

U.S. A. Gen. Hospital -
Chester, Penn.
Friday Dec. 5th, 1862.

Dear Mat,

I received your letter yesterday & will answer it in a day or two, but have not time this morning. We are probably more bountifully supplied here, than at any other Hospital in the country. But I would like to have you send me some of your slippers, as the few Mrs Tyler has, are so enormously large the men cannot wear them at all. Any thing which will answer for handkerchiefs will be very acceptable. A few dried apples too I should like. We have had plenty of green apples till now, but have no dried ones. If any one would give you a few pipes & tobacco I should be very glad of them. Also old novels & histories & biographies would be very much

U.S.A. Gen. Hospital
Chester, Penn.
Friday Dec. 5th, 1862.

Dear Mat,

I received your letter yesterday & will answer it in a day or two, but have not time this morning. We are probably more bountifully supplied here, than at any other Hospital in the country. But I would like to have you send me some of your slippers, as the few Mrs Tyler has, are so enormously large the men cannot wear them at all. Any thing which will answer for handkerchiefs will be very acceptable. A few dried apples too I should like. We have had plenty of green apples till now, but have no dried ones. If any one would give you a few pipes & tobacco I should be very glad of them. Also old novels & histories & biographies would be very much

Contributed to Maine Memory Network by Maine Historical Society
MMN # 80993

Date: December 5, 1862

Description: Rebecca Usher wrote to her sister Martha Usher Osgood, asking her to send some slippers, dried apples, pipes and tobacco, and old novels or histories and biographies, as well as some other items.

needed, & old cigar boxes; the men
amuse themselves by making little
picture frames of old cigar boxes.
You may send my old grey ^{debage} travelling
dress & hood. I can do without the
red cloak. I have burned my old
thibet, a hole as large as a dinner
plate so that it is laid by. & my purple
delaine is waiting to be mended &
washed round the bottom - but Louise
has given me a ^{new} calico dress which
I am wearing now with great satis-
faction. I have not had my ward
assigned me yet, but hope to write
you a long letter in a day or two
telling you all about life here. I send
this to-day so as to be in time for
the barrel. I shall send some commiss-
ions to Ellen by the same mail &
hope she will be able to help fill your
barrel. Be sure & send me a bar of
washing soap, as I like occasionally
to do a little washing & have nothing

needed, & old cigar boxes; the men
amuse themselves by making little
picture frames of old cigar boxes.

debage

You may send my old grey ^ travelling
dress & hood. I can do without the
red cloak. I have burned my old
thibet, a hole as large as a dinner
plate so that it is laid by - & my purple
delaine is waiting to be mended &
washed round the bottom - but Louise

new

has given me a ^ calico dress which
I am wearing now with great satis-
faction. I have not had my ward
assigned me yet, but hope to write
you a long letter in a day or two
telling you all about life here. I send
this to-day so as to be in time for
the barrel. Shall send some commiss-
ions to Ellen by the same mail &
hope she will be able to help fill your
barrel. Be sure & send me a bar of
washing soap, as I like occasionally
to do a little washing & have nothing

but toilet soap. & I cannot spare
time to go to Chester & buy it.

I haste -

Keep.

Tell Henry I shall write to him
soon. & give my love to all.

but toilet soap. & I cannot spare
time to go to Chester & buy it.

I haste -

Bep.

Tell Henry I shall write to him
soon, & give my love to all.