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Near Petersburg Va.

June 29th 1864

My Dear Emmy,

As I did not send you much of a letter the last time I will try again today, though it is not likely you will get a much better one this time. It has been terrible hot for a few days past, and I have had considerable walking to do so I have felt it pretty severely. I started to find Elmer, this morning, and learned that the 2^d Corps. was about 4 or 5 miles to the left of us. and as I had not time to go so far, so gave it up. I have not heard from him [if*] since we left Cold Harbour. I should like to see him very much as his time is out now in a few days Tell the folks not to be worried about his being kept after his term ~~ex~~ expires for they have discharged the troops here, as soon as their time was up. There has not been much done here for a few days past There has been a great deal of artillery firing. We are expecting lively times here soon. Dont get discouraged, for I think we are getting along finely.

Gen. Grant, evidently knows what he has got to do, and how to do it. My health is excelent. I have not been troubled with the scurvy since I came back from my furlough. I meant ~~it~~ to have writen, on Annie's birth-day, but did not get time. But I did not forget it. I would like to see you all very much, though perhaps there is no need to tell you this. I suppose it is very pleasant there now. It is the pleasantest month in the year.

How does my Provence rose look this Summer? Roses are all done blooming here. The handkercheif you sent me, came yesterday. It is a nice one, and I thank you for sending it. It is much cheaper to get things in this way, than to buy them here. There are a few Sutlers about here but they charge such awfull prices. Fifty cts. a pound for cheese, and everything else in proportion. I would like to write you a good love letter this time but there is so much going on, at present, that I cannot keep my mind on what I am doing. When I want to write you a good letter I have to do it in the evening. I have not heard from mother for some time and am expecting a letter from her every day. I should like to know if George has joined his Reg^t yet, but do not know how to find out except from some of you, at home. It will be likely to be past the 4th of July, when you get this. I hope you will have as pleasant, time as we used to have years ago, but do no think it very likely that you will. But if you do not feel as happy as you used to-, you must try and make the time as pleasant as possible to the children. But there is no need, I guess to tell you that. But I shall have to stop now I will write again soon, and try and do better.

Write to me often, darling: we get a mail everyday now

Take good care of yourself for the sake of your Leander