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Mrs. Andrew Upson
Plantsville, Conn.

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Washington
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My Dear Wife,

We were unlucky at Baltimore this morning – Our engine broke down & delayed us an hour – We lost the boat & have remained in the city for tomorrows opportunity – Don't feel that we are in fault unless the future to start sooner is brought up – There was a large crowd situated similarly – We have been to the Provost Marshals & got ourselves all right as to transportation – The day has been beautiful – Have spent an hour or two looking around the Capitol & grounds – Wished much you could have been with me – There is some fine statuary & plantings – The building itself is a wonder – I will write after we get to camp – Bought a pair of boots here – Accept assurances of my love & believe me as ever yours,

A. Upson

(Small piece of paper)

Monday morning – There is some prospect before night – Rumors were flying yesterday of our engagement up the river – We hear frequent cannonading going on in that direction – The opinion seems to be that the rebels by invading Maryland have rather overshot themselves – I will tell you something about the appearance of things here just as soon as I can – Regiments are arriving all the while – There are many all around us some old & some new. Father reminded me of the note to Grandmother – I will send it if you wish when an answer comes to this as I wish to be assured that our letters are going right – I am told there is great scarcity of Irish potatoes here you can tell Father of this; possibly there may be a chance for a trade – As soon as I can get to the city I will make some inquiry & write what can be done.

Hastily yours,
A.U.