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Dear Mother

I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you we have a very nice day the wind has been cold for the last week past and last Tuesday night it snowed an inch or two but <sup>has</sup> Wednesday was warm and took it nearly all off. Lt. Col. Heidepop is there today he ~~was~~ resigned Printer Hayes was here <sup>has</sup> Friday. Saturday night I went to Fords new theatre it is a very nice building and the scenery is worth seeing we had to have a pass signed by the Prevost Marshall to expire at 11: oclock the theatre was out at 11 the play was Jack Shepard. I am glad to hear that Billy has finished his house how did he come out did he make at it on not did bill pfreeze his face very bad. I would hate to have my hands or face frozen gueys there is one very good remedy for to save yourself from freezing Bill stay to home them cold days and set by the stove last Wednesday there was six big fat Premium cattle and Buffalo drove down to the White House for to show the President there was one of them that beat all the cattle I ever seen. It was a big white ox that weighed something like 37 pounds (hundred) he was raised in Virginia all the boys are well at present some of course are never very well to let them tell it there is a great noise made by the news boys telling or bawling out about our shelling Richmond I hope they will take the city you spoke about picking up deserters that is what I like to see. Well darn them they had or to shoot them at sight if they cant take them any other way. I am well as usual, all the boys are well I was sorry to hear of the death of bet minnim for he was a quiet boy if bill wants to fix up the Barn let him do it if he wants to I should think he could build a shanty a kelp the cow for you cant get along very well without milk as for me, I dont hardly ever use milk but always use sugar give my best respects to all the boys and to lizzy and Eva and the rest of the folks I have nothing to write about so I will close good by to you all write again. Willard A. Cutter