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He has enlisted as Saddle-man, that
is to keep the Saddles in repair.
He gets about \$40 bounty before
leaving the State. She will
be quite a help to help him.
I hope he will have good luck, & get
out of it all right.

I hear that Scudob is
Married! if it is so, I hope she
has got a good man.

The Girls that are married
have all done well, excepting
Phebe. She made a broad
mistake in. But I hope she
will get along in peace for a
spell, now that she has enlisted.
She has always had a hard life
to live, ever since she had that
fellows! But I wish him no
harm; I think it will be a benefit
to him coming into the Army.
I have some idea of coming

home on furlough this winter.
If I knew when you was coming
to Seinersville, I would try and
be there at the same time.
I suppose that I can go home
quicker than you can come from
where you live. I can go from
Washington, in three days.

I have no war-news to write. We
don't see many papers of late, so I
can't tell what's going on in that line
of business.

I think it will last a long
as I shall care about staying
in the service, if I live.
The South holds out much
longer than the North had any
idea of, at the commencement
of this pretty fair. Rep. ~~is~~ ^{is}
another summer, at any rate.
I think there will have to be a
draft in order to get the last

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Don't called for! I was
in hopes that they would be obtained
by volunteering, but I guess
that is an impossibility.
By the way things look at the
present time.

But enough aft this
I have not had a letter
from Father for some time
so I can't tell whether he
is sick or well. I presume
the letter.

I can't think of anything
more to write this time, so
I'll close.
Give my respects to your
family.

And may this find you
all in the enjoyment
of good health. is the
sincere wish of
your Brother

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Samuel

Camp 19th Mebold
Near Stephansburg Va, Dec 23rd 1863

My dear Brother, it has
been some time since I have
written to you; and having a few brief
moments, I will improve them
in writing to you. I have rec'd one
letter from you that (I believe)
I have not answered.

The weather here is quite cold of
late, we had a little snow last
night, today is clear & cold.

We have gone into winter Quarters
and are more comfortably situated
than we were last winter.

We shan't be likely to do any more
fighting in Virginia this winter,
it has got to be so late & cold.

I hear of that Joel S. has
enlisted in the 2nd Maine
Cavalry