

Nashville Tenn.

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Uncle & Aunt,

Last evening I received your kind and ever welcome letter, and now take the ever faithful pen to write a few words to you in return. This is one of the most beautiful days that I ever saw; not a cloud to be seen and just warm enough to be pleasant. It seems to bad to be obliged to spend it here, but as I have to spend it here, I can spend it in no pleasanter way than writing to you for writing you know is the next thing to visiting and certainly it would be pleasant to have a visit with you today if it is Sunday. I would like to know how you are all spending this day up there in the north, but I can't imagine something how its going up there, its agreeable to think about it, but some consolation in thinking that six months will see myself a free man, ^{or boy} ^{rather} "Oh glorious thought!" I am now in the office of the Medical Director in the same building that I have been in all the time, but another office, there is fourteen clerks and orderlies on duty connected with this office.

a very good crowd too. of course there is some not liked as well as others, you know there is always some black sheep to be found. this morning I have been out riding in the country, one of the boys and myself took our horses and went out about three miles. we had some dispatches which took out aggrt of the way, and then we went on farther just for the sake of going out in the country. I do like to get out of the city, away from the noise, once in awhile. I have all the riding to do that I want and a little more and some rides that are anything but pleasant, but I always jump at the chance of going out in the country, and where we do go out we always have a good time. then Leroy has not yet married yet well that is a little surprising to me, but I always knew he was a sensible sort of a fellow and I don't think he will throw away his freedom so soon after getting it. I have received one letter from him and answered it, have not heard from the rest in some time. am expecting letters soon. what is causing so much buying and selling of farms up there this winter. I shall not know the neighborhood when I get home again. I suppose you are all glad that

The Derkins are coming back that way again, that is a perfect nuisance, would like to attend some of their Lectures up there but that is impossible but I will be able to do so sometime if I live, have you seen Brandall since he was west, if so how did he like the place and the folks out there, and by the way is there any call now for using the blue vitriol remedy any more, I want to ask about forty questions but I will not ask any more this time, there is nothing interesting here to write about. This leaves me in the best of health, and I hope it may find you all well too accept my kind regards, and please excuse this miserable attempt at a letter - hoping to hear from you soon I will close

Ever your Nephew
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