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PERSONAL LETTER from Mary L. Benham in Covington, Kentucky
to her friend, Paul Declouet, in prison.

Covington, Ky. July 3, 1862

Dear Friend,

In a box shipped to my dear cousin, Sam B. Hawes, of Kentucky, you will find a few articles that may conduce slightly to your comfort while a prisoner of war. I enclose a list, and offer them in the spirit of true friendship. I have just cut out our latest telegraphic news and forward it to cousin Sam.

Among the wounded Louisianians we have had from Shiloh - P. J. Lefelre of Orleans, now at Camp Chase, Paul Doran New Orleans died here from amputation, May 17 - Alexis Pocha of New Orleans recovering in hospital, Bernard of Louisiana Fomehas. Did you know them? I have had two letters from Nannie H. Howard today. Adieu!

Your very sincere friend,

Mary L. Benham

LIST of Articles sent by Mrs. Mary L. Benham to Capt. Paul Declouet.

1 Cake soap	1 silk cravat
4 Shirts	1 Cotton Do
4 Pocket handkerchiefs	Envelopes and note paper
4 Pair socks (2 wool, 2 cotton)	1 Woolen neck scarf
1 Tooth brush	1 Diary Book
2 Combs (fine and coarse)	Le Morale L'Action
1 small mirror	History Chas. 12th

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