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Camp Young March 13th 1863

Dear Mary I received yours of the
7th Inst I was very glad to hear from
you and the children but I had much
rather see you I believe I am as well
as I was before I had the fever but I am
not as heavy as I was I kept nothing on
my stomach for five days but can
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and meal and some rice we got beef today
we have not had any for two weeks till
today and I don't want any more in
three months I think Mary I have no
news to write you of interest we have to
drill a great deal every day and it leaves
us very little time to do any thing else
Mary who did you get to split rails for you
and how much did you give a thousand
for them Mary I am very anxious to ^{pay}
what I am owing I do not want to be
in debt if I live till the war closes for
every thing will be low and every body try-
ing to collect their money and property
will not bring half what it will now

we have but little and I donot want any
of the little we have sold for debt I sent
you all I drawn before but four dollars and
I am going to do the same this time I will
put Thirty dollars in this and send it
by Joseph Snickland he is going home in
the morning I will get you the thread
the first chance I get to go to town it
is ten dollars pr bunch now but I will get
it and send it to you as soon as I
can I owe pease three dollars and Pender
one dollar I want you to pay them for
me and ~~just~~ paying for the rails and
pay the balance on what I am owing
Mary you will have to put up with a
short letter this time and I will try
and write you a long letter next time
and if I ever get to go home I will show
you which can beat ~~###~~ but you know
I can beat you as easy as I use too kiss
the children for me
Your Faithfully
William W. Wright

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Dear Mary,

I received yours of the 4th just. I was very glad to hear from you and the children, but I had much rather see you. I believe I am as well as I was before I had the fever, but I am not as hearty as I was. I kept nothing on my stomach for five days, but can eat plenty now, and we get plenty bacon and meal and some rice. We got beef today, we have not had any for two weeks till today, and I don't want any more in three months I think. Mary, I have no news to write you of interest. We have to drill a great deal every day and it leaves us very little time to do anything else. Mary, who did you get to split rails for you, and how much did you give thousand for them? Mary, I am very anxious to pay what I am owing. I do not want to be in debt if I live till the war closes, for everything will be low and every body trying to collect their money and property will not bring half what it will now.

We have but little and I do not want any of the little we have sold for debt. I sent you all drawn before but four dollars. And I am going to do the same this time. I will put Thirty Dollars in this and send it by Joseph Strickland. He is going home in the morning. I will get you the thread the first chance I get to go to town. It is ten dollars pr. Bunch now, but I will get it and send it to you as soon as I can. I owe Peace three dollars and Penders one dollar. I want you to pay them for me and Joseph paying for the [rails?] and pay the balance on what I am owing. Mary, you will have to put up with a short letter this time, and I will try and write you a long letter next time, and if I ever get to go home, I will show you which can beat [odd symbol], but you know I can beat you as easy as I use too. Kiss the children for me.

Yours Faithfully,

William W Knight.