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My Dear friend

I now seat  
myself to answer your very  
welcome letter which I received  
Thursday evening and was very  
glad indeed to hear from you  
once more it had been a long  
time since I heard from you  
but I suppose you will say that  
I am the one that is to blame  
but I did not wait so long  
this time for you said you  
would hold if I did and you  
know that I would not have you  
do that for all the world oh  
seth it is so dry and warm  
here to day that we do not know  
what to do with ourselves it is  
very sickly here now there is sit around  
the corners that are sick or have been  
sicks with fivers Charlesy Seathme

and his little boy, are both very sick  
and Smith Allen wife and Charley  
Howland wife and Mr Angell are all  
sick now Frank Stewart has been  
sick but he is getting so he goes  
out some oh Seth I wish you  
was here this week to go to  
Camp meeting they are expecting  
to have a great time I guess  
I shall not go I dont think  
it will be much fun for me  
to go and next week is the  
fair I thought certainly you  
would be here to go to that but  
it seems you will not I think  
it is to bad to keep you down  
there when your times are so near  
out and others that have not been  
gone half so long can come home  
the 16 Regiment are on their way  
home they have only been gone  
19 months I suppose you will  
think that paper is scarce with me  
and you will think right if you  
do I thought I had enough but when I  
come to look I did not have a bit but this  
time you must excuse me  
I will write you again  
I am  
Yours  
Seth

I have found some more paper  
so I will try and finish my letter  
your Brother Theodore is home he has  
been here over a week they are going  
to Saratoga this week and your  
mother is going with them I was  
over there last week your mother was  
about sick Theodore has his wife  
and a little boy with him he is  
a nice little fellow I can tell  
you he is smart as a whip they  
were looking for John and his wife  
last night I dont know weather  
they came or not John is to work  
on a mill up to the falls he has  
bought him a small place since  
he got home oh Seth I heard  
yesterday that Jennie Snyder was  
married but I dont believe it she  
has left Mrs Lunnings a short  
time ago and Mrs Prior said some  
thought she was married but they  
did not know any thing about it

Seth I guess you must have a  
good time eating Mellons I wish  
I could have a good pile tonight  
I think it would taste pretty  
good I think I could eat consid-  
erable if it was good I dont think  
I should care much how you  
got them three weeks ago tonight  
you was writing to me and to-  
night I am writing to you I  
hope 3 weeks from tonight I hope  
you will be here with us oh how  
glad I would be if you could  
be here I dont think I should  
be so lonely as I am this evening  
I think this has been the longest  
day that ever saw oh Seth I am  
ashamed of this letter but next  
time I will have some more paper  
so you must excuse this and I will  
do better next time you must write  
as soon as you get this and write  
all the news if you could this  
time I shall not blame you for I  
dont think any body ever saw such  
a letter as this is write as soon as  
you get this good by from Sate to Seth  
one kiss