

in manger. I think that I better
close for the first thing I don't know
I will ^{tear} into the Bible and testament
head our heads, and no doubt you
will think I have arrived to the
Book of acts already, and I guess
I have been acting foolish. So I
leave this to you for correction
hoping this may find you in
as good health and spirits it
leaves me kind regards to you
and family, hoping to hear from
you soon again

(Sig) Yours Obt. Servant
Leesh

E. M. D.
Brooktown Wis



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Friend E. M.,

Again I plant
my little self down to quill good
a few lines in answer to yours of
16th which came to hand in due
time, and found me forked and
down, and quite able to consume
my daily ration of the staff of
life, and pleased to hear from
you again, and to learn that you
was on this side of existence

Well E. B.

I can't promise you a very lengthy
scrawl this time, for that same old
complaint prevails in this region
as usual, nothing transpiring to

cause any excitement, and so it remains
and will for ages to come if the
old man does not take pity on the
people in this country, and pass an
act to prohibit destructive annuities
called the Hopper grass, and then
it would be a doubtful case if some
could tarry long. So the snow Beautiful
snow is about to take its departure for
a season, and suppose that there
will be few if not any to mowen the
lows

I was in hopes of making a move
this spring out on the R.R. again.
but the prospect look poor at
present. time passes quicker and
more excitement. here the same old
thing day after day. as you know
little about garrison life yourself.
one gets tired and wants a change
as the old Yankee said. he liked

mush and milk for 50 or 60 meals
but to subsist on it any longer he
did not believe in that

I received a
letter from J.W. and giving an
acct. of the aforesaid Wooden party
and I should judge it was grand
times, and would liked well to have
been present, and took an active
part. I could not said much to
promote the wellfare of guests on
such occasion, but I, naught, laughed
all over the floor for them as you
know it is yourself when you and I
was, young ^{Chas.}

So Jim. concluded
to tarry by the way side did he
I suppose he thinks what the good
Book says, He that sows shall
reap, a rich reward. I hope
he will. I am not lik. the dog