

during the summer in a Regt of Pennsylvania
Cavalry. They are stationed at Camp Pierpont. The
sister heard that her brother was sick and with
the ~~everget~~ ^{in for} habit of a true Englishman carried
the ^{in for} ~~everget~~ nine miles out to his camp. & back
the same day - found him in an almost dying
condition and begged that he be sent to
her, she was taken shortly after in an ambulance
and upon his arrival his condition was found to
be most deplorable - he had been attacked
^{perhaps before} with ordinary fever - and had lain unmoved
until the flesh upon all points of the body which
rested hard upon a bedstead was under him had
decayed and grown perfectly black and was falling
out. His heels had assumed the same appearance
~~his toes also came~~ ~~dropping off at the joints~~
his stockings had never been removed during
all his illness and his toes were matted and grown
together and are now dropping off at the joints
^{the condition in his feet are absolutely frightful}
When intelligent medical attendance was sum-
moned from the city the verdict of residence
upon examination was that his extremities were
perishing for want of nourishment, he had
been neglected until he was literally starving -
too little nourishment had been taken into the

system during his illness to preserve life in
the extremities - This conclusion ~~was~~ seems
all the more reliable from the famished
appearance which he presents - I am accus-
tomed to see people hungering and seeming
from a fever - but I find that hunger and
starvation are two distinct conditions - he
can lie only on his face with his wrists propped
up with hair pillows to prevent his toes from
touching the bed (for with the life engendered
by food & care, sensation is returning to them)
and asks only for "something to eat." food
is placed by him at night, and with the
earliest dawn of day commences his bowls of
broths & soups and a little meat, and he eats
and begs for "more"; and sleeps & eats & begs -
three of his toes are to be amputated today.

The surgeon of the Regt comes to see him, but
had no idea of his condition, said that
the Asst Surgeon was killed and that li-