

Putnam March 8th 1863

Dear Husband

It is some time since I have
written to you I should have written
last Sunday and would have done so
but Laura and Nathaniel were here
and I could not get a chance
Arlene and Lyman got your
letters this week and we were
glad to hear from you I am
glad you are getting along so
well And I hope as far as your
command goes you will look
out for the good of the men
under you, I have never mention^{ed}
any thing to you about your
promotion but it's not them
that says the most that feels
the ~~least~~^{most} I am very glad
my husband for your sake that
you have the office

And I am quite proud to
see I consider that you have
won it by your good conduct
and that is enough to make
any wife proud While I am
writing Lyman is sitting in the
corner reading and Charlie
and Hattie are sitting in the
great chair looking at a book
Mary is here to Bina is gone
to meeting I think you would
like to see this home Picture
But keep up good courage my
husband for if God spars our
lives we shall soon be together
once more I forgot to tell you
that your parcel came safe
I think it is a very good one
but Biny thinks that her father
is better looking I have not
much news to write at this
time Grandmother strout
is dead and buried

George's daughter that
had that child by Fred
Read is married Lewistown
is citty or will as soon
as they can make out to get
a mag. ar Then I shal have
to go into citty shopping great
send We are all well at this
time Abby is up to uncles David
tell David his folks are all
well and waiting patiently
for his coming When you write
again to Mr and Mrs Garretson
tell them that I still remen^{ber}
their kindness to my dear husband
Arbine is still at work in the
mill we had a private school
begin but for the want of
schollars it left of I cannot
persuad Lyman to go to Read^{and}
this terme I don't say as much
as I should but it crowded
so that part of the schollars
have to get there around to home

Mary wants to write a few
lines so I will bid you good
by for the present receive this
from your loving wife
Mary A. Wright

Dear Father

As mother has left a little
room for me I will write you
a few lines to let you know
how I am getting along my health
is about the same as ever my
school is done now. I don't know
how long a vacation we are
going to have Charly and Bessie
can slide down hill like fun
we are all well write soon
My letter is ended Good By
M. Wright