

Camp Palmer N.C.

February 28th 1865-

My Dear boys!

Your charming little note was duly received last evening and this will assure you how pleased I was with it - so you see I improve my very first spare moment to answer it.

You are continually speaking of callers - which leads me to think that the boys here are not taken off all our young men - or how could you receive so many of the afore-said callers. For I do not suppose for a moment that they are of the other sex!

I think you are all "going it gay" wif your way from the number of Parties - Sleigh Rides - Spelling Schools &c &c - Ah! You may believe, I wish

I could just drop in, as you say,
 I think I could make some spot
 among you young Ladies - Such sweet
 lovely creatures - I tell you, as Soldier
 Boys can appreciate the Ladies after
 being away from them so long -
 You must look out for — your
 hearts when we all come back again,
 for I tell you we intend to make sure
 have among them, intend to
 call for Principle & Interest too on
 this long standing debt.

So I need not enquire as to the
 precise hour when you retired that
 Sunday night eh? Well I won't - I will
 merely say that if I had been there
 it would have been rather late or
 early, Ah - just to imagine myself
 on a Sofa along side of a neat little
 Bundle of needles - one Arm thrown around
 a neat taping Garter - the other hand
come - when - I can't tell where - my
 lips rather close to this someones

lips & — Well — my feelings will not permit me to follow up the subject besides I can not do it justice —

Well Miss Katie — I hope your ship will come in pretty soon — for I should very much like to see you. for I know that I am the only relative that you have as far down South as this, Who is this Old Bachelor Cousin? Me!!!? Well "you do me good" By the way — I want one of those Photographs of yours — I enclose one of mine in return for the one I shall expect in your next — As for Jane & Ward, I do not care whether they answer it or not — I wrote it to them out of pure good feeling & if they do not choose to answer it — why they need not — that's all — I am sure it will neither make nor break me. You say you could talk to me of something you do not care to write about if I were only with you — Ah! indeed — then

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how I wish I were there - But as
 I can not please I relieve my
 anxiety by writing it - For I assure you
 you can write just & full any thing
 you wish to - ~~For~~ ^{for} other eyes see my
 letters and I wish you to tell me all
 of your ~~love~~ ^{desires} - desires & feelings
 you don't know how I like to have
 you write your boldly in regard to every
 thing - & I will ~~do~~ ^{be} the same - Does
 any one read your letters or get them
 besides yourself? I wish to know for
 then I shall know how to write -

Those verses are very charming. I only
 wish my hat was full of fleas such as
 you describe - for I think that it would
 not take one to fill it - And Oh how
 I wish it was filled. Such a treat - I'll
 bet I would get some honey from that
 bee - or flea - if a flea I would let it
 bite me just for a chance to bite back again
 How are you, "as big as one" I like that.

Yours all-overishly
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