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Plantsville, Conn.

(Yellow envelope postmarked Annapolis Md. with a 3-cent stamp. Letter is on one sheet of lined stationery folded in half and is written on four sides in ink.)

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My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 29th mailed the 27th is just in – Glad to hear the money got along – But you better dispose of most either by paying a debt or depositing in Savings Bank – Some thief will rob you – Though I guess the Character of that house, for being very well supplied with funds is not such as to attract many depredators – I don't remember all I owe & wish you would send me a list as it stands at present – Did you dispose of any more hay? Has Miles paid for the hogs: Have you done anything for Mrs. Atwater? – About coming here – You need no pass – I can't say what the cost would be – Probably your fare both ways would be not far from \$20 – Suppose it cost \$50 – That is not much & you have had no trip for a long while – I should like to have you come very much: that is if you think it would afford you happiness equal to the trouble – It is very dusty traveling on the cars & the jaunt right though I suppose (**Pg. 2**) would be tiresome – But you get away from home & see new things – Should try to have the visit Washington – Don't know as I could get there myself – without putting on citizens clothes – A Lieut. of the 27th did that & started Monday morning for New Haven – He got through – returned here yesterday – but I don't like the practice – As for a furlough such a thing for an officer I have not heard off – Suppose now & then one is got by friendly influence at the war department – Besides I have had one & don't feel like complaining – This is a pretty good place to stay at, though awful dull – Am boarding with several officers, all Germans but three – at a private house for \$6 a week – The fare is good – One of the Germans, a major, has his duck of a wife here & another is expecting his every train – Don't know why Upson, though a Lt. should not have his too – We could spent a week or so happy as angels, such angels as we are. Now I put this entirely with you – You can get a carpet sack & put in clothes enough for your own use – I want nothing unless it be two or three pair of (**Pg. 3**) cotton stockings – My needle book is in the carpet bag at camp – You can bring yours & mend up my old blouse – I don't think of anything else Don't care for books or papers unless it be the Press – Wish you would mail me that every week – Have found a library & reading room at the hospital & am all right on that score – Got a letter from David Hart yesterday – Jim has gone home on a 30 days furlough like other boys – You say there are four of Co. E. in Southington, including Griffin – Who besides Grannis & Twichell! – Keep me posted on all affairs – Guess there is no way to bring things up but to come on here – That was a good opportunity – When Grannis returned – Wish you had improved it – Have you dresses such as you wish – If not get them – I have paid all my bills contracted in Richmond & on the way there – Owe James Atwater \$10 –

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borrowed before we marched & in my wallet when taken – Also Richardson \$10 on the watch – About 10 or 15 to Jim & the company mess – Have lent to Capt. Smith \$12 & to Griffin \$12 – which leaves me now \$2.50 in pocket – If you come don't (**Pg. 4**) start with less than \$50 nor much more & look out for pickpockets & sharpers – Writing paper & such things I can get here – Very likely you can buy a ticket clear through to Annapolis – At least from N.Y. without some one to look out for you I fear you might have trouble at New York - And yet you are a pretty cute Yankee – Put on a good face & go ahead – There is no news here – Strawberries are beginning to appear in market – Weather is warm & the roads very dusty – No rain here since we arrived – How long before I can't say – What of Father? You say not a word in the last – How does the rye look? Do cows run in the street? How much stock have you got – Did any of the pear trees bloom? I could keep you answering questions a good while – Beardsley's father has come to see him – Wooster introduces me to all as the dead man – I don't exactly fancy that, but he means all right – This is a match letter – A great many sudden stops – Read slow so as not to break your – which caution, put here at the end will probably not save your life if it is in danger – Thank you for those geranium leaves –

Yours Ever

A. Upson