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Spencer Co, Ind.

April 1st 1863,

My dear Friend,

I avail myself
of the pleasure of responding
to your epistle of March 12th
which was not received until
yesterday. Probably owing to
the irregularity of the mail
as the boats are principally
all below. I have been
enjoying some kind of fever
for some time; but have sufficiently
recovered to be up a while
today. I wish you had sent
me some more pretty letters
then I should not be trying to

amuse myself with an old
comic almanac; which, I
admit has been a decided
failure. Can't see anything
extraordinary about Mrs Candler
Lectures. Any woman can rival
them. Yet, the greatest humor no
doubt abounds in the engraving
in which a man rushes to his
friend in great alarm shouting
that he had lost his umbrella
and his friend informs him
that said article is safe, but that
his wife is missing. "Well" said
relieved husband, "I didn't want
to lose that umbrella 'cause it
hadn't a break in it!"

Yesterday we had a snow in
real winter style. How would you
Dicie Yankees like a sleigh ride?
Am sure I would be delighted
with the nice weather which you
take such particular pains to extol,

There is considerable excitement
here concerning the approach-
ing election, in which if the
Butternuts are only beaten, must prove
a great blow to the hopes entertained
by the rebels of assistance from the
North. I can not tell you how
John is getting along for we have
not had a line from him for
about five weeks. Cousin Anne
sends her compliments to you.

Hope you were not serious in
enquiring whether I should be
pleased to see you. Undoubtedly.
There is nothing which would give
me so much pleasure.

Please write at your earliest
convenience a letter from
you is so welcomed by you
Walter



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