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Dear Mother

I have finally let another week go by without writing to you but I did not do it purposely. I have been very busy for the last two weeks & at the same time there has been nothing to write about that would interest you in the least & that is just the case now but I suppose that I am in duty bound to write wheather there is anything to write about or not. The last letter I had from you was a good long one & I was a little surprised to get such a lengthy letter. I am very glad to hear that your health is so much better than it has been the past summer & I hope you will keep it so & not come out in the spring sick again, "or Spring Poor." I have pretty much given up the idea of being mustered out of the service untill the time of the regiment is out. I suppose that by this time that all there is left of my old company are home. I sometimes wish that I could have been there to go home with them, but I guess it is just as well as it is. I feel sorry for Peleg for he is a good boy. I wish he had some experience in bussiness. I think that I could get him a good situation as Quarter Masters Clerk where he could do well & learn a great deal. I had an offer the other day of a good position as clerk if I should happen to get out of the service but I shall not accept it just yet. I wish you would put Gust in mind of the promise he made in regard to sending me the photograph of his "Betsy Ann." We have very nice sleighing here now & I expect to have a ride Christmas & that will be all the Christmas we shall have. Cant think of anything more to write now, hoping that I shall have more to write next time I remain

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway