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Wished some nice beef steak for dinner today.

Clark is a grand cook we shall have some

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Write all the news soon, I will write to anyone that will write to me, and do so with

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You must write first.

Yours truly,

W. J. Dinsclaton

P. D. I thought I would send a five cent blister.

I want you to send that hammer to Johjhine.

You may pay Ed. Mack $6.75 when he comes home.

That will square all and I, if you carry that little

care to Johjhine Eganwell will send it you find in my box a

letter locked to John Wood read it by someone kind.
We had some nice beef steak for dinner to-day. Clapp is a grand cook we shall have some hominy to-morrow. I should like some milk the best of anything, the last milk I had, three of us milked a cow on East Capitol Hill and we had a good dish of hard crackers and milk. I tell you it was good

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Yours truly,
W.J. Templeton

P.S. I thought I would send a five cent shin plaster. I want you to send that hammer to Josephine. You may pay Ed Mack $5.75 when he comes home that will square Folsom and I if you carry that little can to Henniker Cogswell will mend it you find in my box a letter backed to John Wood send it by some one to him.

Those two pages he wants Send by Ed Mack for what needles you want and Nos 1 2 x 4 for Mrs. Colby