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Mrs Susan Austin



Fox Lake
Dodge Co
Wisc

18 Sept 1869

Nashville Sept 18th 1864

My Dear Wife

I received your very
welcomb letter on Thursday morning
the 15th inst & I am very glad to
hear that you are some better than
when you wrote before I still keep
gaining as usual, you spoke a bout
my geting some socks I have Drayed
three pair from Government & I have
those two pare that I brought with
me in the spring & I have sent
two pare home by Orvis that A
Gilbert threw a way I thought they
would go to mend for me or they won
d is to travel out & nit up for George
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to make George some pants & I sent
an over coat that will knee washing
befare it will be fit to ware I got
the coat for one Dollar & seventy five
cents I have Drayed four shirts at one
Dollar & fifty three cts each &

two pair of Drawers at 90 cts each &
one pair of boots at two dollar &
ninety two cts & an india rubber
blanket at two dollars & 75 cts &
I have six blankets & two woolen shirts
that I Drawed some time ago & one pair
of pants, there was no pants I he got
when I drew the last time or I should
have Drawn two pair I have a pair of
pants that I have been yearing for the last
three weeks that A Gilbert threw
away, the seat of them had got worn
through, & I tuck them & I went to
a tailor shop & got a piece of cloth
& patched them & they ^{will} come nicely
they will last two or three months &
I thought I could save something by take
them & they will do to make George
some every day pants of I do think
that I want by me a fine shirt here
but I dont know as I shall they ask four
dollars for a fine shirts a piece

I believe I shall get me one of those military shirts as they are called here they are made of flannel & the bosom is made of two kinds of cloth, those pants that I wore down here was not worth much being half of them was made up wrong side out the knit wore off in a little while on the wrong side & the warp being white one side was white & the other gray it was not so plain to be noticed untill I got them washed & then the boys said they was regular State prison pants one side white & the other gray & I have not worn them in some time

you need not get any straw till I come if the potatoes are ripe they quite be dug but you need not dig them if you found any boys that would dig them for fine at per bushel lett them dig them if not lett them be till Chris & I get their if he gets their before I do

he will go to Digging the potatoes if
he is well enough, he left here
Thursday night he has started to go to
Nat Gustin near Cleveland he thinks
some of buying a lot of apples & taking
up with him if he does he may not get
them much sooner than I do, if there
should be a good chance to ship apples
& make it pay I may stop & ship as
long as it is safe for fear of frost or
freezing up, you did not say what
Dried peaches was worth there in your last
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the letter that I sent in answer to hers that
I got here & I will send her another to day
My Dear love I suppose that you are getting
anxious for my time to be out, & I
suppose that it will be out when this
month is out that is what some say &
that is close at hand only 12 days more
in this month & it will only 18 days
if I have to stay till the 6 of October
my pet time goes faster with me now than
when I could not work give my best respects to
Mr Baines folk & to Miss Braken & Mrs Deniston
& Mr Brainard god by my dear love
H. Austin

[[Nick Dante 6/30/2016]]

[[Austin Correspondence #7]]

[[Page 1- Envelope]]

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Mrs Susan Austin
Fox Lake
Dodge Co
Wisconsin

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Nashville September 18th 1864

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