

Washington, D.C.
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Dear Brother:

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you I am well at present and I hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same great bleysing the weather is fine we were out playing ball today and had a bully time we were playing the forenoon and after also in the fore noon my side beat the other bad but this afternoon we got worsted a little we played till 3 then I come in and went to washing which I knock through double quick and I dont feel none the worse for it last week Bill Hurst was here with Judge Pettis also something else of importance last week we all got scales for to wear on the shoulders all brass of course last Friday there was an accident happened just below here at the long bridge the draw was opened for a steamer when the cars were coming und r headway the capt of the Com stationed at the Bridge went up the road and told them the draw was open so down went the brakes but it was a down hill grade and in spite of all they could do the bull went in the river together with four passenger cars the ingenner got killed and some soldiers ten more got wounded one of our boys just now got hurt by falling while jumping off of the swing he sliped and fell striking on his neck and shoulders me and Bill Clover carried him in his tent and since they have taken him to the Hospital you say that the weather changed so Friday and Saturday that the all off so by that dunnns did not have very good luck selling bobsleds I am glad to hear that Billy gets along so well with his job and I am glad to hear that you stick to your trade so long I hope you will tickertrunick ramskin it seems dont forget his long finger tricks I should think afterbeing caught by dunnns he would of quit stealing how does Granny get along by this time I hope well how is Bills children getting along how am I I dont know when we will get paid we might tomorrow mabee not till next month some are in a hurry to get as for me I dont care as the little French mare said so I must close hoping to hear from you soon or sooner, From Willard A. Cutter, I got weighed last week, I weighed 175 lbs.