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My dear daughter

I received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> last evening. I had been to City Point for the purpose of getting some turkeys &c for a Christmas dinner for the patients in the Hospital - and the Hospital attendants. I got 370 lbs of turkeys, game chickens and ducks. This was divided into three parts for the three divisions of our Corps. To day we had our share cooked (nicely too) and gave all the patients a good dinner. We Surgeons had our baked for our own eating - and my dear daughter you may be certain that it was good.

Was you ever awakened from a quiet sleep by the sweet sounds of music? If not you cannot have the slightest conception of the most exquisite sensations that music is capable of producing upon the senses. This is a common occurrence with us here, but I never experienced such a heavenly sensation as I did this morning