

I did not get enough
letters when Rose came
I wish you spoke.
My demand is unnecessary
and Unnecessary.
They made me see
the error and I thank
you for the whole
of it. My dear good
friend I am
glad to hear that
you are well and
I hope you will
soon get home
I am ever your
affectionate friend
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charm away the hair from your back and
the shadows which have gathered around
your heart. I know you feel so sad and
lonely Love. I wish I might do something
for you. We had a fine April shower
last night and it is warm and mild
this morning. The sun has not been
seen yet but I think it is not going
to rain longer - This weather is so
delightful. We were up to the Depot
yesterday and while there the Express
from Cleveland arrived with a Regt.
of soldiers - Grant's Infantry from Pitts-
burg. I think if soldiers will afford
us protection we soon need fear no
danger. They are camped in the differ-
ent Halls and spare blocks of the city

I met several when out on the street this forenoon. They were strolling about arm in arm. Looking in at the shop windows &c &c They are very young looking and exceedingly quiet and orderly. I thought if I only had a home here I would have invited some half dozen or more to ^{take} dinner with me. The Regt. that came in yesterday are all seemingly young boys and look so little adapted to rough soldier life - while those to-day were almost all staunch firm looking men, many with beard sprinkled with gray. There was part of a regt. of volunteers, dressed in citizens clothes but all carrying the unfailing musket. I could not help thinking how different our soldiers looked from those I saw in Canada. I mean the regulars, not the volunteers which I think I described to you. There was a camp of them near Quebec at

Grimsby - which had been sent over from England. They all looked alike the same listless light blue eyes, yellow hair and bronzed faces. I stood at the gate one morning when a line was passing along, and attentively observed them to see if one had black hair and they none had as I could see. They were all the same height and age and looked like under machines and would fight about as well as any regiment I should judge. I am sure their looks indicated no love of country, liberty or anything resembling. General said that since the camp had been there many of the people had lost their little girls. They would fall in love with some soldier, buy his time which ^{cost} them but a trifling sum, marry him and go back to the old country. Since writing the first of these letters I have been to breakfast, March

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Johnnie went down to the office and brought us four letters, among them yours of Oct 3rd written before the last one rec^d. I was so glad when I saw your writing on the envelope. I so longed for more intelligence from you but this gave nothing later. I must have taken cold papers out on pocket that night which made you worse. If you were only more careful Sorling. Please do be more so for my sake. I am so glad you are pleased with my being in Eng. I half way feared you would not. I think I had best not send the gloves until I hear from you again. I can easily get them here and send to you by mail. The clouds are getting pretty black with strong indications of more ruin & deluge. I will not venture over to church to-day. How much I want to be with you to day my cherished husband. I pray God, ^{hardly} to be with you and help you bear this affliction patiently. I hope to see you ^{soon} if you get us better.

Yours lovingly
Mrs Emma