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Dear Caroline

This is a  
lonely time with me there is so much  
snow on the ground I cannot do any  
thing with my trees and it is so cold  
On the mountains I am deprived  
of my daily rambles it has been very  
cold for the last week Our little bill  
is very dull at present I have hunted  
what little reading matter I had I get  
a southern paper once in two weeks  
but they afford me no consolation  
as all I read is threats against Our  
Glorious Republic under which we  
have had the happy privilege of worshipping  
God according to Our own Conscience but  
I must not complain it may be the men  
that Our great Ruler is making use of  
to free Our once happy Country of the  
Cursed Institution of Slavery the  
only bly to the perpetual Sisters of  
Our Republic the circumstances that  
is around me at present appear rather

gloomy but there may some good come  
out that is unseen by me at present  
that is what I have been so long trying to  
solve I have come to the conclusion to  
appropriate my time the best I know  
how and leave the result to the fu-  
ture one thing that contritets to my  
conclusion is not hearing from you so  
long I wrote to a friend at Jax to send  
me my mail matter from there I fondly  
hoped to get something from that source  
but have not yet but there is one  
consolation left that can never be  
taken away as long as life last and  
reason maintains her throne it is  
thinking of my hearts brightest treas-  
ure for away there has been many temp-  
tations laid before since I came to the  
mountains I have been calid a great  
simperton for not yealding some have  
ben of a pecunary nature others of a  
licentious nature I sense me Dear me  
when I say while I think of your  
Purit and weetreband ~~the~~ can have  
the benefit of your good counsel

I feel secure from all such temptation  
I have not heard from J N since I left  
Co. gulch so I doubt no how our affect  
have gone there he is unrespected in fire  
answering I expect to loos something there  
should I not return which donat than  
k of doing at present I have come so  
fare I spent considerable money & time  
in coming down here so I want to investigate  
and see for myself before I go north ag-  
ain if I can do other wise I ~~don't~~ want to go it  
I have my health so much better south  
the Indians are comiting considerable  
depridations here but I think with  
the proper precaision there will be  
but little danger there was a man  
left here some 10 days since he was  
murdered about 25 m from here he  
had not any money when he left some  
think the Mexicans murdered him becos  
he did not pay his bill they taken his  
clothes of him I ~~gave~~ regreted after  
I heard of his death I had not gave him  
money had he ben a sober man I sho-  
uld done it I gave one fellow some

he told me he was starving he got  
the money and paid it out for wh  
is he perhaps I have been over cautious  
since they still keep coming in stra  
ped I do hope there will not so many  
reckless men come here another seas  
son they come without thinking <sup>m</sup>  
what they will do they get hear  
as helpless as children they only  
consume what men that try  
to do something should have done  
think from what I have written I am  
uncomfortable it is only the circum  
stances that are about me that ma  
ke me lonely and unhappy when I am  
unnimplied things may be quite dif  
ferent in a short time I will hope for  
the best and try to prepare myself  
for the worst make yourself comfort  
able donot borrow any trouble on  
my account consider I am in the hand  
s of a merciful father who directs all  
things after his will. I send you two  
varieties of Cactus seeds I donot know  
how it will do in that climate  
god<sup>or</sup> bless you  
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