

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1864

*(Letter with no envelope is on one sheet of lined stationery and is written on two sides in ink.)*

P.S. Wednesday noon 27<sup>th</sup>. Rested very well last night & everything is favorable. Venison for supper and Wild Turkey for Breakfast. A.Upson pr. SMS

Tracy City, Tenn.  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1864

My Dear Wife –

Tuesday has nearly passed away. Capt. Woodruff came up here last night and returned this morning. I gave him a message to send from Cowan for he informed me that he had already communicated to E. P. Hotchkiss the fact of wounding and very likely the wires only added to your anxiety. I was intending thus to do tomorrow, however & trust you are measurably composed as you have a right to be, no view of the facts in my case. I wish you could see me just as I now lye. For it would set at rest ten thousand daily surmisings and vexing little fears in your mind. I have been sponged from top to toe and you remember how much this exercise delights me. Water has taken nearly all of the sourness out of my body. But you know the loss of blood has left me very weak. The process of recuperation must take time otherwise I should soon be on my feet. I have sufficient appetite and means of gratifying it with considerable variety are at my command. Last night I relished a cut of venison and tea cracker potatoes sugar rice custards &... cx I have at will. In fact my location is better than if I lay in a hospital. **(Pg. 2)** The water here is very fine and George selects from the best spring. The air is pure and just now the days are sunny spring like and lovely. Capt. Woodruff suggested that possibly you or some one else had started for ...him. I hope not for though it might appear necessary to you it does not seem wise to me, in the first place it is impossible for a northern woman coming so far to avoid almost endless annoyance and suffering and were you here you could hardly add to the attentions possible in my case. You would be exposed to danger in coming and any other one cannot surpass in efficiency and usefulness those already here. I hope such considerations have already robbed the intelligence of its painful features and restoud you equiliberatun. I shall write nearly every day and now let you remember Gods goodness in all the past and be thankful that we live under his dealings.

My love to each one of the Children to Grandma to Julia Anne and to Aroma.

My life's deep flood of affection flows fervent & full unto her with whom all my earthly joys and interests are linked. God bless you my own true wife.

As Ever  
A. Upson

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