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Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

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Camp of the 23rd Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Bowling Green, KY, May 17th 1863

Dear Wife,

It is Sunday and as I most always write to you every Sunday I thought it best to write. I am well as usual and in my comfortable quarters taking it cool. My duties are the same as before I went home and not very hard. It has been decided to keep our regiment here perhaps all summer so you must not worry about me. The furloughed men have returned and a new batch has gone home. Sergeant Paine of Company B will perhaps call on you at Father's and you must

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give him the best the house affords to eat for he is a gentleman. The paymaster is here and perhaps he will pay us off in a few days which I hope he will so I can send you some money. We have got the nicest camp in the west. It is all set out with cedar trees and is as pleasant as can be. We are going to have a picture of it taken and I will send you one as soon as I can get one. You can put it alongside of Frank's; then you will *{have}* a view of the camps of the both of us. They say here that the 23rd Regiment is the most industrious regiment in the army. We have a brass band and I do not know what we will get up

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next. We are bound to be ahead of, if we can, of all other regiments in everything except what does not relate to good discipline. I hope you are well and in good spirits and feel better since I came home. I feel better than I did before and do not regret my visit for I enjoyed it first rate and I am sure you did and would if it had been a 40 day furlough instead of 20. I was back on time and that will help me when I want to get another one. I hope you will take good care of Frankey, for she is all we have left and we don't feel as though we could lose her. Write soon and direct your letters as before.

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I received Frank's photographs and I answered his letter last week. I wrote you last week as soon as I got back and will look for an answer this week. Have you got that photograph from Eastmans yet? If so, how do you like it? Let me know soon.

From Your Affectionate Husband,
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