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Yellow Springs, Ohio, March 8th 1863

My Dear Brother,

I told you in my letter that I would write in a few days, so here goes. But the next thing is what shall I write? I'll tell you what the French was.

'How do you do this eve'ning?' then I wrote right after it. I hope you are well.

Now do you understand? I won't write any more French, if you are agreeable? Are you? The first thing is John Snay has been discharged and is at home now. He says he is going to enlist again before long. I don't see any use in his getting a discharge if he is going to enlist again.

I should like to have been with you when you were in Washington to see the sights. I would give any thing to go to a theater once. I think I would like it;

hurry up the Photographs. I am
awful anxious to see them.
I should like to have some
taken if I could. What is that
fellows name that was discharged?
Channing was up last Sunday.
They are looking for Jenny in
Dayton this week. I don't know
whether she is coming here or not?
Do you get any more letters?
I have not had one for a long time
Don't know whether she has forgotten
M. Lacey or not. School is out
in three weeks from last Friday.
This has been such a short term,
Mercy me, time flies so fast now
every year seems shorter than the
one before it. I don't know what
it will be if I should live to be
old as mother. The other day
the students took Doolittle's cow
and put it in the College cellar
next morning Doolittle was all over

town looking for his cow,

I don't know how he found out
that she was there, but he did,
and got her home, and he has been
trying his best to find out who did
it, but I guess he don't succeed very
well. he hasn't found out yet.
So your colored gentleman has taken
his departure, who does your cooking
now? Sam McCulloch lost his little
girl the other day, with scarlet fever
and the little boy is not expected to
live Mrs. Dr. Chumy has been very
sick for a week with 'Erysipelas'
but is better now.

How does Mr. Lincoln look any thing
like his pictures? What did you
think of Barney Williams? The Good
Templers are going to have a Festival
week from tomorrow night. I expect
it will be a grand affair. I wish you
could come home, soon. Well I must
close. Write soon and often. yours affectionately
Mary.

could not get - will be few stamps
The Post-Master would not
I hope there will be
more next time