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Bellaire, Ohio

*{Sunday}* January 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Wife,

As I have to wait until morning before I cross the river I thought I would write a few lines to occupy my time while waiting. I arrived here about 12 o'clock this evening and we cross the Ohio River in the morning and take the cars on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for Washington City *{DC}*. We go by the way of Baltimore *{MD}* and will probably take two days to get there yet. We have been on the road over one week now and I hope soon to stop somewhere. We did not stop long at Cincinnati *{OH}* but took the cars as soon as we could and have been on the cars three days from Cincinnati. Yesterday we lay a while at Newark *{OH}*, a nice place and full of pretty girls. They had a sanitary fair there and I went up to see it and I saw more beauty than ever before and I had to patronize them about three dollars worth. Among the fancy fixings I went in for was a letter. I called at the post office and called for a letter and sure enough there was one for me price one dime. I paid for the letter and found but little in it but that little was soft. It said, "Does Lieutenant Keeler desire a lady correspondent? If so, address Jesse Morton, Newark, Ohio." How they found out my name is more than I can tell unless

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some of my men happened to be in and told them. I got one months pay at Cincinnati and I am all right in money matters now. I have seen lately more cold weather since I left Tennessee than I have since I left home. It is good sleighing through Ohio and cold enough for Michigan. As I am writing at another man's office I will not write a long letter this time. I am well as usual and in good spirits and I hope you are the same. My respects to all and believe me, as ever,

Your Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

Bellare Ohio  
July 29th 1865

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