

possible. I think a trap has been set for me. I do not intend to meet with the misfortune that Esop's Fox did in trying to spring ~~it~~ me.

I have reason to be thankful for the kindness shown me by the officers, my duties bring me in contact with Col. Lyon 13<sup>th</sup> Wis. who commanded the Post here (a neighbor of Geo. C. Northrop, Racine) was very kind. He was relieved last week by Col. Vaux 13<sup>2nd</sup> Ind.

Yesterday he presented me with a pair of nice shoulder straps. I expect to see Capt. Merrill Chf. Engr. soon and can tell you how matters are. But you will want to know what answer I returned to his question. What would you have said? Tell me as soon as you get this. The Col. & Lt. Col. are both Engrs in the Reg. Army.

Your perception and judgment has often been better than mine.

C. W. W., June 11, 1864  
-Ala.

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My Dear Dad

News of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. came to hand today. It was a good long letter, breathing a love and confidence that strengthens me for any emergency.

I am proudly happy to know that there is one who understands me - who loves and trusts me, despite of sneaking insinuation, or base-faced falsehood. Oh how invaluable is such a wife.

For what would I part with the consciousness that I have been true in return? If I could only have you