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Dear Cousin

The steamship "Fulton" has arrived bringing the mail. I received yours of the 18th, also one from Nathan D. Morey, of Saratoga. I hope you will become skillful in all that pertains to housekeeping, for I consider that a very necessary part of woman's education and much more important than music and drawing, though I would not object to the last two accomplishments, being addect to the former, I do not hear from Gertrude very often so I conclude that she does not have much time to write. I think that if I get out of the service all "safe and sound" I shall be more likely to keep "Batchelors Hall" than to get married, especially to "Elsie", though if I should happen to meet her in some of my travels, I might "pop the question", that is, if I could get her to take the oath of aligence which I think would be a "hard job," I think I would like to have you and sister Helen keep house for me out west somewhere wouldn't that be nice? I don't exactly understand what you mean by your having a "situation" that will "last during the war". Please explain in your next. I wrote to you last week and sent you two of my photographs, one for you, and the other for Auntie Pine, which I hope may reach their destination safly. Rogers is acting Brigade Hospital Stewart, so he and Theodore are both in

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good and comfortable situations, better off than I am, though I stand a sight for promotion should I stay in the service another year, and the regt. be filled up with "Conscripts." Tell Majorie that I havn't time now to answer her letter, but will do so before long. Tell her that I should be happy to attend the fair and if the Regt. gets to New York in time I will try and be there. Give my love to all

Yours X C"

(signed) L. M. Loper