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No. 20

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*(Envelope is pre-stamped 3cents and postmarked Banks Division. Letter is on one sheet of lined stationery folded in half and is written on three sides in ink.)*

Camp Md. Hts.  
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My Dear Wife,

I have only a few minutes this morning & my fingers are rather stiff – The last three nights have been cold & windy – This morning is like one 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 utensils I specified in my letter of Tuesday – I also want a little kettle of some kind – perhaps a flaring 2qt tin pail if the bail is securely 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 if 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 **(Pg. 2)** \$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 Y,Y\_,Y\_\_ (*drawing*) - I want one of each if you can get them – Those collars I returned had better come back – But fill the bbl full for me – The meal, the butter if you can spare it, one cheese are my highest expectation in the way of provisions – I spoke about a comfortable – They have a kind of blanket 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 myself 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 straw instead of the ground – I don't remember that my feet have been cold o'nights but twice since leaving New Haven – With **(Pg. 3)** 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 care less for country & right than they do for No1 – But the mail is near closing You can fill up the bbl & dispatch it without anything further.

Yours Ever  
A. Upson

You will put in something to act as yeast for my meal cakes – Can not get eggs here very well & I do hate saleratus – The folks here however use it most freely – so much so

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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 saleratus - Fill the crevices with apples & mark plainly to my address Harpers Ferry, Co. E. 20th Regt Conn. Vols. Ed Hotchkiss will mark it for you.