

Chattanooga Tenn
Oct 30th 1868

Wife:

I received two more letters and another invoice of likenesses from you yesterday. For both receive thanks. Before this reaches you, you will have received letters enough for a while - I doubt not. I am not going to write you a letter today but merely a note of business and the like -

And first I am very much pleased with your idea of living in Erie for the winter. It is the very thing for you. I do not care that you should work at all but I think some occupation would be beneficial to you and will help pass the time. If you only teach during the forenoon, I think I can

safely trust to your good sense
not to wear yourself out with
labor. Let me caution you against
appropriating too much time to that
insatiable music. Not more than
two hours at the utmost Darling!
I positively forbid more. Look that
"our edict" is obeyed! I think it better
for you to be there in that situation
than that you should be anywhere else
with nothing definite to occupy your
time and attention.

I sent to Father a
few days since a likeness, some old
letters, the slippers you gave me (which I
have been hoping so long to get sold) and
the records of the Court Martial, with
some few other little valuable articles -
Whenever you go up home you can just
call at Father Valentini's, or send to him
to bring them down to you. The records
may interest you a little from their
uniqueness. You may read any of

them you choose. They are a big
parcel, and besides you will soon
find that they are not meant for
miscellaneous reading. I intend to
keep them and fix them up nicely for
my office - when I am a lawyer in
God's country, and Courts Martial are
out of date.

I am in such need of
one thing, - viz - a pair of working
I want some few gloves. Can you
get them for me, and send them by mail
More firm and durable, than nice. The
price will probably astonish you, but they
are the only winter gloves it will pay
for me to get. You know it rains here
half the winter" or more and woollen
ones are just useless or nearly so.

Our outings are very scarce. We
have had only beef and hard bread
for a long time, and for a week or
half outings of that. I have seen hard
luck, sold at 25¢ a piece and a

beef's tongue is worth a dollar at any
moment. Our regt - had 15 small
hard breads each - and three days half
ration of beef & one half ration of pork
for five days - that is three hard breads -
(small ones, about 2 1/2 inches square and 1/2 inch
thick) and a very small piece of meat for
a day. At the same time our duty is very
heavy - A boat came up today with
two burges in tow, we shall soon
be better off. I am getting better.

Tomorrow we go on picket. It is
raining heavily and has been all day
I hate to go in such weather with
my present help but as the orderly is
sick I suppose I must. It is late
and I must to bed. Give my kindest
est regards to Angie. I suppose that
would be a work of supererogation however
for I think she has made up her mind to
keep a grudge against me forever. I got a
note from her the first day of the battle and
wished all day it had been delayed or lost.
It is a lump of lead that has not been
one at such a time - so only a missive from
a good friend of the olden days -
Good night my precious one God bless
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