

9 June 1863

Kate I have written more now  
than I intended when I began, but  
as it is but very seldom I write to  
you, probably you will forgive me  
for scribbling so much, if you do  
forgive me, write soon and tell me so.  
You will please remember me  
to all relatives and friends, and  
say to them, that if they wish to hear  
from me to let me know it.  
And now with good wishes to  
my Cousin Kate and her bear, I  
remain as ever your democratic  
Soldier Cousin

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P.S. June 11<sup>th</sup> All the boats down  
this way have been pressed into  
the service and we have received  
no mail or sent any. This week I  
am right side up with care, and going to  
a big show to night. I am as ever John.

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Cousin Kate

I promised you, a  
long time ago, my miniature,  
and to show you that I have  
not forgotten you, and my  
promise. I enclose you a fac  
simile, taken from a live soldier  
in his every day (and Sunday too)  
attire as he may be seen in  
camp, or perambulating the  
streets of this pleasant little  
city of Paducah, where we are now  
encamped. Kate I would be very  
much pleased to see your pretty  
face in return for my photo.

My Capt. is a young unmarried  
man, and his Cousin Kate is his  
sweet heart, we often talk about  
our good looking Cousins. I tell  
him my Cousin Kate is prettier