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My Dear Wife -

Your welcome letter written last Sat. Sunday + Monday was received tonight. I was glad to get so long a letter from you + to hear of your welfare. I am sorry that your health is no better. You must not work too hard - I want you to be well at least while I am away. I hope mother will come round so that you can spend the winter with me - If we should stay in Washington you can be with me all the time, but that we can tell nothing about.

My foot is improving slowly. I still use crutches - I step my foot to the ground some in my tent, but do not out doors because I have nothing I can get on - I had a present of a crutch from a lady today, a napkin, an apple, some maple sugar, books + papers - So you see soldiers have some friends - It was from a lady who visits some of the soldier's hospitals every day & she has been in our camp every day for some time