Mess room has been looking after my clothes, in my absence she has had the child to tend every body else almost around to Hamilton. Did you ever hear that Mrs. McLeath had a miscarriage? Mrs. Gileston has been telling such a story. She also said it was time Harrison and Mrs. Stapper got married if she wanted to save the cheracter. What a foul mouth the old creature has got! I think the talk about every body is just that spirit. She is better appreciated than I suppose by the officers who are near in the house. I don't believe Francis intends to marry either of them, for all he has been there much,

Alice Marie Hotel
Sept 12th 1863

My dear Augustin: I have let down to-night to write you a long letter. But fear I shall not be able to accomplish it, for the gas light is too feeble and so far from the paper that I can scarcely see. I don't know how it comes that you have had no letter for so long as I have written regularly until this week. My usual Sunday letter did not get written. For what reason I do not exactly remember. On second thought I am not sure that I did not write on Sunday— but I am sure that I did not write on Monday. My regiment is scattered so much and there are so many orders, and so much branding around, that I find it difficult to remember the relations of events.
I am rejoiced at your good account of Dicilla's health. I hope her improvement will prove a permanent one. You failed nothing in your last about catgut—that I appeared to wear it only one of these mon Sep. 1st by the doctor?

The regular regiment have begun to go back to the army of the Potomac. How many have gone I do not know—but several have and on other is to leave in the morning. It is not known whether we shall go a week. You early have, or applied to those for remain and you hope, or very anxious to have us go. Who that the most influence with the Lt. you remain to be seen. If you myself I have no opinion—but all I know is that if we do go I shall be disappointed no that what to you. Neither of us will particularly fancy the change in the programme. I got two belts for Robbie and sent them with Dicilla's book, by Mrs. Weberman. I told her you would lend it for them. The belt are not such as you sent for, but I could not find that kind. There are an inch wide, but have a nice steel clasp. They seemed myself to me. — The cases are still at Fort Hamilton, I shall go down tomorrow or Monday to pack up my things preparatory to a move; if we remain behind, it will be by being to unpack again. The cases will be sent in the box.

"A Tale with My Pupils" did not come in time I think. Emma who lives in the kitchen of the
I went to Williamson's yesterday and got some Corte. I had ordered them several weeks ago to be sent me by rail. They haven't come, and I imagined the reason was, I was away and I had sent no money. I ordered ten and got fifteen. They will all come in play, as there is a demand for them among the officers. I have also promised as to three or four of our boarding house cats. I ordered one for Quince, as you requested. If you wish any more let me know and I will send them if I can make them all gone.—I didn't hear Geo. Holmes, at all; he is any of the other Drayton merchants. He left there I have mentioned. Last night I saw Capt. Hardt, who married Jessie Wilson. He came on for the treat that perhaps you
know, and say he has been greatly improved. He has been
under Dr. Mancy's treatment.
From his account Dr. Mancy
is making some innovation in the Homoeopathic
practice, such as giving med-
icines in much larger doses
than we have been accus-
tomed to and always in
the form of powders.
I shall keep this letter open a while to insert any
Definite action information or
on my uncertainty which may come
to hand. — Sunday Morning. Nov
24th. I will write as soon
as I learn what we are to do.
By the way, did you ever get the
pur of Peace? Thank you a copy to
you have never mentioned it.
Goodbye darling. Thine
C.D. T. M.