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Letter from Augusta (Lemont?) to Frank L. Lemont, May 3, 1862

Augusta Lemont

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You will forgive
me I know, by I
have written any
thing I ought not
to. I have been
wet & got some
tray of lavender this
P.M. I will send
you one if clear
pass it. Write
often as you can
I'll send this box
It is getting to be
a clouded dark &
I must close
Goodbye my
dear Cousin until
I hear from you
again I
Am your Cousin
Frederick Bates, Jr. & Co.

Greene, May 3rd 1862.

Dear Cousin:

It is with pleasure that
I again take my pen to address you.
I had been awaiting, anxiously but not impa-
tiently for a letter. I know you ^{would} answer my
letter as soon as you could conveniently.
I expect you to be more punctual with your
nearest relatives. You are very kind to send
me such good letters, when you return home.
I will thank you for your kindness. I think
of you, & how you must sometimes feel, you do
not speak of such, & lonely hours, but I fear
you have them - I am glad you took on the
bright side as you seem to in ^{your} letters.
I dread to hear of another Battle. I cannot
help feeling so, when I know it will cause
so many aching hearts. I know there is no

other way to save our Country, But when it has
to be purchased with the blood of her noblest
sons, I feel that war is a terrible evil. I do
hope it will soon be over, & you can return
home - That will be a happy day -

Tues. May 6th

Your letter is not finished yet - I have been
almost sick for a few days. Yesterday, Annie
(who seems like a sister to me) started for Minn.
I was sorry to have her leave, but we thought
it was for the best - She does not intend to
stay more than a year or two - I shall be very
lonely here this summer. If my health was
good I should do something I don't know
what, for I do not like being shut up with
a few of the rising generation - Barfested &
dirty feed. I rather leave that for some
one that likes it better than myself, even if
I was capable -

Please tell Capt. Duggitt

there is a sing at Dea. Parrells to-morrow eve.
& ask him if he would not like to go.

A few of us Green folks took a walk May Day

had a swing-played ball &c - But what do
you care for all this - What shall I write to make
it worth reading? Then to think you have got
to ans. such a foolish letter - I hope you
have some letters worth reading.

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& that our troops were pursuing them.

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would call patriarchal, but I am indeed
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will not get discouraged - you know you
are in the right, & that is everything - I am
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telling others what is right - just like me.

I cannot think of anything new to write you -
It is my earnest prayer, & ever has been, that
you may become a true Christian. There is
nothing of so much value as religion - I can
not feel that I am doing right, if I close my
letters without saying something about it.
I always think it may be the last letter.



Genl. P. Gren. S. L. Leonard.
Co. E. 5th Regt. Me. V. M.
Washington
D. C.

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I have been out & got some Mayflowers this P.M. I will send you one if I can press it. Write often as you can. All send their love It is getting to be almost dark & I must close - Goodbye my dear Cousin until I hear from you again. From your Cousin

Augusta

Excuse Mistakes

(pressed May-flower is in letter)