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Dear friend Seth

I received your very welcome letter last night and was very glad indeed to hear from you and glad to hear you were well I am well and hope this will find you the same Harrison is up home to day Beal is coming over there this Summer so I shall be all alone now oh how lonesome I shall be I went down to see Jane yesterday she is as full of fun as ever she thinks I need not be so sober about that piece she showed me in that paper I never saw any one so full of fun as Jane is did you settle I guess I now who that School morn was that wrote that letter for I have heard some things since you went away but I dont know as I have guess right oh Seth Annie

Gower Beane has got back he has  
been exchanged and his father went  
after him and fetched him home  
I expect she is happy now I should  
think she ought to be at any rate  
dont you think she had you said  
you heard you was married when  
you was home last winter I cant  
think how that could happen and  
you not know any thing about it  
untill now oh Seth you say you  
have got 6 months longer to stay  
I had thought you did not have  
so long as that to stay it seems  
as long as year sight to since you  
went back and now to think you  
have got six long months to stay  
yet it dont seem as if it would  
ever pass away Seth I was over to  
your mothers the other day she has  
got your picture you sent her I  
think it is real handsome she is

real smart she thinks she is so  
lovesome now she cant go out  
much she had a letter from Fred  
he sent a picture some like yours  
Seth I am making ~~fans~~ Splint  
fans now for 5 cents apiece dont  
you think I will be rich in a  
short time I think you have enough  
to do every day I should think you  
would be tired enough when it  
comes night if you will send some  
of it up here we will help you do  
some of it oh Seth I hope this war  
is about done we hear some good  
news every day if the war should  
end I hope you can come home  
in less then six months dont you  
oh what a happy time it would be  
if you could all come home once  
more dont you think so when I  
was to Saratoga since you went  
away I saw a man that was home



on a Shurlough he was a getting  
him a new Uniform and last week  
he was buried he was kill in the  
battle in front of Petersburg his  
time was out next September and Capt  
Cakley was killed the same time they  
were in the 78 Cakley tried to get a  
Shurlough to come home but he could  
not get one he leaves a wife and 3  
Children oh this horrid war how many  
homes are made desolate for ever when  
will it be ended but enough of that  
oh Seth how sorry I am to think you  
are lonesome you must try and not  
feel so you must keep up good courage  
and your time will soon be up and  
then you will be home again to stay  
oh how glad we will all be when you  
can all be home again and peace reigns  
once more I dont know but you think  
I write very often if you will answer  
then as soon as I did this you will do  
well if you can read this you will do  
well you must write as soon as you  
get this for I shall be so lonesome when  
Beal is gone want you write as soon  
as you get this and I will do the same  
one set this for Seth and now I will  
stop hoping to hear from you again  
soon no more this time good by Seth  
from your friend Sate to Seth