

Rolla [stain] c the 21 AD 1861

I once more take my                    Dear Wife  
pen in hand [stain] you know that I am  
well I received [hole] [stain] letter Dated the 12 day before  
yesterday and it [stain] to day I thought that  
I would answer it [stain] the g[stain] is white with Snow  
it comensed snowing this morning and has been a  
dribling ever since but it has not snowed very hard  
I went up to work this morning and it was so cold  
and disagreeabel that none of the hands went to work  
I believe the war knews is about the Same as it was when  
I wrote before most of the troops remain here part  
of the 13 Ill went down to salem the other day I dont  
know what they went after the Sesec has a bout  
had their day in this country the talk is now that  
Price has only ten Thousand men now and they are  
a leaving him every day but this is camp news  
it is after dark now and I am seting up in my  
bunk it is a very disagreeable night still a  
Snowing but it is comfterble here we have got  
Straw ticks for the first time to night we  
will sleep warm [stain] think I have not slept on  
a bet since I [stain] home, The boys from thare  
has prety near be[stain] sick all but Fid Done &  
Self but they are all most well now John  
Runkle has got the measels he is a geting along  
first rate they will all be well in the course of  
a week I have not been sick yet and I hope that  
I shont

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I dont expect that it is [stain] cold he[stain]e as it is  
thare we have had as pret[stain] ther as I ever Saw  
the natives Says that [stain][hole]this is an  
exception they dont [stain] [hole] such nice weather  
I forgot to tell you that [stian][hole] had drawed our  
Dress coats they are pret[stain][hole] you it is the  
nicest coat that [stain] have changed  
our blue overcoats off and got Black ones they  
are beter than our others I have been havin  
lots of truble with my writing to night I have  
got a poor place to write So if you cant read  
it Send and tell me what you cant read and  
I will tell you what it is in my next but for  
Something else, I am glad you are getting along  
as well as you are I dont want you to sell  
any corn if thare is more than you feed this winter  
keep it till next you did not tell me  
wheather you sold your hogs or not if you have  
not sold them I think at the price they are  
that it would be more profitiable to Solt  
them but you can tell beter thare than  
I can here if this wa[stain] keeps on Bacon  
will be a prety good p[stain] at St Lewis  
next Summer and [stain] will raise the price  
thare, I understand that thare has  
been several grass wro[stain] thare that has  
drawed money from the county Stewards Wife  
drawed 15 Dollars and Mcart[stain]ms Wife 20  
Abe gaharts about 15 B Porters and

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<u>2725</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>825</u>		
	75	75	2125	

Several others [stain] d if they can draw I dont  
See why you [stain] [hole] t and if you can  
15 or 20 dollars [hole][stain] t as good to you as any body  
else it is pay[hole][stain] the County ask your  
grand father about [hole] [stain] knowsI expect wheather  
you can get it [stain] not mary gone write to abe  
that you had got your money thare was 2175  
coming to you I expect that we will get our pay  
in the course of two or three weeks I have got  
all the money Spent that I kept it is not  
the same here as it is thare ones sees a hundred  
things to buy here whare he would not buy any thing  
thare but enough of this I guess that I cant  
think of any thing more that is interesting  
you tell mary she musent get mad this cold  
Weather I dont expect that I will know her if I say  
from home three years she will be growed clear out  
of my expectations it seems to me that she  
looks just the same as she did when I left home  
take good care of jim and charly and I will  
take you a sleigh riding when I get home  
if thare aint [stain]one to use my gun turn  
some ail in [stain] so that it wont rust and  
spoil if Dr Dav[stain] will take it for 10 Dollars  
let him have it it will rust and spoil maby before  
I get back althoug maby peace will be made  
against next Spring that Seems to be the  
general opion here but thare is no knowing

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If Old England Pitcher in it may last  
longer but I dont think [stain] is much  
danger of that I guess [hole][stain] I will have to  
quit for this time write[hole][stain] often as you can  
and tell me all the k[stain][hole] So good bye  
for to night From [stain] C. Davis  
3 th79ght 3 w794du83t2 [stain] BC pBg928s t3  
379 3 g7t j7s8 16d 518gs h182 th 1 t w1s s758 S1t35Plc  
pga h1ps 3 u344 gat h752 S752 tB62 but you [stain]  
say that you are a going to be boss well I  
guess that you may be if you want to I will  
be so used to bosses that I wont be hard  
one has some less than a hundred bosses and not  
much either so I will let you be Boss half of the  
time any how not k3t 3 5 1k73t to stop for  
to night it is a bout 8 oclock and the  
boys are telling some of their big stories and  
it kind of bothers me t83 16d b2 1 87 d W7516  
T344 3 g2t h752 S1N2 whit 5762 g g79c16 t244  
52 h7w 59ch 5262g g79 h1N2 g7t 57w b2 h762st  
w8th 5216d 3 w344 b2 w3th g 79 3 15 57t 1f813d  
7f j798 b236g d3sh762st g7d [stain]78b3d th1t 3 Sh294d  
3 kG7w 379 47na 5a tw7 w2rr[stain] 3 h1na 67t S26t  
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started home I was in[stain] woods to work  
Mr Froat was here this w[hole]k he came to S t Lewis[?]  
wit a drove of hogs and he came on here and  
seen us but I have got this full see what  
a great long letter see if you can beat it gb Davis  
To his Wife Cat Davis