

Touche June 14th 1863

Dear and absent Friend

I now seat myself down
to answer your kind letter of date & was
glad to here that you was well & I am
the same at present Beth the 4th is near
at hand & we are going to have a delabrately
here then I presume we shall have a pleasant
time that day I wish all Soldiers could
be home to spend the fourth of July
but about suppose that don't be so don't you
wish it could I am sure I do for I have
a great many friends and relations in the
army and I should like to see them all
O Beth it makes me so angry when it speaks

of this war but that does not do any good
but I wish that I had a rope around old
Abes neck I would give him a shake I wish
that some one could get hold of him that did
not like him and pound him good the old
retch that he is, both it is very quiet here
You would think there was no trouble down
south I do not see much difference than
there used to be far the people here are the
same as always ^{they are} just as proud as ever
some day this week Doty and I are going
to take a fine ride in the lead we are
going to Albany to stay a few days I
hope we shall have a nice time we are
going to start Tuesday & stay until
Friday if nothing happens I wish that you
could meet us there.

There was a Regiment of Soldiers past
through here yesterday about 10 o'clock
they were invited to Little Falls.

they had a Grand reception for them
when they got there. they went back last
night to New York to get mustered ought
of service & they will return to their homes
next week.

P.S. we have delightful weather here now
and enjoying our selves we attended a
Concert Thursday night it was not very
Good they where the Glea Club of Funder
we had Plenty of Ice Cream that was
Splendid I wish you could had some too
I presume you have every thing good
down South or you would not stay so
Long.

I can not write much more now
You must excuse this bad looking sheet
of Paper it is all I had in the house
to day & being Sunday I could not
send and get others I shall have letters
sent ~~some~~

I am going over to see Mother Cross
a little while she said I must give
her love to you and she says she hopes
you will soon return home
give love & my respects to Capt. Sh
no more at Present

only write soon

From your True & Affectionate Friend

To Mr. G. H. Hill

Anna

this letter looks so but I am almost
ashamed to send it it is almost dark
and you must excuse it