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My dear wife

I have only a few moments this morning & my fingers are rather stiff - The last three nights have been cold & windy - This morning is like our in New England - The huts are going up - Capt. W. superintends their construction - They are to be warmed & will be comfortable - Don't know what is to be provided for us officers - But I write now to say you may put ⁱⁿ the articles I specified in my letter of Tuesday - I also want a little kettle of some kind - perhaps a flaring 2 qt tin - part of the bail is already put on will be best - If you think of anything I shall positively need put it in - Wish the knives & forks & spoons & frying pan & tea pot & tin cups of nothing else - The freight to this point by Express is \$3. a bbl - at least others have paid that - Mr S. Hitchcock has been here & left this morning - He broke my

\$20 for me - So I am out of that trouble -
Don't forget the good meal & the new beans
also tell me how to fix up various dishes
out of meal - They have soldiers Candle-
sticks in New ^{Haven} little sockets made in
this way U, U, U - I want one of each
if you can get them - Those Colwood
returned had better come back - But fill
the bbl. full for me - The meal, the butter if
you can spare it, & one sheep are my highest
expectation in the way of provisions - I spoke
about a comfortable - They have a kind of blan-
ket in the hospitals, made double & long
which is the snugest & best covering I have
seen - You may look & see what can be found
but avoid much expense - I wish to insure my-
self to endure & thus ^{far} have got along much
better than I had any idea was possible -
Slept warm last night, but for the first time
in a great while lay on a tick with straws
instead of the ground - I don't remember
that my feet have been cold o' nights - but
twice since leaving New Haven - With

the boots, rubber coat & havelock I shall be
all right for anything out doors - & out
door service, night & day, wet & dry is to
be our fare while we remain here - I
begin to think from what I see that a
considerable portion of both officers & men
~~can live for country & fight the thing do~~
for no 1 - But the mail is near closing
You can fill up the bbl & dispatch it
without anything further
Yours Ever

A. Upon

You will put in something to act as yeast
for my meal cakes - can ^{not} get eggs here very
well & I do hate sal. eratus - The folks here
however use it most freely & much so as to
make their cakes yellow - Richardson says
put in soda & Cream tartar & half a doz yeast
cakes & a bag of buckwheat flour & we shall
be in town - Leave out the sal. eratus - Fill
the crevices with apples & mark plainly
to my address Harpers Ferry, Co. E. 20th Regt
Cowan. Vol. Ed. Astor's tip will mark it
for you