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[letter has raised imprint reading: "CROTON"]

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My Dear. Emmy. I received yours of the 25" the day before yesterday and should have answered it before, but we have been moving, and besides I have lost my knapsack, containing everything that I had, except what I had on. So you see I had nothing to write with

I was afraid of losing it and that was the reason that I sent those pictures home. I did not keep any of your letters while I was in the Co. but since I have been here I thought there was not much danger of losing it, and had kept all you have sent for some time. But never mind. I do not think any one will feel enough, interested to read them

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My portfolio and gold pen is gone and I shall miss them very much

I just bought a quire of paper and a bunch of envelopes, for which I paid 75 cts. I do not know what I shall do for clothes. I guess I shall have to get you to send me some. I had a letter from Elmer a few days ago which I must answer at once. I am very glad that he has gone to work at his trade. Tomorrow my little Josie will be six years old. I hope you will think to kiss her six times for me.

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there has her some neasons for you to blame me. Burnny durling of I did not love you there is no reason why I should tell you so, and you know it is the truth, so you must never doubt it even in your dreams. but be my same sweet loving trust ing wife, though I know that I do not deserve it of you. I do not feel like writing letters, though It is likely to be the only may that I can talk to my darling for some time zer. But the flies lute so it is almost impossible to write, so I shall more a short litter agein. Nope you will remember how you from ised to retaliate. My health will remember how you from isses to retalienter. My health is the same as ever. Is mother getting better have not another

there has been some reasons for you to blame me. But my darling - if I did not love you there is no reason why I should tell you so. and you know it is the truth, so you must never doubt it even in your dreams, but be my same sweet, loving, trusting wife, though I know that I do not deserve it of you. I do not feel like writing letters, though it is likely to be the only way that I can talk to my darling for some time yet. But the flies bite so it is almost impossible to write, so I shall make a short letter again. Hope you will remember how you prom ised to retaliate. My health is the same as ever. Is mother getting better? I have got another picture of one of the 4" N.H.

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soldiers. His name is Dana Re Runnels. I mean to get all that I can to keep in an album by themselves. But I will close this now. You do not write but once a week lately I suppose you think I do not deserve any more. Well I will not complain. Write as often as you can. Leander

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Now darling. having used one sheet in trying to do some sort of justice to your merits as as a wife and, feeling that I have not half expressed what I should like to say, I will leave it to dream over, for the present and try and write of some other things that you will wish to hear of. In the first place, in regard to leaving my place at Brig. Head Quarters, It is quite likely, that in the present case. I have avoided being sent to the Co. by leaving, as they are sending back all the detached men that that can poss ibly be spared, and it is not likely that I shall be recalled from here if I give satisfaction, and it is a good place, where I can get plenty to eat, and always a good bed to sleep in, which is something that

you do not know how to appreciate and another thing which I did not tell you when I was there) I was always in as much danger nearly, as in the leo. It is true that I did not go into a regular hettle with the reg to, but always went to the from v two or three lines a day, when the Brig, was there, and, there is always more danger in going to and from the trenches, them there is in staying there. Well this is writing a great deal, about nothing. but there has been so much con Jusion here that I could not till what I was writing. Hazares is going to start for home tomorrow. He went to the Reg! this morning, line this reminds me that I never anthis reminds me that I never an a little to him. Palways thought of it

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not wish to have you write to him It should not know how to be jealone of my darling wife, if she did not love me best af all, I should not come who she did love your spoke of send ing my clother, theline I have writer what I would like to have you send. but you will not be dele to it of you have no money, Twish we could ger haid, so there could gun will need it. I had a letter from me augthing their want, Pan sony than I said anything to you about it, as it will be a good deal of trouble to you to do is. In regard to their money, is father does not some is. I should be Jufectly willing to los Selson have ir, if you think does not seeint " I should vi Jufectly willing to lor okelson have ir, is you think best. I am in hopes father will want it

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I should not know how to be jealous of my darling wife, if she did not love me best of all. I should not care who she did love | You spoke of send ing my clothes, I beleive I have writen what I would like to have you send, but you will not be able to do it if you have no money. I wish we could get paid, so that I could send you some, for I am afraid you will need it. I had a letter from Elmer to-day, and he offers to send me anything that I want., I am sorry that I said anything to you about it, as it will be a good deal of trouble to you to do it. In regard to that money, if father does not want it. I should be perfectly willing to let Nelson have it, if you think best. I am in hopes father will want it after all. But you may want it yourself before I get back. At any rate I shall

as you think hest. I went you to send ne some stamps as so on as govien. Jos I write a great many letters, and there is no way to get any here. Send me quire a lost of them, I do not like to get our. We have had some of the pleasentes & evenings, this week that there wished you and I could take a rice. I think I . ishould his you closer then I used to when we rode together in the evening Isuppose I ought to say somethy for those little durlings of aurs. but do nor know what to say, I think of them and you was all of the time. If you can think of the angthis that would please them to habe med say to them. Please to read it off and give me viccir for saying : H! Deleure you know, I would have said is if I blad Known bow. Well my ower & many & think I have united you a long letter, this time, if it does not around to much There is much more than I would dike to say to your, bur will been in . Non anosthing time. On, dos more decide There is much more than I would dike to say to your, bur will been in for another time. and now deenest

as soon as I get back. But you must do as you think best. I want you to send me some stamps as soon as you can, for I write a great many letters, and there is no way to get any here. Send me quite a lot of them. I do not like to get out. We have had some of the pleasantest evenings, this week that I ever saw. How I have wished you and I could take a ride. I think I should hug you closer than I used to when we rode together in the evening.

I suppose I ought to say something for those little darlings of ours. but do not know what to say. I think of them and you most all of the time. If you can think of th anything that would please them to have me say to them, Please to read it off and give me credit for saying it because you know, I would have said it if I have known how.

Well my sweet Emmy, I think I have writen you a long letter, this time, if it does not amount to much There is much more that I would like to say to you, but will leave it for another time. And now dearest and best, my own true and loving wife, good night. May God bless you always is the prayer of your affectionate Leander