Fort Hamilton
June 21, 1863

My dear little daughter:

What a long time it is since I saw you. I suppose you have grown a good deal since you left Fort Hamilton and began to go to school. Perhaps, I should not have you if I had sent you away from home.

I am very glad to hear that you have been a good girl and I hope you have tried to learn. Little girls are sent to school to learn...
And the cherries are near ripe that we big boys are beginning to eat them. How long the little boys have been eating them I can't tell, but I think they and the birds began about the same time.

It is a very pleasant place, but it would be much, much more pleasant if mother and you and Frank and Robbie were here to play with me under the trees.

Now it has been a long time since you have sent me a letter. I hope you will find me another soon. Good by. Father
Sarah Brown
Dayton
Ohio