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From S. S. Gilbert  
to Wm. H. Gilbert sen

Well now my Dear sir I  
think that you are very poorly  
if you can't hitch the girls  
horses for them and I think  
you ought to see a fine time  
with the girls and if it was  
the girls I wouldn't let them  
cowardly young men kick my  
horses as they was a fraid to  
volunteer and I would be a  
fraid that they would be too  
cowardly to maintain me  
~~but~~ tell them girls that when  
these ~~boys~~ comes home that  
has volunteered in defense of  
this Country that they won't  
have to hit their own  
horses for we will hitch  
them in their place  
you need not think strange  
of my bad writing for they  
keep so much fuss that I ~~can't~~  
tell when I get done drinking  
Coffee so I will come to a  
close by saying I remain  
your affectionate ~~etc etc~~ friend  
or uncle until death  
so farewell for a while  
S. S. Gilbert