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Description: Civil War letter from Moses Greenleaf, Missouri

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My dear people

Here I am back in camp again and found awaiting me a letter from you all written christmas, and a letter from Aunt Cenclosny one from Mame Len, and now I propose to write you a family letter, I've written several of late but no real family ones.

I got back night before last all night had a pretty good time, but arose very much dissatisfied with myself, for I did not go to see anyone, but one reason was I had to stay in the office all the time from Christmas, till I came away, Ed was better when I left, but was far from well, altho he was out, I went up to see the Eastmans the day I left Springfield, but was so stupid I was disgusted with myself, Annie seemed just as natural as ever. and appeared to be a very nice kind of a girl, alth.I had not

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much chance to judge, she's better looking than she used to be, fleshier, and better complexion and if I had a chance I don't know but I should fall in love with her, Walter Whiting at first seemed just as ever and very cordial, but when I came away I thought he was not cordial enough so I did not go to his house, all your condoling with me because I was not having a Christmas dinner was very comforting, but I was having a very good dinner at Quincy, It seems pretty rough to come back to camp after living at the Dunlap but I find my rag house very comfortable I wanted to go and see Kate & Will Kirby but Kate was living at her farthrs Ross & Willy at Eds & I am not acquainted with Ed or, his wife, Will Kirby has got a commission in a Cavalry Regt. —

Your donation past - was a 'bip thing' but I think you ought to have got a little more money for the parson, but that was doing pretty well for Shakopee

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I have numerous affectionate letters from Capt Strait, and I want you to tell me what to do, you know how I fell toward him & how I ought to, but he has not the slightes idea of my feelings, and I begin to feel as tho I had played the hypocrit about long enough, and ought to tell him plainly how I feel, for I don't like to be getting such affectionate letters, If I keep on good terms with the Capt I may get promoted by & by, the last letter I had he thought Van Etten would get out of the company before long, but would I or could I take a position under Capt Strait, it seems to me not, altho he is the best friend I have now, Ive been thinking some of trying for a position in a Leyso [?] Regt, and think I might get it, but I hate to ask any one for a recommendation, then they will probably be be kept three years longer & be put in the most sickly places & I don't favor that,

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Everything here is going on the same old way, and its awful dull, but I think I shall survive it, and every day makes my time one day nearer out, Ive just been reading this over and conclude you will think it pretty long by this time, but its written just as I like to write, Perhaps Mag will think my remarks about Annie E, are not very pretty, well, I think she is an uncommonly nice girl, will that do. The storm here was very severe but not as much so as in Illinois, the soldiers suffered considerably over at Rolla some thirty five were frost bitten, we expect to be paid off before long & I shall be able to help you some — Dont worry about my suffering for if you could look in to my tent & see the rousing fire I have you would not think there any danger — Remember me & all I write very often. [?]

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This is the third letter I have written