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Dear Mollie

This Evening friends
your humble servant in
the above named city (so
noted for thieves & thugs)
waiting for transportation
I can think no way which
I can spend a few moments
so pleasantly as in penning
a few lines to Mollie.
Though I just wrote, yesterday
evening: suppose
you will think me indis-
criminating upon your ~~qualifications~~
natural, but as we are some
distance from where we
parted and I am nearing
the seat of war where ~~the~~
news is some what exciting
report says that a fight is
going on between the
and some fears are
enter tained as to

the result of same
but I do hope that the
rebels will be repulsed
easily as we have a superior
force. It is reported that the
rebels have possession of
Vicksburg - but very much
doubtful. Should it be
so our line to Memphis will
be obstructed and we - determined
then I will regret that I
cannot make such a short visit in
Spencer - though I regret it
very much - any way.
But in any way could I have
spent the time so pleasantly
as in conversing with the Hollis
and allow me to assure you
that I say not - so for spite
but for pure motives though
I must say that I feel a great
delicacy in speaking so. Forgive
I have spoken plainly of the feelings
entertained for you which are
far more than friends, even
far more than ever expressed

for I know not - if
they are reciprocal
and really am in too little
suspense to know -
and such suspense is
by no means pleasant.

I have always ^{been} very averse
to making such confessions
and really have had but few
such to make. I have made
this to know the fate of Peck.
You may think me foolish in any
expression for is even so - but many
great men say tis the case in all cases
and this is a great consolation.
I live for birds and saying more - but -
when I get to the West I will say
something of my trip over the plains
of Idaho and the mountains of Idaho.
Please write soon to the West -
Yours truly Henry -

Excuse ~~for~~ my pen is
unusable

Miss Nellie. Conn.
Grand View
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