



Camp Montgomery  
Aug 8 for Near Corinth

Miss

Dear Brother I have been  
expecting a letter from you  
for a week to let me know  
how you get along with Mrs  
Strumpet, and if you have  
got the house pleased of  
the boarders, she kept with  
her self Charley, got a letter  
a few days ago about his  
taking one of my little girls  
and boarding, clothing + school  
ing for one of them for a while  
a week I dont know as that  
will be any two pinch if  
she is good to her I think  
Ella would suit her  
best and I could pay Ch  
arley for the one that went

to his house and I should  
think the house could  
be rented to pay for  
Josephine's board & clothes  
and go to school when  
there was a school but  
she has got such a  
cruel constitution that  
I don't care if she don't  
so much see if she  
won't grow some for she  
has always been a skeleton  
of thing I was in hopes  
to have got a letter from  
you before I wrote I thought  
that the town was a going to  
provide for a man's family  
if he went to the war  
but that is done with in  
Vinton it seems but in  
Massachusetts according to  
Emily's account the soldiers  
families are well provided

for but here in Illinois  
the families must get along  
the best way they can that  
is in some countys but  
I saw in the tribune the  
5th that they was a going  
draft in ten days that is  
the best news we have heard  
since my soldiers have  
been in the war for we  
were beginning to get disca-  
maged I think now we  
will begin to walk in to  
them I wish we could get  
in a place where provin-  
ing was not so high it take  
half of our money to buy  
grub with or we should  
certainly come in with the  
fair we have been having  
in this state we don't know  
more than half of the rate  
ons that we bid in St. Louis  
is

everything is so high here  
that a soldier gets rid of  
his money before he knows  
it I have not cooked any  
for for some time and I  
shant try it any more I have  
not received but a little  
of twelve dollars for my  
share in cooking for  
the company and I dont  
know whether I shall  
get any more or not  
there is not any more than  
a half of the company  
left now our regiment  
will draw there pay to  
the first of July tomorrow  
there is an express company  
started at Corinth a few  
days ago and I shall send  
what money I can spare  
to Stiles bank for the bene-  
fit of my children if I  
should not live to come  
home I have received two  
papers from you lately