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Camp Sigel Near Winchester
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Dear Wife

I rec^d a letter from you last night and for fear you will get the start of me in writing letters I will answer immediately though nothing has transpired of interest since I wrote you last. I am glad you are getting along so well but I would advise you to be careful in selecting the girl to live with you but I hope Mattie will conclude to go and live with you. Now, when she comes to the conclusion I will send money for expense from D to S — I have heard nothing from Geo or Silas in answer to my letters yet and have about come to the conclusion that they have forgotten me entirely, though hope not. I see Joel Baker every day and I don't know as I told you he is 2^d Serg^t in the 1st Co, "B". I am very well acquainted with the Officer of that Co and find them first rate fellows. The 1st Lieut & Orderly are Kelly boys from Clarinda. Lieut has taught ^{select} school in Danby a year or two past and is well acquainted with all our folks and is a great friend of Silas's. Orderly Clams an acquaintance with you he says they ^{live} very near and just across the field on an other road from Mr Roper's. I presume you will remember them well. —