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[letter addressed to "Mrs. Ann Green Washington.. Mason Cty Ky"; postmarked "PHILAD Pa. AUG 26 10cts"]

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My Dear Wife:

Here am I yet in the city of brotherly love, of broad  
brim Hats, shad [?] billed coats, short breeches, and shining shoe Buckles among real Simon  
Pures. You I Know will not doubt I had much rather be with you and Dick, playing with him,  
and occasionally striking a breeze with Ma, particularly if she made me get up and wait upon her  
and her young gentleman, but no breeze has ever yet much ruffled our sea--I promise you none  
ever shall as long as reason mantaining [maintaining] her throne. How anxiously am I waiting to  
receive [receive] a letter from "her who is the Ocean to the river of my thoughts", and if it shall  
contain the glad tidings all are well at home, wish what untiring industry and zeal will it inspire  
me, to complete my businefs [business] here, as soon as possible [possible], so as again to join her  
in whose smile is my only happinefs [happiness]. I have been verry [very] much engages since  
my arrival and shall spend no idle time here believe me, for if ever man was really attached to  
home above all things else I am. Fertile as your imagination may be, you cant [can't]

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realize, you cant conceive, the pangs one feels upon leaving who is really devoted to home, nor  
can I describe them, for language is inadequate. Enough of this, lest I give you the Blues, which I  
acknowledge always beset me, when those from whom I am seperated [separated], and without  
whom, life would cease to have any attractions for me, crofs [cross] my mind. I fear you have  
had a hard time with Dick since I left, and truly wish I could be there to share the fatigue with  
you, but you know my leaving you was not a matter of choice, but one of necefsity [necessity].  
By the last of the present week I expect to leave for home, and unlefts [unless] some thing shall

occur to delay me beyond that time, I shall not again write, as I should be [be at] home as soon  
or nearly as soon a letter would reach you, and wishing you all the pleasure and happiness  
[happiness] I wish to, until I return, and afterwards too I remain

Your Devoted Husband

J. [John] Green

Kiss [Kiss] Dick for me and I will pay you in kind when I get back J.B.

I am well