Camp 17th US Infy.  
Near Nokesville, Va.  
April 8th 1864.

Dear Sarah,

Since I wrote you last, I have been very happily surprised, and by a person whom I never saw before in my life. That I have knowledge of, and yet I felt perfectly free to converse with him, as I should with any of my old acquaintances.

I think from what I have heard you say, that you also are somewhat acquainted with the gentleman.  

Think your Yankee Curiosity would ask the question. Who she might be? And therefore
I will tell you, but in my own way.

Wednesday I had occasion to visit the Camp of the 12th Dragoons, and soon after my return went to my tent, and was somewhat astonished to find it occupied by a stranger.

Now my dear Sarah, you must not think I am jealous of you, when I tell you that after the Ceremony of Introduction was over, he spoke very flattering of you, and said he had enjoyed many good times with you, and I hope he may many more, for I like his appearance and being frank and open I judge from what I saw, said he was in my tent by a certain picture I had left upon the mantelshelf.
which he had been viewing
and was much pleased with it.
Dear Sarah I don't think
it proper to tell you whose
picture it was for I don't wish
you to know how many yung
ladies pictures I have in
my possession but the gentle-
man was Mr. George L. Fall.
He spent two or three hours
with me conversing upon
various topics looking about
the Camp & then returned
to Warren ton Junction.
He wished to be remembered
to you.

Thursday I had to go
down to Brigade Head Qua-
And rode over to the Junction
to see him again but he had
gone out to some of the Camps
and I returned without
seeing him.
Today I have been out with Maj. McCabe and thirty or forty cavalrymen on a scout for guerrillas. We took circuit through the country, and probably went about thirty miles, but we discovered no guerrillas.

In fact, it would be almost impossible to find any for the country is covered with little scrubby pines and a person might secure himself so that a body of cavalrymen might pop within thirty feet and not discover him, yet I have no doubt but what we hoped within pistol shot of a day, during the day but our party was so large they dare not make themselves known. But we had the privilege of searching one house for a Rebelagent although we did not find him.
Tomorrow I have got to go to Alexandria to attend a Court Martial and don't know when I shall return. Probably not until Monday and perhaps not until Tuesday, think if I am obliged to remain over the Sabbath I shall go to Washington.

I am enjoying very good health, and by the way, dear Sarah, I have left off chewing Tobacco again. This I suppose you will be glad to learn.

Do you think you would enjoy a kip any better? I certainly should be most happy to test the experiment.

Do you ever think, dear Sarah, what a change has come over me since my first acquaintance with you? Then, I had none of those evil filthy habits. Now, I have them all.
But I trust when I get into civilization again, I shall throw aside these evils, at least to a certain degree.

Had almost forgotten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter this afternoon, not however because I did not appreciate it, for it was gladly received. Think my last letter has not reached you.

As you ask several questions which were answered therein.

I close by bidding you good night. Finding a life devotedly

Your own,

Franny.