

My dear Maria  
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This is the third  
time I have seated myself to  
write you and now I may not  
finish before I shall be disturbed  
as we expect to have to sign  
the pay roll this afternoon and  
that is no small job but as  
it looks like getting paid off  
it is not a disagreeable one.  
I have just finished my  
dinner which was composed  
of Oyster Soup and bread & Butter  
and as my appetite is just as  
good as it was when I left  
you can imagine somewhat  
how I feel. but food does  
not taste quite as well as it  
did while at home and on  
my way back I tell you