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Dear Brother

I received your letter  
some time ago but kept  
thinking about answering it  
so to day I made up my  
mind to commence for putting  
a thing off till to morrow is  
a bad policy. It is as bill said  
never venture never win  
we have fine weather here  
for this time a year last week  
the dust was so thick over  
in virginia we could see  
Clouds of it half a mile long  
last night there was some  
frost here but it is fine and  
warm to day I got the Vest  
and Socks you sent. All  
the Boys got back safe

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George when there is any  
thing going on write  
and let me know for you  
have time to write as well  
as I do and you can hear  
more that is going on for  
it is hard for me to  
get anything worth while  
writing about. How is Grand  
Mother by this time Well I hope  
I am well as usual and

hope these few lines will  
find you all the same  
George how do you get  
along with your Trade all  
that you want is to put  
your mind to what you  
are working at and I  
am sure you will get  
a long bully. Have you  
ever heard from John  
Barber since he left  
Meadville for the front

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You can tell Sim I will  
answer his letter  
when there is some news  
to write for I have none  
at present how is the  
Children this winter  
give my love to Liz & Eug & George  
and to all the folks  
I will have to come to a  
close Write soon

From Willard A. Cutter