



Portsmouth  
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Dear Sister

it is now most  
 night but I can not let the  
 day pass by with out writing  
 a few lines to you; I had begun  
 to think that you was not going  
 to write to me again you had  
 very prompt to answer my letters  
 I had one from Sazonia last  
 week she sent me her Picture it  
 is the best one that she ever had  
 taken I think she wrote me  
 a good long letter besides, the folks  
 was all well then as usual there is  
 not much news to write except  
 was news and you will get that  
 before you will get this letter the  
 Friedrichs burg news is got to

be old news now it was a great  
 slaughter; I am surprised to  
 hear that you dont take a paper  
 I should not know what to do  
 without one if I was there at  
 home. Harrison Pratt is here  
 now he came on to see his Mother  
 I think that he is trying to get  
 his discharge and hope he will  
 you asked me what I thought  
 about getting some one to try  
 and get my discharge. I  
 think that it would not be of  
 any use now they are very  
 strict now they are going to  
 form a Crippled Regiment I  
 think that our Government has  
 got pretty lo to have to scrape  
 up all of the cripples; and they are  
 going to enlist cripples besides  
 I was sorry to hear of Mr  
 Durms death but he has

been sick a long time but  
he has got through now; and  
has left a grate merry friend  
to mourn his loss I should like  
to have been there to his Funeral  
I never new untill the other day  
that Charles Adkins's Funeral  
Sermon was in the Banner  
they never wrote me about it I  
should have liked to have seen it  
I am glad to hear that you are  
all well and hope that you will  
go home after they all want to  
see you very much, the weather  
is very pleasant here now; it was  
a little cloudy yesterday and  
day before but it has cleared  
off pleasant and the <sup>tree</sup> have got  
leaved <sup>out</sup> very nice, I suppose  
that Sam has got his planting  
most done I wish I was  
there and able to help him

I have been here over two months  
 and have enjoyed my self very  
 well I should not have got along  
 so well if I did not have a good  
 libery to go to and a good chance  
 to study we have got into  
 compound Interest we shall  
 get through the book in a short  
 time; I have finished up one  
 writing book and have began  
 another; I am getting along first  
 rate my leg is getting quite strong  
 I can go around the house without  
 a cane but; cant go no grate  
 distance with out it I will not  
 write any more this time give my  
 love to all and write as often as  
 you can, yours

I remain your  
 Affectionate Brother  
 Seth. H. Alden