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Corinth, Miss Jan 21

Dear Brother I received  
 a letter from you last night  
 and I hasten to reply I have  
 wrote three letters to you since  
 you fifth we get a very few  
 letters now to the Reg since  
 the railroad track was tore  
 up in Dec by Forests Cavalry  
 you want money for Josephine  
 & Ella and as I have <sup>(money)</sup> know  
 to send not having drawed  
 any from government for a  
 long while I will send you  
 my certificate of deposit in  
 Stiles bank that you may  
 draw what is necessary for  
 Josephine & Ella also pay my  
 taxes on my house and lot  
 and send me two dollars  
 to pay apart of my debts that

I have contracted while living on half rations if you want to live by the skin of your teeth join the army. I thought I had to live poor enough at home sometimes but I will never grumble any more about the living, if I ever get home for I have learnt a lesson I won't learn in Miss you may pay 75 cts more for the Telegraph out of this money you wanted to know if it come regular I have not received the paper since about last of Dec I want you to send me some postage stamps when you write and keep an account of all the money you draw on that certificate and what for I lent Charles one dollar and seventy five cts which maybe placed to Elias or on board + clothing.

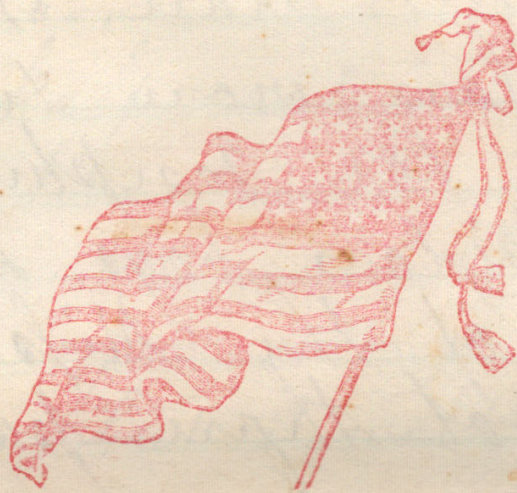
I expect there is about four or dollars more due Mrs Harper for Josephine board. if Taylors boys are in the army of the Miss they are all got there pay two or three weeks ago but the army composing the District of Corinth have not been payed for six months and do not see any prospect of getting any money if ever the express starts again I think I will have you send me some butter and a bottle of Brandy so that I can have a little to take when I go on sick et to keep my blood from freezing the days are not very cold but the nights chill a person most through when on guard.

since last Oct we have  
had had a good deal of ma-  
ching to do and some fig-  
hiting if this war does  
not stop soon my pat-  
ritism will be gone up  
for I am getting tired  
of this war this is makin-  
g me grow old fast  
do you hear anything  
from George Richardson  
now and where is John  
we had a little snow a  
few days ago but the rain  
soon caried it of when  
it snows up north we ha-  
ve rain down here I  
suppose you have sleighing  
in Dixon now if I had

known as snitch about  
this war as I do now I mi-  
ght made a small fortune  
by not enlisting but follo-  
wing the army as a Baker  
and baking pies and cake  
and letting the Bread Bu-  
siness go but it is not my  
luck to get money easy bu-  
t my money comes by the  
hardest way generally have  
you got old Bob yet or have  
you traded him of for ano-  
ther horse how is Treasury  
notes do they go at par in  
trade now give my best  
respects to Mary and all of  
her little ones does Elden live  
to home with you now

yours

C H Hatch



## Red, White and Blue.

Oh, Columbia! the gem of the Ocean,  
The home of the brave and the free,  
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,  
A world offers homage to thee,  
Thy mandates make heroes assemble  
When liberty's form stands in view,  
Thy banner make tyrants tremble  
When borne by the red, white and blue.

CHORUS—When borne by the red, white and blue,  
When borne by the red, white and blue,  
Thy banners make tyrants tremble  
When borne by the red, white and blue.

When war waged its wide desolation,  
And threatened our land to deform,  
The ark then of Freedom's foundation,  
Columbia rode safe through the storm.  
With her garland of victory o'er her,  
When so proudly she bore her bold crew,  
With her flag proudly floating before her,  
The boast of the red, white and blue.

The boast of, &c.

The wine cup, the wine cup bring hither,  
And fill you it to the brim;  
May the wreath they have won never wither,  
Nor the star of their glory grow dim;  
May the service united not sever,  
And hold to their colors so true!  
The Army and the Navy for ever,  
Three cheers for the red, white and blue,

Three cheers, &c.