





you thought she intended to take your heart  
by storm right off, but that is her style she just  
does as she pleases, her letter was very interesting  
and I would like to know if you succeeded in  
making it out, for it was more than any of us  
could do after she had crossed it over. She meas-  
-ured you in her own bushell she says that she  
always liked a letter that she had to do some  
picking at before she can read it. We were glad  
to hear that you have a Chaplain in your Regt  
we were afraid that you had none as you never  
named anything about having one till in the letter  
before your last. Tell us in your next of what  
denomination he is, and also a general description  
of him. Aunt Jane who has contributed her  
mite several times for the aid of soldiers, is as  
much excited about the rings as any of us and  
says she would like to have one of them to  
wear for the sake of the Soldiers. And I think  
I may take it on me to say that if you send  
a hundred or so <sup>thous</sup> it will go round all Old and  
young, I intend to write Julia Jack and tell  
her that the shirt she made had fallen to your  
lot, she will be delighted for where she was making  
it she often wondered who would get it, and said  
that of course it wouldn't be you, her and John  
were at our house about a month ago, and stay  
a week you would hardly know Julia if you  
would see her for she has grown so pretty  
she is as big as the side of a house, or at  
least twice as heavy as Mother and a good  
bit taller. Oh dear! I am at the end of my  
string and I have another whole page  
to fill, for I vowed that my letter would

Make charitable allowance for this paper being so dirty, my excuse is  
 that the children had it

be the longest and Matt. Liz. Mary and  
 Miss Lee are all leagued against me Matt  
 says that she will write you a sermon  
 but what she will get ahead of me and  
 Lee says that she will get two or three sheets  
 of paper and fill them all, You say that  
 you would like to have all our likenesses  
 if we would have sent them to you, in the  
 box if we had had all of them, And I will  
 send you mine by mail whenever I can  
 get enough of the "Root of all evil" to pay for  
 getting it, but you must not be disappointed if  
 it is not just as good looking as you would  
 like, for it is next to impossible to get a good  
 likeness of a good looking person like myself  
 Mother told me to give you Will Fairman's  
 address so that you might write to him if you  
 like, but you will have to be very careful what  
 you write to him as it would never do to en-  
 danger his neck, poor fellow he always enquires  
 for his Manchester friends when he writes,  
 If you write to him you will have to address  
 it to William Fairman, Columbus Kentucky  
 Care of U.S. Genl. Cairns Illinois, and then  
 closed it the letter with 40 cents to forward it  
 directed to him in care of Genl. Polk, Well  
 I have got through better than I thought  
 at filling my paper, And as you didn't make  
 any reputation as to whether it was to be  
 sense or nonsense, all that your agreement was  
 that the longest letter would get the answer  
 and I think it will certainly fall to me, for  
 I think I may defy the whole world of letter  
 writers to get ahead of this, Good bye Your  
 Devoted and affectionate Sister Anna: M