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Ashley Co Ark
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Dear Mother:—

The book you sent me arrived safely. We have not been able to get to the Express Office to get this months supply of magazines & the camp is about out of reading material. The boys just produced in the Virginian. I think about half the camp are reading it at once. So you may guess it has not very many idle moments. I have read four chapters & I enjoy it very much. You see most of the boys have been out on the plains & the book appeals to them a great deal more than it does to you eastern people. It brings back to them the recollections of the former article. I might say the plain style of the book is a very much bolder down shadow of just the way things are spoken of