

Saratoga Springs August 27th 1865.

Dear Uncle Seth-

It is with great pleasure
that I now seat myself to answer your
kind and welcome letter which I received
a few days since and hasten to reply
before you think I have forsaken you
entirely for you say you have written
three letters to me and received no answer
in return but I never received one of your
letters but the one I am now answering
so I thought I must answer this because
you said I would get rats when you
came home We are all well
at present and hope this will find

you the same which I trust - it will

Uncle Theodore and his wife and
one child are here among us at present
a week ago tomorrow who should come
along but - them and took us completely
by surprise I wrote to him but in-
stead of answering my letter with pen
and paper he thought - he would answer
it - in person and we were right glad
to see him I best don't you believe it -

I received a letter from E. recently
quite a while ago he was well and
was then at - Alexandria V. A. He
did not - seem to - think he would get
very soon what do you think about it
do you think you or him either will
get - home before your time expires

Well Uncle Seth - I wish you
were going to be here to attend the
Fair which comes off next week and
I suppose we shall have a grand
affair for such we are anticipating
now and I hope we will

We are having a very dry time
about now and dusty you never saw
Camp Meeting commences tomorrow if
that does not bring rain I do not
know what will I guess we shall
not have any until after the fair
If that does not bring rain for it
seldom fails if it is ever so dry

The season at Saratoga is about
at a close and it seems to me to be
as if it has been a very short summer
but we have had a great many
visitors the week of the races the
Union Hotel shined over thousand
two thousand and the Congress are
thousand and the other Hotels in like
proportion so are very pretty full

I do not think of much more
this evening so I guess I will stop and
get off to bed for tomorrow will be
washing day if it ever comes and
I shall have to help with wash
before I go to school

so I will close by bidding you
good night and pleasant dreams.

Yours With Much Love
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