

and he and his party made it
appear that it was a damage
instead of a Profit to any man
man or child. Finally we
had to "curtain" and to spite
the Old fellow we all signed
the Pledge never to use it as
any thing of its nature.

I will send you mine for safe
keeping, you will keep it for
me won't you Sadie?

Sadie you tell that Brother
of ours (Jas) that he never has
written to me and I think it is
time he did if he is ever a
ghost. Tell Estlin and Mattie
to write if they can afford to
spend the time. I am so

concerned here that I don't know
what to do with my self, it seems
as though I had been here more
than a month all ready.

I must come to Head quarters Wednesday
and they let me have my ~~four~~
again so I could get my ~~own~~
Communitarian money I guess
I shall get it to morrow 8 1/2

Camp Parole. April 24th

My Dear Wife.

Your eager looked
for letters reached here to day and
if ever I was glad to get a letter
I was glad to get that one.

I don't know but you will think
I want you to write all the time
by my writing so often. But I
don't want you to write any
often than you want to, the
time seems so long to me here
that I must do something to
pass it away, well when I am
talking with you I see the time
doesn't seem half so long
and I busy as it does at other times

so you must excuse me if I
should write a half a dozen times
a day. Now Sister I think you
are too hard to believe me just
because you have no Bed fellow.
did you ever think that I
was just as destitute of one
as you was? I dont like to sleep
alone any better than you do.

and that night I slept I didnt
sleep at all I kept a wake and
thought "as rather Dreamed" under
a wake all night. "John" says I
dont sleep any more nor want let
him sleep in peace. But it is
to bad as you say to get married
and then have to sleep with
any body But your wife. This
terrible "Rebellion" causes a great
deal of incanminence 'as it does
and I am sorry for it. But it
cant be helped as I see
I will stop for now and finish this
some other time add

April 28th

Dear Sarah:- I cant invent any
thing to fill time any other way
so I will finish this letter. We
had a Temperance meeting here
last night. The "Chaplain" came
over here and invited us to
come to the Temperance meeting.
Some one spoke and asked
the Chaplain if he meant a
going to have any whiskey at
all nothing but cold water?

Well says the Chaplain if you
Boys will all come over and
shame me where Whiskey is any
benefit to a man as a Beverage
I'll send and get some and
treat the crowd. So we
all made a ralley. But in
spite of all we could say in
favor of Whiskey we could
nt convince the Chaplain that
Whiskey was of any use to us

portion for my Darling, good,
precious Wife. I will take good
care of my self Dear for your sake
And you must take good care of
"Sarah" for me. I want to find
when I come back that some
good little "Wife" I left and I am
sure I shall for I know she
loves her Husband. But no better
than he loves her. "My health
is improving very fast. Uncle
"Abraham" will have to take
back what he said about me
in a few weeks longer if I dont
have any serious drama back

I shall have to stop writing
now for it is getting dark

May God Bless your Darling
and protect you from all
harm and keep you in the
path of virtue. is the duty
and constant Prerogative of
your affectionate Husband
Adrian Gray



I will use a little of the
Sanitary paper as it is thinner than
other and wont take up so much room in
the envelope. That's quite economy isn't it?

You must be in great business
checking my sister to death. you
dont like it if I should see your
name you had just better stop that
then making fun of my ghost. I know
have you girls every one.

"When" what an awful name
day it is I almost sweat a stream
it is so warm. "Wander if there is
steam on the ground in California
you to dry". you say you are
going to be just as good as you can be
till I get back. I hope you will. But
wont you be good after I get home
I am going to be good too till I
get home again and then I'll try
and be good. "as by the master"

Gods ~~ma~~praid like killt. Oh Darling
I am in such a hurry to get the
notice of our wedding & wonder if
it is probable that you are married &
I have a kind of a faint belief that
you are after all. I know Darling
you didnt say "good bye" but I know
you was thinking it so it seems just
as well as though you said it. I
did hate to come away this time
more than I ever did before. But
as for my crying all the way to the
River thats hardly true, though I
spent days but what tears some
times in my eyes I couldnt help
it none here. I will come and
stay with you some night soon
but I am afraid you will "scold"
if I should rub my whiskers in
your face. But none mind if
you do ~~not~~ scold me I'll go
right out and come back here &
gain "and so I will" ^{and}

I saw Captain "White side" of my
Regt. last night. he was glad to
see me and wanted me to come
and see him to day. I went down to
his room, just now but he was not
there. He has been a Prisoner 20
months his Wife died while he
was in prison. and it came near
killing him he dont act abt as
he used to. "Lieut. Musher" has
gone back to the Campary again
I understood he was very anxious
to have me get back again.
I wish I was there the time would
not seem half so long as it
does here. Well My Dearest
I will bring this letter to a
pages and I guess you will
be glad too I dont believe you
can read it. But maybe you are
used to it enough so you can
pick it out. Give my love to all
inquiring friends. but keep the gates