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P.S.

If you send me a box of things, have it marked for Bowling Green, Kentucky, with the letter of the company and the number of the regiment.

Camp 23rd Regiment, Michigan Infantry
Bowling Green, KY
Nov. 16th 1862

Dear Wife,

I received your kind letter of Nov. 9th and glad I was to hear from you and the children. That makes three letters from you this week and this makes three that I have wrote to you this week, so you see that I don't forget to write often when I have a chance. I am sorry to hear that you are sick with the rheumatism all the time. I hope you will soon get well, then you won't be so lonesome for you can get around more and

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it will be better for you. I am glad to hear that the children are so well and hope they will continue so. And tell Tip I am glad that he drinks a glass of beer for me once in a while. Tell him to continue doing so for I can't get any here. You must keep up good courage and don't worry about me for I am doing well and perhaps Congress will settle this matter or make it worse before spring. Then we can tell more about when I will get home. I will write often and you must and it will be as well as can be at present. All that I can now complain of is that I am out of chewing tobacco and so is the sutler. If you get a chance

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to send me anything don't forget tobacco and as we are a going to stay in this place this winter, a small box of traps could be expressed here. Some of the other boys are sending home for some little luxuries. Perhaps you could send some with the others, if not sent it alone. Among them send some letter paper, tea, dried fruit, a pair of mittens and a pair of socks, and a few pounds of cheese, if you have the money. If not, don't distress yourself about it and when I get my pay I will send the money to you. We may not get it until next pay day. Then I will have four month's pay to send. Find out how much the work and lumber comes to that Mr. Delavergne done on the house

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and if Rube does not pay him I will as soon as possible, and tell John Ryan that I wrote to him some time ago and have not got any answer yet and see if Rube

paid him for plastering. You need not send any butter to me for Lieutenant Smith has sent for 20 pounds and that will last us some time. The most we need is vegetables, for they are not to be had in tis country of bacon and corn dodgers. We are going to have stoves in our tents and the brick are drawn for ovens to bake our bread in, so are going to make ourselves comfortable. Tell Father I am sorry about his colt, but he must raise another one. Give my love to mother and the other folks. Take good care of yourself and believe me.

Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler



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