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Newtown Va. Dec 10th 1864

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It gives me great pleasure this morning to inform you that I have recd a fine little needle case in which was the name of Martha U Osgood and can assure you it was very acceptable.

Received it as I was about to eat my Breakfast. but I left that very ~~my~~ quick to look at and admire the contents of the case. allow me to say you were very kind and thoughtful to send the above. I thought the least I could do would be to write you and acknowledge the receipt of the case. There are three of us that tent together and we each recd. a case. all made by some Ladies in Hollis. One from Miss Anna Hill & one from Miss Elmira Elden.

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Description: Commissary Sgt. Charles H. Pettengill wrote to Martha Usher Osgood of Hollis to thank her for a needle case he received.

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written letter will give me as much pleasure
as the receiving of the Needle Case did.
"if Possible"

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under Genl Sheridan. We are now in Winter
Quarters and have fine times for Soldiers.
Last night we were favored with about six
inches of Snow. "not much of a favor either"
Since leaving Louisiana in July last we have seen
rather hard times and lost many men. at
Winchester Sept 19th our beloved Major ^{& 45 men} and
at Fishers Hill Sept 22nd our loss was slight
at Cedar-Creek Oct 19th out of 450 Men we lost
136 killed & wounded. including several Officers
Our new Major was slightly wounded in the
mouth.

You may like to know what sort
of a looking Mans' or boys (I should say)
this hands this case has fallen into well
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C. H. Pettengill
Coms. Sergt. 29 Me.

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