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(Envelope with blurred postmark is dated Apr 1863 with a 3-cent stamp. Letter is on one sheet of lined stationery and is written on three sides in ink)

New York
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My Dear Wife –

It is now nearly 7 o'clock – We arrived here about 1; but before we got down to the Park it was nearly 2 – After leaving New Haven I found we were aboard the accommodation train – I might have stopped with you until 2 P.M. & been here before 6 easy – But found that out too late – Wiard was a bother to me – Had to go with him & get transportation to Washington – Paid his fare to this place – Hope to get him out of him sometime –

Bought me a real good carpet bag – same size as the other for \$4 – Perhaps that looks high (**Pg. 2**) but I could do no better – Got a rubber coat also that reaches below my boot tops – You will think that is extravagant – It cost \$8 – But that style which father bought is a cheaper article - this is no heavier & will roll up much easier – Went to Meade's & got a standing picture – Supposed we had to leave at 6 & the artist was so slow I thought he would surely cheat me out of the train – You see I did all my other business first – When we got down to the ferry a few minutes before 6 it appeared the Washington train did not leave till 7 ½ - But the picture was quite decent I thought – Though if trying again I should stand a little different – I left it to be (**Pg. 3**) finished & sent to you, directing an envelope so there might be no mistake – Hope it will come all right & please you & the little ones – Have seen all the boys that came on but four – They seem pretty much of the same mind & all express themselves glad to return – I have got C. Clarks things – Lt. Lewis hat band, paper envelopes for myself, a blank book for David - & shall try to content myself without boots a while longer – In fact have not enough money left to get them & pay my fare to Washington – The boys have got tickets at reduced fare but I being an officer am not privileged – But here is my love to you & the babies –

Truly
A. Upson