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Description: Ned Mitchell to Persis Blanchard

Hospital 10th Me Regt  
Relay House Jan. 29th /62

Dear Sister Per's

Feeling a great deal  
better this morning I felt as though  
I wanted to write to some one  
so I made up my mind to  
write to you.

I received your kind letter  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> I can tell you it done  
me more good than all the  
medicen I have taken. I received  
a letter from Maria the same  
mail she wrote it the night  
you had you Levee. I have been  
here in the Hospitat about a  
fortnight. a part of the time

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eny poor devil ought to  
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my company and caught a severe  
cold. I was taken down so that  
I could hardly move. They sent  
me down to the Hospital. and  
here I am I dont know how  
long I shall have to stay here  
I hope not long. We have  
a very pleasant room there is six  
of us in the room non-commisioned  
officers three of them are about well,  
Sergt Jordan's bed is on my right  
the poor fellow suffers awfully he  
has had his finger cut of and a  
large abcess under his arm  
his groans make me ach all over  
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Perry comes around twice a day  
he is a very pleasant man and  
appears to understand his business  
I have not forgotten the time  
I took that cold water pack  
you recommended I think you  
would make a first rate nurse  
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now so good day  
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