Lookout Valley April 30, 1864

My dearest Lis,

I write today to tell you that I am still getting better, and to enclose the little buttons for Charlies collar that I have worked out of muscle shells found in the Tennessee River.

I hope they will suit Charley when they are properly mounted by the juveller.

Everything remains quiet here yet I am more and more persuaded from developments that this Army in the west is to serve a secondary part in the early campaign this year and move in conjunction with the Army of the Potomac, and in such a manner as to prevent the Rebs massing in Virginia as much as possible.

The weather is very warm for the season with a magnificent thunder shower nearly every night. Do write often. Kiss the childrenger for me and I am always,

Your affectionate

Henry