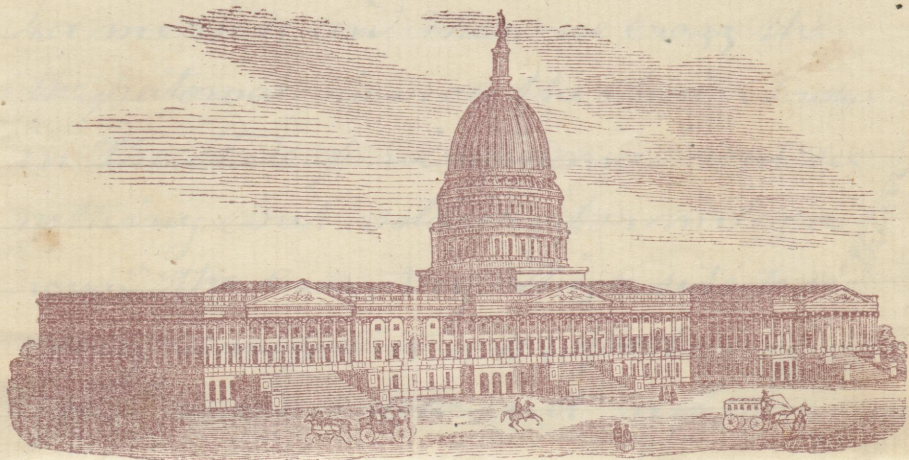




Miss Angeline E Decker
South Bern
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Minar Decker to his sister Angelina
Eester Decker my Dear sister I now take
my pen in hand to in form you how
and where i ana I am in virginia a
five hundre and fifty miles from you
I thought ^{you} had heard that news By D. Decker
Decker letters Because he said he had sent
Letters home to you or I should have
written to you Before this time
exenze this writing Bad writing and
Bad spelling Because my hand ant
stead yet I have Been sick ^{ten} weeks
I am in the hospital myet and dont

and dont know how much longer
I had the typhoid fever and a hard time
of it when i got so that i went out doors
and icant a hevy cold and then it rough ^{went}
with me for some time But now I have
Leronic plury in ^{my} side But I am
getting Better and go out doors in
good weather ~~weather~~ the weather
is fine and pleasant the ground has
just Been Covered with snow and
that is all I ~~am~~ have Been in the
City of washington and was there two
weeks, it is a fine place as can be

In America and then we cross the
the potomac river on the Chain Bridge
in the State of Virginia I dont see
nothing But soldiers for miles a
round the country it is a site to see ^{them}
My uniform is as good as new
and I have a new suit in of close
I think that unclesam does well By
me to suit of close in in four month
I have letters from home every week
my wife and Children are well
and do ing well at present I like
it well in the army we expect to
have a fight in a few day with
the rebels and I hope that I shall
to be get well so that can have a hand
in that pie I Bought the other day
a Box of paper and draw a gold locket
wort two dollars and if you will come
and see us this fall you shall have it
it is very nice I hope these penwines
will find you the enjoying the same
Blesing and we will see each other

if I live we will return in a
in short time to new york we
are york state militia and by
law they cant keep us but three
month and ten day out of the
state My Dear sisters since
I left new york I have been
in five different states New Jersey
pennsylvania Delaware and
marrylan and the Distre of Columbia
and virginier I want you to
write as soon as you get this
letter I wrote a letter to Mrs Decker
and got no answer yet dont you
forget to your Brother and he will
not forget you you will hear from
me soon I have had three montz pay
and my wife has got thirty dollars
of it I give ten dollars a month
I am getting tired out and I must
come to a ease Remember the

Yocket Minnie Decker
So good
Buy
Angelina E Decker