

Fort Schuyler .. Dec 17th 63

Cousin Jane

After this long time I find my self seated for the express perpos of writing to you I am usuly well and hope this may find you and yours enjoying the same blessing Since I wrote to you before I have been at home 18 days or around home I didnt stay at home mutch of the time it was to lonsom for me I found things going on as well as I expected with Mother Hellen and John I herd no grumblng from any of them John is a regular old man he will make a modle husband for some dam fare sell or some fare damsel the one that gets him will have to learn navigation to catch him though Hellen was lame when I was thare she had sprained her ancle or what would be an ancle if it was a man I donot know as the girls has any thing by that name I went and see nearly all the prettyes around home but could not get far as I had to hire a horse to get any place I had good success in all my undertakings while I was thare I come near getting married golly I tremble now well it was enough to frighten any one I asked a lady to have me and she said no sir by hell she was a lady shure I guess that is some lie though but Jane I have something to tell you when you promise not to hint it to any of the folks at home as I am the only one interested it is not nesary thay should know I mist my good leg that I had when I left home I didnt realize how bad it was being a Cripple untill I got whare I wanted both legs it is hard to think of climng the rough and crooked paths of this world limping but I have all the confidence in my ability to make a living I think it will be so that I can walk with a cane and it may be without any thing by limping some I mist some of my friends that died since I left thare espetilia my mother Dufee I went and see her family thay was bording with his brother but it was not my good home that I had once but this is of no conciquence to you

I will tell about the weather it has been very pleasant thare has been a verry little snow twice this winter it stoming now I think ti will snow before night Mary Webb is making a verry bad show for one that has had the chance of being a lady that she has report says Mary Arther drinks verry hard that is ruff if trew it does not seam as though a woman of her ability and one that started life with wealth friends and beautie should come as low as that in so short a time I shall begin to think it does not make mutch differance which way we begin life wheather way down or up we all have to meet on one comon level at the end I have comenst reading the bible through and got as far as first Samuel you may think thare is plenty of room for me to proffit by my reading if the will was thare My finger is cold and I will rest a while The Storme increases and I donot know but it will turn to a gimy kain before it gets throug I have read in novels what music thare is in the waves washing the shores but I can not see mutch music to it here the water is about 3 miles wide and we are on a point nearly surounded by water so the wind has a good old chance on us This is all I con write this time you may think this is more than was needed please to write soon and give an acct of your self why you have not wrote before and tell Thomas I would be pleased to see a spesamin of writing if thare is any girls you can tell them I like them and thay cannot help them selve excuse all bad writing and nonsense I mean well enough you may think I have a queer way of telling what I want

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Write soon old lady
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