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Gordonsville Hospital

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Dearest Husband

I am so anxious about you since I reed your letter from W I do hope you got home safely and were not sick from riding in the cold. Did you have any trouble with Y on your way down the valley? Have they done you any injury since our men have been in the Valley? Have you gotten a hand to help you next year? I do trust you will not have to worry alone as you did last year. You requested me to tell you how I am getting along. I get along pretty comfortably. Mrs. Buchanan is very obliging to me indeed has never refused to give me anything I have asked for or to have any thing done that I requested. I do not go to the table at all. The meals at the house and at the wards come at the same time (which is I think a very bad arrangement) and if I were to stay to get my meals I would not be with Charles when he eats his meals. So I get up in the morning early and while I am dressing boil my (---?---) and make his coffee & toast if he wishes toast or make hash if I can get a little beef that I get the evening before if I wish it for breakfast when I have of his dried beef I get one of the women in the kitchen to cook it. He has used his own coffee ever since I came except a few times, I made him tea, and some times I drink coffee. As soon as I get ready I take his wine coffee and whatever else I have and go to the ward and if they have eggs or anything else there that he wants I get it and give him his breakfast. I have fed him ever since I came until a day or two past he seemed inclined to feed himself some. He was very weak and the weather so bitter cold he could not keep his arms out long enough and his hands would get so very cold. For two days it has been more mild. After he has eaten I go to the house eat my breakfast, wash my dishes, make my bed if I have not made it before breakfast then go to the ward and remain until I give him his dinner. I then go and get my dinner and go back and stay until four o'clock I go to the house and make tea or coffee and whatever else I can for him. After he has eaten his supper I fix him for the night, give him a goodnight kiss and go to the house, eat my supper wash up my dishes, and write, or, (---?---) arrange my little matters in my trunk, carpet bags, boxes etc this is all the time I can call my own. Has sent for his last winter clothing and had his baggage gotten out of the baggage room, so I have more in my care all his efforts of every kind. When his clothes were brought he had his large blanket put on his bed and gave me the (---?---) one to spread on the floor to keep the wind from blowing up through the cracks

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