now to get home than I
was two months ago. isn't that strange?

Dont see "Soldiers" feel good now the
War is ended and we will soon be
at home to enjoy civil life again.
yes more than civil life some of us
will enjoy "married" life. for every
Soldier that is not married will be
as soon as he gets home. so I think
the most of the Soldiers will enjoy
married life. "What faults married."

Oh! Dear have my teeth does ache

I cant help write for think of help
I want to write I shall how to make a
little and see if it wont stop.

I have waited long enough
for that tooth to stop aching But I
see it is bound not to stop so I
will let it ache if it wants to. you
see I always let every thing have its
own way when I cant know mine well
in this case I cant have my way. so
it may ache till it gets down for all I
can. I want to hear from you
so bad I dont know what to do. But
I dont expect I can till the Regiment
gets here. The Post Master at Camp
Purcell told me he would send
my letters to the Regt. when any come
there for me. you may write and
send it to this Camp though I dont
know how long I shall stay here
it may be some time yet before
the Regiment gets here. you will
write want your Darling for I want
to hear from my Dear little Wife so
bad I cant hardly wait for a letter
to come.

and Chs. Regt. the 179th is camping
near here I saw Chs. yesterday had
a good visit with him and George
Chs. commenced laughing at George and me
because we were old married men But we
soon shut him up we told him he
couldn't get married when he was at
home. But if he would be patient
and wait till we all get home we
would help him to get a wife, I told
him I would make out a requisition
and George could sign it and he could
present it to the Commissary and draw
one, they same as they draw horses
I guess Uncle Sam has got "Girls" you say
you think he has got a wife and Boys so
why shouldn't he have Girls too?

I dont believe you had a requisition
when you got your husband and
Uncle Sam dont know that you have
made a draft on him, you said
in one of your letters that I must be jealous
because you saw my wife walking to and
from the chool house with an other man
aint you a friend I will get jealous? I am not
afraid of getting much jealous of you I
am not one of that kind at all. But
aint you a friend of leasing our when I
get back if "Mary" presents her
claim? I wonder what she thinks of
George ~~Harney~~ by this time. I heard
something I would like to tell you if
I could see you if it is so I feel sorry

and will not a little more
I will not a little more than I
enough for his
for every thing I would be glad

Pennisamul Camp, Va
May 13th / 65

My Darling Wife

I am as happy as a
clam to day. Last night I got a letter
from you was very glad to hear from
you. our Carps got here last night
so to day I run the Guard and went
to the Regt. they lay in Camp about 4
miles from here. the Boys were glad
to see our "Paath" was tickled half
to death I had a good time with the
boys what little time I staid I couldn't
stay long for I had seen a nice place
Camp. I guess we will get orders to go
to the Regt. to morrow, you see things
must be done up Military here
we cant go with out orders unless
we run a way and running just
according to 94th tactics at all.

Sadie I have got 4 letters to answer
in this one and I hardly know where
to summer, as what to write first,
you cant read it I dont believe I cant
half write to day. for some reason
or other I guess it is because I am
so glad to hear from you.

How Ed. Bath & Ed. Mear. did try to
batter me for getting married they said
they didnt think that of me. I told
them they couldnt tell by the looks
of a "faded" how far he could jump.
they shouldnt judge for fear they
wouldnt judge right.

That is laughable about that
check I dont wonder the Old
fellows laugh But let them
have their sport I'll pray the
caust I can afford to. I
remember now "Philp" told me
that check was \$12.00 But I
wasnt paying attention to what he

said so I never thought of it again
But tell them to laugh and
laugh party I am up I was dema
ralized. I guess you will think I am
not much of a Business man
well I aint But I should think any fool
would have seen that. I guess my
fellows dont think much of me now
since I have got married I hairent
got a single letter from them yet. and
I have wrote to both two or three times

You are a smart one to ask
me if I would swap you for
"Mary Ward" do you think I am a
fool? I know I act like one some
times. But I am not quite ^{so} foolish
as that. No I wouldnt swap the
tip end of your little fingers for the
whole of her. when I want to swap
you off I will let you know before
hand. "George Hulbert" went up
to the Rect. with me he is here

I feel highly complimented by
what Harison Home says in regard
to me I hope she is not mistaken
in what she thinks. But I dont
believe she knows me as well as I
know myself I am a friend I am not
good as some folks anticipate. But my
Darling I shall always try to be good
to you I love you so much how
I wish I could be with you to night
I dont say that I am as handsome as
you are nights when I go to bed I
cant think of any thing but you
and hardly a night but what I
dream of seeing you and talking
with you. I hope the time will
come when I can be with you
and stay with you and never
have to leave you so long
a year I shall have to stop
for it is so dark I cant see
when I can write

May 14th

Sadie I have just got to the
Regt. this morning now I am all
right - we are expecting to be
discharged before long But some
think the "Veterans" want to
be discharged But I guess they only
intend to keep "Handcuffs Corps" of
Veterans I cant think of much
to write to day for every thing is
in a "hurry" here to day every one
wouldnt think it was Sunday
I will write to mamma and
tell you all the news and
answers some of those questions
you asked I cant think of any
thing more. it is time for
"Parade" and I shall have to
hurry up and mail this
so Good Bye my Darling
and write after to your ever
true and faithful (Add)

you must write very
often soon Darling for
I am sick & I can get your
letters with out any delay

94th N. M. St.
Washington
D. C.

"young Travis" is here he comes to
see me every day the poor fellow is
scurvy him self half to death he
acted so bad while he was at hand
that he says he is afraid to hear
from there as to go back there when
he is discharged. I dont know how
I should feel if I had done as he did
but I am sure I never would want to
go back there again.

I am afraid it will be a good
while yet before I get home there is
so much red tape to go through any
way before we can get discharged.
But keep up good courage Darling
I shall come before many months
I guess. what great excitement there
is a boat going to Mexico I have no
inclination to go sailors. all I want
of "Uncle Sam" is for him to pay me
off and let me go home to my dear
little wife

you know Darling that I love you
there is no use of me trying to tell
you in this letter of how much I
think of you I have no secret
but what you can know if you like
you are a good time loving Girl Sister
and it will ever be my greatest joy
to make you happy I know our
will always live happily together
for ever since we became acquainted
we have loved each other and for ever
two years have through war and
strife born true elgiver to each
other it is getting so dark I cant
write and I must wait
till morning then if I can I will
write some more here is lots of
kisses for you Darling and you will
excuse me for this time write often
to me for I do love to hear from
you often I am glad you was not
offended with that letter I wrote you
while I was at Camp Parach you can
write what you like to me I wish you
would tell me what that girl
really you got in Mallin
about your Sister? Good night from your
Admire

Camp of 14th St. reg. 501.
May 17th / 65

My Dear Sarah

I have tried twice or three
times to day to write to you But it has
been so warm to day and the boys have been
hanging around my tent so that it was
impossible for me to write or think of
what I wanted to write. I am looking with
Sergt. Muser & "Daw. Southwick"
Muser has gone after water to make coffee
with and "Daw" is building a fire and
I am writing to my precious little
Wife so you see we are all busy if
we have anything to do. I haven't
done any duty yet only went on
Parade to night I shall have to go
on inspection to morrow but that
is nothing. I am glad to hear that you
are so well but as for you getting the
letter half I dont think you have
how got that. I wish you could see me
now you wouldnt see that little
"Spindle shanks" Uncle Abraham talk of

my health news was better than it has
been since I came back getting the better
half has made an improvement in one two
I guess. Halo! the male has come I
has them saying "Adrian Gray" fisher
its only from Mary (as the old mad)
as she says you call her. she says she
is awful lamsam says she wants to
do something else but have come
red and Old Booblar I guess she
wants to see Mrs Duckman.

I expect you are looking for me to come
home soon. I am in hopes I shall. But
be patient; there is a good deal of red
tape to be raised off yet before we
can get discharged some think the Vets
want to be discharged at all. But they will
though they may be kept till the last -
"Cal. Root" told some of the Boys this
morning that we should all go home
soon only be patient and wait and
not get swayed about it.

W^m H. Davis, was up here yesterday
he is staying in Washington yet at
the "Finley Hospital" he says to me

Booth says you are married. Arthur
says I would you believe all Booth
says. Well (says he) I didnt believe it
when he told me, finally I handed
him the matter and after he read it
he said he believed. he had but
few remarks to make. Booth keeps at
me yet and says I had it in the
Brain. the Boys have got supplies ready
and say if I want any to knack off
writing a little while. "and so I will."

Will Sadie now get persuaded and finish
this before dark if I can. of course Dear
I wouldnt keep any secret from you I
will agree never to secret any thing from
you as you say our law would be
good for nothing if we had no confi-
dence in each other. But I went to ask
you if you remember of our reading of
a man that came to his death by reve-
aling a secret to his Wife or rather he
became a Prisoner and was tortured
and lost his eyes. but he was finally
the means of his own death. But it
was the treacherous wife that caused it
after all

Camp of 54th N. Y.
Near Washington D. C.

May 18th / 65

Dear Sister Mary:

your letter of the
14th I gladly received last night while
I was writing to Sarah. I was glad to
hear from you that is the first letter
I have had from any one of you.
Father said he would write mother
said she would and you told me
you surely would write would you
did not you was a good write about
it, if you dont write oftener to your
Duchman than you do to me I dont think
you care much for him, you are looking
for me to come home are you?
There is no need of that, you will look
in vain if you do. I dont believe they
will let the Nits go home every seven.
Old Stanton says the Nits must

stay and let the Sols and Boe
guys run go here first then
if "Cishey Smith" dont see him to
had he will let the Vets go may be
if he gets drunk and gets a clean
fit on, and if not he will keep them,
We dont know what will be done
with us so we get up all kinds of ideas
of what will be our future destiny.
I hope it will be Honor though,

We have got a splendid camp here
our whole "Brigade" lays here. But
I dont think we shall stay here long
the 23rd & 24th that "Grand review" is to
come off and we must March and
circulate around and through
Washington to glorify the existence
of some large "Big Bugs" that is to
say to come here and see us,
it looks splendid for folks to sit in
stools and windows and see Soldiers
march by. But not so easy for the
Soldiers. It looks to them

as the Old Indian said (the earliest
thing in our dam memory to see a white
man March. I am living with Ed.

Meris and Santhwick our home guy
old times Ed. is exactly Dave is capt
and is General as I call him and I
am a high front in the rear rank

They are going to oust out all men
that times aspire beyond the first of
status and I shouldnt wonder if the
celebration were to break up the
Rest and send the Vets into
"Handcuffs" Victorian corps, we dont
know what will be done with us yet

if you see My Wife you can tell
her you have heard from me and
I am well and would like to see
her very much. Have quite write
as soon as you can and tell me all
the news. Ab. W. H. Jones
ours up here with the other day
He sends his respects
very respectfully yours Boo
Bvt. Adjt.

Barney (Mc...)

you can get an... I told him
 my paper & they will buy it
 their name in or prints can't
 me & expected he would let the
 eat out of the bag But he never
 spend for this month only
 gave me a sly remark. if it had
 been Baath he would have told the
 whole thing. But "Demi" is a boy that
 minds his own business. He and
 I tent together But he never says a
 word if I wake him up in the night
 my Brother "John" I left in St. Louis
 river and haven't seen him since I
 guess he is discharged his time was
 nearly out. Couldn't ever find
 any thing to chop But his town? he
 is a smart Boy if he can't do letter
 better than that. Tell him I say he
 had better let the etc alone after this
 and not meddle with edged tools
 for he may hurt himself yet.

Sadie this is a horrid looking letter
 But then its to me our bro my
 wife. so what the addrs? You
 said I shouldn't talk up any man
 that I write to you. as I would

Oh you would be broken from much I would
 give for a look I don't believe I would give any
 thing more the eyes is not an end. Had to go
 I don't want to be informed But if you want
 when going & not to fill my face of them

Will this and by in affairs

Camp of 84th N.Y.
 May 21st 63

My Darling Wife

your letter
 of the 18th I gladly received this
 evening was very glad to hear from
 you and that you are so well. My
 health is good I never was so healthy
 as I am now. you wouldn't hardly
 know me if you should see me.
 I am glad you write to me so
 often Sadie it tells me good to
 get a good long letter from you
 and to get them often I have
 got all the letters that you sent
 to "Camp Parole" 4 or 5 at least.
 But I haven't got all that you have
 written I don't believe. I wrote
 two letters last week and I shall

write man this week if I can get time
to morrow I shall have to prepare
myself for that Grand Review which
is to take place Tuesday & Wednesday
I wish you could be in Washing
ton to see the Veteran Army
spread themselves it will be a big
thing. Some the Girls will receive their
handshakes and three kisses at us
"Soldiers Boys" dont you feel alarmed
about your? that some little Southern
Girl will eat him away?

You are looking for some house I don't
I dont know when I shall come it
seems that they want to keep the
Vets and those that have done
the fighting and send them and
your men and Big Bounty men
I dont think that is fair at all
I say the men that have been in
the service 3 & 2 1/2 years should
be the first to be discharged.
Old Stanton is the cause of them

It is getting dark and I will wait
till morning so Good Night - Sartin
Add.

Monday 22nd

Rain, Rain, all the time it has
rained for a week and still raining
I am afraid we will have a hard
time for the Review. "Sawthick" and
"Baath" went and saw the 154th Regt.
yesterday they lay on our Old Camp
Ground where we camped the first
Spring we came out. (Near Clouds
Mills) they didnt see any of the Boys
that I am acquainted with though.

The 147th Regt. is here in our Brigade I
saw "Alet. Mudgett" Saturday he
enquired about every thing he could
think of that was going on in Gt
Valley. He wanted to know who was
married. I told him most all
the Girls were married (not mention
sing your name of course) "Hill"
says he "then will be no sight
for you and me by the time we

What in Thunder is the reason
my folks dont write to me father told
me he would write and tell me about the
Bounty as soon as he saw Mr McCay
I should think he had found out by this
subalter he could issue the Band as yet

I dont know, whether I shall go
home soon or not there is so many
reports our report is that the 3rd and
2nd Corps will all go home Veterans and
all and some think they want. But I
think there is no danger but what all of
us will get home by next fall, sure
they cant discharge us all in one day
or one month the way to do is to wait
be patient till they get around to us
I dont worry about it at all. though I
want to go home as bad as any body I
have as much to attract my attention
homeward as any man has. and am in
hopes I shall get home soon. But what is
the use of getting them about it that
want hurry the matter any. if the War
wasnt over we wouldnt think of going
home. But now the war is ended and all
things looking so favorable we are in want
of a hurry to get home than ever. I didnt get
your letter you sent to Premiers Cant.
I hope you want get out of parents waiting for me
to come home Much Love is shown both sons. I
will get home soon time if I live oldier

Camp of 54th N. Y. S. M.
May 27th 65

My Darling Wife.

It is an all killing
rainey day and cold enough to freeze
a folks I received your letter of the 21st last
night so I suppose I shall have to arrive
it to day or you will scold me if I dont
I dont like to be scolded. But I am going
to scold you for sitting up at Mr. Stetsons
and making you lick your mouth do
see any man it is more than any
woman should do to work all day as you
did then walk clear down there and sit
up all night. Now I shall scold you if
you do that again.

Now I will tell you what I dont like
about and see if you will scold me I
didnt go to Washington the day the
Army of the Potomac was reformed. I
had to stay here in Charge of the Camp

But the Col. gave me a pass to go and see "Sherman's" Army Remount I started early in the morning and staid there till nearly night I saw the 154th when they passed the Presidents stand saw the "President," Grant, "Sherman," Logan, Blair, and lots of other great Generals, I went to the house where "Lincoln" was assassinated saw "President Johnson's" present Residence and hundreds of things to mention to mention, I saw "Charlie Field" had a short chat with him. he said he was exprobed to see me again when he heard I was a Prisoner. he thought sure I was dead until he heard I was not dead but married. I dont know whether he thinks would be the worst. I didnt see Nett. he was there some where but Charlie & I looked for him all through the Regiment and couldnt find him. One full and told me he had gone for

something to eat so I thought there was no use of hunting for him. But I was going to tell you when I got back to Camp that night I was half dead I had walked not less than 25 miles I went by the way of the Heavy Bridge and all through the City then walked up to Georgetown. Crossed the Egghead Bridge went to ^{Lee's} Gen. Lee's former residence was all through the Soldiers Grave yard there is an that plantation. then after I had looked around there long enough I went to camp which was about two miles from there and when I got to camp I was near dead than alive I couldnt take an other such a tramp for a good deal. my feet are sore and ache yet. Now Darling you may scold me if you want to I desire to be scolded & suffase. But I think I have been sufficiently furnished all ready. Now Dear if you do scold me scold me easy want you? I want do so again

breath, she wouldn't say anything for
she looks as bad as I do, yet worse and
she is talking just as mean as she
possibly can to me. She only come
down here to get me to say something so
she could "run and tell out." Well I
shant say nuffin may a word.

Dear me Bro langed so much that
my side aches desperately. Mollie keeps
me laughing fit to kill myself. I'm
going to run away with Clark this week
but then you said I might get a Sub
to fill your place and his the only one
I know of around here. You neednt worry
about the Bounty either. There I guess
I'll subside dont you think its about
time? Mate and I talk some of going
to Salamanca with Clark to get our
fortygraphs taken. Have you any object-
ions? make it manifest - now or forever
after hold your peace. My brains have
all "gin out" so I guess I'll quit.

write soon and answer this ere letter or

the pocket she has to show me over as
I'll pardon you any more with Clark, I can
over you a bundle of many grand objects if you
needd want them but I think its overtable
I dont know from Jans & Co

Home May 28th '65

My Dear Husband:-

I am all alone
this afternoon for the rest have gone to
church I did not feel well enough to
go so stayed at home. I went over
to Sabbath School and thought that
would do for me. Saw Myron and
had quite a chat with him. He let
me read some letters he had recd from
the "consins." You had better be jealous
for Myron and I are fast friends.

I had a present yesterday. Clark
gave me a ring but was too large
for her so he told her to give it to Sallie
She did so and when any one asks
me where I got my ring I shall tell
them Clark gave it to me. Clark thinks
Mate and I are two of the worst plagues
he ever saw. I guess we are for the
poor fellow is in trouble all the while.

He bet his match yesterday against
ten cents that he would stop chewing
tobacco. Matt says she is not afraid of
losing her 10 cents at all.

Uncle Abraham came over here yesterday
and wished me to read him your letter
I read what I pleased of it and he said
"Well what Adrian writes is sensible and
to the point." Please consider that as quite
a compliment. I guess if he should read
one of my letters he would not compliment
me as much as that. I wrote to Montrose
but have rec'd no answer yet. Nell wrote
that ^{he} would be home the 4th of July and
wished Minnie to prepare for his coming.

He said as Sallie had changed her
name he would not write to her but
would make her a good long visit when
he got home. Won't you come too Add?

If you will will save an extra bit of
strawberry shortcake for I believe that is
going to be the bill of fare when you
will get home. Ill quit and stop, see

In my room Sunday evening
Mollie is here and the way she is
carrying on is a caution to sober old
married folks like you and I. she says
she is going to take your place so she
has perched herself on the bed "indisparably"
(I dont know what that means but its
a big word so I'm going to put it in)
with a geography in her hand and her
pen goes scratch, scratch, over the paper
I expect she's slandering somebody awful.
Hope taint this child!

Well it is, and Sallie is making
Murse them I dare to be the look
Murse too for her hair hung
in green felt stringlets all over
her head and — and well
no matter now I tell you the
rest when you come home
That's what I call downright meanness
to take a letter and go to talking in that
style just because I took my suit off and
loosed my clothes so I could take a long

Good bye were going to bed now turn
your face to the wall or you might
be skered—

Well here it is Tuesday

And this letter now finished

Mrs Bullard is sick & I staid
with her all day yesterday

Henry is quite sick this morning
I don't know what ails him

we have sent for the doctor

no more this time

Write soon to

Mary Gay

1865

Shintown May 20th

Brother Add

I recd your
letter a few days ago (can't remem-
ber just how long) but anyhow
I got it & a terrible scolding too
(state says first what I deserve) for
not writing oftener to you

Now certain true I don't write
half as often to my kinsmen as
I do to you "so I don't"

I'll tell you ^{what} ~~what~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is}
I'm ^{scolding} ~~scolding~~ ^{scolding} it is no such a
thing what she is writing I don't
know what it is though, yes she
does too for she's been picking over my
shoulders for the last half hour. Spect
she wants to "learn" how to write to her
pach. well, I'll give her the benefit of
my experience with pleasure

Well I reckon her experience
would benefit me out all at all
And I already know how to write
to Jack

I suppose you'll not
object to my staying with your
wife tonight - providing I get
home before six o'clock in the
morning she says she objects
and will kick me out of bed if
I don't behave I'll get the
back side then she can't

If she does run away with Clark
she'll pen - so she will she had
better not take him for a sub
for Provost guards are plenty
I'll have them under guard in
short time

Now dew be a kind
and obliging Oberon and
honed your peace for we
want our fortysepts deput bad

My dears should do
not give yourself any concern
as on our account - for we are
perfectly rational to me and either
we are going to start for a Lunatic
Asylum tomorrow or at least Mary is
It shall be the death of Sal if she stays
in these diggings much longer. I
expect however she will soon depart
into the State of matrimony for Clark
is omnipresent - and folks say that
stranger things than that have
happened. May they have the same
good luck Mary Galhins wished you

Phet's downright abuse do
you think I'll leave my native
State of Single blessedness
before the war ends no air I'll
not give up my Strachman
I've heard folks talk before about not getting
married till after the war is over but alas!
they often change their minds. I never do
don't believe in it myself Do you?

it would do to let any body
know not even his wife, such
might be the case in certain instanc-
=ces though I dont say its so with
our man. I never have done any thing
or know of any thing but what I had
as has you would know as well.

Will Sarah this is awful Paes writing
I dont believe you can read this
but if you cant keep this till I come
home and I'll read it for you

Another great excitement here to
day "Cal Meffitt" says that the 94th
will all go to Sackets Harbor and
be mustered out now in a short
time they have orders to prepare
out mustering out papers now
as soon as possible. aint you
glad Darling you can look for
your "husband" have some time
before or shortly after you are 49
years old. so be patient Darling
dont get blue any more.

though they may ishr some other
orders before they execute this
and conclude to keep us 4 or 5
years longer. so dont be too
sure of me coming

Adrian

that was a week before you got our mail
I had to see a Mrs Darling from
Kell West to see a Mrs Darling from
well but Mrs Darling 9 cant
write again money and money 9
Jack Brewer this about 9 weeks
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Balls Cross Roads Va.

May 31st 65

My Precious Wife -

your letter of
the 27th arrived here last night just
as we are sitting down on the ground
to take our supper. I didnt want to
eat but went into the tent rifled
open the envelope and commenced
chewing its contents with a great
deal keener appetite than I had for
my supper. Sergt. Meier said Fay
is the damdest man I ever saw
when he gets a letter he'll stop every
thing else no matter what it is
to read it. I was over to the 18th
last Sunday saw "Augustus Adams" &
"Leon Ferington" "Adams" said I had
a letter from home the other day
they said your Bro. had been at

not very soon
- you of -
and was married. Then Boeth had
to break out. (it wasn't his Brother
it was him.) we all had a hearty
laugh and it. Adams said he didn't
know the two days days apart But
the one that had married Sarah Flint
had married an excellent fine Girl.

I thanked him for the Compliment
and told him I thought so too.

We had our other Renew last Monday
by "Genius Tenton" I couldn't go
though for I had some great Reils
which exempted me from Duty all
that day I thought of Ke supping
so much with him that day. though

mine wasn't exactly in the same
place his was. Mine was on the
side of my leg. I went strolling
yesterday and got all the
nice ripe berries I could eat I
thought of you and wished I could
send you some But if you will
come down here He go with

Bees your Darling Hall - I wish I could
write you

in any part of your for being pencil &
and pick a Basket full.

Grand laugh, or scold me if you
could see me now I just had my
hair shingled tight to my head it
is all the style here now. though
I shouldn't have had mine cut so
short But it was coming out so

and was so dry and blind I thought
it would come out better if it was
cut short. the name you give it
is Sinimans every man that
has his hair short is called a
Siniman hair.

No Dear. I didn't
expect that you would think what
I wrote would apply to you at all
or that I doubted in your ability
of keeping a secret. I don't want
you to think so Dear. at all. that
wasn't what I had reference to.

But what I want to have you to
understand was that. in certain
instances a man might know of
something or have some secret that

I guess I was there to
write you
to day
early in the
morning

Oh! you didn't
I am real glad I am not
going to be
disappointed

June 2nd

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 sticky weather now we have had no rain in a long time and every thing is suffering from drought

Home June 1st 65

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 five o'clock, came back by Pith 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? Pshaw 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 Ann Nelson 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 Leona Anne 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. Tuttle so I expect I shall
have a new uncle. Uncle Abraham was over
today and he said that Uncle Preston said
that Sarah haent got as fine a young man
as there was in St. Dally. Don't we feel comfort-
-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 bushel
of kisses from your loving and true wife

Sarah J.

God bless and protect my noble Soldier Boy

S.

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 Nate 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 chous 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 Mother 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. Poor Pease!
I should think as much. Aunty you say 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 tight to my head? I shant know
whether you scold or not until after it is off
and then it will be too late. You wont 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 I~~. I must go to bed
early tonight for we're going to have lots of

wouldnt need any Hot Beds to
start his Klaus seeds in if the
was here. you said I must turn
my face to the wall & face fear of
getting skared. (not my style)

Soldiers is always supposed to
face to the front, and they are
not skared at trifels eathes

you and Matri dont know me
yet maybe youd think I am a
rough Boy. you had better not
write another such a letter to me
again if you do Ill apen with
Lang range and youll be ablize
to surrender as willingly as Gen.
See "See" did

you will please excuse me
now for dunnis cell has blown
and there is fear of me not
getting any dunnis if I dont
go to Camp. This letter dont
look quite as bad as the one
you and Matri wrote But it is
eatenly as fears running
But I must quit from you. (Add

you may think I am making you
enough for the winter season
I think you and Matri Bell on for
Co. 8. 94th N. Y. V.

Stay, June 4th 65

My Dear Wife

I received your letter
Friday night you must excuse me
Dear for not answering it before it
has been so unrelating warm for
the last 3 days we could hardly keep
from reacting a live I could not
write or do any thing else. it is
very warm to day But "Daw" wants
to write to his new Peathers in law
"Wm Washburn" and I wanted
to write to my little Wife so
we concluded we would go off
into the woods and then all alone
to our selves ^{we could} write and not be
molested by the crazy Boys in
Camp. I got that letter you and
Matri wrote last night (I mean)
what crazy things you Girls do

going to let you are enough
to astonish even a Saldia
especially a Sales steady and
I am. My advice to Wilder is that
he leaves the country forthwith
for fear of assassination "Ballard"
and I aint going to stand it any
longer. These one year sales getting
Big Paranters for coming as far as
"Elmira" to crush the Rebel, and
then after others have crushed it
paraght. Blud. hung around Hospitals
and Parade Camps as Mr. B. & Myself
have. it is a shame to have it said
that such (Honorable men) should
be superseded at home and then
Wines comes threaten to run a
sway with a one year sub. That
alone shows the extent of their
Patriotism. It would be better
for us if our own two ships Wend
ed Pets on some low Island for
letters than to be Husbands of

such unfaithful untruthful (Oh
I cant half express it) Wines as
you & Mrs B. is. Must see
comes down and say it is all right.
hear such guenences patiently? or shall
we openly and boldly demand our
right? Mr. B. and myself will have
a private interview over this little
affair (it is but a trifle I know in
comparison with our many other
engagements of life) But news thless
we are not the men to ~~be~~
be ranged in the least. And
even the Old Maid says she
will have satisfaction. Will eneaugh
of this. But go on if you think
there is no descript. Don has
finished his letter and now I
supon he ~~wants~~ wants to go to camp
But I cant go yet for I mean to
finish this first the sun is fast
falling right down it is hot enough
to rest legs I am sure. Mate

June 5th 65

Dear Add:

I hope you will have time and patience enough to read all I see fit to write to you. I got Irving and Charlie to go to the Office tonight and I am writing to keep myself awake till they come back and if I dont get a letter I shall go to bed and cry my eyes out. If you dont wish me to lose my "little eyes" entirely you will have to write often. Clark has been down here tonight. I guess he and Mate are going to Salamanca tomorrow. He said he was going to take a ride. I have an invite to go with them and would go if 'twas not for the work but Brodie must be steady and not be cutting corners with the young folks or her work will not be half done. Mate has got her hair bobbed off short and Clark said he

would cut mine if I'd come up this
so I'm going up just to see him and
get my hair cut. Marm Bullard is
convalescent I believe. I never saw two
bigger fools than Cordelia and Elijah. It's
perfectly scandalous the way they talk and
act. It makes me think of what Grandpa
used to say about a young couple. Well then
I forgot but what I was talking to you
instead of writing. The "Skutters" are
determined to make me retreat but I
still hold my ground though I have been
surrounded several times. They are getting
reinforcements I guess for there is about
a bushel of those little "Punkies" festering
one and they are worse ^{than} the Skutters. For the
Skutter lets a fellow know when he's com-
ing. Oh dear I wish Irving would hurry for
I'm getting very sleepy and can't keep awake
much longer. Well those boys came
at last just after I had departed for
the land of dreams and the first
thing I heard was "Hurrah Sallie

a letter for you". I jumped out
rather sudden and was downstairs
in about half a minute and now
I am not sleepy a bit. Charlie
is here staying with Irving. - June 1st.
I calculated to finish this last
night but was sick so I couldn't.
Lois' Mother staid here all night
I am better this morning but do not
feel very well yet. We have lots of
fun Mate and I with Clark.

Oh dear my head aches like fury
I can't write any more. When
I feel better I will answer your
letter but now I must stop.

As ever

Sarah

Elmore N. Y.
June 13th 1865

Dear Wife
I have
beat them at last
and I'm on my way
now I am waiting two
for my pay probably
shant get it till
Thursday or Friday

I am in a hurry and
cant write much
this time so good night
till I can

Yours as ever
Alvan

Back for me about
the last of this
month
A. B.