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[at the side of the letter written sideways...]  
Father has been spiling more blood and is  
quite unwell to-day. The rest are well

[at the top of the letter written sideways...]  
I am afraid you will  
not be pleased with This  
letter and I would not  
send it if it I had  
any more paper. But  
it is so late now I can't  
get any more. So you  
will have to take this  
or none. Oh Leander if  
you knew how lonely I have  
been sometimes the past  
week you would not  
blame me for cursing  
the fate that separates us

I feel satisfied  
that my life is not a long  
one, and how hard it is  
to spend ~~the~~ so much of it  
away from you. But you  
don't feel as I do  
about it ~~and~~ If I  
could only feel as  
though you wanted to  
come home, I should  
feel better. But I begin  
to feel as though you  
had rather stay than  
not  
E.

Hampstead Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>/63

Dear Husband,  
In the first place  
I hope you will excuse this dirty  
sheet of paper as it all I have and  
this is a borrowed one. I should  
feel just like talking with you  
if I were alone, but Clara is  
here and I must hurry it though  
as usual. We are having another rainy  
Sabbath and it makes me home-sick

I received two letters last week  
from you, I didnt have any trouble  
reading your last one as you thought  
I would. I thought it was the prettiest  
hand I ever knew you to write. I advise  
you to write so all of the time.

I havn't had a letter from Joseph  
yet, but Julia had one last Monday  
and I happened to be there and heard

a part of it - read. I hadn't heard  
from you for over a fortnight and was  
anxious to hear from you; and what  
do you suppose he wrote? He said  
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and cried about it. I never have  
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It has become so alterd under this administration that I should [fragment letter ends here]



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it. I don't love a country that can make  
a law to drag a poor man away from  
his family, <sup>to die to be killed</sup> because he don't happen to have  
three hundred dollars to give instead  
of his life. Don't you believe there  
would be volunteers enough if the war  
was carried on as it should have been?

But what is the use for me to think  
~~it~~, makes <sup>me</sup> so mad I don't feel comfortable.

Perhaps you will be put out with me  
for saying what I have, but I can't  
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Mr. Warren

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[fragment letter from Emily to Leander]  
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Mrs. Hazen Hoyet is dead. She died  
last Monday night, very suddenly

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have lost their youngest children  
and John Kimbol who is in the army  
has lost his youngest. And his wife <sup>and eldest girl</sup> are  
very sick, and they don't think they  
can possibly get well.

Speaking of money - I don't feel worried  
any about not keeping comfortable as  
long as I receive States aid, for that will  
pay our board <sup>here</sup>, and I intend to earn  
our clothes myself some way if we don't  
have so many. It is quite an undertaking  
now to earn our clothes to what it would  
have been once. Nearly every article costs  
twice as much as they did when you  
were here and <sup>white</sup> cotton cloth costs more than  
three times as much. I have got \$100 now  
which I don't intend to spend unless we are  
sick. The rest you have sent has gone some-  
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