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Sweetheart!

No news.

M.P.W. expected here today.

I may go to Nash.

a Don.

I dont think well to let Ruth come to atl. during 10 day easter Holiday ~~but if you want to I enclose my for additional pass.~~

Am hurry in to catch Portman

affy

Fillmore



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Sweetheart:

Go ahead to Cedar Mtn

don't let them take cold

Mr. Washburn Mrs. W. called yesterday.

I have lots to tell you about them

Brewer did not see your letter - I showed

it to you while in wash. - I gave him

the check.

Mr W. had heard of the "Manager"

matter.

Phone the Raleigh to know about

my McClure and I will have

them change address when we

get settled.

When did you? I go to Nash tonight

& Louisv. next sunday.

We had 8 people in 6 rooms in a

row here last night

from Louisville. Mrs Mrs. W. look mighty bad.

Complications make it look unlikely that we may get away before May 15.

I dont know when.

Cox & Weatherton go back to Louisv. to day.

Tell the kids to have a good time. You will have to pay Ruth's fare.

Take some groceries along Aunt N. probably has little and our crowd will be burdensome.

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FHS

I am going to reserve a suite of 5 rooms at Lakeland for about May 1st.


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before. Last Monday I did not come home when the office closed, but went out to Smiths to dinner and afterward went to the Masonic to see the war pictures that had been so much advertised. If I had gone home to dinner I could not have gotten back in time to see the first evening show. The pictures which were all taken "on the spot" of the actual scenes were on the main good - and some were particularly interesting to me, especially a Belgian Cavalry charge, the marching of a German brigade using the "goose step" the pictures of the Kaiser reviewing them, also the pictures of King George of England, the Czar of Russia, and the president of France, and the firing of the big Krupps guns. There were no pictures of men being killed in battle, as they were thought to be too horrible to exhibit, but there were pictures of houses, villages and towns being torn to pieces by the shells, altogether giving a very vivid picture of the horrors of war, as well

Louisville Ky. April 4 - 1915

Dear Chick:

I have just finished writing a letter to Shirley, directed to Wellesley, where we hope she will be next Tuesday, in spite of the great storm of wind and snow which has been raging over the coast, from Maine to South Carolina - and on the land interfering with railroad and telegraph lines. I wish she had left out the steamer trip from New York to Boston. I would not like to be on the sea in these days for several reasons. The sea does not agree with me anyhow. In her letter to Mother written last Sunday she said Hank wanted to know which hen had gone to setting. I do not know her name, but it is the hen that looks most like the Plymouth Rock breed, and you may also tell him that she is behaving much better now than she did at first

having become reconciled to staying on the nest Mamma prepared for her, and it appears that some of the hens that are still laying have taken a fancy to that nest too. for they have been laying in it instead of the nest to which they were accustomed to before. Mamma marked all the eggs that were put under the setting hen. so she can easily pick out those fresh laid. though she will have to watch for them every day. Mr Elliott was over to sit with us a while Friday evening. and he had just received a letter from his wife, saying she expected to see you last Thursday. Her letter was written Wednesday. the same day Shirleys last letter from Washington was written. Mr Elliott has promised to go with us to the Filson Club meeting tomorrow evening to hear a lecture on the Panama Canal by M H Thatcher. who was the Governor of The Panama Canal Zone, his term beginning a few months before the Elliotts left The lecture will be open to the public and will be illustrated by lantern slides. Having read Haskins book "The Panama Canal" I think I will enjoy the lecture, and have invited quite a number of my friends to hear it. I stopped here to let the table be set for dinner and to put my letter to Shirley in the letter box. Tell Fil Jr that while I was standing by the letter box. a freight train passed and it made me think of him. and the train he once told me about, that had "tenty eight cars and a taboose" and I counted twenty seven and a caboose in the train I saw today and wished he could have been with me to count them too. Shirley told me of Marian having an earache. May be she talks so loud that it makes her ears ache and if that is the case she must practice talking softly. and that will make her voice sound much sweater when she grows up to be a big girl. Mrs James Carpenter died last Sunday, having never rallied from the sinking spell of the day

is now successfully treated, and people can save the teeth which otherwise would drop out or be pulled by dentists who have not generally learned to treat the disease. I hope to get Mother cured also, and wish I had known of the treatment a year or two ago, and had been able to save some teeth she has lost and at the same time benefitted her physically in other ways. I suppose you information as to when Dillion will be able to come back to Washington, or Louisville to live is about as uncertain as to what will happen to me at the office. I have no information yet, but think there will be something done before long, as under present circumstances there is not enough work for me, to keep me busy half the time, and it will be either that I will drop out or they will give me other work when they get settled down in the second floor. With much love to you and the kids and my best wishes for your welfare in all things

Dad

2/ as the careful preparation made for the care of the wounded - the handling of prisoners - and pictures of the dogs hunting for wounded on the battle field and reporting to the Red Cross people when a man was found - There were also pictures of Zeppelins and other air-ships.
Grace has just come home from church and says there was a big congregation fine music and a splendid sermon. She brought a bulletin home with her, but there is no news of special interest, but the last item is "Play and Minstrel" given by Lida Powell Mission Circle & William Cross Class. in assembly Rooms First Christian Church Friday April 9th at Eight P. M Adults 25 cents - Children 15 cents.
I inclose a clipping from the Easter Sunday Courier-Journal which may be interesting to you as well as the gentleman who plays the chimes so well.
The church has begun to keep the kindergarten rooms open during the morning service, and

small kids are cared for while their parents are in the Auditorium. They do lots of things at our church these days which were not done in the former days. It is progress. and therefore to be expected in an up-to-date church. I read two books in the past week. one "Saturdays Child" by Kathleen Norris a rather long but somewhat interesting book the heroine being a working girl in San Francisco: the other entitled "The Island of Regeneration." a very unusual book. the scene being mainly on an unknown island in the South Pacific ocean, and the principal characters being two castaways on it. a man and a woman - one by a wreck, the other the woman, having escaped from a man's yacht in a motor boat which broke to pieces on a reef surrounding this island. The man had been there alone since he was a little five year old child. and in mind was still a child without language — and having been alone since he was old enough to talk. The woman teaches him to talk and the story follows, the discovery of his identity, and his final return to the home of his parents in Virginia. His parents having been shipwrecked when the child was taken by his mother to this island. The book is odd and interesting but it stretches the bounds of probability some times. I read the book yesterday after I came from the office. Mother says she rather expects Lillian to be here next Saturday as on his way to Washington he said he hoped to be here in about two weeks. The weather has been so cool in the past week that we have done no more work in the garden, but it is all ready to begin planting and I guess some things will be put in this week. and I think I will be able to do some of the work on Saturdays. I have to leave home about 7.20 am in order to get to the office in time and it is nearly 6 P.M. when I get home on the other days. My sciatica is about well. and the pyorrhea for which I have been taking Weatmeal for two weeks is much improved. Until lately it was thought to be incurable, but it

From "9 Eastover
Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. F. L. Speiden,
1886 Ontario Place, N.W.
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LOUISVILLE KY
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9 PM
1913

4/5/ Monday

Hamie:-

Your letter no date arrived. Go ahead to C.M. I will not send m.o. for pass. Pay Ruth's fare. Tell her it is worth 3.90 to have a robe cook. If she will stay and she should see now that it is necessary. I had about decided to send the grip back but I guess you have plenty and you may not be able to get it in short time. If you leave you might borrow C. K's coming back if necessary. Tell her of 500 find. Want to walk yesterday. Louie next Friday night probably. What does Ruth want done about her furs?

Don't take cold.

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I hope you will never have to go away without me again. I want so see you so bad I simply do not know what to do. Hon it is dreadful. Please get through in one day and come back to your little wife. She does want you so much.

I have felt so much like I used to before we were engaged to day when I would not see you for a long time. The telephone rang before we had you up after dinner and I felt for all the world like it was last summer and it must be you wanting to talk to me.

Wednesday.

Dearest Love,

I am just crazy to get the letter you wrote me from Nashville and it is down home. Mother Rose said she would mail it to me tonight and I will get it in the morning. I can not imagine why you did not send it out here to me. Mother Rose says it is written in telegraphy. I hope I have not forgotten how to read it but dont write me any more like that for it takes too long.

I finished "Dombey and Son" to day and have read on that little dress some and then this afternoon I went over to see Virginia Davis this afternoon She showed me her underclothes. You would like them for they are very lacey and are lovely I think. She has a beauty ring but she does not seem to be very much in love I do not think. They have been engaged since last summer.

Dont you know I forgot my tooth-brush. Did you forget anything?

I hope you have had a very satisfactory and pleasant trip You must remember every little detail to tell me about when you come back.

Sister and I want to go in to see Nelson tomorrow

When you come home I dont want you to get two fat away from me days and days.

Enclosed is a clipping from this afternoons Post.

I doubt if you get this letter but will send it in the hope that you will. Hope I will hear to morrow. Well I will close now and guess it will be useless to write to you again this trip.

I love you even more that I knew and hope you will never leave me again. Good-night. Lots of love from Your affectionate Davie

Many happy
returns of the 18th

To Father

from

Marian

Miss Marion Speiden

Return 207 W. St Cath.
Lou Ky after 3 days

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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Mr. F. L. Speiden,
Pierpont Hotel,
Atlanta,
Ga.


ATLANTA, GA.
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At Canton 4/6/05.

My precious little "Pet":

I have been "thanking Goodness" all day that you were not here. Yes, but now listen. I met the O.K. & it was quite cold then. I am awful glad I did not change my underwear. It is cold here also and has been raining all day nearly. I had to go out in it several times without an umbrella.

You would have had a charming time. I have had 3 fusses with the hotel people. The Kimball House which is near the depot, also near the L.E.F. Assn head quarters is ~~growing~~ falling into bad habits. My first room I ~~the~~ had them change because the door would not lock from the inside. My second because the door would not lock and unlock readily from the outside. My 3rd room because I came back about bed time and found it occupied and filled with loud voices, galore etcetera.

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I am now in my H the room awaiting further developments. I tried to write music but the spirit did not respond I could not come write my time to night.

Well I dont expect to get back befor Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. I am awful lonesome now and after a hard days work very sleepy. I went around to the Piedmont Hotel to night and identified myself by my annuals and asked for my mail, but you didnt write in time. I sat there and listned to the music and looked at the low necked dresses until I was tired and came home. I made one effort to go to church but did not succeed.

Well byebye my pet

Yours ever

Fiddler

he aspires and [illegible]
vigorous cognomen by which he is best and affectionately known as "Brick" Miller.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

New York Press.

Some women have more intelligence than they don't seem to have.

It's mighty exciting the way some women dress above the waist as if they didn't.

There is hardly anything more exciting than to be fooled by a girl that you are fooling.

When a woman has a birthday after she has counted the presents she hasn't time to count the years.

You can make a man so mad he can't see by telling him how everybody admires the ability of one of his friends.

A woman goes to an afternoon tea in the same state of excitement as a man does to a horse race.

If you try to whisper to a girl she acts like she was afraid she might try to kiss you against her will.

Most men are willing to let their wives train the children, but they insist on training the dog themselves.

If the house catches on fire a woman wants to save her old love letters and the baby's first pair of shoes.

A man could save a lot of money by stopping smoking if he didn't have to spend much more to keep from getting mad with himself for doing it.

they are utterly unable to carry the waste matters out of the body, and the uric acid accumulates in the system, and slowly but surely paves the way for Bright's disease, diabetes, blood poisoning and a horrible death in convulsions. Ask your doctor if this is not good, solid, common sense.

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Sweetheart:-

Just had a long walk 2 hours. Think I shall go to Lou Saturday. Drop me a card can you mother telling me when the tennis racket, shirt trousers hat shirt etc for tennis are. Also my bathing suit. I have an order for 6 villages too.

I won't get back till some time in May.

Is you are having fine warm weather. The trip will do you good. I will try to get up to Wash. about Sunday 18th April. I think I'll go to see ~~Sons~~ of the Grand opera

Concerts last (2) of this month.
Wish you could be here.
Best pears 5cts each.
Ask Hart Fill Mj what
is the cheapest thing in the
world - that we dont have to pay
for and that does us the
most good - that we could not
get along without and that
we dont use all we should.

affy.
Fillison

Upon reflection I dont suppose
you can get that letter
to your mother in time
for me. Let it go.


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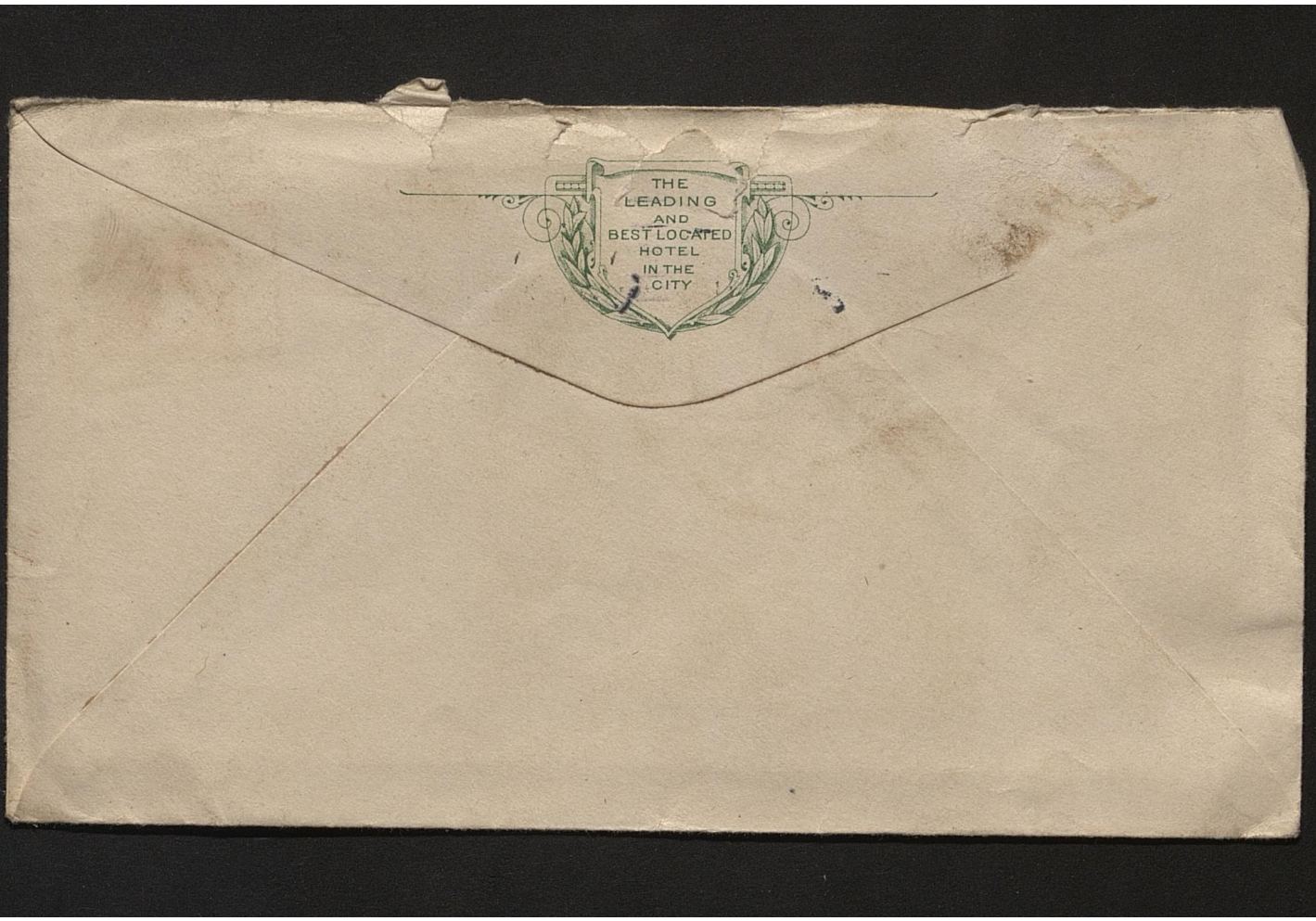
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papers. Cousin Emma and her divorced daughter Margaret I think have been living in Lexington for some time. but she has been in Danville. since Mr Ceil died probably at the time of his death. He was in days gone by one of the richest men in Boyle county, and he gave her some money after they separated. either the $15.000 which she had when they maried or perhaps more. Whether that was under a contract by which she was to have no further claim on his estate or not I do not know. They have three children a son. Granville and two daughters. Bessie and Margaret both of whom married when very young and both of them divorced. Bessie the older of the two has maried again. to some man with a German name. and I think lives somewhere in Indiana. The last time I heard of cousin Emma was when I received an advertisement of a book she had written. it came within the past year. and it was highly praised

Louisville Ky April 1/15

Dear Chick:

If I am not mistaken it has been about two weeks since we had a letter from you. though indirectly we have had later news. through Shirley and Fillison. Perhaps you thought that the letters and postcards from Shirley would suffice. but we like to see your own handwriting. A long letter from Shirley received Friday afternoon told of her arrival at Wellesley last Tuesday after a very enjoyable trip all the way from Washington and only inconsiderable delays anywhere on the way. She met schoolmates and friends both in Philadelphia and New York and especially enjoyed the boat ride from New York to Fall River. Fillison came to Louisville yesterday morning. spent the day as usual doing innumerable things. and reached an

home at six thirty, just as dinner was ready. We sat up until nearly eleven talking and this morning a little after nine he went to town expecting to leave for Atlanta this afternoon. He is looking well, and while here he went out to the house to see that it was all right and to get his tennis shoes and racket so he can play tennis during some of his spare time. He told us that you were probably spending some of the childrens school vacation at Cedar Mountain and were probably there now. Shirley certainly enjoyed her visit to you, more than she would any where else she could have gone and we all thank you for helping her to have such a good time. There has been nothing thrilling interest going on here at home. Mother has been busy as she generally is, looking after household affairs, making me some night shirts working in the garden and looking after the chickens. Sue has had her school work and has helped in planting some flower seeds, and I have been jogging along in the regular rut. J.W. has helped in garden work, and the rest of the time he generally spends in reading. He has not been able to get back to work and what his prospects are I do not know. He had a talk with Tillison last night but what the purport or the result of it was he has not told me. Shirley told us she met the Potters folks at Washington, but did not see as much of them as she hoped on account of engagements they had made preventing a second meeting. I met Clifton Anderson, of Danville Ky, a brother of Lizzie Yarbers, on the street last Friday. I don't remember having seen before for at least twenty years. He told me a number of things about my kindred in that place, among others of the death of Granville Cecil, the husband though separated many years, of cousin Emma. He died a few weeks ago, though I did not see any notice of it in the

see that the grass is getting greener and beginning to grow. There is no news at the office. except that yesterday. moving office furniture from the 18th floor down to the second began. which will be a much more convenient thing. than having to ride up to the eighteenth floor whenever one wanted to communicate with the folks up there. They had lately put in Telephone so we could talk up there but if a piece of paper or anything else was to be sent from either the second or the eighteenth floor some one had to take the elevator. which took time and was unsatisfactory otherwise. No other consolidating work has been done. but it will perhaps be done soon after the moving is done. Mr Elliott. Mother. Gertie and I heard a very enjoyable lecture at the Tolson Club meeting last Monday evening. by ex Gov Thatcher and the pictures were fine. Mr Elliott tells us that his mother expects to come home from Italy soon. expected to sail on the 6th of this month. Well I have just space left to send a whole lot of love to all my darlings. Dad

v/ by several persons I know. among them Dr. Powell. It was a devotional book whether poems or prose I forget. though I am inclined to think it was the former. I always liked her very much. and pitied her unhappy ill matched married life. Her husband was a coarse man. and she was unusually refined in her ideas manners and associations all her life. I have known her since she was fourteen or fifteen years old. and I think she was at that time engaged to Granville. the son of the richest man in the county and was none too well liked by his neighbors. because of his disagreeable manner. I wish you could become acquainted with Lizzie and John Yerkes you would meet very agreeable people with whom I used to be intimate ~~years~~. and at whose home in Danville I often stayed when visiting there. John's father you may remember married Lizzie's mother who was Miss Amelia (Rodes) Anderson. her mother's cousin Amanda Rodes being a

first cousin of my mother. I do not know whether any of us has told you that Charlie Warren on his arrival at Port Arthur Texas where he was offered the position of manager of a cotton mill. was so ill and suffering so much pain from wounds when he arrived there that he had to go to an infirmary I stopped to call up Emma Frank to ask about Charlie. She says he left the infirmary a few days ago. but is not able to do much yet. When we first heard he was ill it was thought he would have to give up the place and come back here. but it may be that the climate there will be beneficial to him after he gets acclimated. Perhaps Mother or Gerchi have written you about the death of Will Bailey, Smith's brother. after a hopeless illness of more than a year I saw Smith Friday. the first time since the funeral and he was looking very badly himself. I think Stuart told Gerchi at church this morning that both his father and mother were not well and that she was in bed today. Tell the

kids that I wish they could see Mamma right now. with an old hat of mine on her head and a bucket of chicken feed in her hand feeding the chicken at the gate of the chicken yard. I know they would all rush out to be with her. all the things planted in the garden. that have had time enough have come up during the last few days which have been warm and spring like- the temperature some days over 80°- and with several light showers to dampen the dry earth. I do not remember ever to have known such a dry spell for this time of the year Water became very scarce in some parts of the state. there have been numerous forest fires. and in places sparks from locomotives have set fire to the dry grass beside the tracks. The last few days have started the young leaves on the trees and shrubbery and lots of flowers are blooming. and the Pomt trees and magnolias are beautiful in their full bloom and looking out of the window you can

GORE—M'CAMPBELL.

Miss Gertrude Bacheler Gore, of Whitinsville, Mass., and Mr. Leavelle McCampbell To Be Married Wednesday.

DR. FRANK BENJAMIN JOHNSTON and MRS. JOHNSTON, of Whitinsville, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gertrude Bacheler Gore, to Mr. Leavelle McCampbell, of New York, formerly of Louisville.

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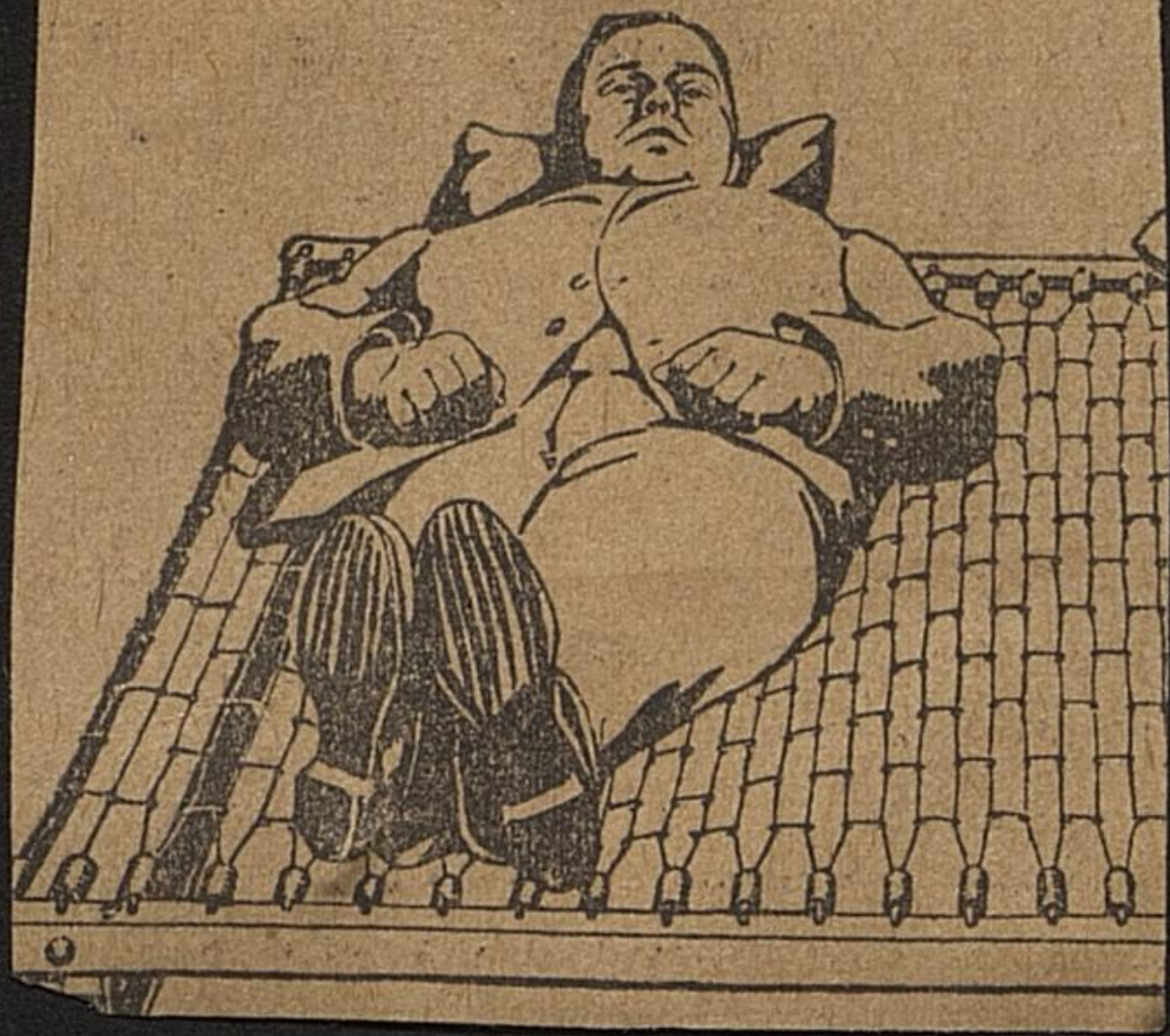

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My own sweet darling little grand-daughter:

It is a long time since I had a letter or any messages from you, and as I happen to be not very busy just now, and therefore inclined to take a nap because it has not been long since I ate the lunch Mamma fixed for me this morning, I will start a letter to you and write until somebody interrupts me to get some information, or give me some work to do. I am writing at my desk in the Inter-Southern Building which is the tallest house in Louisville, and if you will look at the windows on the Jefferson Street side of the house, you will see a cross mark in one of the second story windows, which is just opposite where I am now sitting. There are nearly twenty other people who have desks in this large room which extends nearly across the whole front of the building, and nine or ten women are now pounding away on type writers and one man is using an adding machine so there is about as much noise as a small factory would make. I come to the office every morning (except Sundays and holidays) at eight o'clock- work until twelve, then eat my lunch, and after that I go out in the street for a walk look in the windows at all the pretty things to be seen until one o'clock, when work begins again, and lasts until five o'clock when I take the car for home. There are lots of things in the windows that I like to see, and I wish very

often that you and the boys could be with me to see them. On on French Street at the New York store there is a window that I know all of you would like to see, and there is nearly always such a crowd around it that little folks especially can hardly get close enough to see it. The window is fixed up to look like the country with hills and level plains, with a little river running through them, and on the plain are little soldiers a hundred or more with guns ready to fight some other little soldiers facing them. and on the hills there is a road along which soldiers are marching, moving at a quick step, keeping time to music from a graphophone, which you can hear from the street. The little soldiers that are marching along the road have on German uniforms, and those on the plains are mostly English and French soldiers. Would'nt you like to see it? In another window on Market street, which has a pond in it and near the pond a big alligator, not alive - is lying in the grass. While there pretty little live ducks swimming the pond or get out on the grass to eat lettuce and other things put there for them to eat. Crowds get around this window too, especially boys and girls but grown folks also to watch the ducklings, just as if they had never seen any real live little ducks before. There were pretty and curious things to see that I have time to tell you about. but I guess you have just as many and as interesting ones in Washington. We had a letter a day or two ago from your Mother telling us that you had been to Cedar Mountain lately, and I wished you could have stayed on the B. & O train until it got to Eastern Park. Ann Elliott has not come home yet, but her dog is just wishing she was home so he could pull at her dress and nibble at her shoes and have some fun. Now he has nothing but some big dogs to play with, and though they play rather roughly with him sometimes, he seems to like that. I must stop now and send my love to all of you. I would send kisses, but they can not be sent



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ATLANTA, GA.

4/15/15

Hamet

I am in doubt about getting up on Saturday.

Don't come to depot to meet me unless you hear further.

Very busy. Keep well.

Affs.

Fillion

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with him but sent back hopeful telegrams
+ offered a reward for information concerning
him. Friday a negro man crossing an
island in Wolf river a few miles from
Memphis found his body hidden in the
bushes. a pistol near him with one empty
chamber. he having shot himself in the
breast. No reason has been suggested
for his strange disappearance except that
he had suddenly become deranged. His
family relations were happy. he had just
been promoted and he showed no sign
of trouble of any kind. It was suggested
that his mind was perhaps unbalanced
by overwork. but even that seemed improba-
-ble. Stuart telephoned the particulars of
finding the body to Smith a little after
noon yesterday, and the late papers were
full of it. The family were in the greatest
anxiety until the body was found and
in deepest grief when it was. Stuart
and George were expected here with the
body of Robert this morning and I
suppose the burial took place this afternoon

Louisville Ky April 18/15

Dear Chick;

Your letter to Mother
came in due time, I read it and
would reply to anything in it that
requires an answer, but I can not put
my hand on it at present and as the
little mother is quietly snoozing on the
lounge I will not wake her to tell me
where it is. I remember you spoke
of your visit to Cedar Mountain. your
expecting Fillison to be with you today
Fil Jr's cold and going with Fillisons
cousin for x ray treatment. Mrs Elliott
and Ann came home today on the C&O
eleven oclock train. I just this moment
had my first sight of Ann in their
back yard with two other children,
Mr Elliott and the dog. and have merely
spoken to Mrs. Elliott who is sitting on
her front porch. Yesterday I brought some

cabbage plants home with me intending to set them out. but Mother was busy in the kitchen. it being Saturday, and getting dinner. as we expected Margaret Smith to dine with us. and I left them on the kitchen table not knowing just where they were to be planted. Margaret came soon after. and when dinner was over sat with us until about eight o'clock. and none of us thought of the cabbage plants until she went home. Consequently I had to get up and set them out before breakfast and now they are very much wilted by the warm sun of today. I hope a good sprinkling. and the cool of night will revive them. All Louisville was stirred up. by the disappearance last Monday of Robert L Crawford, Stuart's friend. He had only a few days before been promoted by the Mangel Box Co and was to move to New York as soon as he could make his arrangements to go. and having packed up his things he left the home telling his wife he would send out the moving vans. After getting down town he telephoned her that he was going to the bank to deposit a check he had. and also draw out some money as he had but ten cents in his pocket. He did this and was later seen at the 7th Street depot by Craig Culbertson. when he boarded an I. C train. Not coming home or sending any word the family became very uneasy. and search began in the city that night as they did not know of his taking the train. Next day they heard of it and his brother George started out to find him. He was heard of at Paducah and leaving that place George stopped at different towns between that place and Memphis. Reaching that city he learned that his brother had called at the Y. M. C A building talked with some people there about the Y M C A. work here but did not give his name. George then telegraphed for Stuart to come to Memphis and help in the search. He went and they got several clews. but could not catch up

me. I certainly will not have the same duties. I had with the old company unless the present methods are very much changed. While the information given me was not altogether satisfactory it was good as far as it goes. and was possibly all that could be given me at present. J. W telephoned Mr Washburn a few days ago. but did not get much encouragement from him. He was told that the present force was doing the work all right. and that there was no place for him unless he made one. and the the conditions did not justify him in doing that now. Jim has made some efforts in other places to get work. but so far without success. He is keeping straight spends his time in the garden or reading and only occasionally goes to town at all then it is usually to get shaved. as he is out of money. and so far as I know has not even car-fare. I do hope he may get something before long. Hope you have had Fillion with you today and that you are all well and happy Dad

P.S. It was to be strictly private. and not even the hour of it was published. The whole city sympathizes with the family. and there are long articles in today's papers which probably you will read. Every one thinks that of the two, George and Stuart could have gotten sight of him. he might have been saved but they were always too late and so far as the papers indicate. received little help from the Memphis police. It is a heart-rending affair in every way. Margaret Smith says her father is very much improved. takes great interest in home affairs. works in the garden and with the flowers. and actually asked Mr Smith to come over to see his garden and the work he had done about the home, the first time he has ever asked any one to come to see him in all these years. She now hopes he will get entirely well. He screened their porch - and did carpenter work at the house which she said was as good as a regular carpenter could do. Tell the kids that it would have done them good if they could have been out in the chicken yard

a few days ago when uncle Jim was spading up a place so they could have a good place to scratch for bugs and worms. The chickens kept so close to him that he could hardly work and as he had struck a good wormy place, every time he passed the spade they would wait for him to release the dirt but jumped for the worms and got them before they touched the ground It was funny to see them scrambling and grabbing for their fresh sweat. We are looking for some little chicks to get out of their shells tomorrow if not tonight though today is rather a scant three weeks since the setting of eggs was put in the nest. and the hen did not like the location at first. though she stayed on it quietly after Mother had fastened the front so she could not get out. I am sending along with this the statement of facts. Mr Elliott has prepared concerning the Panama Canal We brought them over last night and they are the notes he made for a lecture he is to deliver. I think next Tuesday. before the Architects and Engineers association. When you have used them if you have no further use for them you might send them back to us. as it is a brief clear and accurate statement. You will notice at the end of his notes that he gives the source of much of his information and says it can be found in the Library at Washington. In regard to my own affairs with the Intar-Southern, I will tell you privately though I do not speak of it at the office. nor to any one who will let it get there. that last Tuesday night Captain Leathers and Bennett Young both came to me and said that they had arranged matters so that I would be retained. when part of the office force would be let out after things got to running in the normal way. but that I must just be quiet about it. and not worry. No mention was made in regard to what salary would be paid me. a most important point for me. nor just what kind of work would be given

love hard enough. Now tell
her, if she does not treat you
well, I will haunt her sure.
You must be sure to come
here this summer, we want
to see you, before you are a
hen pecked husband, how funny.
I wish you had seen us,
when we read the news. I
screamed out, I came & listen,
Nellie cried for sometime, said
she was so sorry for Rose, she
knew she would be jealous, if one
of her children married, we
all concluded, it was the best
thing to do. but it really saddened

I want to hear what all those sweet hearts are going to say, when they hear - the news,

Cedar Mountain
April 19th

Will Fillison, caught at last,
I suppose you are a foot taller,
I would like to see you for
a little while, at least. I
suppose I must give you
my congratulations, or rather
to her, for I think she gets the
best of the bargain. I think
you are doing right, and I
believe you will be happier,
much better to marry early,
if at all; that is if you

us all, all the evening, feeling a
little afraid, our dear bright little
boy, would be weaned from us all.
You must not think of marrying
before Nov, or later. Rose, & all, must
stay here late, and then give them
plenty of time, to get ready for the
great event. I do not believe I can
go back, without you. the same;
I must leave a space for Nellie, & Kate,
Nellie is so busy with her hens, &
housekeeping. I cannot get her to sit down
a moment. Kate says, she is going to write by
herself. my ducks eggs have just come,
so I am glad. Come, & I will give you
some duck to eat, perhaps. We are in
a constant stir here all the time, no
time to get lonely. We do a quantity of
talking about you. I will tell you
when I see you. We are looking
forward for Rose & all to come. will
be mighty glad when they do come.
I do want to talk to you so much.
with love Aunty I



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ATLANTA, GA. 4/24/15.

Dear little girl:-

Check received, will get clothes tonight. Don't want any more heavy underwear. Get out my yellow (3rd summer) suit. Also the ~~blue~~ straw hat cleaner. Expect me 9:10 Am Saturday unless I hear you or unless you wire me it's no use to come? too late?

Your last letters have not been very lovey. I don't miss the "sweetest man" part, that's rather off color any how.

I enclose a good letter from your mother. You know I wrote to A.H. Young & Leathers - 2 letters to Young. & got an encouraging one from him so I hope it is fixed.

I have played tennis with

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Poveleite & have a 3rd game with him tomorrow. We leave the hotel at 5 30 am. Get the courts at 6. Good courts

I got a very bad fall Monday. Wonder I did not break arm.

I have not gotten a letter from a child for a month.

Will bring Dr. Wall's check with me.

Bye bye till Saturday

Fillison

Very busy.

Weigh 154 lbs.

Save yourself - not too tired.

He is keeping perfectly straight & doing whatever there is to do at home. but he can't live that way as he has absolutely no money. What is to be done I don't know. We can't take care of him long this way & you can imagine what would be the consequences if he were to go back to town with no place to go to. I spoke to the men yesterday & they promised to let us know if they heard of any thing. You keep a look out down there. We thought you would go to W. last Sunday. I guess they will be glad to see you next Sunday. The chickens are hatching to-day. D. W. & I fixed two more nests down there this morning. Every thing awfully dry, do wish we could have some rain.

Mon - 12 o'clock —

Dear Fillison

Received your card this A. M. The shoes were not mailed until Thursday morning from the drug store (Hinkelein's). If you have not gotten them by the time you receive this let me know at once. D. W. Telephoned Dr. W. Sat. morning to know if he could come down to see him now. He said there was no change in the office & the men who were there could do the work without any trouble & he could not make a place for him & had none unless he made one. So I guess he has no chance there. He went to see his a three men last week, but nothing doing.

J. W. will go into town again in the morning to look for work but I am afraid he is going to have a hard time finding anything to do. Was it not dreadful about Robert Crawford? I certainly feel sorry for his family, especially his mother. I have heard one of his fathers brothers went off that same way & they did not hear of him for years but did hear of him afterwards but I do not know whether he is living now or not. Mr Pettus was told by Ben Young & Capt. Leathers at the confederate meeting last night that he was to stay at the office & for him not to worry. It was confidential & he was not to mention it. What he will have to do or what salary he does not know. We are only afraid it will be so place that the salary wont be enough to live on. From what one have heard of the Inter Southern they were not noted for paying living salaries. But of course this is not to be spoken of. Things may turn out better than we think. Sent quite a bunch of mail to Harris this morning. The Elliotts are home. Miss stop & fix lunch. Much love to you. Let me hear about the shoes. Yours

Mrs J. Pettus.

P.S.

J. W. has just had a telephone from Young, saying come down to morrow morning. Tell you more about it next time.

H. P.


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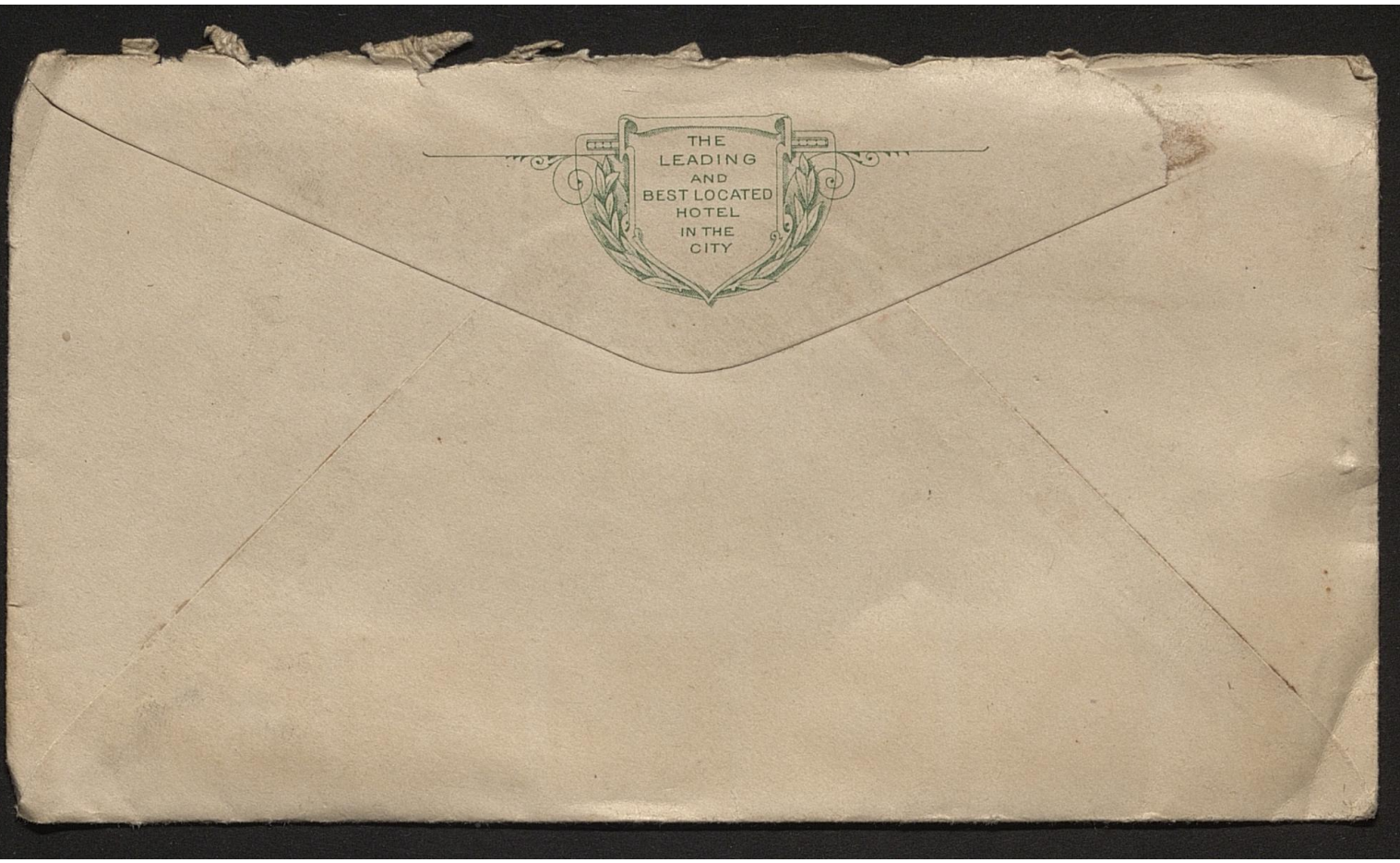
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a long time since Mr Elliott saw her, two or three years I think. If I had a mother I should not want her to be away that long alone too. I suppose she likes living in Europe and other parts of the globe. and it may have been the best arrangement for those most concerned. There is not much to tell of home affairs. Shirley's laundry came last week and Mother was kept busy, mending, cleaning and making new things for her. Gerchie had a holiday on account of the meeting here of the Ky. Educational association. whose sessions are at our church. except one large meeting at the Armory, she attended only one morning when the meeting was opened by the songs of the Normal school. I have been no where except home and the office. have read one book in the past week "A Prairie Courtship" by Howard Bindloss, one or two short stories in the May "Munsey" and the daily papers. Yesterday afternoon Jim and I brought the screen doors up from the basement. brushed them off and put them up. and after dinner I scraped weeds off

Louisville Ky April 25, 1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter to Gerche with Marian's voluminous manuscripts to Mother and myself arrived yesterday, and I get the first whack at replying. As Marian's are directed to me and mother they require first consideration. and while not altogether translatable. I feel sure they refer largely to little chickens and other matters of interest to her at Mamma's house, as well as acknowledging my letter. I wish she could see the eleven sprightly little chicks. taking their breakfast with two or three beautiful black-birds as their guests. while the old rooster struts around looking very pompous and important. Mamma fixed a new nest for the hens a few days ago. and as soon as it was finished, Mr Rooster got on it and sat there for nearly half an hour crowing and I suppose doing his best to lay

an egg. but if it was, his effort was a complete failure. so that one of the hens after waiting for him to vacate the nest, lost her patience climed up on top of him and laid an egg for him. Some roosters have not as much sense as hens. and I think our rooster is one of that kind. though from the way he crows and parades about the chicken yard, he thinks he is a very important chicken, and feels that he is the head of the family. Ann has still a very banged up face from the hard fall on the bricks, when Tige (that is the pups name) pushed her off the high steps of the back porch. It is a wonder that she was not worse hurt than she was. Ann likes "Mr Mitchell" better than any of us, and they have walks and talks together most every day. She has great confidence in everything he tells her. — We were surprised to hear of the new baby at Jim Pellus home. New babies have become such a common occurance at his house that I suppose he thinks their arrival is not worth mentioning, at least we never hear of their coming directly from him. We are glad to hear that you expect to come, on a visit to us in June. but we want you to bring Fil Jr with you. Hal is getting big enough to take care of himself pretty well, and Marian as the baby will no doubt be carefully looked after. but Fil is neither the one nor the other, and while we would be glad to see all the children, we think it would be much the best for Fil to come with you. Mother thinks so too and says she can take care of him whenever you want to go out to Floral Terrace, to look after matters there. We had a postal from Pellisier last week to Mother, in which he said he would be with you today, and hoped it would be his last visit to Washington before he returns for good. I am imagining how happy you and the kids are right now. Mr Elliotts mother expected to sail from Italy to the United States on april 15. and will be due to arrive in New York to-morrow or next day, though she does not expect to come to Louisville for two or three weeks, having some visits to make to friends in the East first. It has been

We have not all the details yet. having only last week learned what she wanted to do. but could not make an engagement until she heard from us. If she has not written you about it you can write to her and she will tell you all about it. We want her to have as good a time as possible now. because of the uncertainty about her going back to Wellesley next year, and she has already had some very enjoyable visits. including her late one to you. I only wish that it had been possible for you and Gerche to have had the same opportunities, though you might be unwilling to exchange what has come to you for them. in fact you and Gerchie have at least been able to see a good deal of the country since you left school. My chief regret is for the little Mother. she has had so little chance. and if ever there is any way for her to have her chance while I live. I certainly will do all I can to help it along. The trouble up to this time is that the chances have become poorer as the years have gone by, and the future is "powerful onsartin"

Mother and Gerche have gone to church. and there will no doubt be a big congregation today. I am not sure, but it seems to me that today is the day that the call is made for a million at sunday school in Kentucky. They have just returned from church and brought a bulletin home. No items of special interest in it though it says the Young Women's Auxilliary will give a measure party next Friday evening in the assembly room. to which admission will be five cents for each foot and an additional penny (they mean cent as pennies are not current in the U S) for each odd inch of ones height. The nature of the party is not stated. but "refreshments. progam + specialties" are mentioned. It is not probable that I shall attend. The bulletin also says that the 88th birthday of Mr Minary's mother will be celebrated at his house where the whole family will be assembled. but fails to mention the date. Suppose it will be some day of the present week. There is also a notice of it in the Times. J.W has been at work all last week. The salary is

very small. but he took the place gladly in preference to doing nothing. and hopes by good work to get a better one later on. and he does not appear so dejected as he did. I do not hear much about Hark in your letters lately. It must be that he is getting along very nicely at school and at home. for I know it is not because he is bad and you do not want to tell me about him. When does his school close. Perhaps he will write to me some time and tell me about himself but it is a long time since I had a letter from him. Tell Marian she must learn how to write M. M. G. and sign it to the next letter she writes me so I will be sure she wrote it. I wish I knew how long you expected to be a resident of Washington. I am afraid you will get to like it so well that you will not like to come back to Louisville to live at all. Time to run up to the mail box so good bye Dad

the walks in the garden which have grown very rapidly since the fine rain we had Thursday and Friday. Nearly everything that has been planted has come up and is growing nicely. the rows of vegetables being plainly visible from the house at present Everything has come out rapidly since the rain. and the leaves on the trees are about half grown already. Yesterday was the first time I had done any work in the garden this spring and it warmed me up. Hereafter I expect to cut grass and pull weeds or chop them up with the hoe and do what ever is necessary in cultivating the crop. which seems to have a good start and should do well if frost or dry weather does not interfere. I suppose Shirley may have written you of a contemplated visit she expects to make one of her school friends after school is out before coming home. She is expecting to camp out and fish in the lakes of Maine. just where located I do not remember. It is not the same girl she visited in Portland.

From # 9 Eastover Park
Louisville. Ky.





Mrs. F. L. Speiden,
1886 Ontario Place N.W.
Washington,
D. C.

4/30/15.

My dear little Wife:-

I have been each night to opera and am going again tonight (till 12:30) asleep at 17 45 and up for tennis at 5 10 am with Poorleite. I have waited to write you good news but it is not so good after all. It will certainly not be later than May 29th Saturday. I have wished for you this week surely. I have certainly enjoyed the opera. Thanks for the shirt received today. I'll wear it tomorrow A.M. We are counting on getting a Y M C a tennis court in Wash D.C. Starting work at 8 30 instead of 9 30 and quitting at 4 instead of 5 P.M. That will

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be fine wont it.

What did you mean by "Remember about 2 P.M."

Sunday? or do you mean (25) in my book?

Tell the children to write.

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Fillison

I will probably be here Sunday instead of Nashville.

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APRIL 30, 1915
TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

The Committee convened at 9:00 a.m., with the following attendance:

Mr. J.N.Steadwell,	Mr. G. S. Rains,
Mr. S. B. Mitchell,	Mr. J. M. Denyven,
Mr. Randall Clifton,	Mr. H. A. Poveleite,
Mr. C. B. Kealhofer,	Mr. L. P. Nash,
Mr. J. B. Bannon,	Mr. N. B. Wright,
Mr. C. McD. Davis,	Mr. E. K. Bryan, Jr.
Mr. L. Green,	Mr. C. B. Compton.

The following were also in attendance:

Mr. J. H. Glenn,	Mr. F. L. Glover,
Mr. F. L. Speiden.	

The Committee continued consideration of the Commodity rate adjustment.

L. GREEN,
Chairman

JOHN N. STEADWELL, Secretary,
Atlanta, Ga., April 30, 1915.

NOTE: The Chairman was requested to communicate with the Executive Officers of the Georgia Lines, that the status of the work requiring transfer of the Committee's headquarters from Washington was now such as to make it unnecessary to continue in session in Atlanta after May, and that the resolution was adopted by the Committee to reconvene at Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D.C., May 31. Monday

Harriet:- W.W. Compton objected to the above and it may come about sooner, but, I hardly hope for it. I shall come up again before May 29 (Saturday).

Special Delivery 5/1

Dearest

Your joyous letter received last night. I wrote you yesterday but as it may not get to you till Monday I send this Spl. Deliv. to let you know it is not quite so good as it seems yet.

We will come some time between 15th & 30th. it may be the latter.

I gave you 8 bills I think. I did not count them at the time but did previously and allowed myself the balance to return here on.

I will write about the screens & McClure

Kiss Marian 5 times for me. Give her any thing she wants. A doll buggy!

Opera is splendid.

Hope you are going to Abom Opera as often as possible take Hart to Robin Hood F.P. too if he wants to go.

Affy. Fillison

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a present for more as the thunder is getting nearer and the wind has stopped leaving the calm which precedes a storm. There have been no further developments at the office yet and probably will not be any until the job of writing new stock certificates for the new company is completed. There were about six thousand to be made out and some outside help has been employed. All of our type writers that can be used for that purpose are being used. They are of the kind that have long carriages in which wide sheets can be used. There is one in my department that I use in such work as I do and it is the only kind that I can use to any purpose. Having learned to use it all the other kinds are awkward to me. Bro Powell has just returned from Knoxville where he went to preach the funeral sermon of Mrs Chas O. Hoffman. You no doubt remember her the daughter of our old deacon Dan Spaulding and sister of Mrs Eugene Terry and of Mrs Hettie Kennedy. She will be buried here

Louisville Ky May 2. 1915

Dear Chick:

I found your letter of April 29th on the mantle when I came home from the office yesterday, and was very glad to note that its tone was so happy and cheerful in comparison with some that have told of your loneliness and your worries. I hope you will be able to cure Fitz of that cough, and develop a little more flesh on him. Cream ought to be good for the latter, but I think a pint would be more effective than a gill. Tell him I am proud of that report, and that the more letters he writes to me the better his handwriting will be, provided he takes pains to do it. I hope Marion enjoyed candles on a cake yesterday, and I hope the birthday was a very pleasant one, with many others equally delightful to succeed it, and I want her to tell me, through you, all about

her party if she had one. who were present what they did. and what she ate for her birthday dinner and how she likes her doll buggy. And tell my namesake who is getting to be such a heavyweight that I want him to lay up a good stock of "E's from now on. He ought to have no trouble to do this. only let some good serious work take the place of some of the play. not all of it. for they say "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" I think it used to be when I was a boy, that folks imagined that all play and no work at school had about the same effect as no play and all work. For that kind of a boy sometimes had to stand up in the corner of the school house with a high, pasteboard cap on. and on the cap were the letters d.u.n.c.e. I know my namesake is by no means that sort of a fellow. and I want him to make me feel good and proud of him by sending me a good report of his standing in the class. every time a report is made out. We have had

like you. and Shirley two. extremely warm weather for the season. followed by sudden drops in temperature. though not enough drops of rain. which is now needed. though grass and foliage are at least two weeks in advance of the ordinary. Friday eve ate the first of our home grown radishes, just five weeks from the day the seeds were planted. they were good. crisp firm and tasty. Will have lettuce soon. Yesterday I got out the lawn mower and cut the grass in the back yard. It was not the neatest job of the kind I ever did. but the mower was dull. Will see whether it is worth sending to the hardware store to be resharpened this week. For the front yard already needs a shave badly. Evelyn came home with Grethe from church and we thought Smith and your aunties would come out later but heavy clouds have come up and there is the sound of distant thunder rumbling, so they may not come. Only a few drops of rain have fallen but there is

She, the author, is a bright intelligent person, who under the guise of letters to cheer a friend in his suffering tells a story that was exceedingly readable to me. If you have time and can get the book in your public library I think you would enjoy reading it. I never heard of it before, but Gerche got in at the Crescent Hill Library, knowing nothing of it, though it may have been recommended by Miss Berryman the librarian. It is now raining hard again. I hope the shower will be over when Aunter & Evelyn have to transfer to the Second Street car though they have wraps and an umbrella. This is a showery sort of letter, though there is but little to write about, and thinking is somewhat hindered in the midst of thunder, lightning, hail wind and rain. It is nevertheless a great blessing for which I am thankful and as "after rain comes sunshine" I hope that after your struggles, labors, weariness and loneliness the sunshine of peace and happiness may come into your life and make it brighter than it otherwise could have been, a whole lot of love to you and the kids from Dad

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It is getting so dark I can hardly see to write, and will have to turn on the light if it gets much darker. Tell the kids that the little two weeks old chickens are sprouting tail and wing feathers, and are growing finely. Does Mr Farmer ever advertise your house in the papers, I think I saw an advertisement once, several months ago, but have not noticed any since. If not advertised there is no way for people to know that it is for sale or rent, unless he takes the trouble to call attention of his customers to it. The new house that is being erected just beyond the Blandfords, is to be a bungalow, and is apparently on the cheap plan. It has the frame work about completed. There is a concrete basement, but the house is apparently to be frame of a very flimsy character, judging by the timber that has so far been put up. When Gerche went out to your house to get the roses she got a slip of calacanthus, which she planted and it is now growing all right

The storm came just here and we had to hustle to get doors and windows closed on account of the strong wind. and the rain poured for about five minutes then tapered off to a gentle rain and then it grew still darker and there were some terrific thunder and lightning. a furious wind and hail the size of marbles with a deluge of rain. Your Auntie came in just as the first shower stopped and is here yet. It is not raining so hard now and the thunder indicates that the storm which came from the Northwest is passed though there are dark clouds yet. The gullies on the hills are still overflowing and at the hardest part of the rain one could not see the trees just back of our lot at all. It certainly will be a pleasure to you and the children to have Fillion home again. after this long separation. Evelyn and her mother have just gone home - 5 o'clock - the rain having stopped though there are yet dark clouds in the northwest and the temperature has dropped

considerably. Be sure to bring Fil for with you when you come out here in June. though I hope his cough will have gone long before that time. We do not know yet just what time Shirley will get home but suppose it will be about the last week in June. I hope you will reach each other. Last night I finished reading one of the most entertaining books I have read for sometime. It was "The Pretender Person" by Margaret Cameron, and consisted of letters written from Mexico as it was some years ago. while Porfirio Diaz was President to a man who had been injured in an accident and almost lost his sight. Of course the letters were read to him by his secretary. and they described the cities and countries the people. their manners. customs and modes of living. as well as the political, social and commercial affairs of Mexico. all mingled with some very tangled love affairs. which fortunately terminated well at last for the interested parties

From #9 Eastover Park
Louisville, Ky.

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Mrs. F. L. Speiden.
1886 Ontario Place, N. W.
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Atlanta 5/3/15

Sweetest:

I have been anxiously waiting your letter of disappointment. Only compensation for you is that while you miss one, I miss four — no, not four times as bad, but (I almost said sixteen) bad enough. It will give ~~me~~ you another visit about (29+5+12=46-30=16) May 16th.

I am going to invite Father Mother down here next Saturday to go back with me Sunday.

I certainly wish you could come too. This great big room, that annual pass. No news of Atl. job. — Gone I guess. Very hot here in day time.

I play Poveleite tomorrow X 6.00 am

Get up at 5.05 a.m. — to bed at 9

I'm counting days now. Are you.

I feel awful lovey tonight. Best not to write letters at night. How soon after June 1st will you get tired of me & wish me back?

I wrote McClure & about seven.

Tell me about the birthday.

Tell the boys they will only have one more Thanksgiving.

In July if they're good I may take them down to the Ocean for a day or two.

Which ever one of them wants to go will write to me and tell me about it. Quick! Now!

(The return mail will reach Atlanta May 7th)

Suppose you telephone Stony St, if no measures have been taken.

Bye bye till the ~~2d~~ 15th

Fillison

FIRE PROOF



PIEDMONT HOTEL

Atlanta, Ga.

Wm F. L. Speidon

1886 Adams Place

Washington D.C.

Will send
laundry about
Friday

Posibility my coming
up this week.



I raised the question of fly screens last fall at the time of my negotiations with you and Your Mr. Bellman stated he thought there would be no difficulty when fly time came. Of course, I understand you assumed no responsibility but under the circumstances I believe you will do what you can towards making good.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours truly,

F.L.Speiden

Dearest little wife:

Isn't this the limit? a la Fill Jr. Pelion piled on Ossa. I might serve notice and we could move next door. But the furniture? We will never do a fool trick again - I hope. and Atlanta job? I don't know 10 days ahead. We are trying to get a meeting of executives for next week - They may bring up my matter and we may move here before July 4th.? So you can then go to C.M. You will have had one month of me (27 days too much) and will be tired of me? I am eating supper alone at the club and am writing this letter on the table. Father may come here Friday night I rather expect him, but don't think mother will come! She wants a jaunt, a Frolic.

My how I have wanted you here. Just this minute 2 men & 2 girls have taken the table next me and I want my little girl next to me, now & later - every minute till dawn.

I have been looking for the boys letters.

Dinner is served!

Affy Fillison

Your last letter sounds a little tired & nervous, are you all getting plenty of good things to eat?
Poodlette beat me 12 to 8 this am.
I'm "going after" him tomorrow am.
So much noise across the street I am thinking of moving my room from 1 to 2 as per picture on envelope.

H.P.S.
Phone to dept stores about the price of screens sufficient for house. We will have some kind of screens of course. FLS
There are no flies ~~at all~~ (only seen 2) here yet.

May 5, 1915

Messrs. Stone & Fairfax,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of May 3, advising that owners are not willing to furnish screens for property at 1886 Ontario Place. I hardly think this is fair treatment in view of the circumstances, which I shall attempt to relate.

1. There are not many openings - the third floor need not be screened - the cost will be trivial in view of the rent paid.

2 -On January 16, I moved to Atlanta. Under the terms I had the right to terminate my lease and still have that right - today.

I have been hoping to so arrange my affiars as to be able to return to Washington and to remain until the work on which I have embarked is completed. When I came here in January, of course my first thought was to move my family here and this would have suited me much better financially as rents and living expenses are much lower here than in Washington, aside from the fact of having my family with me. In the course of a month or so, even should I return to Washington, my family may probably move to the country somewhere near Washington for the summer. If I should serve notice of terminating my lease now I dont think I would have much trouble in locating a house should I desire one next fall. There were half a dozen vacant in Ontario Place the last time I was in Washington a few weeks ago.

In view of the fact that I have been paying rent regularly since January at some financial disadvantage to myself from what I felt a moral (not legal) obligation in the matter; also in view of the fact that nobody at this day with any regard for sanity and health, lives in houses without fly screens; in view of the fact that I have notasked for certain repairs, papering,etc., and have fixed at my own expense

some minor inconveniences about the house; in view of the fact that if I hold this house through the summer, I shall expect to be a good tenant from an investment standpoint, will you not kindly again present the matter to the owner, setting before him all the facts in the case, and let me have his ultimatum by first mail in the enclosed stamped, special delivery envelope.

Yours truly,

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Mr. F. L. Speiden,
Peidmont Hotel,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 30, 1915, we have to say that the owner is not willing to furnish screens for the property at No. 1886 Ontario Place, N.W. this city.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Meany

Secretary

My dear little sweetheart: 5/10

Your blue letter received. I will surely try to run up next Sunday. The meeting about Atlanta job will be held in Hot Springs the week of May 24th. It would be the irony of fate if I were to get the Atlanta job just as ~~the~~ Committee is leaving for Wash. D.C. Well it would look like the fly screws did it.

All the children's letters were good. I think Fill Jr's was very fine writing for his age and Hart's marks were good. I could read several words in the baby's letter. The Crawfords were at 1517 yesterday for a few days visit. The immediate adjournment to Wash is bobbing up all the time and I should not be surprised to have you jump into my arms for good — inside a week or 10 days. It will certainly be before May 29 as that is the date the Confed-

Veterans all start (2) for Richmond. We will undoubtedly get sooner.

I will have a big job on those ullage tables but it will mean 20 or 25 dollars.

I'm counting the hours now.

Affy.

Fillison

No news at Nashv.



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7/6/15.

My dearest little wife:-

A motion was made this afternoon that we all return to Wash D. C. next Tuesday - but it was defeated by one objector. You must not be surprised to see me drop in on you any day now; so you'd better behave. How did Hart like Robin Hood. I don't know the Red Widow; most widows are very interesting and worth seeing. Go. Eat a good dinner before you go.

(2)

When did you get your dope about those balcony prices? I enclose Father's letter. I enclose check for grip which will reach Wash. D.C. ~~Friday night~~ Saturday 10.40 am; be sure to get it. I am mailing checks for the bills. I play tennis every morning. One day less. Remember this absence the next time you feel like scolding. I know you'll never do such a thing again. We are certainly getting some lessons on the Atlanta trip. We should have returned long ago. Wouldn't you like a kiss now? What kind? How many? Just one long one? Well here's one 700 miles long.

from your friend

Fillison

M Shirts ||||

Drawers ||||

Day Shirts |||

Pajamas ||

Sox ||

H'Kchfs |||

Vest |

Bath Suit |

Gym Shirt 1.

Drawers Heavy Clean ||

Over

I only have
3 clean shirts
will have to buy
some Tuesday unless
you can return
grip with a few
clean shirts at once



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during the week to us, JW. and I had cut and raked the front yard grass, after Mother had gotten a man to sharpen the lawn mower She afterward had cut up about a bushel of dandelions which lay too flat for the mower to get them, and gathered up the "white heads" so now we have a very neat lawn in front of the house. Yesterday Gerche and I set out tomato, egg plant and pepper plants which she had obtained down town. Every thing looks very well after the three storms in one week. The trees, full leaved are at their best now and the day has been bright though a little cool and windy. Last week some one poisoned two of Mrs. Waggeners dogs, and the one owned by the Millers who lately came to Eastview. Yesterday "Princess" who belongs to the Blandfords got some of the poison but was saved by prompt treatment The children will remember the brindle bull dog named "Imp" and the smaller dog - black and tan belonging to the Waggeners

Louisville. Ky May 9 - 1915

Dear Chick:

Mother has answered your letter of the sixth. and in the reply has said that I will tell you "whatever news there is" Well, girlie if I do that alone a post-card would afford me ample space. so if I draw on my imagination or put in other thing beside "news" you may understand that the "news" has all been told before. I am sorry your "health report" could not be better. but I think the general health of your family will take a decided turn for the better about the last of may, and that all of you will feel better as you think of each passing day bringing nearer to you the object of your desire. Mr F. L. Speiden, at present a sojourner in the city of Atlanta, Ga. Last Monday night in spite of a storm very similar to (but not quite so severe) - the one I wrote of last Sunday, J W and I went to the

Filson Club meeting. On account of the weather, there were present only ~~six~~ women and four men, even the secretary Alf Pirtle was absent, the only meeting I have ever known him to miss. When we got to the Library a few minutes before eight o'clock there was no one ahead of us and after loafing in the main office for awhile we went upstairs to see an exhibition of pictures, loaned, most of them by citizens of Louisville, which was one of the most interesting exhibitions of the kind I have seen in many a day at the library. After a short stay there, we heard that some members of the club had arrived, and we went to the Librarians office. The writer of the papaer for the evening had not arrived and it was half an hour before she did come. In the meantime we passed the time in conversation, and in examining some old time pictures of Louisville and county sections of it made fifty to sixty odd years ago.

At last Mrs. Coates who was to read a paper she had prepared "on the Bardstown Road" arrived and dispensing with the ordinary business of the club, because there was nothing to be done in the absence of the Secretary and the minute book, we heard her reading. It was merely a lot of notes she had jotted down that day on an automobile ride out to Bardstown and as far as Gethsemane, added to some she had written before. The paper was quite interesting, going back to matters a century old, concerning the charter of the road, its managers, stockholders and others, and there were many familiar names mentioned. and as the matter was quite informal the reader was often interrupted by questions and by the relation of incidents occurring in that section, by two or three present who had lived on the Bardstown road We kept it up until after the time for the lights to put out, and I came home glad that I went. Nothing worthy of writing about occurred afterward

the Confederate Reunion in Richmond, Va now about three weeks off. and that I could take the little mother with me. to make a little visit to Will and Annette. and if possible extend it to Washington if you were still there. but the probability of doing so has been growing less and fainter as the days go by. until the hope has about vanished. and there is really no assurance that I can attend the meeting of Morgans Men at Parks Hill some time this summer. the date not yet having been published. I wrote Shirley this morning that so far as I could see. my summer resort this year would Eastover Park. Evan that will be very pleasant if you and Pat Jr come to see me in June and Shirley is back with us also. I hope when this reaches you. yourself and family will feel well physically. and that we can all keep a "stiff upper lip" and keep on hoping better times as well as being thankful for all the blessing that has come into our lives. more perhaps than we were worthy to receive. So keep hoping - is the wish and thought the example of your Dad

While "Imp" was rather scary looking he was kindly disposed. and I am told he had been taught many tricks by his owners. One of these. I mention for the childrens sake, was that when asked if he was thirsty. he would go to his home and get a cup. bring it to Mrs Waggoner and after she had given him a drink. he would take the cup back and leave it in his home. I did not learn whether he set the cup on a shelf hung it on a nail or merely dropped it on the floor. but it was a very nice trick for a dog to do. We expected to have Gentry Bros Dog & Pony show in Crescent Hill. at Forest Court last Friday. and as I went to the office that morning I saw quite a drove of ponies. and a herd of dogs. with a lot of wagons drawn by ponies. and also three elephants going to the show place. but the ground had been made so wet by the storm of Thursday night. that the tent was not raised. but the show was taken to the Highlands thereby disappointing a lot of little folks in

Crescent Hill. Every one has been talking and thinking of the destruction of the Lusitania since the news first came. There is a strong editorial in Wdays Courier written by Mr. Watterson, which voices the horror and indignation we all feel. What our Government can or will do we can not yet tell, but it looks very much like it would be a serious matter, one which under ordinary circumstances would calle promptly for apology, reparation as far as possible and a guaranty against such a thing occurring again. Germany is on her "high horse" at present, and seems trying to turn the whole civilized world against her, and is indifferent as to the result, though I think that knowing the maximum strength of men and resources is past she is making in desperation her most tremendous efforts to influence Italy, magnifying and falsifying whatever she does in her own favor, so as to keep Italy neutral if she can not be persuaded to take sides with her. I hope our Government will be wise and just as it has been in the past to uphold the honor and dignity, so as to avoid war, but the very strongest protest that can be made by this country and all others should be made, and the necessary means to back it up be provided. This is a free country, but a curb should be put on Dumbery and the German Ambassador and all others of their class in this country, to stop their insolence, or send them out of the country. The conditions confronting our people are without precedent and require prudence, patience, courage and justice on the part of those in authority, so that whatever is done may have back of it the approval and the power of the whole country. No doubt you can read as much as you desire of this matter in the papers, but when a Fellow begins to boil with indignation it is necessary to let off steam, to prevent explosion. - I saw John Smiley on the street yesterday. He had come to the races, is now a resident of St. Louis. When I heard of him last, he lived in Richmond, Va. but has lived in two or three cities since. I had been missing a horse all during the winter, that I would be able to attend

were sorry to hear F.'s going back to W. had been postponed, but the time will now soon pass & I hope you two wont have to be separated again. Did Gertrude ask you if you had any old gloves of Tillison's? I asked her to. I need them to dig in the yard. My hands get in an awful fix if I dont wear gloves & I have worn out all that are here. If you have any please mail them to me. Of course only some that are passed wearing. Every thing is looking beautiful just now. The new house next to the Blandford's is almost completed out side. It is a Bungalow & not at all attractive I think. So squatty looking. I dont like Bungalows any way. Mrs Blandford handly spoke to me for some time, but I

Sunday morning 5/9/15

Dear Harri

I am going to write some to you & put it in papa's letter. I have been just as busy as I could well be for some time, working in the yard, garden & house. Our little chickens, the seven we have left, are growing fast. The cats got four of them. The McPherson's are also raising chickens & the cats were getting theirs too, so yes'day Mrs M. chloroformed two of the three. The kitten, which is about grown, she could not catch. We think it was only the old Tom cat that ate the chickens. We may now be able to raise the ones that are left. We were sorry to hear you all had colds again. I do hope as the weather gets warm you may be able to avoid them. We

paid all no attention whatever to it & she has got tan over it. She & her husband were over here in the garden yesterday & she was quite friendly. Wish you could see the two little Miller girls, Nancy & Jean They are the cutest things & such nice children. I never see Jessie but what I think of Marian. She looks & walks just like M. did two years ago. We have done about all the spring cleaning we are going to do. They have promised to paint the white wood work on the outside of the house but from other experiences we have had, it may be summer before we get it done.

If you come here in June will you bring Ruth with you? You would not be able to do much out at your house if you did not have help & I guess she would rather come here than go to Virginia & I dont suppose you would care to leave her at your house in W. Though if Tillison is there, it will be different. He may need her to stay there & cook for him. In that case you would have to hire some one after you got here. We do hope Bill Jr. will be over his cough by that time, but we all are anxious for you to bring him any way. I will have to stop now. Papa will give you what ever news there is. Much love to you all. Am getting so anxious to see you. Your loving

Mother. Tell the boys to write to me. I will write a letter to them soon

Mamma.

to go next Sunday but you must not be disappointed if he does not it all depends on his condition I will simply be sick if he cant take the trip. Dr Elmore says he thinks he will be able, but he would have to mend very fast if he was able to leave next Sun. He can only just get around a little bit now with his cane & holding on to things. Grace knows Lizzie was away last week Sat. Mon. & Tues. She came Wed & did the laundry work which I thought was too much for her. Her ankles were swollen to two or three times the natural size. When she left Friday evening

Tuesday morning 8.30

Dear Hazel

I am writing early to let you hear from your Father. I want to give this to the postman on his first round. I have not washed the dishes yet. Your father is better to-day, can get around better & not in so much pain. This attack has been more severe than the one in Dec. He walked in to J.W's room this morning & sat in the sunshine a little while. It is the first time since he has been out of our room except to the bath room a few times. He says tell you it is barely possible he may get in a condition

she was feeling awfully bad, so she has not been back since. So you see what I have had to do. All the work besides waiting on papa, medicine every two hours & rubbing & helping him whatever he needs to have done. Ger. is just as busy as can be & will be so from now until school is out. Gets in in the evening just in time for dinner. I have not been able to go to see Lizzie for I could not leave home at all; but if she does not come in a day or two I will have to get some one (but where I don't know) for it is too much for me & I am afraid I could not hold out very long at this rate. Papa says tell you again how very much he appreciates your loving kindness. He certainly thinks you are the most loving child we have. If he can't go to H. I guess we will see you some time in June. I am hoping & praying he will be able to go. If he can't go now I want him to take the trip to W. some time this summer while you are there. He needs to get away & it would do him so much good. Much love to you my darling child. Can't be read hope you can read it. Your loving

Brother.


From # 9 Eastover Park.
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ATLANTA, GA. 5/11/15.

Fill. Jr:

Father will come to Wash D.C. to stay in about two weeks That was a good letter you wrote me a fine letter.

I have a little gold pin for sister and a pencil for you or Hart and something else for the other.

Father.

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5/11

Dearest little Sweetheart:

I think we may come earlier than we expected 5/31/15. I feel like leaving home here. Know very few people here. Am working hard on Outage table.

Keep well, we'll have a good time this summer. Sea shore. I hope to get up Saturday 9 40 am.

affs

Fillison

Hamid

I go to Lou. & Wash on business as per schedule below.

Atlanta { ~~May 14~~ May 14 4.45 PM

Louis { " 15 7.00 AM
" 16 2.00 PM
via our wedding trip route to Cinti

Wash { " 17 12.35 noon - B&O
" 18 4.35 PM

Atlanta { " 19 12.10 noon
" 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27
to Hot Spgs Va or Wash D.C. for good.

So now be good and (you can't help being sweet) I'll bring you some kisses enough to last you for a week or 10 days more.

Affectionately
Fillmore
5/14/15.

good rest tonight. Shirley's last post-card tells us that if her present purpose are carried out she expects to get home June 14th which I think is about five weeks from this time. Mother and Geechie went to church this morning and brought home a bulletin contained an address delivered by Miss Clara Mann on "Mothers Day" which was last Sunday. There was nothing else of special interest in it. I send the address bulletin herewith. I am feeling so sleepy and stupid this afternoon that I shall send you only a half grown letter this time and leave the other half to be told you by Fillison. I must either take a nap or a walk and as the nap is not painful guess I will give it the preference. Give my kindest regards to Walter when you see him and tell him I would be glad to hear from him at anytime if he has an inclination to write. I am almost nodding so I will just say I think of all of you much and love you a whole lot Dad

Louisville, Ky May 16, 1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter of May 12th came in due time, and as I do not care to break into a habit of sending you a Sunday letter, I will write to day. though there will be little to write about, as Fillison has just left us. and having several hours the start of my letter will no doubt have told you all there is to say about us. He did not really bring Mother a post card in his hand telling us he would be in Louisville yesterday. but at the very moment the postman was hand[illegible] the card to Geechie, Fillison was talking to Mother by telephone. We were glad to see him. glad to learn that his return to Washington would be a little earlier than the date you mentioned in a

previous letter. I suppose Tillie is at this moment on a B+O train somewhere between this place and Cincinnati, and he could not have selected a more pleasant day to travel. It is not too warm, there is a nice breeze and the sun has shone brightly all day. The birds have been unusually numerous have been singing all day long. I had to stop when writing to Shirley this morning, sometimes to look at and listen to them. We received yesterday letter from both Will and Annette urging Mother and me to come to the re-union at Richmond saying we could spend the days in Richmond and the nights at their home. You dont know how glad we would be to do that and then come on for a little visit to you afterward. but I just can not see how we can do it. The round trip fare from Louisville to Richmond is $13.95 exclusive of sleepers. the board and lodging not less them $2.00 for each of us for three day and if we went out to Milford every night it would still be about 2.00 a day for each of us I imagine though I do not know. Then the fare to Washington and return would be $7.00 each so you see that if we came it would cost us at least $35.00 each to make the trip. leaving all extras or incidental expenses. Well I have not the money to spend and that is the only reason why I would not come even if I could get leave of absence at that time. Nothing has been said yet at the office about allowing any vacations this summer, though all the employes expect it of course. Mother thinks she has not enough clothes to make such a trip. and I am not overstocked either. So that is the "situation" - I worked a little to much in the garden yesterday afternoon. and it gave me a very uncomfortable backache which has not left me yet though it is not quite so painful as it was last night and I hope will leave me when I have had a

the time we would not be able to both take the trip. We think he can make the trip for $35 & I just want him to take the money, whether he can afford it or not, & go. He is crazy to see the children & you & I know he wants to go as much though he thinks he cant afford it. I am sure it would do him as much good besides being such a pleasure. He called up Mr Moore the vice president this afternoon & he told him to go on & make his arrangements to go, that he had never taken the vacations that he was entitled to any way. So taking

Dear Harri

I am going to write some & put it in papa's letter. We Ger. & I, are determined if it is possible, that your father shall go to this reunion. For several reasons, 1st this is to be the last big reunion the confederates will ever have, then Richmond is the place of all places they had rather go to, 2nd He will probably never go to Washington if he does not get to this time, then he would enjoy visiting Will & Annette too. He has been thinking for a whole year about this trip, hoping both of us could go, but I have thought all

every thing into consideration I think he ought to go. Fillison suggested to take the B & O which goes to Richmond by Washington & get a stop over at W. on the way home. I dont know any one who would enjoy a trip to Washington more than he would for he has always wanted to go there. So I am in hopes you will have a visit from him for a few days. I know you all would enjoy having him as much as he would enjoy being with you. Tell the boys we have set another hen, the young hen we raised, the only one from the little chickens that was hatched at your house She is so large & put 18 eggs under her. Being her first experience I dont know what kind of a mother she will make, but hope we will be able to raise the most of the chicks. The other little ones are growing very fast. They will soon be so they can't get through the fence to come out in the yard The yard is begining to look so well & my work is begining to show as the grass plot is looking well & pretty free from weeds. If the boys were here they could do so much work in the garden & would enjoy it I know. It is interesting to watch the things grow day by day. I was surprised & delighted when Fillison telephoned me he was in L. Wish we could have kept him longer I will write a letter to the children as soon as I have time. Love to you all from Mamma.



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5/13/15

My dear little Sweetheart:-

Dont go to depot for me Saturday (or later) until I wire or spl Dely you later. We are very busy and complications in our work may prevent my coming.

Telephone Stone & Fairfax asking about the fly screens. Referring to fact I had written them. Dont indicate that I told you to ask.

I am trying to stay 1 day. I think we will get to Wash or Hot Spgs 1 week earlier than expected. Affec. Fellow

(over)

Keep an ear
peeled for the phone
Friday night.

Wednesday, May 26th -

10 A.M. Meeting of Committee No.3 of Joint Convention to consider all subjects referred to that Committee on the docket for the 61st Joint Convention.

11 A.M. Meeting of Southern Weighing and Inspection Bureau.

Thursday, May 27th -

11 A.M. Eleventh Annual Meeting American Association of Freight Traffic Officers.

Thursday Evening - Banquet of American Association of Freight Traffic Officers.

Yours truly,
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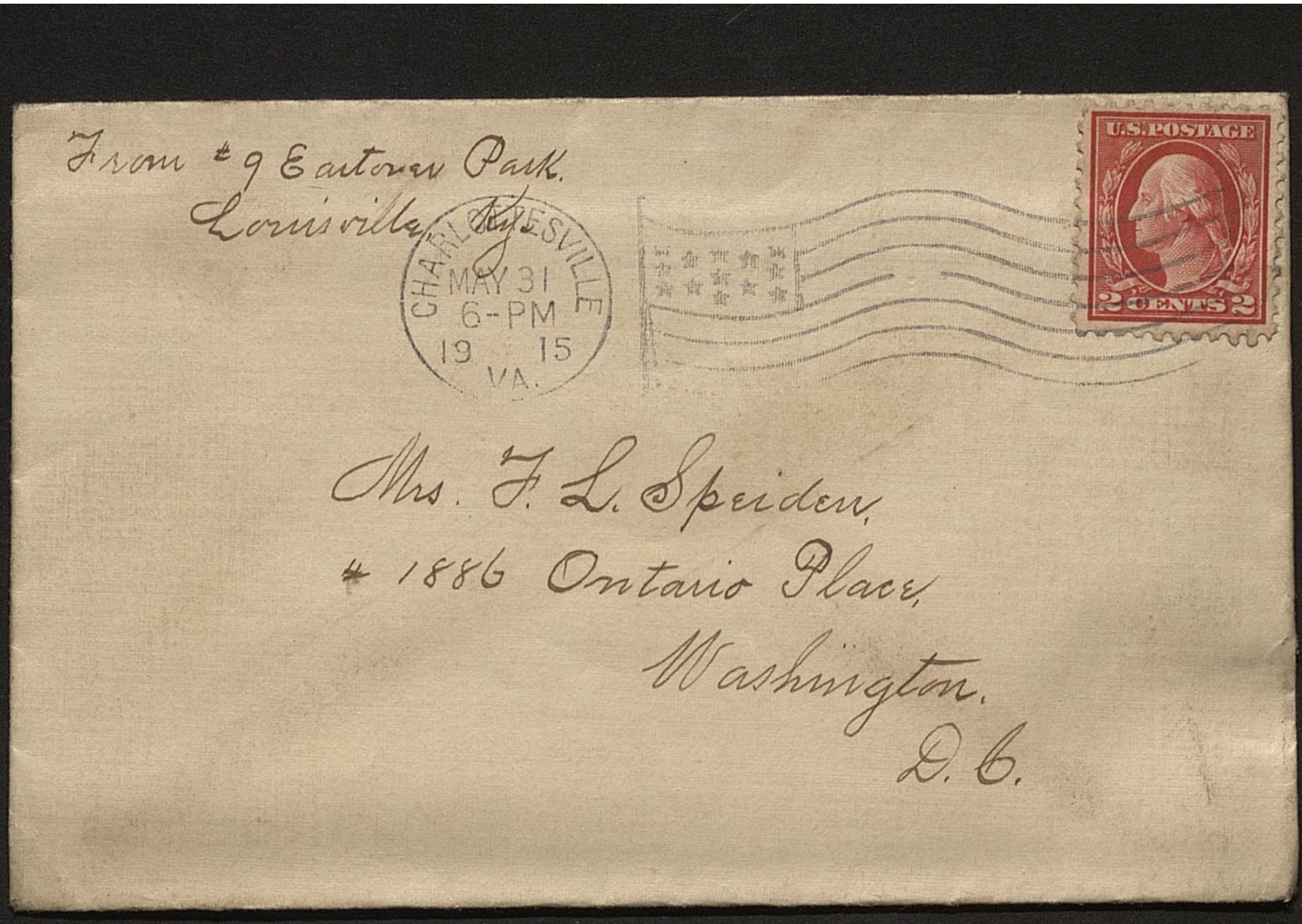
Louisville Ky May 30 - 1915

Dear Chick:

I will write you a short note to let you know that I will start toward Richmond on the B & O special train which leaves the 7th street station at 7.30 tonight. J. W. will go with me to the depot to carry my grips and see that I get aboard all right. For I am right "shaky" yet. If I can make connection at Daswell Va. will catch the 5.25 train of the R & P Road and go to Milford Monday night. Expect to spend the three nights Mon. Tues & Wed. with Will. spending the days at Richmond. and on ~~Thursday~~ Friday come to Washington on the train that will take me there sooner. Can't tell yet how long I can stay with you, as I do not yet know what extension I can get on my excursion ticket. but I must be home on the 12th of June. all this provided my

physical condition will permit. I have had rather a tough experience with this last attack worse that the first. It has rained I think every day for three weeks. some severe storms doing considerable damage. and being the very worst weather for me. Mother has been without a cook most of the time. since I left the office. and on top of all the extra work she had to do has waited on me. given me about 6 dozen doses of medicine. rubbed me with liniments and done every thing that the best loving little wife could do for me, in my suffering. There is nothing too good for her. and I think I appreciate her as I ought. and that is the limit of my ability to appreciate anyone. I will probably drop you a post card from Richmond or Rufford. letting you know the train I get for Washington. Col Fillisons card two days ago. and suppose his is with you now. Have you got any sunshine in Washington. If so please save a lot for me. For I never needed it more than now. to drive out the pain and the poison in my bones and muscles Hoping to be with you before many days I am

as always lovingly Dad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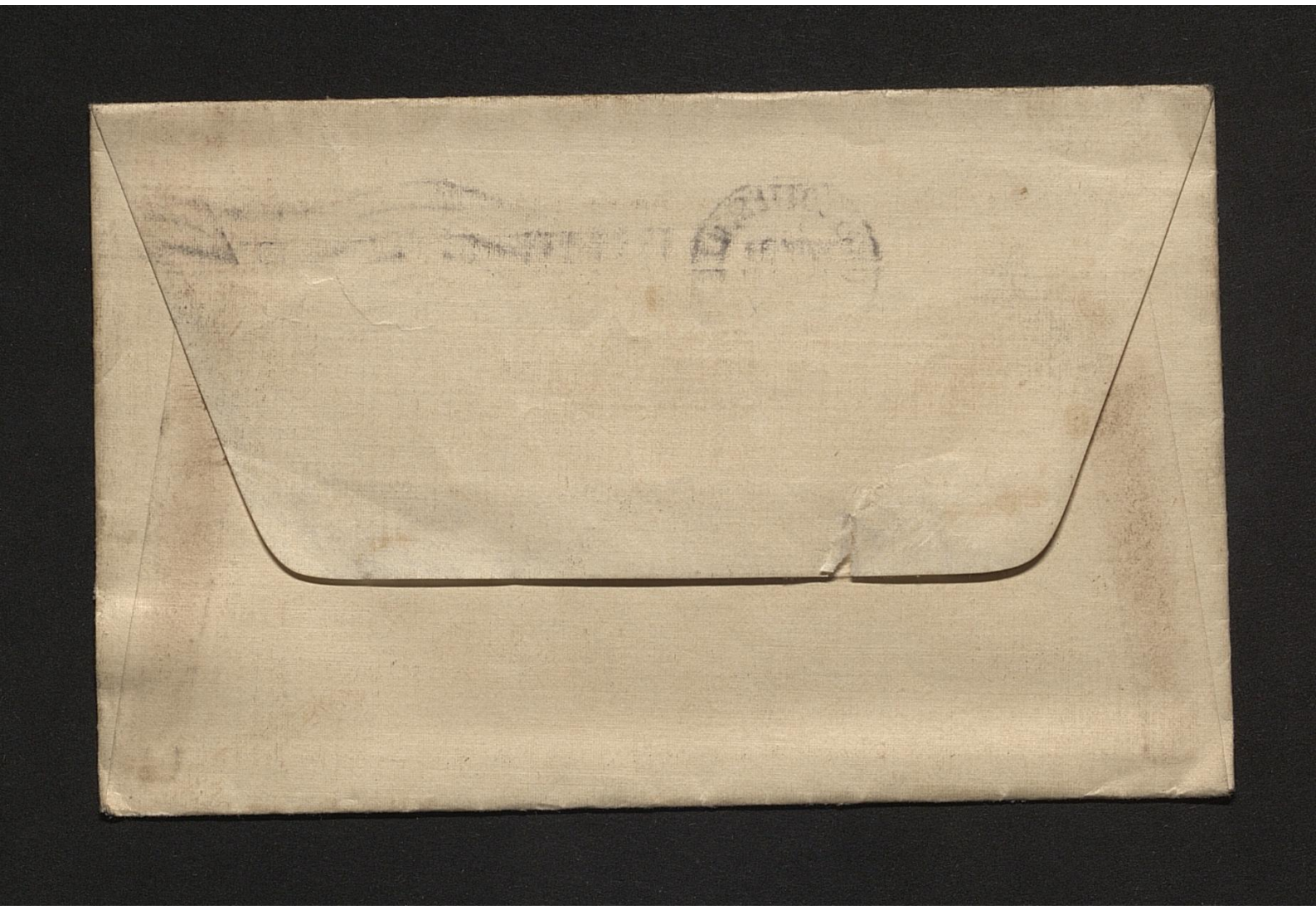

been kept. As to my own prospects, there is nothing certain to tell you. Of course quite a number of people will lose their places. the best will be selected from each company or those who have the most influential friends with the board of Directors. my age is against me my record in my favor. Mr Peaver is prohibited, by the Insurance Commissioner in his letter of authorization from having any thing whatever to do with the management of the new company or to have any connection with it except as a stockholder. otherwise I am sure that he would do all he could to have me retained. and as an outsider has promised to do what he can. I have also seen some directors of the Inter-Southern and they have spoken favorably of me. I have some other points in view. who I hope to see in the next few days. having been unable so far to see them because I have been just as busy as I could be since the first of the month. and part of the time have not been able to get about to see anyone

Louisville. Ky January 10th 1915

Dear Chick:

We received your book telling us of your pleasant trip and safe arrival, on time, at home. We also had postals from Shirley written at Buffalo and at Wellesley. She was met at the depot by her friend Miss Helen Wood in her automobile and had a very pleasant day in Buffalo, managed to get a berth on the sleeper that night although the agent here had failed to reserve one for her as he promised. I wrote to her today which I think will be the first letter from home to reach her since she went away. With only us four at home things are very quiet and we have settled down to the ordinary routine. My health has improved very much in the past week. I have gone regularly to the office every day since Dec 21st and

while I am not altogether rid of the pain it is much less acute. and for several days have been able to walk about the house and at the office without my cane. have taken it with me when I go out for the cool weather made frost and ice that I feared to slip on. With the exception of one rainy day last week the weather has been fine. clear. and ranging in temperature from 20° to 55°. The unusually heavy frosts some of the mornings. made things of beauty out of the grass. high weeds. shubbery and telegraph wires. Everything seems to have moved along smoothly toward the merger of the two Life Insurance Companies so far. Both have held meetings of their directors who voted for it. the Insurance Commissioner has approved and authorized it. Letters asking consent to it have been mailed to every stockholder of each company. and favorable replies to not less than two thirds of the stock. will be all that remains to perfect the merger after which there will be a stockholders meeting-both companies- to elect a directory for the consolidated Company eighteen directors will be selected from each of the old companies. who will then elect the officers of the company who will appoint the employes It may take two or three weeks to get all this done. The new Company will be called the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co and by its Charter will have its main office in the Inter-Southern building at Fifth and Jefferson Streets on the 18th floor. What will be done with our building at Anchorage I have no idea nor do I know that any conclusion has been reached about it. Our leaving Anchorage will be felt by the Post office, the tax gatherer there and the little Bank of Middletown where our main checking account has

did not wait for New Year, though he did took mention the character of his resolutions, and I did not ask him what they were. I hope they were just such as we would wish for him to make. I saw in the paper last week that Mr + Mrs Carothers had been visiting Mrs Roy Whayne and little Miss Elizabeth Whayne at their home in Avary Court. I suppose Jamie will feel rather Cheesty. being an "Auntie" - much as Shirley did when Hark arrived. Since we left Fourth street Tom Hare, Bessie Carothers and Meta Waltenberger who lived on the square with us have married besides all those nieces of Mrs Waltenberger who used to visit at her house. Time flies and before you realize it you will be a grand mother yourself if you don't watch out. I want to see you all now just like I did before you came out & see us. both the most I can do is to send you a "talking paper" and get some of the same sent from you. Dad.

Keep all this to yourselves (you and Fillson) unless Fillson knows some director of the Inter Southern with whom he has some influence. I have not a directory of the present officers and there may be quite a change in their combined directors from the present lists. I went to the Filson Club meeting at Bennett Youngs house last Monday night - Mr Elliott went with me I could not get any of the home folks to go Mother was tired Gracie busy with her school work and Jim would not go. Mrs Tucker read a paper on "Some Happenings in Ky 1861-5" and there were some very interesting talks afterward, followed by Filson Club Cider and Ben Young's Cracker jacks. We two who went enjoyed as I think all who were present did, and there were no vacant seats. Since you left us I have read one very interesting novel The Fortunate Youth by Wm J Locke. Some of the ideas are rather far fetched but the characters are well sustained. the style bright and pleasing and the end

such as Mother likes "happily ever afterwards". Have you learned anything yet as to your probable stay in Washington or your removal to Atlanta or "some other resort"? I suppose the boys have settled down to work in school, and have had some fun with the football. I wonder if that little girl that wears a ribbon in her hair has ever given a party yet for her dolls with that nice little dinner table and all those pretty dishes. Tell Fil that I hope all his bumps and bruises are well by this time and that I want him to be more careful of himself that he may not get some hurt that he can not get over. and tell Hall that I want him to protect his small brother from all the harm and injury he can and he will feel all the better for it himself. Tell Marian that I have not seen much of Ann since she was here. In the letter of Daisy Fitzhugh ayres. of Wdays Courier

I saw among the announcements of arrivals and departures of people in Washington "Mr Philson Speidel of Washington has been visiting his father in Louisville" and I wondered if it had reference through sundry typographical errors to him. These society items are sometimes wonderfully constructed. On the important occasions of one's birth, marriage and death it is no unusual thing for the paper to get things so mixed that recognition is extremely difficult. - Jim seems to be all right now. He comes and goes at regular times, spends his time at the house reading or sleeping and rarely comes down stairs except for his meals, though having little to say is very pleasant when he does happen to say anything. I asked him if he made any New Year resolutions, and he replied that he

great Confederate reunion. and then make a little visit to Will and Annette. This is fifty years since the war ended. and the veterans are passing away so rapidly and as their average age is fully seventy five years. we can not hope that a larger gathering can ever be held after this one, There are so many feeble and poor among us. Next Tuesday the Albert Sidney Johnson chapter will celebrate the birthday of Gen'l R. E Lee in a social gathering. with music and a short address by Col E. Polk Johnson at the Watterson Hotel and we will probably attend. I have been going without my cane for several days, though in account of a little sleety sickness. I did take it to the office last Friday. I have very little pain at all now. and the only medicine I am now taking is plenty of Ohio river water. to wash me out. We had a good deal of rain last week and to day while there were some clouds the sun has been shining most of the time

Louisville Ky Jany 17-1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter of "Monday" has been received and perhaps answered by Mother or Gertie. and though not personally to me directed it is just the same as if it was for the reason that I read it. and besides the little Mother and I are one anyhow. We had been forewarned in a way. that the change in your arrangements was about to take place for Jim had told us that mail to the Association was being forwarded to Atlanta. I sincerely hope the transfer to Atlanta of the Associations work will be temporary and for only a short time for if you must be away from your own home. it will be much better for you and the children that your place of exile shall be Washington. instead of some

other city. In regard my own affairs things are "in statu quo" and will be until after sufficient "consents" are received from the stock holders of both companies to complete the merger. and after that a new directory is elected and they retain or let go whoever they choose for office work. I have however the promise of two influential directors of the Inter-Southern who will doubtless be re-elected by the new company to do all in their power to have me retained. If however they can not do it, I am ready, able and willing to hunt for something else to earn a living. and I am not going to do any unnecessary worrying until I see how matters turn out though I am keeping eyes and ears open to learn anything in my favor and to take advantage of it, I will ~~just~~ work. watch. pray and wait. and I hope to pull through all right. There is nothing further to say now

except that "consents" to the merger are coming in freely from our stock-holders, more than one third having responded last week. and I hear that the same is true of the other company. ~~That~~ The stock holders are scattered all over the country and it will take some time for all to be heard from. and it will be at least a month. perhaps more before the new company will settle down to work. and I can know just "where I am at" At the meeting of the "Geo B Eastin Camp" 803 last Tuesday evening it was announced that our next annual reunion of the U.C.V. at Richmond, Va will be the first of June. that the round trip fare from here will be a little less than ten Dollars ($9.35 I believe is the figure) and while I do not see my way clear now to attend it, it would be exceedingly pleasant if I could take mother with me to what will probably be the last

no pain to take them. the only thing that was painful was walking. and getting up from a sitting position or turning over in bed. I am hearing three days of absorb of remedies to cure such trouble and it might be a good idea to make out a catalogue for future reference if another attack should come on. which I hope it will not. I got so much sympathy and offers of help out at the office that it almost became a bore. but everyone was very kind. I did have to get some one, generally the janitor to carry my books to and from the safe. but I am able to do that myself now. How are the kids getting along now at school and at home. Tell me about them. their doings and sayings when you write for I am always glad to hear from them. as I am to hear from you and Fillison. I guess you will have heard from him by the time this reaches you and we will be anxious to hear what arrangement he makes in Atlanta

This is a miserable pen and poor paper

Your loving Dad

We are promised much colder weather today but so far it has not got down to freezing. Every one except me left the house this morning. Uncle to Sunday school. Mother to church. Jim for a walk. and the rest to attend the funeral of one of her Kinfolk Mother did not come home with Uncle from church but has gone to take dinner with the Baileys. Intending to come home early this afternoon. I suppose Fillison is at this time on the way to Atlanta. and will take the more direct route. not coming by this place so we could have the pleasure of waving at him from the back porch as the train passes. Our neighbors across the street. the Kinsdowings have moved away. The chimneys smoked and the landlord failed to have the trouble remedied. we hear is the reason for leaving Carteret. No news except the ills of our neighbors. The gloomy weather has kept most of them in the house lately. Rev Powell and Mrs Powell took dinner with us Friday and we had a very pleasant

evening with them. She was looking unusually well and he as well as before his late illness though he has not yet regained his full strength and walking quickly tires him. He can preach all right and they do say he does it better than he did before he was ill. Mother came in about four o'clock but had no news to tell. and after dinner and a smoke I read the paper a while and got so sleepy that I took a nap in the couch. and have just got up feeling stupid and yawny. Our last postal from Shirley written Wednesday had no special news except that they were all happy because the fire fund had been raised and Bishop Lawrence, one of the trustees of Wellesley college was to tell them on Friday how the money was raised how much by each class and from friends. She says she has been very busy with another "forensic" and a final French paper

She also said she had received a card from you telling her that Tillie had to go to Atlanta. Is the Farmer or any one else making an effort now to rent or sell your house? I do not suppose that this is a good time of the year to do either but people are always buying and selling and moving. and one might accidentally come along who wanted yours. We had a good dinner today according to my taste Editha had prepared it as far as she could before leaving and Gertie completed the work. after she came back from church. We had salmon salad Irish potatoes, spaghetti postum. and for dessert Irish potato pie. lemon pie and cultured milk. I have a first rate appetite and as I have not taken much exercise in the past month ought to be gaining flesh. though I have not weighed. I did not give up my regular exercises. just before retiring even when my rheumatics were at the worst. and strange to say, it gave me

From # 9 Eastover.
Louisville, Ky.

ANCHORAGE
1915
JAN
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HAM
KY.

Mrs. F. L. Speiden.
1886 Ontario Place,
Washington.
D. C.



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ATLANTA, GA. 1/18/15.

My room →

My dear little Wife:

I am settled. Raining all day. We are getting down to hard work. Getting cooler here. Anotha order for an outage table to be figured out. 400 This makes 1600 is for this year. Drop me a line every day or so, till I find out the furnace is doing well, and all of you are well. Egbert Watson with got on the train at Grambo. Is Hank taking my place? Mr. Clifton was too ill for Mr. Clifton to leave Sunday am.

I don't blame her. - The prospect of going to Atlanta.

Hereafter I will write you in the morning and I want you to note & tell me when you get my letters.

Keep well. Keep warm. I have asked for a pass for you to New York, so if I go you may also.

This place is not as good as it used to be. The first room they showed me today was the one I had when I got sick here.

Affec
Fillmore

Is Fill Jr. still dry?
Does Marian talk softly?

Seems funny to write you at work 105.

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Atlanta, Ga.

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Washington D.C.


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HPS
I have not yet heard from Mag Leathers.
F.L.S.

BENNETT H. YOUNG
ATTORNEY AT LAW
THE INTER-SOUTHERN BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan. 2o-1915.

Mr. F. L. Speiden,
Room 1210 The Raleigh,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Speiden:-

I have already taken up the matter of your father-in-law, Mr. Joseph Pettus, with the insurance company, and if he can be protected I will protect him.

I had thought about it even before you mentioned it at all.

Very truly yours,

Bennett H. Young

I have written Col. Young again simply thanking him



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My dear little Wifie:-

It is now late. 11 P.M. I've worked hard all day, and am sitting in my pajamas, slippers room warm. My nose is still sore. Head also. Ear also. I have the itch. But I go to Louisville tomorrow night for Saturday & Sunday.

Is the Times coming? You see L & N Southern are up again. Sorry I didn't buy when they were down. I bought 2 heavy winter linen drawers & 2 mercerized silk drawers at 55¢ each to day. Formr price 3.75 & 2.00 each. 11.50 for 2.20 They need alterations to fit me. I will wear them on ~~off~~ sunny days. Nice stuff. I can

get along on them now. I don't believe in wearing exactly the same weight every day. The temp is not the same every day.
Expect to come up a week from next sunday.
Have no letter from you to day. Maybe in the am. I have been eating almost exclusively at the Hotel & club (Transportation Club) when I have cards.
I had fried chicken to night.
You see I am out of news.
Did Ruth let the fire go out any more? Have you got a any coal? Pay the gas & elec bills in time for discount. I will pay others. How is Mookums? Has Hart lost the watch yet? Has Fill learned to be a big boy yet or does he still do it? How often?
Love Father.

happened as they did, the box was temporarily lost etc., for it spread out the good things for me. Thank you, Harriet. I am wondering if it is a bit of your good taste and work? You must have had a fine Christmas, and I know you gave much happiness to

Saturday

Dear Harriet,—

Your very sweet letter and Xmassy package was forwarded to me here. Both were delightful. I am so pleased with the beautiful little collar and could hardly wait to wear it. I am glad things

two households. We had a family reunion as usual and a good time. I am indeed distressed, Harriet to learn there is a possibility of your going to Atlanta. 'Tis true, we don't see anything of you, but there is a lot in knowing you are near - in the neighborhood as it were. I have been promising myself a visit to you Mr Since you've been in Washington, but somehow up till this time, it has not been convenient. I am, if possible, and shall convenient to you, going to drop by for a day or two on my return home.

Yes, Georgie Newby
told me of meeting
you and how glad she
was of the opportunity.
She is a fine girl. I
wish you knew her
better. When are you
coming up to see us?
Can't you do it?
And when do you
look for Marian?
She is perhaps

I am with Genevieve
in her very sweet and
cosy little apartment
in the heart of Baltimore.
I may not be able to
stop over, as Ommie,
May's little daughter
who is at Lena's now -
is to go back with
me I think. But
at least I want to
Harriet if I can do it.

like myself and plans
many trips she never
takes. I claim some of her
time when she comes to
Virginia next.
It is getting late and I've
been on a dead run
since Early morning - out
to lunch, danced an
hour, theatre etc. All
this is a little too much
for one not used to
such frivolity.
So Harriet tell again,
"good night."
Again my thanks for
your pretty gift and
very good wish for
you and yours in
the new year.
May it hold much
of happiness.

Love to Fielizon and
the "kids" whom I
hope soon to know

Affectionately
Emmie

The Avon
Ap'l-3-E Baltimore
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West nights 1/20/15

My dear little Wife:-

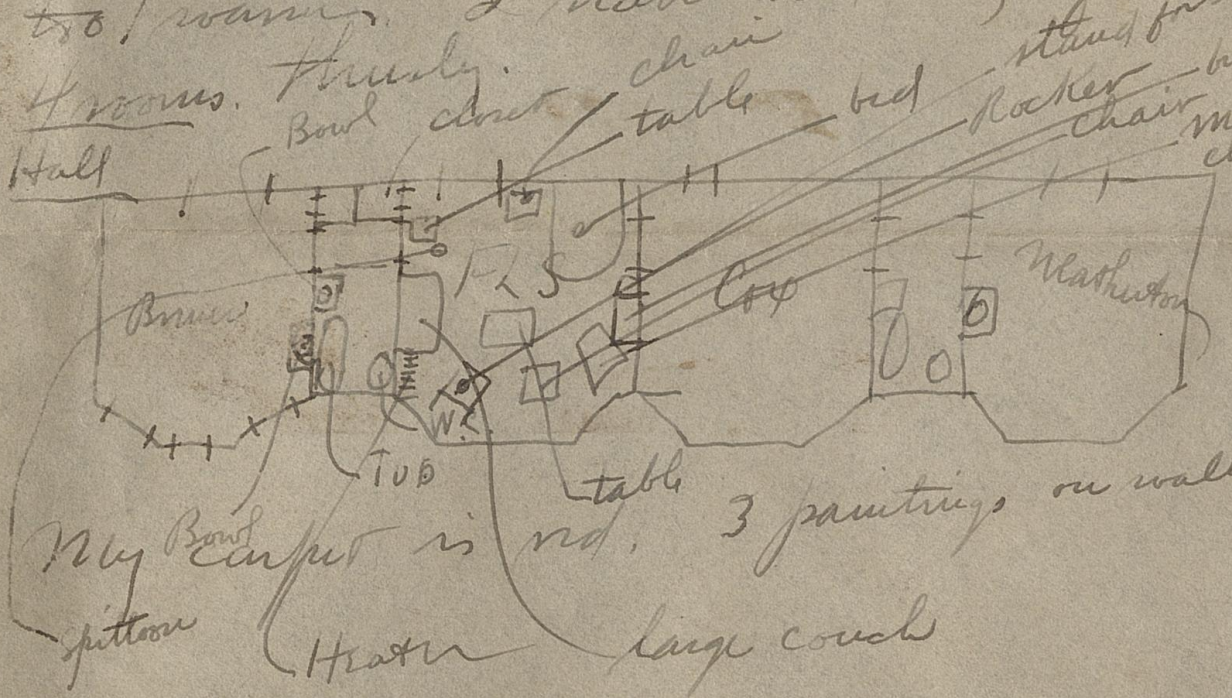
Your letter & card. I feel shiny. I woke at 5 o'clock after 5 hours sleep and could not sleep any more this am thinking of sickness & cold furnace.

I hope Emmie can pay you a nice visit. Enjoy yourselves to the limit. Some little child wrote me a nice letter but didn't sign any name. Who was it?

My back is beginning to itch again after 4 or 5 years relief. Have you the ~~shot~~ bottle Dr. B gave me? I shall spend Saturday & Sunday in Lou. Will see your mother. Will drop her a card.

My ear, heel, leg, nose are all improved. Everybody here is in a bad humor. Mr. A.K. Smith V.P. of the L.N.R.R. (Keep it quiet) told me Compton Mass. Steadwell today not to stay here any longer than absolutely necessary. I hope to see you Sunday. After noon (Jany 31) all day - 24 hours.

I enclose your A B & annual pass. Sign the enclosed slip & return to me. I have broken the most important button off my pants. My room leaks air, nevr gets too warm. I have a suite of 4 rooms. Handy.



Now!!

Good night
Father.

O O O

I have my R.P.P pass



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Friday 22

Pete:- Your card & letter received.
I am sorry about sisters many troubles.
Send me the number of your old Sou. Ry. pass.
I am feeling better this a.m.
Keep fire, know colds. I hope the
open windows will not invite colds.
I go to Lou. to-night.
I have membership privileges to the 3 principal
clubs here. One of the clubs here
pay 5.00 monthly dues. The others have not
assessed us yet.
Get well
Don't worry
Keep up the fire
Keep Root
Father.

Still waiting a letter from the other two
children.



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1/25/15.

My precious little Wife:-

I enclose your G Sot Pass. Did you get the other? I have your letter of blue background. I'm a little blue too. My heel still hurts. I changed my undershirt and my back has stopped itching. I hope to come up next Sunday about 9 am till Monday 8 20 a.m. I left Friday 5 P.M. rode up in same sleeper with A.R. Smith talked with him till 12 45 a.m. Spent Saturday in office, afternoon I tried to get some ~~slides~~ top boards off the new organ for some additional stops. Went to Mr Washburn's flat till 11 P.M. Slept at #9 Eastern

At breakfast then stayed a good time. Went to church played, ate at Conners left at 4 arrived at Nashville at 9¼ Phoned the folks, heard of a midnight train, went out saw them all, Connie Kate much pleased with her coat. Arrived here 8:30 ate no breakfast, good lunch & am now waiting with stomach ache for supper.

Dr. Wilburn not at home. 8 inch snow last week, now covered w. sleet. Temp about 4° Sunday am. Sleeting hard at Nash & raining here. All the rest is work work & worry.

The executive had a meeting here Friday afternoon just after I left the hotel for home. They inquired the temporary feature of our stay here. The Commissioners hear their first meeting with us



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tomorrow. Mrs Denyon is
here to day. This stay will
possibly be well for us. I always
felt insecure lest someone should
question my expenses while living
in Ward. This month or so
will settle all that & pave the
way for a continuance when I
get back. Dont fail to let
me know promptly when you cash
your checks.

You were very wrong in coming
home by yourself. You should have
phoned for Ruth if you could not
do better. That is no neighborhood
for such nocturnal prowling and
you can tell Cousin Annie next

time that I raised h-l
about your last trip and you
can't go alone any more.
If ~~I for~~ you ~~for~~ disregard
all your other obligations you
owe it to me to take care of
my children and you should take
care of yourself. Now, ain't
that O.K.?

I get awful lonesome to night
down here. You have the
children and the telephone and
a record of friends relatives
but I have a bunch of carping
critics around all ill thumbed
when not drunk. Keep up the
fight and your spirits. The apples & toys
have now arrived? And you all can
soon get into the park. Suppose I
had gone to the war, or to Honduras
or didn't have a pass. You should
be happy & think of next Sunday when
we can love each other to the limit, close,
tight. Do you want to now? Wish you to
were at the piedmont for a few hours
come. A thousand light kisses
I'm going to write to Fillison
Marian & Fill & Hart.

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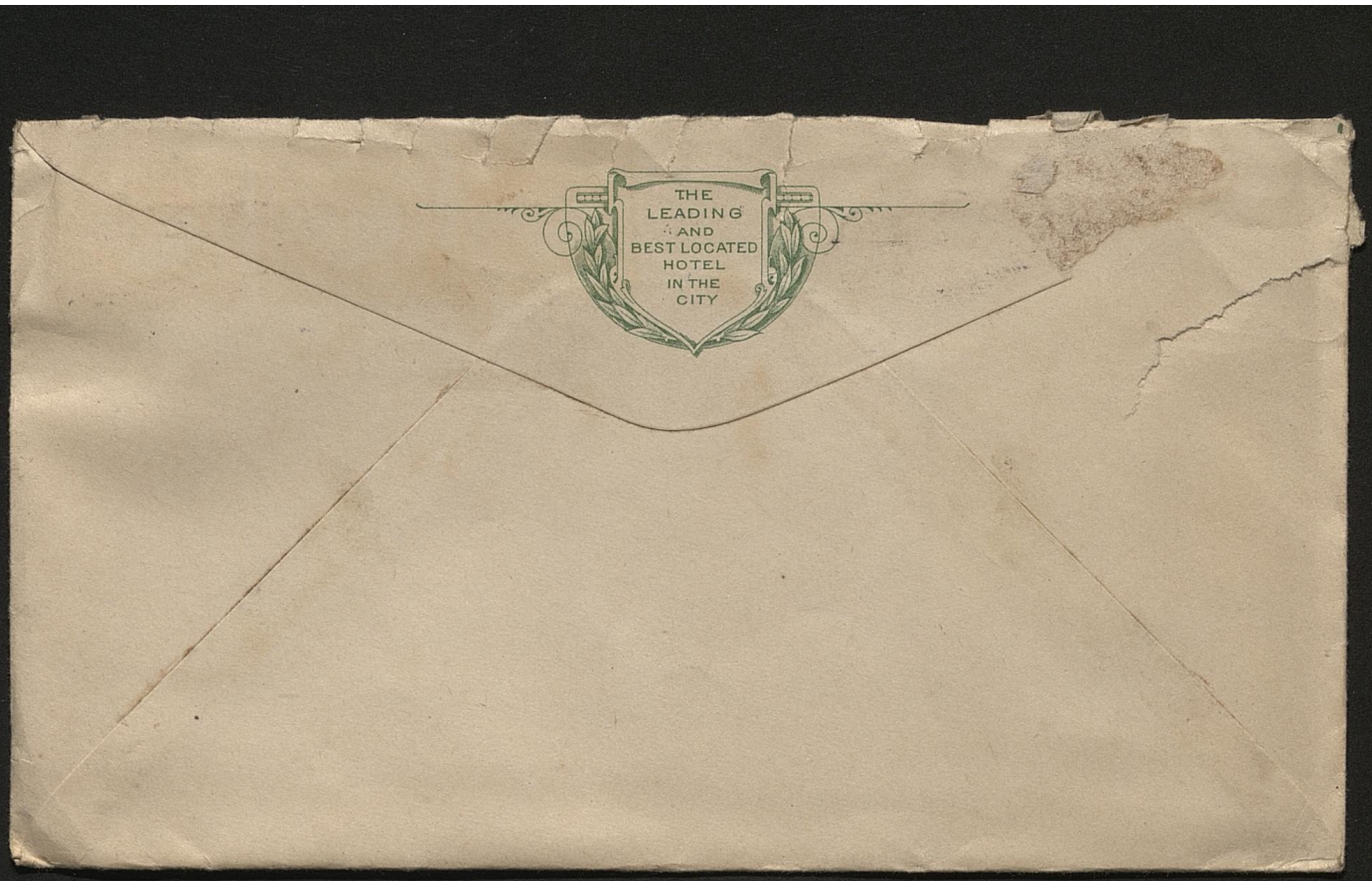
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ATLANTA, GA. 1/26/15

My dear Fill Jr.:-

I am glad to see you have learned to write so well. Get Hart to help you some every day and maybe you will soon beat me. Hart can read this letter to you all by himself. Tell Mother to stop and let Hart do it. Father is awfully lonely at night in this big room without any little boys or girls. Are you having a good time? Father wants to come up Sunday and see all of you all day long but may be he can't do it. It is a

terrible trip for one to make for so short a time.
649 miles from Atlanta to Washington. How far is it there and back? Count it up.

Mother says you are learning to be a man and stop doing things babies do. And I am glad to hear it. All of your letters came to day and I read them all - sister's too - I showed them to some of the men here.

Have the top come yet? Don't you boys burn up the house or burn out the transformer. Tell Ruth I am going to see her mother to morrow or next day whenever it stops raining.

Now I will stop & go to bed and will write one of the other children to-morrow.

Look for my letter

Father.

live. Her husbands name is Roberts and he is in the Government service, in what capacity I do not know. Esther came back Thursday. said she had a very bad cold. and the Doctor advised her to stay at home. she was very sorry. but could not help it. She came back in time to fix up Shirleys laundry. which was a great relief to Mother. as she was anxious to get it back to Wellesley before Shirley left for her visit to her room mate Ruth Marrill. One of her best little school-friends Mary Mathews was to go there also. and they anticipated a very pleasant time. Mother sent her skates. Kodak and a box of Modjeskas and mixed chocolates. with the laundry. Last week was a good chance to read at home. because the walking was too bad for me to go out more than I had to. and I read two books. one "The Conquest. a true story of Rogers and Clark" by Eva Emery Dye was quite interesting and instructive to me provided it was all true. The book belongs to Stuart. Grechie brought it home with her the last time she was out there. The other book was a detective story dealing with

Louisville. Ky January 31st 1915

Dear Chick:

As Shirley is expected to go to Portland. Maine Tuesday. I wrote my Sunday letter to her last night in order that she might get it before leaving Wellesley. therefore I am getting an earlier start with my letter to you though it will possibly not reach you any earlier than ordinary. I suppose you are hateley in having Lillian with you today as that was what he expected to do when he left here a week ago. I fell awfully sorry for you when I read in one of your letters of your loneliness while he has been absent and you felt so far away from all the rest of us. I do not think we have been without snow since you were here. It never snowed more than three or four inches at a time. but before that were melted another snow came

to take this plan. We have all sorts of weather
Temperature ranging from 4° to 64°. a few
bright days - snow. sleet rain and clouds
each of the days. Friday morning it was
down to 4° then it snowed next day being
about forty degrees warmer and it rained
in the afternoon and until about eleven
oclock today. There is considerable snow yet
our back yard is a pond through which
Mother waded this morning in rubbers to feed
the chickens. Gertie has gone to church.
the rest of us at home. though Jim did
go out to get a paper this morning. ours
having failed to come. Yesterday afternoon
I took Shirley's laundry to the express
office in the rain - though I had to walk
only to the street car here. and about
half a square in town. It was the first
time I had attempted to carry so much
weight for more than a month. and though
it weighed only twenty one pounds it made
me blow some. probably due as much to the
effort to keep from slipping as to the weight of
the package. I got my feet wet a little

and was afraid it might start my trouble
again. but after putting on dry socks and
slippers at home. have not yet felt any
ill effects. Thursday there was a short three
line telegram stuck in one corner of the
Courier. announcing the death of Stanley
Mudgett at Kansas City. We had heard he
had undergone some sort of an operation
a month or two ago. but the papers gave no
details - Friday evening Emma (Thane)
called me over the telephone to ask if I
had seen the telegram. She told me that
a second operation had been performed
and that he afterward seemed to be getting
along very well. so well that at Christmas
they were all very happy expecting his
recovery - but after that he began to be feverish
abscesses developed and being too weak
then to be operated on for them he grew
weaker until death came. Emma (1st Street)
had gone to Kansas city about ten days before
and all the family were present when he
died. Have you ever seen or heard of
Gertrude since she came to Washington to

making presents for her, crochet, embroidery and other fancy work, most of the work being done in the car, going to and from the office. I think the man she is to marry is named Zenz - a German affair altogether. There are said to be other weddings in the future for some of the girls out there but no dates have been published yet. There may be some consolation for those who are eligible but not yet chosen in the fact that each wedding leaves a better chance for the "left" to get work in the new Company when the consolidation shall have been perfected. Since I first began to work for the C.L.S.C. there have been forty eight of the employes and officers of the Company married, an average of over five per annum, and we have never pretended to run a matrimonial bureau in connection with life insurance. I suppose Hark and Fil Jr will be getting their reports for the half year soon and I hope they will be gratifying to them and to all of us, though I do not anticipate any promotion in grades this time as they have been there long enough to have a fair chance for that. I wonder if the little girl that stays at your home is learning her letters yet, and how to make them and to count and add things. Tell her that I want her to write me the first letter after she has learned to write, and I will keep it as a souvenir - The Filson Club meets tomorrow evening at the Library, and the paper of the evening will be by John C. Strother on "Some facts leading up to the Mexican War of 1846" not those of the past few years, they have been so numerous that they could not be treated separately but in groups. - since the departure of old President Porfirio Diaz - I saw a story in the paper a short time ago of a little boy who came home in great glee to tell his father that he had asked the teacher who was the President of Mexico and she "could not tell" I had to stop a while to let dinner be brought in and then to eat it

I enjoyed it. because I was hungry. it was
well prepared and every thing on the table
was something I liked. and my smoke to
aid digestion and bring about that satisfied
contented comfortable condition is now
being enjoyed. The sun has come out and
all the snow gone from our front pavement
Gerchis brought no news from church
except that the congregation was very
small indeed. owing to the bad walking.
I hope it will be better tonight as this
will be the month end service and Rev.
Powell always feels disappointed when
bad weather cuts down the attendance
It may be I will go if it does not
begin to rain again. Let us hear from
you as often as you can. after you have
finished darning all those stockings
and socks Take care of yourself
and the children, and dont worry
any more than you can help. the
latter being advice which I take to
myself in these days of uncertainty
as to what the future may bring forth
Bye-Bye write next time Dad

the theft of the famous garter given by Edward III
to the Duchess of "some body" I am not sure of
her name at the moment and therefore omit it.
and of other valuable jewels. The aforesaid
garter originated the "celebrated" Order of the
Garter" one of the highest if not the highest
in the British Government. It was a good
story as detective stories go. and ended all
right. The slippery streets and sidewalks
and coasting caused many accidents here
last week. broken bones in many instances.
Mr Holland who is Auditor at our office, has
a little daughter whose collar bone was
broken by some boys sled colliding with
hers. She was not injured otherwise and
is getting along very nicely and has little pain.
Herman Meyer fixed up a long sled at the
office and took the girls tobogganing down
the hill from the office to the station every
afternoon when they started home. There
was lots of fun. some spills. but no hurts.
One of the girls Alice Schlicht is to be
married on the 10th of February. and I think
yesterday was perhaps her last day at
the office. Several of the girls have been

a nice time during the snow & sleet riding on his sled with his big dog, Prince, pulling him. Prince seemed to enjoy it as much as Joe did. The hens are laying one or two eggs now almost every day. Our rooster has gotten to feel quite grown up & crows by the half hour sometimes. Joe B. has a little Bantam rooster & hen & every time the little Bantam crows our rooster answers him. The little Bantam hen flies like a bird. I saw her the other day fly from their yard over into ours without alighting. I thought it was a large bird until she came down on to the ground. Till little sister I will write to her next time. Daddy Joe says he saw Ann's bull terrier

Louisville Feb. 3rd 1915

My dear boys

I am going to write a letter to you to-night though I have no news to write. I may not get it mailed until to-morrow. Aunt Gertrude received your mamma's letter this morning with some of little sisters drawings in it. I think she must be learning fast in Washington as well as you boys. I am going to expect a letter from each of you soon. You must remember when mamma can't see you a letter is the next best thing. The chickens have ceased to confine themselves to the yard but fly the fence several times a day over in to the lot between our yard & Mrs Blandfords. Joe Blandford had

playing out front with the children this afternoon. He thinks it has very little of the bull about him. It looks like an ugly little common dog. They have done some work on the lot back of the Hamilton's where the new public school is to be. It is an awfully pretty place for a school & I guess they will build a fine school there. Father has been sick for several days so I am alone almost all day. Gertrude had a meeting to go to to-day & another one to-morrow, so she does not get home until dinner time. I never get lonesome though for I am too busy. Aunt Shirley Gill went to Portland, Maine last night & will stay until next Sunday afternoon. She will have a nice time I know, though I hope she wont get frost bitten. They have some awfully cold weather up there. We have had more real winter weather so far than I can remember for a long time. We ought to have an early spring & I guess we will as the ground hog could not see any sha dow yesterday. It was a gloomy, cloudy day with no sun shine at all.

The little birds, in great numbers, are waiting every day for me to feed the chickens. After the chickens get through they come down & have their meal. If they fly down while the chickens are eating they run them off. Now I must stop. Give my love to mother & little sister & both of you write to me

Your loving Mamma.

From
#9 Eastover Park
Louisville
Ky.

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Masters J. H & F. L. Speiden
#1886 Ontario Place N.W.
Washington
D. C.



I would write Mrs. Dugan a letter if you have not done so lately. Tell her incidentally that we will like to sell.

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2/3/15.

My dear little Wife:-

Yesterday was ground Hog day. Did you make me a handkerchief? Got your Feb 1 letter this a.m. I understand Mr. Rains is in Wash D.C. and will bring his wife & baby to Atlanta. He thinks we will be here a long time. Mr. Green will take command of the committee to morrow a.m. and we are expecting a liberal application of the lash. I am sitting up too late lately getting checks & bills off. All the bills are paid as follows

Tax - 613 Ft	58.36
Hafendorfer	1.25
Wood & Lothrop	1.90
Mahoney	5.33
Karm	9.98
Phone	4.
Oyster Jr	7.90
Pot. Cleg Power	2.70
Wash Gas	4.42
Lansburgh Furn	10.
Rent Hosing	42.50
	148.44

I enclose mothers letter and credit slip Karms 20931 I mentioned the number in deducting the amount from their bill.

I took a long walk w Mithell & Crosland.

I shall try to keep well

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but I can't sleep like I used to. I wake early and get to thinking about you all 700 miles away up in Washington and me down in this hole of howling hyenas and it makes me chilly. I am exercising and eating carefully.

3 of us paid 2.25 for a beefsteak tonight 3 little slices each. Mrs. Compton here Mrs. Denyven here. Mrs Wright here

The Southern Classification is sweeting in this note this week and next and the man who got my job seems to be getting along nicely x. No encouraging news to relate. I have been working hard & see much more in sight for the next few days at least. Hope Mr. Washburn will be here shortly x I have another problem for Hart. If Father & Mother each drink a half gallon and Hart Fill & Marian each drink a sixth gallon per day. How long would it take the whole family to drink up that 9000 gallon tank of water? ~~9000~~ 2 x 3

I have absolutely stopped biting my fingers. Haven't touched them since I left Wash D.C. Monday. Still pick a little. My now I do wish for you in my lap now

Fill's problem next time. Fillison

out in the Oval car line. Tell Marian I enjoyed her illustrated letter and am sending it back with this as requested. one picture I recognize as a horse on wheels and I think the other is a "river horse" probably one of the Hippopotamuses she told me about in a letter and also when she was here Tell her to go ahead making pictures and maybe she will be an artist some day and a rival of Rosa Bonheur. I am glad her kernals are disappearing for I would rather have hickory nut or even pea nut kernels than the kind she was raising. I saw some new neighbors moving in to a home on one side of the street just beyond the pine trees. yesterday afternoon. This leaves only one vacant home on the square. the one the Winters occupied last Summer. and afterward for a short time the Hinsdelings. I heard yesterday afternoon. through Mrs Elliott that Mrs Hamilton across the street is going to give a neighborhood party next Friday and invites all the Eastover ladies.

Louisville. Ky Feb 7th 1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter to Grace written Feb 1st has probably been answered by her or Mother so I shall not attempt it. Mother and Grace have gone to church. though it is anything but a pleasant day. Dark, cloudy windy and damp from the last weeks rain. The snow was all melted by the rains and it has made the Ohio and all tributary streams rise rapidly. and they larger rivers are still rising and are up to the danger line in many places. Some of the Shippingport people have moved out. and property is being removed from the cellars along the water front about third and fourth streets. The ground-hog certainly did not have a chance in this locality to see his shadow last Tuesday. One of my acquaintances who lives in Middletown. Ky Killed one last Sunday. which was two days earlier

that he should have ventured out. It was a young one and perhaps did not know any better or may be had lost his abnormal. Since the snow disappeared the hens have been doing better. I think Mother got thirteen eggs last week. one day getting four. We had a letter from Shirley written at Portland when the three girls arrived about twenty five minutes late. last Tuesday evening. Were met at depot by Mr Merrill with his automobile. Had lots of fun on the way and were having and expecting a good time while in Portland. She starts back to Wellesley I think today. at any rate I directed my letter which leaves here tonight to her Wellesley address. Mother got a very nice little note from Ruth Merrill. to whom she had sent a handkerchief. after the style as one she sent you and Shirley. thanking Mother and complimenting Shirley. and saying how glad they were to have her go to Portland. Shirley was not sure of going there until she got a telegram from Mother on the first of February and her friend Mary Mathews was

very much surprised to find her going to Portland. Shirley had purposely concealed the fact. and Miss Mathews only became aware of it after the train started from Boston. being under the impression that Shirley had come into Boston on her way to Mrs Hastings. From the things she mentions as in prospect at Portland, I imagine they will have a jolly time. I learned yesterday that enough "consents" had been received from our stockholders to perfect the merger. provided the other company has enough and I suppose they have, and a meeting of the two board of directors to take the necessary steps will probably be held this week. (Wednesday) after which a stockholders meeting will be called to elect directors for the new board - what follows I can not predict. as to officers and employes that will be retained. Among those who have died in the past week. that you know or know of are old Dr J M. Bodine and Dr Dudley S. Reynolds. The latter died suddenly of heart trouble at his home

Mexicanos and have about as much sense. One bird has rather a bass voice while the bantam has a high tenor - I hear that Stuart is soon to go on a business trip in the South for his company and will be gone perhaps a month. Whether this indicates a change in his work or not I do not know. I have not seen him to talk about it. It may be a trial trip to find out what he can do Physically it may be a good thing for him as he does not look specially vigorous to me. and a relief from office work may be very good for him. and it will give him a chance to see parts of the country which I think he has not yet seen There was no news brought me from church. even the bulletin had nothing special the greater part being taken up with reports from different church societies. Dr Reynolds funeral will be at the church this afternoon. It is awfully dreary weather to go to a cemetery. Hope you and the kids are happy and comfortable at home

Dad

P/ Last Monday night Mother and I went to the Tilson club meeting and heard a very good paper read by Mr. John C. Strother and some very interesting discussion of it afterwards. The paper was well written and was full of facts in regard to the causes leading up to the Mexican war with U.S in 1846- I did not tell of my recollections of it as Mother is unwilling at this particular time to giving out any information that will disclose my age, though there are some things I do remember which happened in the last part of the war. for it was then that I got the title of Captain Jo. Patton when the last call for volunteers was made at Lancaster. which were too late to be accepted- I did not go to town again last week until yesterday afternoon. to get some smoking tobacco. and a pine-apple which turned 'no good' because it had been frozen. and to have my hair trimmed by a new barber. as my old one Scarana had sold out in the last month. It is not a first class shear but will do for

the present and I may find a new barber that suits me by the time I need another one I read in one of the papers a day or two ago, that a suit had been filed asking that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the Central Life Insurance Co (W H Gregory's company) because of the misuse of funds, making loans on insufficient security and on no security. Of the last was a loan of $30.000 to Gregory. He has certainly had troublous times in the years since I first knew him, and has taken some very dangerous risks, but has managed to keep a whole skin so far, though I heard there were some close shaves. Tell the boys to send me in the next letter that comes from the Spruces in this direction, a copy of their school reports for the term just ended, and what grade, and division they are in now, and don't forget it, also what studies they will have for the rest of the year. I am glad to hear they are well and hope they have become

sufficiently acclimated in Washington not to have another cold as long as they live there. Great efforts have been made here in the last week to provide food and work for the unemployed here, meetings have been held work has been furnished by the street-cleaning department, whenever the weather permitted men to work on the streets and about a thousand have been furnished food. Investigation shows that the number of unemployed has been exaggerated and not near so many as reported are in this city, though many were in great need of help. Tell the boys that our rooster has been practicing crowing lately, until he has become quite proficient, and that every day we have crowing matches between him and Mrs Blandford's bantam rooster. They are no doubt challenging each other for a fight but have not come together yet. The little bantam is game enough, but he is not near so heavy as our rooster and for their sakes I hope each will find it best to keep in their own yards. They are as boastful as a pair of



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Monday night 2/8/15

My dear little old darling precious ~~Sister~~ sweetheart. It is now after nine o'clock and I have been promising my self and others down in the lobby that I am going to write you a long letter tonight. a very poor substitute for a long long hug. I have felt a little uneasy about you for several days — about Ruth. Your card this am. is not clear about how long she stayed — dates? I dont like the idea of Foster coming to that house at all. He did not bear a good reputation in Culpeper. C. S. says they ran him out of stealing and he is no proper character to be in the house while I am gone. And the silver ware?

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I sent the Mahoneys a check and included it in the list I sent you, did not I?

I enclose a clipping for you to read & send to Nashville. Dont forget.

I also send Nancy Dove a check tonight.

I have 4 inches of Railway Ages at my elbow on this table secured in Nash yesterday. All well there - fairly. Papa looks very bad. Theo. still has a cough. C.K. looks very well and is much pleased with her coat and is interested in all that goes on. Theo. was intent on reading a handbook on engineering the other day - a little gold edged flexible boring volume. Mother remarked facetiously about Theo. and his "bible". C.K. answered "yes I was just sitting here thinking how unusual it was for boys to read their bibles so diligently". I nearly died when they told me. She did not know about the lights in the sleeper nor the soap squirter etc etc. - lots of fun.



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No talk of returning to Wash yet. This is the beginning of the 4th week. Are you getting used to it? I have been having a cold for 4 or 5 days. Aspirine just sufficient to ward it off. I have taken 10 grains to day but will take 5 more before retiring. I bought 85$ bottle of Wampole today and am taking it till I get over my cold. I recommended it to Father.

I have intended to come up on Feby. 21st. & 22nd - Wash'. Birthday. You did not mention F. Jr. knee. nor sisters glands. What's the matter with Hart? & you. Is the watch

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still mine or his?
It's a long long time between their letters.
I haven't bitten my fingers yet but I've
done a pile of whittling.
Very cold in Yash & Lou. and I
suppose in Wash. Keep a good
fire and plenty of kindling
wood on hand. My pen
is giving out after such a
long letter. I must get to
bed early. Rams and his
wife were at the transportation
club to supper to night. I
wished for you. I ate with
Crosland & Dunyon. Ate onions!
Onions!! Remember the first night
you ever puckered up your little lips
to mine. And how you held on — till
your mother called out the hour.
I have several good jokes about Ford
Auto's — Sparrows — 10th story window
Remind me. Drop me a line
how you are feeling. Tell Hart to
please write me a long letter.
I hope to be back in our dear little
dove cote by another month.
affec. Fillison



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2/9/15

Dly dear Harriet:-

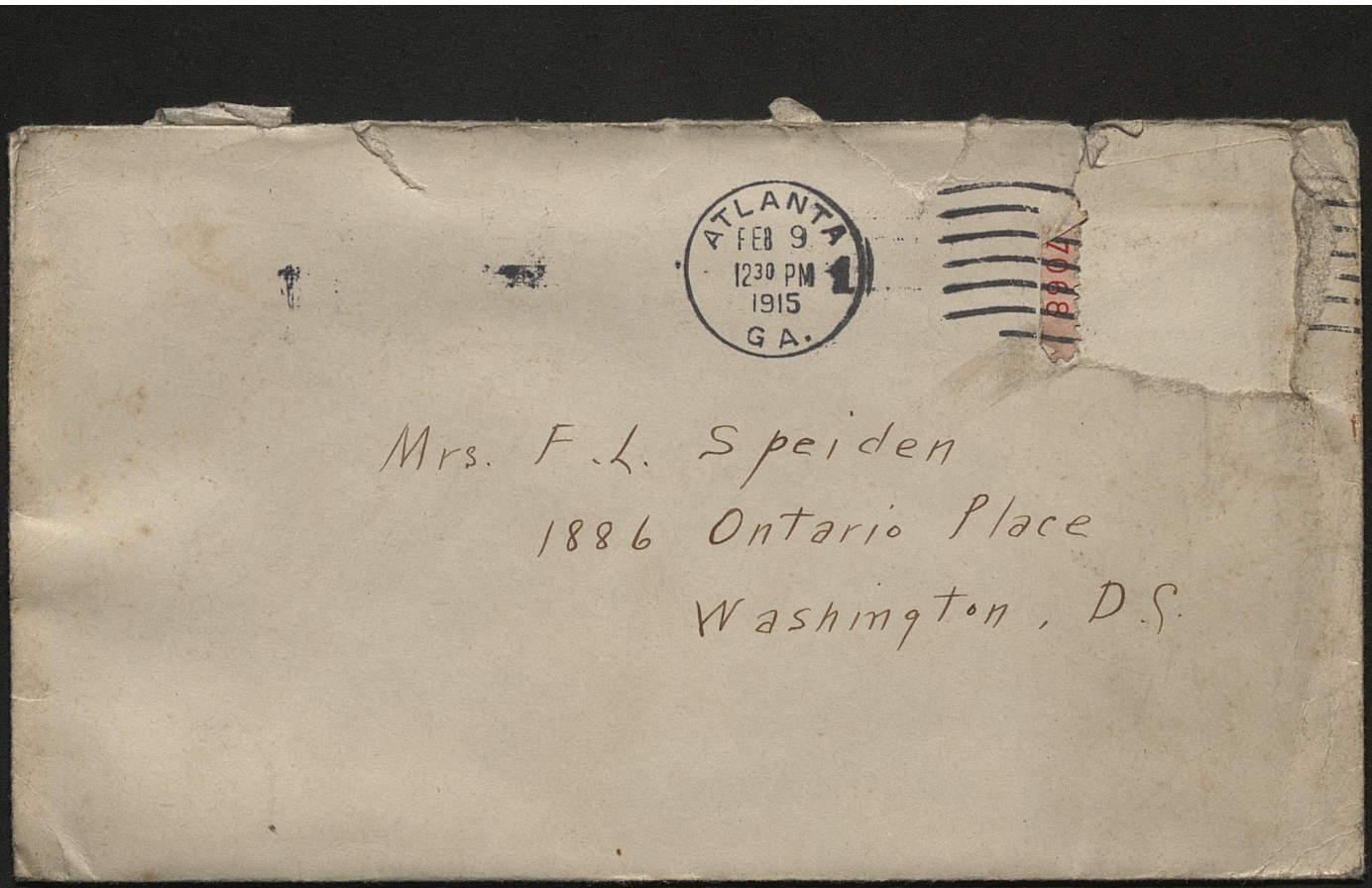
Wrote you long letter last night. You spk daly, this am. Keep that back porch door & window also the attic windows & door locked. Take the silver up every night and let the rest go. I dont like for Foster to come there at all and I think I shall write Ruth that she can ~~go~~ decide between him and us. He has a bad reputation. I will come up 21st any how. How is Fill for knee back. Dont get in police court. Use my pistol freely shot out window it will alarm neighbors any how.

I feel better this am. of cold.

A few minutes after I was called this am. Spld daly was given me. Then a telegram was announced by phone and in the 15 minutes that it took the boy to bring it up I wondered what had happened to you.

I cant think of any thing else.

Affec Fillmore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Mrs. F.L. Speiden
1886 Ontario Place
Washington, D.S.

My dear little Wife:-

Mr. Lanyon & one or two others are coming to dark for a hearing next week, illustrating the wisdom of staying here.

I am going to send your letters to Mother. Will probably go then again next Sunday instead of Louisville.

My cold nearly well. Ear nearly well foot nearly well. I am taking four grape fruit spoons full each morning; noon night bottle 1/3 gone in 2½ days. I guess the dose is a little heavy.

Feed the children on it if they ail. I will be up for a day 2/21/ any how.

I got a letter yesterday. Am anxious to hear from you now. Presume you are about again now. Mrs Mitchell here but I have not seen her.

Don't spend much time on my letters just jot a line or two at odd moments during the day & mail at night.

I am running low on shirts.

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Upon your "visit" to Louisville may I have the honor of your company to luncheon that I may talk over with you a few little items, both business and personal, which perhaps may be of some interest to you?

Was sorry to learn of the accident to Mrs. President Thomas Boyle, but am having another engraved and will thank you to give me Mrs. President's Washington address that I may forward same to her direct.

Again thanking you for your kindness, with best regards to you and yours, I am

Respectfully

Edw. Gallschalk

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Will probably send all up a day or two before I come up. If you get the pass before I come, send the old grip with clean shirts down.

All have colds here.

All are grouchy. Steadwell better.

I am awful anxious to get back Aorland here.

Now you know I have no news

There will be a Ky dinner at a hotel here 2/19 – 1915.

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How about Keys?

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Mr. F. L. Spieden
Piedmont Hotel
Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Mr. Spieden:

I am enclosing you herewith the original and copy of answer which you were so kind to send me.

I assure you the same is highly appreciated, and, if in any manner I am in a position to reciprocate, I assure you the same will be a pleasure.

I am going to make my arrangements accordingly, and propose to merit the confidence you have placed in this Company

My dear little Wife:-

Your letter rec'd last night.

Have been very busy.

Will go to Lou. Sat night.

Will see Baldwin

" " Farmer family.

" " your mother

" " several men in office.

I will try to leave at 3 P.M.

Mr. Compton last night told

Mr Veach of Lou. that we would

be here 2 weeks to a month longer.

Then can be no other

news so important

as

Fillmore.

Long letter here

H P S: I now
expect to go to
Low. tonight
Mr Compton asked me
to go with him and
I will be in Low. Saturday.

TWO SCH
BURY

Banquet Of Manual And High Alumni Is Marked By Absence Of Ancient, Jealous Rivalry.

COL. MACAULEY SENDS POEM OF JUBILATION

Feature Of The Occasion Is The Lampooning Of Members Of Board.

The Alumni Association of the Louisville Male High School and the Manual Training High School buried their ancient hatchets last night, marking the solemn occasion by a joint banquet at the Seelbach. Not even the ghost of the enmity that was was allowed to appear, but instead the graduates of the two schools joined in holding up to public inspection the foibles of the Board of Education, the members of which were the guests of honor.

The love feast was participated in by more than 300 business and professional men, closely divided between the two schools. In order that strict neutrality be preserved, they refrained from discussing past Thanksgiving Day battles on the gridiron—and elsewhere—and instead devoted themselves chiefly to a discussion of the High School of the future. Only two serious numbers were on the program, these being speeches by Judge Shackleford Miller, of the High School Association, and Dr. Fred Speidel, of the Manual organization.

Before and after these speeches there was a program of "stunts," in which the members of the Board of Education saw themselves hold a meeting, a substitute for

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more than 1,000,000 pounds on the floors ready for sale. Total sales for the day amounted to 654,070 pounds. Prices ranged from $1 to $23 per hundred. The market was active and strong with bidding spirited. This market, up to the present time, has sold 19,723,030 pounds of tobacco, having sold 2,945,720 pounds the past week, which is the record on this market any single week. Prices were considered good for quality offered. Receipts continue heavy with prospects for selling 2,000,000 pounds this week.

BETTER PRICES OFFERED.

RICHMOND, KY., Feb. 22.—About 170,000 pounds of tobacco was sold here today, the quality and character being better than the usual break, and prices were correspondingly better, altho no particularly fine crops were offered. The general floor price was better, however. The highest averages for the day were those of Oldham & Azbill, 7,000 pounds at an average of about $14 per hundred, and the crop of Coy & Ramsey, 6,190 pounds, at an average of $10.70 per hundred. The market, if anything, was a shade stronger than on closing Friday.

BEST SALE OF SEASON.

WINCHESTER, KY., Feb. 22.—At the Planters' House today, 81,630 pounds of tobacco sold at $2 to $19.50. The quality was medium. This house probably will close next week. At the R. A. Scobee House, sales were best of the season, considering the low grade offered, prices ranging from $17.75 down. Adams & Epperson sold 5,950 pounds at $12.81. A total of 85,600 pounds was sold. Si Johnson sold 3,735 pounds at $12.40, and William Crow 2,920 pounds at $10.25 per hundred.

RECEIPTS FALLING OFF.

VANCEBURG, KY., Feb. 22.—Tobacco totaling 70,000 pounds was sold on the loose-leaf market here today at prices ranging from $14.50 per hundred down. Receipts are falling off. Today's offerings were only of medium quality.

BIDDING IS SPIRITED.

OWENTON, KY., Feb. 22.—About 48,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the loose-leaf market here today. Highest price was $32, average price was $7. There were several buyers from a distance. Bidding spirited.

HIGH PRICES MAINTAINED.

CARROLLTON, KY., Feb. 22.—The advance prices prevailing on the closing day last week were fully maintained on the Carrollton tobacco market today. Sales reached 244,085 pounds; average $8.93, the top price being $21.

TOBACCO SALES FIRM.

CARLISLE, KY., Feb. 22.—Tobacco sales were firm here today with the highest grade prices of the season fully maintained. No [illegible] offerings. Sales [illegible]

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TWO SCHOOLS BURY AXE AT LOVE FEAST

the annual football battle held, and other local events pictured as the graduates of the local schools view them.

Got Bad Start.

As a peace banquet, however, the dinner got off to a bad start. As the diners were being seated, two rival bands marched in. One of them was playing "Tipperary" while "Die Wacht am Rhein" was the selection of the other. The first leader opened an angry colloquy with his Teutonic rival. A discussion of the war naturally followed and the German was asked how it started. He said that the Kaiser opened the pot. Johnny Bull had three kings, while the German Emperor showed two kings. "When there are five kings in one game, there is bound to be a fight," he said. The two bands then united on the "Star Spangled Banner."

The next breach of the peace was an invasion by five members of the unemployed, who rushed toward Superintendent Holland and demanded that he give them work. It was finally agreed that if they started to scrape up a name for the new high school building they would have plenty to do.

President Ben Selig Washer, of the High School Alumni Association, then announced that he had received a letter from Col. Macauley, which was as follows:

Is Great Relief.

"Dear Boys: I feel this is a time,
To send to you in rugged rhyme
Congratulations on the day,
You throw your hammers far awuy,
I hope (may I not be too fast
In hoping) that the truce will last,
For it would grieve me sore to see
Another football galleree.
In times past I remember, boys,
You made an awful lot of noise.
The victors from the football game
Were peeved because the world was tame
They came with whoop and shout and yell;
They came hell-bent on raising hell;
They marched back home with cheer on cheer,
Some devilish ones e'en took a beer;
And wicked lads who didn't drink
Took sniffs at empty mugs, I think.
Then to the gallery they would file
And into seats the gang would pile.
And when the curtain rose—ach, Gott!—
The star received a peanut swat.
The heroine was hissed in glee,
The villain cheered heroically,
And so on to the finish—say,
Are you surprised my hair is gray?
Is it surprising that I send
Congratulations on the end
Of rough-house, riot, hullaballoo?
No, boys, I'm mighty glad you're thru,
I thank you much for this surcease
And hope to end my days in peace."

Dr. Speidel Speaks.

Some musical selections by a colored trio—a real one—in which the feature instrument was a jug, played by a darkey who managed to make it imitate a bassviol were the cause of a furore of applause.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Dr. Speidel, class of 1907, spoke on behalf of the Manual Alumni. He compared the Alumni of the two schools to Roland and Oliver. "We realize that we have met foemen worthy of our steel," he said. "Now we realize that we have met friends worthy of our trust. Tho we do not meet amid the pomp and circumstance of war, our pledges are none the less sincere." United, he said, the alumni should take up arms against the common enemies of disease poverty and social ills.

In his speech, Judge Miller gave an interesting history of the High School. Referring to the fact that hitherto, the Male High School has always been housed in buildings that had previously been used or other purposes, he said the Board of Education would remedy this. He paid a high tribute to the board for its work.

This was the last word said in the defense of the board. The curtain then rose on a patent medicine vendor, who had a number of infallable remedies to sell. A 200-pound baby—baby clothes and bare feet—was wheeled in by a colored "mammy" as proof of their effectiveness. Among the medicines he recommended were "Gottschalk's Famous Temper-Toner," good for use at board meetings; "Bloom's Balancer and Anti-Talk Tonic," of which Dr. Bloom's own silence was offered as proof; "Jones' Elucidator" and a box of "Holland Ginger." Edward Hill was the medicine man while John Manly, former football captain, was the baby, with "Chubby" Roe, as his nurse.

Impersonates His Father.

It was then announced that since there would be no more Thanksgiving Day games, a "head-ball contest for the faculty" would be substituted. "After rooting by two rooters, the "teams" in cap and gown then appeared with an inkbottle as the ball. The game was played by the teams testing each other as to their knowledge.

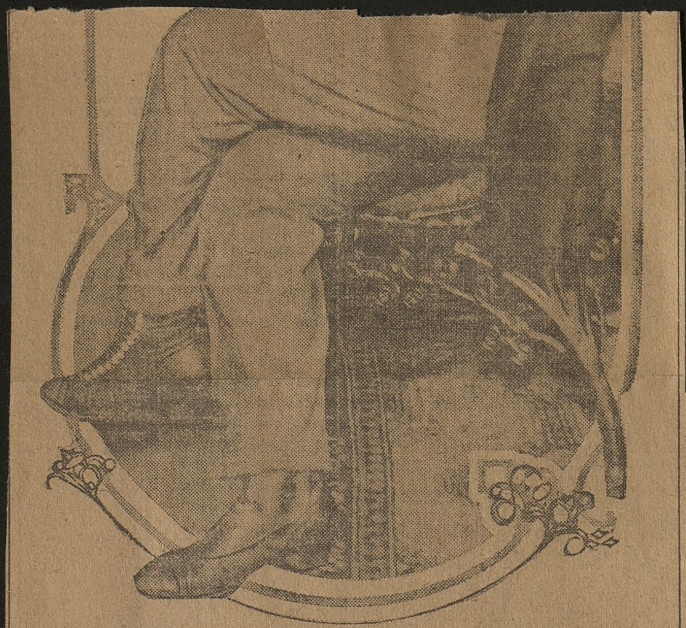
The five members of the Board of Education were opening a meeting when the curtain rose. With goatee and mustache, Ralph Strother was a second edition of his father, the president of the body. Nathan Bloom looked like Dr. I. N. Bloom. As the meeting was called to order, Dr. Weaver was called outside to pull a tooth. As each of the members suddenly remembered business engagements, the meeting did not last long. Adjournment was interrupted by the appearance of an aged colored visitor who declared that he represented the "Ben Tillman Colored High School" and demanded that the boys of that school wanted to take part in the joint banquet. After he was summarily removed by the members of the board, Chapman Young entered with a gift to Dr. Bloom for his "long service to the cause of education." The fathers and grandfathers of those present remembered when Dr. Bloom had been a member of the School Board, he said. Believing that the occasion marked the close of approximately fifty years of service a gold gift was in order. Accordingly, the cover was removed from the present, disclosing a "school of gold fish."

Ghost Is Raised.

The ghost of the old athletic eligibility arguments was called up when a "youth" in shirt trousers and wearing a long beard appeared, accompanied by his parents. Calling on Prof. Tinsley, he said he was under 18 and wanted to play on the football team. Altho the parents of the boy swore that he was within the age limit, the beard was too much for the High School principal, whereupon the lad picked him up and carried him out.

A "jitney bus" and another machine nearly collided while being driven across the stage by two darky chauffeurs, Charles W. Morris and Tony Levitan. After a heated argument, the kitney chauffeur was told that Tom Minary would drive him off the street, whereupon the other prophesied that Mr. Minary would soon be glad of driving a "jitney." The two chauffeurs ended their argument in a dice game, with a huge pair of dice and a keg to roll them in. "Tain't nobody to see but de general public," said one. Judge Gregory, who came in with the grand jury, called the attention of that body to gambling. "I don't see any gambling," was the reply, the grand jury gazing in every direction but the right one. Finally, the grand jury replied the darkies were not gambling. "They are cubist artists," he declared.

The program was under the direction of D. A. Sachs, Jr., who aided in the preparation of most of the humor. Ben M. Brigman, secretary of the Manual Alumni, was also [illegible] of the principals in the conduct of the [illegible]et and the program.



NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Two choir girls of Calvary Baptist Church, have appeared in trousers and their audience has been filled with pride at the way they enacted their parts and the lit they made in the garments. Miss Ethel H. Greene and Mrs. Carlina Turck are the two, and they were cast in men's roles in the presentation of a comedy, "Ma's New Boarders." It was explained that the girls were cast in masculine roles because there was a dearth of young men and the parts simply had to be played.

INCREASE HOUSE PROGRAM

Senate Committee Submits Report In Excess Of Former Appropriation By $8,313,080.

SUBMARINE AND AVIATION PROVISIONS ENLARGED

Upper Chamber Immersed In Work; Probably Will Not Complete Task By March 4.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Appropriations for national defense occupied the attention of both houses of Congress today in the general rush to clear up the supply bills for the Government before adjournment.

The Senate discussed until late tonight the army appropriation bill, carrying approximately $103,000,000, while the House continued debate on the fortifications bill.

While progress was being made on both these measures, the Senate committee practically completed consideration of the naval appropriations measure, and the Senate paused for four minutes to pass without debate the pension bill, carrying $164,000,000.

Increases for submarines and aviation over provisions of the House bill are proposed by the Senate Naval Committee, its amendments including $1,000,000 for aviation instead of $300,000, as authorized in the House bill, provision for six seagoing submarines instead of one, and sixteen instead of eleven of the smaller type submarines. Senator Smoot sought unsuccessfully to provide for fifty seagoing and twenty-five of the smaller coast defense submarines.

Notwithstanding the progress being made on appropriations in the Senate there were indications today that not all the bills could

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BY E. A. J

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2/13/15

My dear little precious:-

Mrs. Clifton arrived today. Rain's baby has been sick, - convulsions yesterday. I expect to be back in a month to stay. I will be up next Sunday 21st. I am going to Narbo to night. Have been pretty busy. Louisville is too far, only would have Sunday 7³⁰ am to 3 PM or else miss time here. Weatherton Wife go to Chatt. Look out Mtn tonight on my train. I am going to send by express 5 shirts to you to wash in time for me next sunday. Also collars you can launder better than here.

No news here. No riots lately.

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Keep doors & windows fastened now.
If that key episode meant any
thing it would not happen for
a short time afterwards

Of course do not send
Emmie any money. It was an
invitation, you can reciprocate
later & should but "pay back"-
never.

I have sent Dr. K 6.00 today.
I would not now tell Ruth
about next door affairs.
Find out all you can
from her.

Keep well, eat plenty, burn
plenty of coal. Dont keep
rooms too warm. It is very
warm here have not worn
own coat for 2 days. I am better
I feel proud of you for getting on along
so well, dont cut so much figure myself
after all. I certainly wish for you now.
But no use. Have you gotten Son Ry
pass? I asked for it.

Affy Fillison

new crystal for my watch which had a fall off the bed a few days ago which smashed the old crystal into a multitude of pieces which however did not fall apart and I was able to use the watch as usual. though in constant expectation that a jolt or jar would separate the pieces of glass and stop the watch. Grethe read her paper at the "Wednesday Club" last Wednesday and it was much complimented by those present It was a well written paper. and it required considerable labor and research to prepare it She read it to Mother and me the night before the club meeting. The weather here for a week has been unusually spring like for this early in the year. Rain has been predicted for the last four days but only one or two small showers have fallen The lilac buds are beginning to swell, yesterday I saw a large flock of blackbirds, and was told that some blue birds had also appeared. These spring signs are at least a month earlier than they came last year. For the past twenty four hours we have had a regular March wind not very cold. but it has kept the windows rattling and the bare trees waving as if the velocity of the wind was very considerable

Louisville Ky Feb 14-1915

Dear Chick:

While the lower floor of the house is being dusted and swept by Lizzie Parker, whom you may remember as our cook in the days when we lived on Fourth Street, Mother and I are in our room writing. She is writing to Fillissa, from whom she received a letter yesterday with the batch that came from you, with your letter, Fil's and Shirley- It was a big lot of letters and we have enjoyed reading all of them. Fil's little letter to Mamma was a very nice letter for a little boy to write and it gave Mamma much pleasure to receive it. Shirley's account of her visit to Portland shows she had not only a very delightful visit, but that every moment of her stay there brought something to do and enjoy. We are so glad she had the opportunity to go there, and I know the

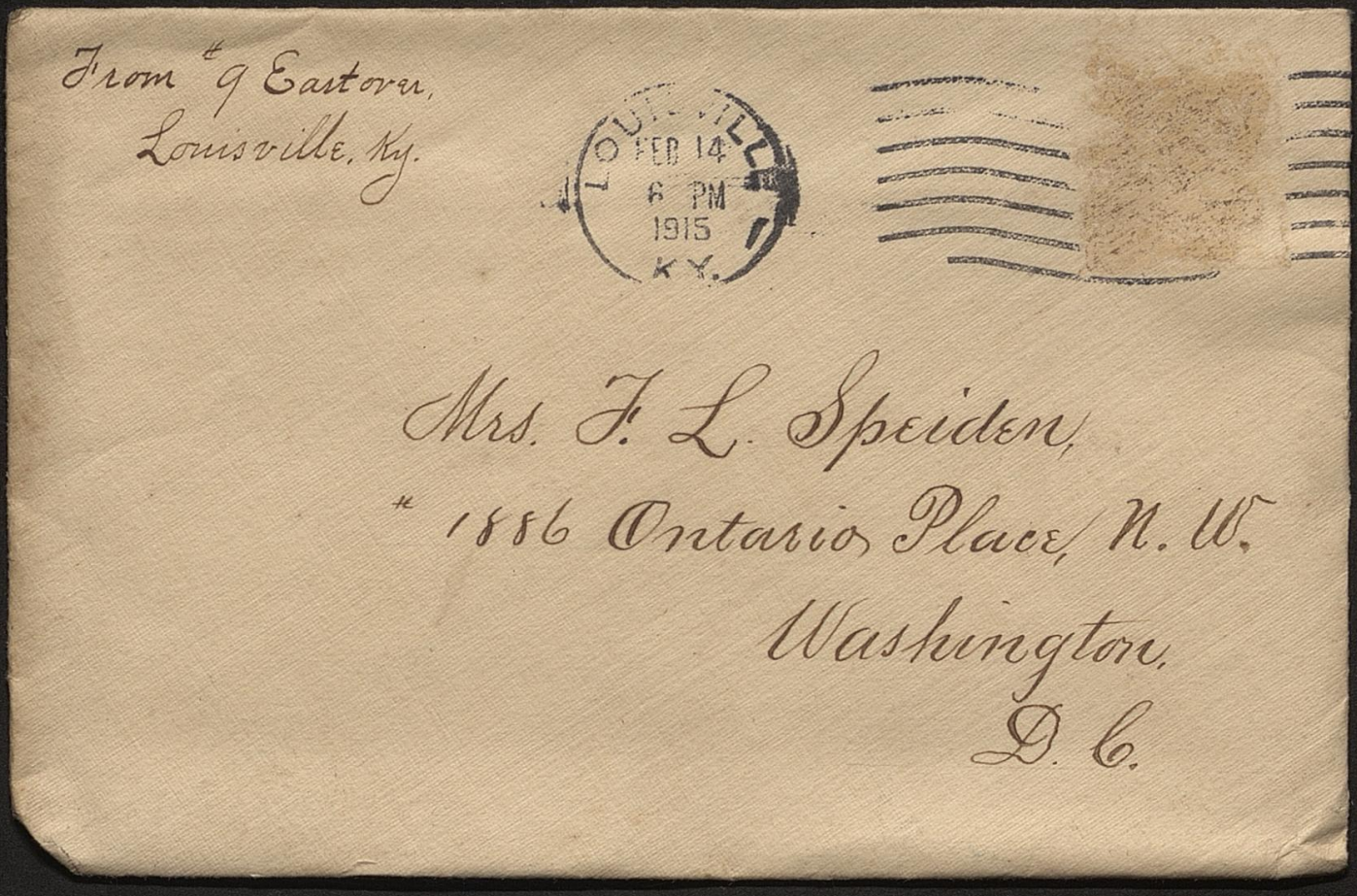
will always have pleasant recollections of her visit. Coming back to your interesting letter I must say that I was surprised unpleasantly to learn of the state of affairs as regards your neighbors and admit that the conditions are such that it is difficult to determine just what to do. I would certainly advise you have the police keep a close watch and you do likewise. I see no reason why you should not have a plain talk with Ruth and let her know that you do not approve at all of her association with the objectionable parties, and I believe she thinks enough of you to keep her mouth shut about it and to help you watch, provided she does not get under the "influence" and lose her discretion. In the matter of the borrowed keys, which is a suspicious thing, you say all keys were returned except one. If that one cannot be found and you are able to tell surely what lock in your house it belongs to, it would seem best to put a new lock on that door, so that the missing key could not be used if any one ever tried to enter the house by means of it. I take it for granted that you have given Dillie an full information about the whole matter, and being familiar with all the conditions and surroundings he will be more able to advise you than I am. There is not much of home news to write. Mother was in the kitchen the first half of the week, Esther being sick. She came to the house one night to explain why she had not come to work, and to say she still wanted her place when she was well enough to work. While here she showed mother an eruption on her face and arms, which Mother thought might be small pox - and she has been trying every day since to communicate with Esther's doctor to find out, but has not yet succeeded in seeing or hearing from him. Thursday Mother and Ruche went to the Alamo to see "DuBarry" which had been much advertised. Friday they attended Miss Hamilton's party given to the Eatown ladies and yesterday they took lunch at the Courtland with cousin Mary Gill. My excursions for the week amounted to one trip to town yesterday, for the purpose of getting a

for my breakfast which I had a little before ten o'clock. I ate only a radish and grape-nuts with cream, and am feeling very comfortable now. Gusche only went to church this morning. Mother stayed at home to wash her hair, which she has been expecting to do for several days but could not find time. Lunches, reception theatre visits, handkerchief making and garments made, in addition to three days as cook and housemaid having kept her busy all the week. The wind at present is making a really musical howl at one of the windows it has dried up the shower of last night and the river has fallen way below all danger here. Yesterday I noticed that the water in the canal which during the high river had backed up until it was about to the top of the canal wall had all run out and there was scarcely enough to cover the bottom. Just now the sunshine is very bright only a few fleecy clouds and everything looks very clean out doors It is about time for Gusche to blow in as the neighbors are all coming home from their churches and as dinner comes soon after I will as usual stop at the bottom of this page. With love to all from all here Dad.

P/ Gusche was at Smiths yesterday afternoon all well as usual but no cook. Stuart has been in the South a week. Spent one night in Gadsden, went to Burmingham, and probably by this time has been to Atlanta. Several letters from him had been received by the home folks, and he reported some success in making sales. Mother went out to call on Miss Shryock yesterday after her lunch with cousin Mary and had a pleasant visit. Miss Shryock always seems to appreciate Mothers visits very much. Yesterdays Post announced the marriage of our neighbor Miss Edna May Waggener to Mr Jay Stuart Norman. They expect to live with her parents at present but there is some talk of the Waggeners building a new house on the lot between them and the Blandfords home. At Mrs Hamiltons reception Mother and Gusche met all the Eastover ladies with three or four exceptions, many of whom she had of seen but did not know their names. She met Mrs Harry Buckley who spoke as if she had never heard of us, and seemed much surprised to hear that Mother knew all the Buckley family. While I knew Harry very slightly, I was surprised that Ray never called to

see us supposing that he lived with Harry, but it seems he lives in town instead. I have never seen Harry to know him since we moved out here. The kids of the neighborhood were out last night celebrating Valentine day by ringing door bells. They rang ours several times and finally put a pin in the button which kept the bell ringing. Grethe caught them in the act and we requested them to cease operations at our house as we had as much of it as was desired. I extracted the pin, the ringing ceased and we were not troubled any more. I hope your kids had some fun, and that they were not forgotten by their friends, but received some nice valentines. When Miss Schlicht was married last Wednesday evening quite a number of people from the office attended (there was a general invitation to all of us) though I did not. Herman Meyer got a large piece of card board, about two feet square, and printed on it in large black letters, "They have just been married, let them alone" which he tied on the automobile as the bride and groom left the church. Which created much amusement for the folks who saw it, though I doubt whether the "new-weds" knew anything about it before they arrived at home.

Our neighbor Wallace Smith took the first honor at the late mid-year commencement of the Male - the Girl and Manual High Schools. I congratulated him yesterday and asked him if he contemplated taking a further course of study. He said he was at work now in the office of some Fire Insurance Co doing actuarial work and that between now and September would determine whether he would continue to work or go to some other school. - I have had a slight return of trouble in my hip joint, but it is much better today. Think it was due partly to a strain lifting some heavy books, and it may have been due somewhat to overeating for I have had rather too good an appetite since I got over my first attack, and have not restrained it as much as I should. This morning I drank a pint of hot water with a spoonful of Phosphate of Sodium dissolved in it and some lemon juice,



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Precious:

Spent yesterday in Nashville. I enclose your mothers letter. Hope all will go well in the Ins. matter. I weigh 154 - more than since I married. I will weigh 160 by the time I leave here. Mr. Washburn looks bad. Chapman & Alexander are holding meetings here.

No news in Nash. C.K. is having a good time x Thio has boils. Papa looks very bad. Thin. I have asked C & O to extend your pass. I told Gottschalk I would not think of letting him replace

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that Caraffe. I hope to get up on Sunday morning & stay till Monday morning. Will that satisfy you for 29½d,

Mother etc gave me 2 boxes (12) beautiful linen handkerchief (5) engraved in colors. I dare not blow on them but keep them in my pocket of coat to show.

I am late again tonight and must close with a long tight hug that makes you draw a deep breath afterwards. See? And a long silent kiss

Good night,

Your own-ly

Yours ~~[illegible]~~ ownly
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Mr. F. L. Speiden -
c/o Piedmont Hotel -
Atlanta - Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your favor of February 6th., and returning enclosed pass. In order to comply with the general regulations concerning passes, would be glad if you would request one through the usual channel.

Yours very truly,

E. D. Hotchkiss

G. F. A.

P-

This was your C & O pass I sent it on to Louisville

I got a New York Central pass today good clear to New York



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Sweetheart:

Glad you are better. Was thinking of you & trouble yesterday and wondering if you still use the dilators. Do so. Get some if you have none.

The kitchen window catch was OK when I used to fasten up.

Never mind a present for me. You can make up for it when I see you Sunday.

I asked for your low. Ry. pass.

I think Fill Jr's letter all by himself was very smart. I would not have believed it if you had not said so. I weigh 153 today without my overcoat.

I am going to answer Mama's letter

soon it was smart in her too.
I like to get letters from my
children.

2/17 Awful sorry to get your letter
about being sick.

2/17 Many Happy returns for
little Fill. I'll spend a

lonely 18th.

Your Son Ry pass has come
but not including Ruth. I can get
trip for her & Sister to C.M.
when necessary.

I will bring it to you.

affy Fillison

some quite large. We had splendid weather all of last week. the birds are coming back from their Southern winter quarters. the farmers are plowing and getting ready for their spring work and the buds are swelling on some of the trees though it was cool enough for frost nearly every morning. Yesterday Mother went out to Floral Terrace with one of Mr. Buttons (the real estate man) men to show the house to a Mrs Henchey. a niece of Judge Mat. O'Doherty. She said she would have to see her uncle and have him look at the house before she could decide anything, but appeared to be pleased with the house She is a widow with five children and is looking for a house to buy. not rent I do not know anything about her financial condition but her uncle is very rich. I have not learned when she will be ready to take the second look at the house. I think that a sale is much more likely to be made by Button than by Farmer. who seems to have had few applicants to see the house. Button is supposed to be a hustler. I do not wish to raise any

Louisville Ky Feb 21- 1915

My dear Chick:

Your letter of the 16th to Mother with Hart's to her and Grache were received on time, and your letter was partially answered by a parcel post package which I mailed to you from Anchorage the next morning. Tell Hart that we not only thought his letter was a very nice one, but that we were glad he had been promoted, though according to the way promotions are made here it would seem that he was promoted backward. as "A" is higher than B. in Louisville. We are glad also to hear that he is doing "a little better in "B" than he did in A grade and hope he will continue to improve more and more until he gets all "E's in every subject. As tomorrow is the birthday of George Washington (as well as of Dr. William Hart Potter) we will have a holiday so that

I am free from the office from yesterday noon to Tuesday morning. It is very acceptable to me at present, for it will give me an opportunity to work in this disagreeable sciatica, which came back to me about a week ago. though not so severe as it was in December. I began yesterday taking medicine for it. and hope to be much relieved in the next few days. There is no constant pain, but it comes at intervals. and generally when I stand too long or walk too far. I stopped the medicine too soon before, but think I shall drive out the disease this time before leaving it off. Shirley's last postcards give her report for the last semester. and is better than she expected. her lowest marks being in clay modeling and French. In the latter she had double work. and instead of the former will have sketching this term. which I think she will not only like better, but be able to get better marks. She will have a holiday tomorrow, though she had not decided what to do with it when she wrote. Tell the boys that our neighbors little red bantam rooster has gotten to be a real nuisance to us. He wants to stay in our yard all the time. eat our chickens food. and fight our young rooster which is twice as large. but no fighter. Mother takes a stick and chases the bantam out of the yard over so many times a day but he comes back. and though his wings have been clipped so he can not fly over the fence, he is so small that he creeps under the fence or through holes. We have complained to the Blandfords about him and they promised to try to keep him away from us. but have not succeeded in doing so yet. The hens are laying now and I think we are getting about a dozen and a half eggs a week now. The price of eggs has gone down from forty five cents to twenty-five. and the country places all seem to have lots of chickens. There is hardly a house between here and anchorage that has not a flock. some small in number and

Have heard nothing lately from Will and Annette. Grace had the last letter from Annette and I suppose answered it. Will has not written for a long time though he sent me his last bank statement. I do not get letters from any one else and know but little of the whereabouts or doings of any of my kindred. Occasionally I hear of the marriage or death of some of them and that is about all I do not remember whether I wrote you of the death of cousin Emma Ross, at Birmingham Ala. She died some months ago, and I have forgotten the date. While Mary Warren lived I got most of the news of this folk from her and Emma, who corresponded with many of them, but since Mays death I have not seen Emma more than half a dozen times. She was in Kansas City the last I heard of her - when Stanley Mullett died, but may have come back here since. Hope our next news from you will be that you and the children are all well that Tillson has come or is soon to come back to Washington, and that everything is going all right with you and yours.

Lovingly Dad.

great hopes of his making a sale at this time, but merely tell you what has been done in the case, and wish the result may be favorable. The package sent you by Mosher - parcel post, had a quick delivery stamp and I hope has already reached and helped you. We do not know whether Hal meant to tell us that Tillson was coming back in March to stay or was only making me of his flying visits to you. We hope it is the first, and that you will soon be rid of some of your burden and anxiety and that you will be well again. I have nothing to report about affairs at the office yet - what ever is being done is done quietly and I can get no information. Business is very dull and will be of course until the new concern gets under way. I have not been busy one half the time in the last two weeks. There is so little to write about home affairs that I feel as if my letters were almost a repetition from week to week. I lead a monotonous routine of life, and after the days work at the office, stay at home to read the paper and generally some book from the Library. I go in town Saturday afternoons to

attend to such small matters as need attention and to loaf a little. I read lately a book, which I think Hart would enjoy. if you read it to him so as now and then to give him a little explanation It is a "Boys life of Edison" written by a Mr Meadowcroft who has been associated with Mr. Edison for many years, and has his endorsement as being correct in all its statements. While written for boys it was very interesting to me, which shows I am a boy yet in some things. and though I know of course that Edison was a great inventor I think after reading the book that he is the greatest the world has ever known. both in the number of inventions and their value to the human race, as well as to the methods he uses in developing his ideas. He does not appear to have trusted to luck or accident for his inventions, but having determined beforehand what he wanted to do or make has gone to work to think it out, and to overcome all obstacles in the way of success. The number of his experiments. and the research he has made over almost all the earth to get the proper material to perfect some idea. is wonderful and he has perhaps taken out more patents than any other man. The story is told in a simple pleasant way so that boys may understand (with a little help for me so young as Hart) and I wish you would get it and read it to him. and you will no doubt be interested yourself. The other books I have read lately have been of not much consequence and of a kind that afford a kind of relaxation while one reads them. are soon forgotten and leave no strong impression in my mind although I can generally recall their contents if some one happens to mention them. You know I keep a list of the books I read and since I began it have read over two hundred. My memorandum contains the name of the Author. the Title of the book and a word or two of how it impressed me. Most have been novels from the Library, though some have been scientific or philosophical, religious. or speculative in various realms of thought. Grace has gone to Church - the rest of us at home. except Jim who went down town early after breakfast


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is fixed now for the trip, has plenty of
clothes (if not fine) she will never have
as good an opportunity again.
She feels she can't as N. will be
so disappointed. She promised to
be back in six weeks, but I see
her N. stayed 3 months over her
time & I know she will be glad
for her to stay ten days longer. & see
all friends. She won't go again soon.
Marian wrote to Ruth a few days ago
in answer to our asking, if she could
let her have her blue silk & how soon.
M. can let her have it now at once but
can not alter it as she does not know
R.'s figure, but says if raised up will make
it the right length & large enough in
waist. & the body will not have much
change. M. told her to ask Mammie A. to
do it for her, it would cost but little, & we
can send by express, to cost her nothing more

Nashville Tenn. Feb 21/15
1517 Hawkins Street.

My Dear Harriet:

We all thought of you
all & Gillison being together yesterday
& knew all were happy. We missed
Gillison here. Tell him we heard
a splendid sermon from Dr W.
& wished he had preached it the
Sunday he was here. It is like
spring here now & all the buds
all out, things will soon look
green unless cold weather comes
& cuts them short; all last week
was clear & pretty but rained a
little yesterday. We got our Fox

with two hares, & the fruit Nellie
sent us. & made ice cream out
of some of the canned peaches yesterday
which all thought nice, so I expect
we will use ours in that way as
none of us all fond of the plain
fruit. I had a letter from Miss
Lizzie this morning she is now
in Gainsville Florida, will stay
there till April, then she will
come home & Mrs G. go to her sister
in Gainsville Ga. says Mrs G. is
improving. But she only weighs 99 1/2
now. We took lunch with Mrs Weaver
on Thursday, then went to Society
meeting, so were out all day nearly
Friday we were on the street all
day & took dinner down town.
Saturday we were invited to Mr
Douglass Wright's to an afternoon tea
to hear him sing, he is Miss Harbaugh
friend (a relative) I did not go.
but the rest did. Marian is making
Kate's silk dress today, as she wants
to wear it some before she leaves, she
has been wearing her black dress,
& the black silk waist & skirt, since
she has been here. I will go to Lawrence
with her, & spend a day or two, she will
then go on to Richmond for a day or so, then
on to Norfolk for 4 or 5 days, then on (by Boat) to
see you all in W. then on home. it
will cost very little more to do all &
will be such a pleasure to her, & the

part of this week. Did Hartley jr
have holiday to-day, or children did
not. Helen is kept busy at the High school
has little time outside. Did you
get Fs Tax in time to have Fs clothes
washed? I suppose he is now on
his way Each feeling as bleer as you do.
I hope Ella is out again, give
her my Love & see her to take better
care of herself. Well I must close
have written a long letter & nothing
in it but there is no news of interest
to you for me to write. wish I could
see you all when I go to L., will feel
strange & all will look lonely.
Is there any thing you want me
to do while there? God bless & keep
you all. love & kiss to each. Affec
Excuse all. Mother Rose.

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I hope you are feeling better. I
would stop selling eggs, turkeys
& all else & keep still until you
all well. & F. told me you heard
from Pat on phone, asking you
to come to see Lilla. dont you
go to see her. she has as much
time, & more strength to come
to see you. & should do it. & you
wont miss much if she dont.
although in some ways she is very
good & you might like her well
enough. Is Pat staying in W.
now? I am glad to know your
next door friends are quiet. But dont

let up watching, or number might
come, as they may be watching you.
Does R. know of it all? Have heard
letter from Nellie, expect you
all hearing oftener. Marian
says now, she thinks she will now
go on to see you all when the
girls go home in June. I am
wondering if you all will be there
then. I wanted her to go with
Kate but she says she can't. Will
Shirlly Gill stop with you on her
way home? I will try to get out
to see your mother if I go to L—
Mr Spiedens cough is still bad at
times but he looks rather better
than he did two weeks ago.

Theodore Jr is having his teeth
filled & sits so long at one
time that it has made him
look real badly, but he says he
can't take any more time.
Kate thinks she is very much
on the go. but enjoys it all. She
thinks now if she goes by all
the places I want her to go she
will reach you about the 19 or 20th
of March. but you will hear before
hand. hope F. will be there too
by that time. I am anxiously
looking for a letter from you
now. I will write to F. the latter

with them. hope they will be driven off. If they get to dislike you they might harm the children. you said she did not like children any-way.

We are having lovely spring weather and hope it will keep up but I know it won't. Marian is making over her blue suit, but can't make it as she wants. She says ask Ruth if she still wants her silk dress, (blue check) if so let her know at once & she will send it. if not she wants to make other arrangements with it; M. will make Kate's silk next week.

I am going to Louisville with Kate when she goes on home & stay several days. K. will go next day & stop 2 days in Richmond if she can, then on to Norfolk to see her relatives there a few days & take the boat there for Washington to see you a day or so & then

Thursday morning. Then to Lake & I go to Dr Moses to church today, & to Sunday school this afternoon. Had a nice evening at church last night. Kate has gone to Louisville to-day for a visit. Mary Hawkins Street

My Dear Harriet:

This is your little Gillison's seventh birth-day. I hope he received the toys & was not disappointed in finding it half full of clothes. I am glad Gillison will be with you all next Sunday & do hope he may soon return to W. as he thinks now he will.

We had a pleasant day on Sunday with him. wish W. were as easy to get to as we are. I gave Gillison his birthday gift while he was here a dozen handkerchiefs, & of course he

Mrs Harriet Lane Johnston
Washington City
D. C.

opened one of the boxes at once & commenced to use one of the handkerchiefs. (like himself) I did not know what else he needed so much all the time & could not get any expensive presents. I wrote to him a card which I suppose he will get to-morrow. We sent Nellie her box yesterday also, the 20th Saturday is her birth-day. We sent her a casarole & a dish. Kate a handkerchief. Helen a dresser scarf, & R.M. a dozen oranges. I heard that the box of things she was to send us was here, Mr S. has gone to see about it now, she sent it by freight instead of express & will cost us about 2.00 getting it up here &c

It did not weigh 15.0 & I dont see why she did not send by Ex. beside it has been two weeks on the way. I think you have done well to sell so many turkeys & eggs, but expect to much running around &c will lay you up. besides it takes a lot of time. Well I never thought of your all living next to a gang of thieves. I was scared for you all, but F. seems to think now with your knowlege of them & the bolts &c you will be safe. I hope all will be well, but I would keep my eyes & ears open. I do not blame for not sending Ruth in to complain of them. I would not get mixed

on home. it will cost very litter
more & take in all the places
she wants to go. but she will
not stay any where long. I
wish she would as it is the last
chance & the best she will have
in a long time. But she thinks
Nellie needs her & it is time
to get home. I sell her N. stages
3 months longer than she promised
when she went to Jamaica, &
she had better take this chance.
I feel real sorry for her she seems
to enjoy & appreciate every thing
so much. She is looking well. We
course will pay her expenses back

but of course she thinks it is too much for all to do & thinks she ought to go straight home, but it will cost less now than ever again so I will make her if possible. We all all going to a church sociable a something of the kind tonight. I do not know that I will however. I think Mrs L is feeling & looking better. Theo Jr is well again. No news from Miss L. Mrs G. was improving at last account. Girls getting on very nicely at school. We enjoyed an English Tea very much last Friday after-noon. Several beside ourselves were there. I am glad Emmie stopped by to see you, it breaks into your lonelines. Well I must close & go wash dishes. Helen does not now come to her dinner till 3.30 P.M. & it about keeps me in the kitchen most of my time. 3 dinners. Theo first, then R.M., then H. Bye Bye & Affec Mother A.



Mrs L. L. Spriden.
1886 Ontario Place, N.W.
Washington.
D. C.

person there who had formerly been with us. both men and women. I was at the building a while yesterday morning, but there was nothing for me to do. so I went out on the street saw several acquaintances. called on Fillion, bought a battery for the front door bell which had not been ringing since the Mardi-Gras boys and girls had put it out of order, and then went home to fix the bell, read the afternoon paper - sneeze - "blow by doze" and wait for dinner and Fillion. We had a postal from Shirley yesterday. no news. only wrote of the girls she had been with, the entertainments they had and "eats" - Jack here I was notified to make room for Liggie to set the table for dinner. I went to the letter box to put Shirleys letter in and then ate our own eats. and then I picked up the paper to read a little and the first thing I knew after that I was waking from a little snooze and it is now four o'clock and I feel sorter stupid yet. Tell the kids that the hens are doing better lately, for Mamma got in the last three

Louisville Ky Feb 28 1915

Dear Chick:

We have had a very nice "teeny weeny" visit from Fillion. He came out to see us last night about nine o'clock and left for town about nine this morning, before I was dressed, as he had an engagement with the dentist. He arrived at Louisville yesterday morning but as usual had so many things to do, that he could not get out to dinner with us. and I did not see him more than two hours at home, though I called on him for a few minutes down at his office as I was not working yesterday. He is looking well and he weighs, within one pound of my weight, a hundred and fifty three pounds. and has not even a bad cold, so far as I could detect. which is more than I can say of myself. for I have one. the first of the winter. and of which I hope to be rid. in a very short time

The consolidation of the Citizens National Life Insurance Co. and the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co. having been accomplished - under the name of the latter company, the records and furniture of the Citizens National were moved from Anchorage to the Inter-Southern building on Friday and Saturday. the assets of the company having been transferred last Thursday, by myself and the Treasurer. All of our office force as well as the Inter-Southerns are retained temporarily, until matters are put in good running order, after which I presume there will be a weeding out of those who are not needed - who will be retained and who let out has not yet been determined or at least announced. except that from our company W. W. Moore our 1st vice president becomes 1st vice president of the new, his brother E. L. Moore transferred as Agency Manager from ours to the new company and Mr Lacy as auditor similarly transferred. I have no information as to what the final disposition of myself will be, but expect to go to work at something with the new company tomorrow morning. The hours will be about the same that we had at Anchorage eight a.m. to five P.M. with an intermission for lunch. At present all will work on the eighth floor of the Inter-Southern building, but as soon as the second floor can be put in condition, the company offices will be transferred to that floor, where there will be more space. It is a pity that we have to leave such a splendid office as we had at Anchorage so perfectly adapted to the work, so clean comfortable and such delightful surroundings to come back into the city with all its dirt noise and cramped conditions - nothing like so conducive to health and happiness as our country office afforded. It was a sad crowd that looked for the last time on the building that for two years and ten months had been our business home, especially as there was the uncertainty as to what would become of us in the near future. I have met the President and other officers of the Inter-Southern and they have been very polite and agreeable. also formed several

medicine she sent you each, but will see sometime and let you know. I hope that you will be feeling all right when this reaches you. I did not get Gerchi's speech mailed to you as soon as I expected. She went off to school the morning after my letter was written without letting me where it was and I did not get it mailed until the next day. and then not in the early train. for I did not know what postage it required. and did not get it weighed until I went out to the office. We have heard nothing further from the Mrs Henchey who looked at your home. but she said her uncle was a very busy man. and she did not know when he would find time to go with her to see the house. We may hear from her yet. Tell the kids that Daddy dear would be mighty glad to see them this afternoon. and give give each one of them a good big loving squeeze. and he would be glad to treat their mother the same way. With the best of good wishes and love

Dad.

2 days thirteen eggs, one of which she thinks was laid by the pullet. I wish the boys could be here sometimes to help Mamma chase our neighbors little bantam Rooster out of our yard. Though his wing has been clipped he manages to get over or under the two fences somehow. but when he sees Mamma he knows it is time to run. and he gives a startled squawk even if he sees her in our back porch when he is over in the Blandfords yard Gerchi went to church this morning but she did not tell me any church news I met Mr Jim Carpenter in the street yesterday and he told his wife was very ill and grave doubts were expressed as to her recovery by the Doctor. She has not been well for several months and without appetite and her digestion very poor has been growing much weaker. Dr Powell has been appointed Chairman of the Vice Commission which the Mayor selected and announced last week. in

with an ordinance passed by the general Council some time ago. It is composed of five men a preacher Ed Powell, a priest Schumann, who had charges of the Catholic church on Clay and Walnut where Alma Kallner was killed, a Jew-Lawyer Ben Washer a business man Lin Potts, and the chief of police Col Lindsay. their duty being to ferret out vice of different sorts and make reports of the kind - amount - and location upon which action may be taken by the authorities to stop - or drive it away from the city. - This is the night for the month end meeting at the church and the subject will be "Justice for the Jew" I want to go if the "promised" rain or snow" does not intervene, though I do not think it would be advisable to go out in either in my present condition Sciatica and colds do not mix very well with either sort of dampness. especially when the air outside is very raw and penetrating though it is not very cold not quite 40°. Tomorrow night the Filson

Club meets and Rabbi Mueller is to read a paper on "The Characteristics of the American Citizen" He is either an Austrian or Hungarian Jew, I dont know which. but he was visiting those countries when the war began as is a strong advocate of their side of the contest. his feelings are strongest against the Russians and the English. - the first because he thinks they are barbarians in contrast with German culture. and the latter because they are the greatest rivals of Germany commercially. - I received by parcel post yesterday afternoon the last Filson Club book - the only one that has been published since Col Durrett's death. Its title is "Petitions of the earlier inhabitants of Kentucky to the General Assembly of Virginia - 1769 to 1792" written by Prof. J R Robertson A.M. Ph.D. of Berea College in Madison County, Ky. and a member of the Filson Club. - Mother says she does not remember what the



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My dearest little wife:-

I have your bad cold letter of sunday. Do hope you will all soon get well, & keep well. I am running around without my over coat but I am cautious about my windows at night. J.W. was discharged but Mr W knows something of my interest in him and told me he would leave him to me. I had a talk w. J.W. that night and told him to make his pledge to Mr. W. this time. I dont think he can get the same salary but Mr W will take him back. Dont repeat that. I dont want them to know but that Mr W. is stricter than he is.

I enclose receipt for Son. Pass sign it at once mail to J. M Culp

N.S. Sonby Wash. D.S.

I was very busy in Lou all Satdy
asked MPW to lunch at Vienna
Mrs W & Mrs A.R. Smith leave tonight
for California. Ate supper at
Dinette w. Uncle Tom Aunties & Evelyn.
bought a suit at C&S and
got out to Eastown at 9 P.M.
Your father is in town now.
Gotts chawk in a long talk
told me Holland had promised
G. "something good" next year.
He says you shall have that
bottle when you get back.
Mr. Compton came & went to Lou
w. me. I had 1½ minutes to
catch train from Hotel Friday.
Jumped aboard. I phoned mother
sunday night. C.K. only one
more week. She goes to Norf.
and to Wash. via steamer and
will come out to see you.
Ate dinner with Renders called
on Mr. Major & Mrs Carter, both
are very sick, not dangerous
It is now past 11 and
I am in the big parlor listening



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to the orchestra; and wishing for the little woman who is so much to me. I ate supper w. Steadwell at the club, and saw a 5¢ picture show the vampire — "a fool there was" afterwards. I was up till 12.45 Friday 12 Saturday and 12 Sunday now I must go to bed and — and — rub the pillow's back — just to keep the knack. And long for my sweetheart — my only real sweetheart I ever had.

Good night take care of the little jewels. I feel awful uneary sometimes.

Affy. Yours — yours — yours.

Tooth filled Sunday.
Row in Choir
All glad to see my theory.

Tiny for Some
little letters. How about Hans
watch? I.W. will mity me.

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Mr. Speiden:

Your memorandum in regard to Mitchell. Since I talked with you the other day there has been developments with regard to the amount of work in prospect that I did not understand at that time. Since the completion of the Lumber Tariff we seem to have struck a lull and it does not appear necessary at present to fill Buerk's and Webb's positions, and if it were necessary there areseveral men, as explainted by Mr. Young, in the office who by their industry and good conduct are better entitled to thos positions than Mitchell and who would be very much disappointed to see a man preferred to them who had let himself out. I am just concluding some correspondence which indicates that the CD&F statistics will be completed for the year 1914 and then be discontinued. Furthermore it looks as if the Southeastern Divisional Arbitrary Tariff is going to be side-tracked. The Southern Railway has put out some proposal about it which I have not seen, but I have received copy of letter from the C.N.O.&.T.P. to the Southern Railway suggesting that no reissue be made until after the Fourth Section Committee has finished its work and that meantime no more supplements be issued to it. That means that Kandall and E. K. Rice will have to be put on to other work. So it seems that we have all the force necessary even without filling Buerk's and Webb's positions. To conclude I should say that Mitchell will have to wait until we need more men and I don't know just when that will be. When the time comes, however, there will be no objection on my part to considering him in the same light as any other applicant who had never worked for us and had no record against him in the office.

M.P.W. 3/4/15.

Atlanta, Ga., March 3, 1915

Mr. Washburn:

I enclose copy of letter I have today received from Mr. Mitchell. It will be perfectly satisfactory to me to give Mr. Mitchell another trial, and as he seems this time to have come to a realization of the situation and as others in our own office ~~even~~ have conquered similar weaknesses, and further, as from his conversation, he seems to be genuinely determined to keep absolutely straight hereafter, I am willing to accept the responsibility for his reinstatement either in the Mail Department or in the Rate Department.

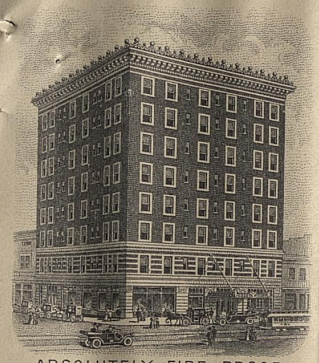
Mitchell's reference to the CD&F statistics might prove a welcome suggestion. You will recall Mr. Mitchell compiled two or three months' statistics sometime ago and his familiarity gained at that time would be of assistance to us now. I think, however, it would be well in view of the circumstances, to give him some fixed employement rather than have him changing about, helping first one and then the other.

Si Houston was formerly addicted in the same manner as Mitchell. If Mitchell could be put to work opposite Houston, either assisting Si or with Sea, or upon whatever work might be assigned him I believe it would be well.

I had quite a talk with Mitchell, also O'Toole, Bower, E. K. and H. F. Rice, Jones and others who spoke to me Saturday afternoon. My object in sending Mitchell to see you was not because I had misunderstood you Saturday, but because I wanted him to convince you as well as me that he was really in earnest, and further wanted him to realize your leniency in the case.

Young's memorandum attached indicates that you prefer that J.E.W.M. be not taken back immediately, but later on, but does not indicate how much later so that I am at loss to know what to reply to Mitchell's letter to me. I shall not make reply until I hear from you further indicating about the date you prefer he should start to work.

F.L.S.



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LOUISVILLE, KY. March 2, 1915

F. L. S.

I had an interview with Mr. Washburn yesterday, who received me very kindly- said he was perfectly willing for me to come back, provided it was satisfactory to you. Said he wanted you to be responsible for my reinstatement.

He said he had already arranged about the mail room, but that some changes were contemplated in the rate room, and that you could make a place for me there.

Am perfectly willing to work with or under any one in the department, but do not want to be placed with Von Bories. Mr. Seay told me two weeks ago that he was again six months behind with his reports. I might start in assisting him.

It is needless for me to tell you that I will certainly be on the job continually when I get back.

J. W. M.

(Dictated)

F.L.D.-

Mr. Washburn spoke to you last Saturday about Mr. Mitchell's case. He was here this morning and asked Mr. Washburn to reconsider his determination to discharge him, and stated you had suggested that he call. Mr. Washburn told him if you should recommend that he be taken back, he (Mr. W.) would do so and would find a place for him in the rate room or some department other than the one in which he has been employed. On leaving Mr. Mitchell said he would write you today. Later in talking over the matter, Mr. Washburn said he thought it would be well to let him remain without a position here for the time being as to reinstate him or to put him to work in the Rate Dept, particularly, would undoubtedly cause dissatisfaction among others of the force who have been faithful and know he has not been, and feel that their claims for advancement or to be put in line for promotion by working in the Rate Dept (and as you know there are several hoping for this opportunity), should not be ignored.

C.R.L. 3/1/15

C.R.L.:
Mr. Washburn will no doubt show you my letter today. F.L.D. 3/2

My dear little Precious:-

I'm awful blue. After 6 P.M. seems an age since I wrote you but it was only this morning. I got up at 6 a.m. and have worked ever since my head aches in the back (not cold) and my boots are telling me their planked steak are mighty good but mushrooms are liable to ——

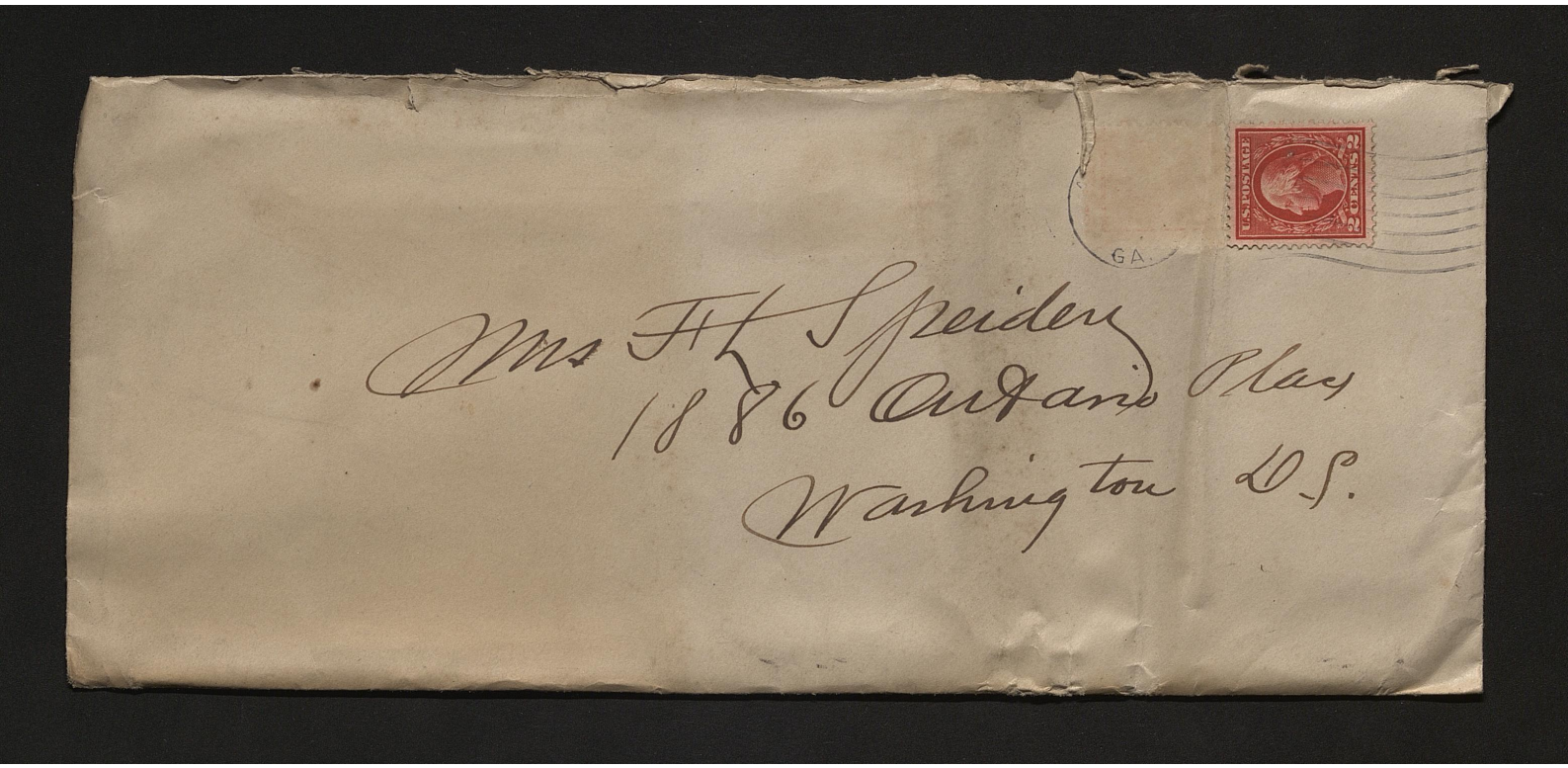
I enclose letters about J.W. I may be able to do something later on. I told him to go to see Harry Hughes. I am going out for supper and a long walk. I go to Nash tomorrow night. Hey, I do want to see you all of you. No news definite yet. I offered home to Dugan at 4400. net, seems I work awful hard never to get anywhere.

Cold there today. Will I'm going to bed early tonight.

Take good care of yourselves.

Affy Fillerón

2/5/15.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we will stay. with her before we
go, a Mr. will send it to me. We
will miss you all, will not even
feel like taking Kat to see the
house, & it will be so dirty & lonely.
F. asked me to look around & see
if all things were fastened tight
do hope he will be able to sell it;
& store the furniture, I would feel
lots better. I bought a book to-day
that I know you & F. would like especially
as the children are getting on in School
F. will see it when he comes & will
tell you. it will be a help to all of
us especially in our helping the girls.
Let us hear from Kat L. when you can. I
feel so sorry for her give her my love. I hope the
will soon be out. Kiss little ones for "Dem-mooey"
Hope you all feeling better. God bless all. Lovingly Mother

Nashville Tenn March 3rd
1517 Hawkins St
My Dear Harriet
I promised Fillison
to write to you yesterday, but I
was on the street all day &
did not get time. Theo Jr was
on the road & we thought it a
good time to go & look if not
to buy much. We were sorry
Fillison did not have time to
stop here Sunday night as he
passed through from Louisville
but he & I had a little talk on
the phone, all the others were at
church.

Hiram 95 dollars
likely to be
knocked down
Lynn.
I knew it
would
a big one
they think
he has
fat salary
I hope it
is well ama
All about as usual here. Ann is cough much
better. Theo Jr is
teeth cold

Suppose he has written all the
L. news you can do hear. There
was not much of interest. He
says perhaps he may come up
here next Sunday, as it is Kate
last Sunday here. We all now
thinking of leaving Tuesday
perhaps Wednesday for L. Kate
will leave the next day for Virginia
She will let you know when she
will reach you. She has had a
slight attack of her old Sumber
too much fatigue, cold, or overeating;
she does not know what caused it
She is better now & I hope will be
entirely well before she goes or
she can't enjoy her visits to the
various places so much. Marian
is making me a dress this week.
& we all do have Mrs Weaver & Calvert
here to dine one day & on Saturday
after-noon, Helens & R. M.'s S.S. class
of 14 & teacher will meet here, so
our time will be right well taken
up. I may not write any more
letters till my return from L.—
Marian may do so possibly. if
you want me to do any-thing
for you in L. let me know at
once. I do not yet know when



Mrs L. L. Spriden.
1886 Ontario Place N.W.
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this week.
I feel well except slight cold from wet last night. Mitchells asked me to supper at club several nights ago. She told me of a splendid play Arliss in "Disraeli"). She bought tickets and last night Sam told me she could not go as a bress in her nose - Doctor forbade. So I enjoyed it immensely. The club supper was fine too. (about 4c worth for us 3.)
Last night I wished for you especially. I ate supper w. Cox Weatherton & 2 others. We had a planked steak & fixings on a platter ("plank") about

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Atl 3/5/1915
8 am.

My precious little Wife:-
Your letter arrived as usual at 10:35 last night. I always wait for that mail & there stay up for 2 hours.
I think J.W. will get back and I hope some change in the office will improve him.
I don't know about O. Toole.
Your bills seem very small are you all eating enough and keeping warm? Keep healthy.
I get along with my little crack in my window and keep without cold, while you all get too cold - I'm afraid.
I awoke at 6 this am ate early breakfast.

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Did I send Mrs Earum or any body 14.11? My account is out of balance that amount. If you dont recall I will write the bank for statement I will send rent & furniture check to morrow.

I saw young Dugan on street in Law. the hinted that our house could be sold for 4000.00 I am offering it for 4500.00 net Pricing at 5000 Reams want 5000.00 If we had sold for 4000.00 net a year ago the interest 240 wont have made up the amount nearly. I am going to offer it to him

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to day for 4350.00 net cash. I expect my little girl is felling pretty bad to day? Let me know how to mark my calendar.

How many coupons did Hart get tell him to write me all about the contest and the entertainment. Dont you cry. It wont belong now. and will have a nice time in the park etc this spring.

Tell Ruth I am asking about her habits? ~~Tell her~~ x ~~No use~~ No letter from Nash

(8)

We are still busy here but I see day light and the Atlanta unrest is growing. Keep well and safe and I'll do the same.

affec.

Yours — Yours only.

My old suit has a hole O right though my left front pocket. (my knife) I got my new suit wet last night.

I have just visited the W.S. so my cold is about warded off.

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I remarked "How would each of you like to be sitting at your own table tonight. One said that (big 5 foot across) table would not suffice for his family. Oldest 21 youngest 1½.

H.H. Hughes was here yesterday I ate lunch w. him. he was on the way home from Fla. I enjoyed reading Marian's letter about Benny and the bunnies. I could see the words very plainly and the writing is improving. Maybe Fill. Jr. can tell her how to make some of his letters? Can she write PAPA

(6)

How How did Fill. Jr.
tear his coat? Does
it look bad now.
Enclose letter.
I will go to Nook
sunday. It is C.K.
last Sunday. She goes
to Lou. next week.
If my little girl feels OK
Monday or Tuesday or Wed.
you might pack my grip
and check it before 2 PM
and drop the check in the
post office at the depot at once
so it will leave on the 4 oclock
train. Then I'll get it
in the afternoon and claim
the baggage at night before
I have to pay charges on it.
Don't miss your next
concert. When is it?
Enclose c+o pass
you may want to go to Lou.
if we sell home. I will
get you alone a pass, in
that event. I will
come up again one Sunday
soon. I bought a few
shares of Lou. Ry. the other
day and will buy a
Lou bond or stock if we
sell the home & make a little
on what we are now
paying taxes only.
Tell the children to write.
How about the watch?

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PIEDMONT HOTEL

Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA
MAR 5
11 AM
1915
GA.

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U.S. POSTAGE

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Mrs. F. L. Speidel
1886 Adams Place
Washington, D.C.


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but it is too soon for them to be up. We have planted the most of them along by the wire fence enclosing the chicken yard. It will be a good place for them to run on. The old hen is sitting most industriously We have never seen her off the nest but one time that was yesterday morning. She has been sitting one week yesterday or rather Monday I dont know how she does without eating so long but I guess she understands her business The white hen insists on laying in the nest with her so I have to lift her up each day to get the fresh eggs out. One day

March 7th 1915

My dear boys

Mamma has been wanting to write to you for some time. I am kept pretty busy most of the time. I have no news especially to-night but to write but felt like writing a little anyway. We had a card from Shirley Gill from Philadelphia & hope to have a nice long letter by Friday anyway, telling us all about her trip. We have planted some seed & to-day saw radishes, onions & lettuce up just a little, we have planted quite a lot of butter beans Pats

one of her eggs has been broken I suppose by the other hens getting on the nest with her. The others are not laying so many eggs now. I get two or three a day though. I think I will save the fresh eggs for the next hen that wants to set. Uncle Jim & I worked out in the yard the most of the day yesterday. It was a little warmer than to-day We have not lighted the furnace at all to-day. — I had to stop here & go down & light the furnace as they were feeling a little cool. We hope your father will be up here next Sunday. We will be so glad to see him. Mr Elliott is expecting Mrs E. & Ann home the first of next week. Mr E. took dinner with us last night. The foundation of the new house next to Mrs Blandford is finished. We dont know who is building it. A big lot of work has been done on the new school building. It is to be just back of Mrs Ball's house down at the corner. I thought it was to be closer this way. Aunt Gertrude says ask your mother if she does not think she (Ger.) had better go out to her house & dig up the roses out there? She thinks we could save them that way. Of course she would bring them here & plant them. We have not seen them they may be dead, but if they lived through

a much better idea of the Panama canal than you could ever have by reading. I telephoned cousin Emma Warren (Frank's wife to-day & she told me her son Charlie who went to Texas to take a position was so ill when he got there he had to go right to an infirmary & she supposed he would have to come back home as he was in no condition to work. The other cousin Emma Warren got home from Kansas City last Sat. What is little sister doing with herself these days? I wish I had you three here with me to-night Hart must write us another nice long letter soon. Did you

the winter Kitty would not survive long if no one is not there to tend them. Two red geraniums, in the dining room are in bloom, & a pink one has a bud on it. Aunt Gertrude weighs 116½ lbs 2½ more than she has ever weighed before. We three & Mr Elliott went to the Filkison club Mon. night & heard ex-Governor Thatcher lecture on Panama. These were lantern slides showing all the work done there. It was very interesting & you boys would have enjoyed the pictures. There were several little boys on the front seat & they enjoyed them very much. They would have given you

children go to see the egg rolling at the "White House". We were in hopes you did. Aunt Gertrude says some one mentioned (at her club meeting to-day) that piece about your father & the chimes. Music was the subject discussed at the meeting. Aunt Gertrude is going to the seed store to-morrow after school to buy more seed corn, okra & beans. If you boys were here now you could do the planting for me & I think little sister could plant some too. It is her red geranium that we have that is blooming. Instead of being one geranium it is three or four. The pot got knocked out of the window & broken & aunt Gertrude planted the pieces (of the flower I mean) in several pots & they all lived & grew right off. Two of them are real big plants now. We hope to hear from your mother in the next few days. Lizzie is just a fine cook & is giving us some very good things to eat. I so often think & say when we have any thing that is especially nice "how I wish I could give some of this to the children". I must stop now. Many kisses for each of you & mother & lots & lots of love to you all.

Your loving Mamma.

Nashville Tenn
March 7th 1917

My Dear Hart

We have received a nice long from your Father enclosing a very complimentary one to you from the inaugural committee inviting you to an opportunity of "backing up" President Wilson and not be like the 12 "senatorial filibusters" of whose actions we are seeing so much in the papers lately. I suppose you were to reprimand old Kentucky but I cant guess how in the world they ever got your name and that you were a Kentuckian. I hardly see how under the condition of matters you would feel free to accept such a hazardous position in the parade but as it has turned out it might have been a "big feather in your bonnet" for there were no "bombs bursting in air giving proof through the day that Wilson was still there". But you know 'tis said that discretion is the better part of valor. and I am sure you acted wisely. I return the document as requested. Tell Fill for I received his very nice little letter and am glad he shared

so well on his birthday. I will try to write to him before long- I know all of you enjoyed having a visit from George I should like to have seen him dressed up in his fine uniform. Were you able to recognize him in the procession? Tell Father we all enjoyed reading the many remarks made by the children. We also have had a long stormy spell of it- 7½ inches of snow and I don't know how much rain. The sun is trying its level best to get out and shine a little upon us. Uncle Theodore is out on the road with Mr Peyton. left Sunday night & will not be back until Thursday Aunt Olive has been sleeping in Mariam room since he left. He is down about Atlanta & Chattanooga where there is so much flood. We sent his camera to him so presume he will get some pictures of the water. Sunday he took several from our house showing the beautiful snow. Well my boy I have written you quite a long letter, now you must send me a long one in return. I would love to see you all Give much love to all in #26. I want to write to your Father- Affectionately Grand father



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R. FRANK TAYLOR, ASSOCIATE MGR.

ATLANTA, GA.

11:10 PM 3/9/15

Sweetheart:-

Your prophetic letter just received after the theater Billy Burke.

While sitting between the acts Mr. Denyven asked Mr. Green if Mr. Wolf's matter would come up in spl. meeting of directors to-morrow. Green said yes- Wolf will have to go. Fred (he always calls me "Fred") How would you like that job? (Chairman of the Sou. Weighing & inspection Bureau Assn. Atlanta.) All sou. roads are members. 3600 at least. I will have a large number of inspectors

all over the country.
Travel a good deal 10 days
per month. Now 3600 is
not the limit but will do
to start on and be better
than 2400. I will try
to write letter tomorrow.
Green said I was just
the man and he would
put it through if I wanted
it. I am solid with
L M - Son - N O S - and I. S.
so I feel I have it if
the dearest little woman in
the world want object.
If you dont want me to
take it wire me quick.

Affy

Fillison.



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ATLANTA, GA. 3/19/15.

Dear little Sweetheart:-

Mr. Compton got back from St Augustine. I have not had an opportunity to talk with him privately yet. He told Cooledge in my hearing in answer to a question, that they had voted to cut the S W & B expenses from 40000 to 20000 a month. That the executive would have another meeting in April at Hot Springs - That he thought no doubt Wolfe would have to go no successor had been appointed. So I suppose I'll know nothing till April -

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Did you say anything to Emmie about it? Very glad if you did. I don't believe we are going to get away from here for another month more. Probably about the time I may be moving here for good.

Is it true that Schools will dismiss about June 23? That is pretty late. Any how you will be then till I get back to Wash. D.C.

The strain is over for a spell— I would like to be in our little front room right now.

You might send my waste sheet book. Let me know a day or two ahead. — to look out — not be out of town. I am awfully lonely— I really feel uneasy about losing my mind.

Well good night.

Fillison



400 ROOMS

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ATLANTA, GA. 3/20/

To the Kids :-

I got your nice letters yesterday. You can tell Ruth that the buds are not in Bloom but it is snowing hard here this morning. Hard for Atlanta but not hard for Wash D.C. It is not sticking to the ground. I hope you will get this letter before you go to Sunday School. I have been seeing small pieces of paper drop out of my sock every night and wondered where they came from — every night for 3 or 4 weeks. Who put paper in

my stocking?
Have you all gotten well.
And having a good time.
Is Cousin Emmie still there?
Do you like her.
It's fine to have people
come to see you aint it.?

Father



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ATLANTA, GA. 3/27/15.

My little darling.

Yours 22 recvd.

You get something for Theo & Mother from you & me & the kids get something nice for mother — then wont be many more. Go to your Cousin Walter's afternoon.

If cutting the expenses from 26000 to 20000 per month will reduce the Manager's salary below 4000 less 10% I will let them hunt elsewhere.

I should be delighted to have you come down here any time

but dont take any chances
with them children We
will never have any healthier
or better or finer children
and if any thing should
happen to them — you'd
never forgive yourself and
much as I'd give to have
you in my room tonight,
in my bed tonight, my arms
my legs and — I'd not
want you to run any chances
You might bring one of them
down with you. Dont fail
to get your birth reserved in
plenty of time. The 435 train
is best. Your pass is not good
on all the trains. Also be
careful about Ruth's condition
when you leave the children
to go to church. Have another
talk with her.



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What was it "Connie W." said about Latham & his wife?

I am very busy now. I have 5 room suite for our men regular price 3.50 per day each = 17.50 per day 225.00 per mo for room rent along. I am getting out a new tariff there in a week. I don't get sleep enough but I do exercise or else I should have gone down long ago. There is a woman who frequents this hotel who has a habit of "busting in the wrong room" whenever she sees

a man's Key on the outside
of his door. She apologizes
profusely but with a hesitant
manner which usually prompts
a gradual lean to stay a
while. There is no midnight
distinct here now and the
hotels are face for both sexes.
Across from our meeting room
is a ladies toilet which
being on the 2nd floor is
a favorite place for girls
to run in from the street.
Tonight one of them butt
out into me from the door
as I passed in the hall, saying
"My, I certainly was relieved"
I could not help laughing at
her retreat - but she giggled
with the others and looked
back several times as they
went down the hall.
Tell Mary Abernathey



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that a man shot mother
in the Carnegie library only
a hundred yards or so from
this hotel. I have been
bearing in mind what
she said about coming
~~down~~ coming to come
down here to this
library. Does she still
want to come?
I am going to write
letters to Hart & Fill
Manian room. Which
is the best child?

(6)

G'mother says Hart writes
real well and Fill is
getting to be the letter
writer of the family
he writes so many
on his new pad of
paper.
Sister is learning her
letters. Does Ruth
tell sister how to
make letters. Did
Hart get that picture
of my bath mat
that I gave mother to
send him when she
wrote?
Has C. K. come?
affy.
your own,
Husband

ROOF



PIEDMONT HOTEL

Atlanta, Ga.

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7 AM
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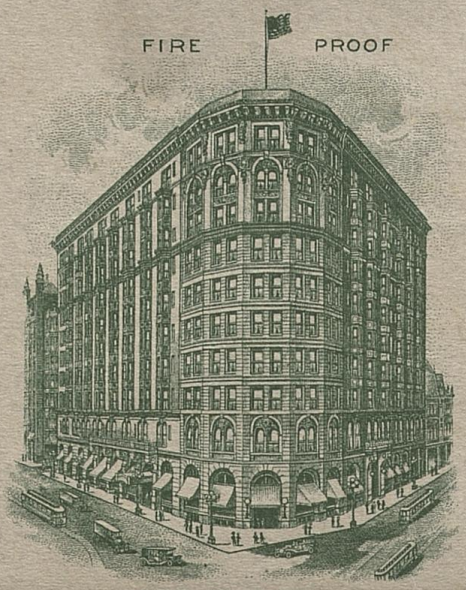
ATLANTA, GA. 3/10/15.

Dear little Wifie:-

I wrote you hastily last night. The matter will not come up till one week from to-day, in St. Augustine, Fla.

The matter was very incidental. Mr. G simply spoke of the vacancy said Mr Wolff was very unpopular and would have to go. Then asked me how I would like the place. I said, yes. He said it would not be so big as formerly. I told him said I would have the advantage of impartiality - not coming from any of the roads. I said I had lived on "diplomacy" for 12 years. He said I was the very man for the place and.

he would certainly push me.
And it would pay not less than 3600
& think the present incumbent gets
4400 or 4500.
I would have 1 to 6 men in all
the large cities. Several hundred
in all. I would travel a good
deal. 10 days a month? Maybe.
less or more.
You get Fill a tablet from me.
His letter was fine. I have a
funny squirmy snake for Nita
but she must let Fill Hart
play with it.
I spoke to Glenn about Summer
but he said nothing positive. It
is too early. Tell Aunt Nellie
to not count on them.
You might write Mr. Glenn
Decatur Ga. Maybe you would
go either now. I may come up
Sunday or Saturday Aug
Sorry about Hart's report. Did you get
insurance receipt for Papa's policy.



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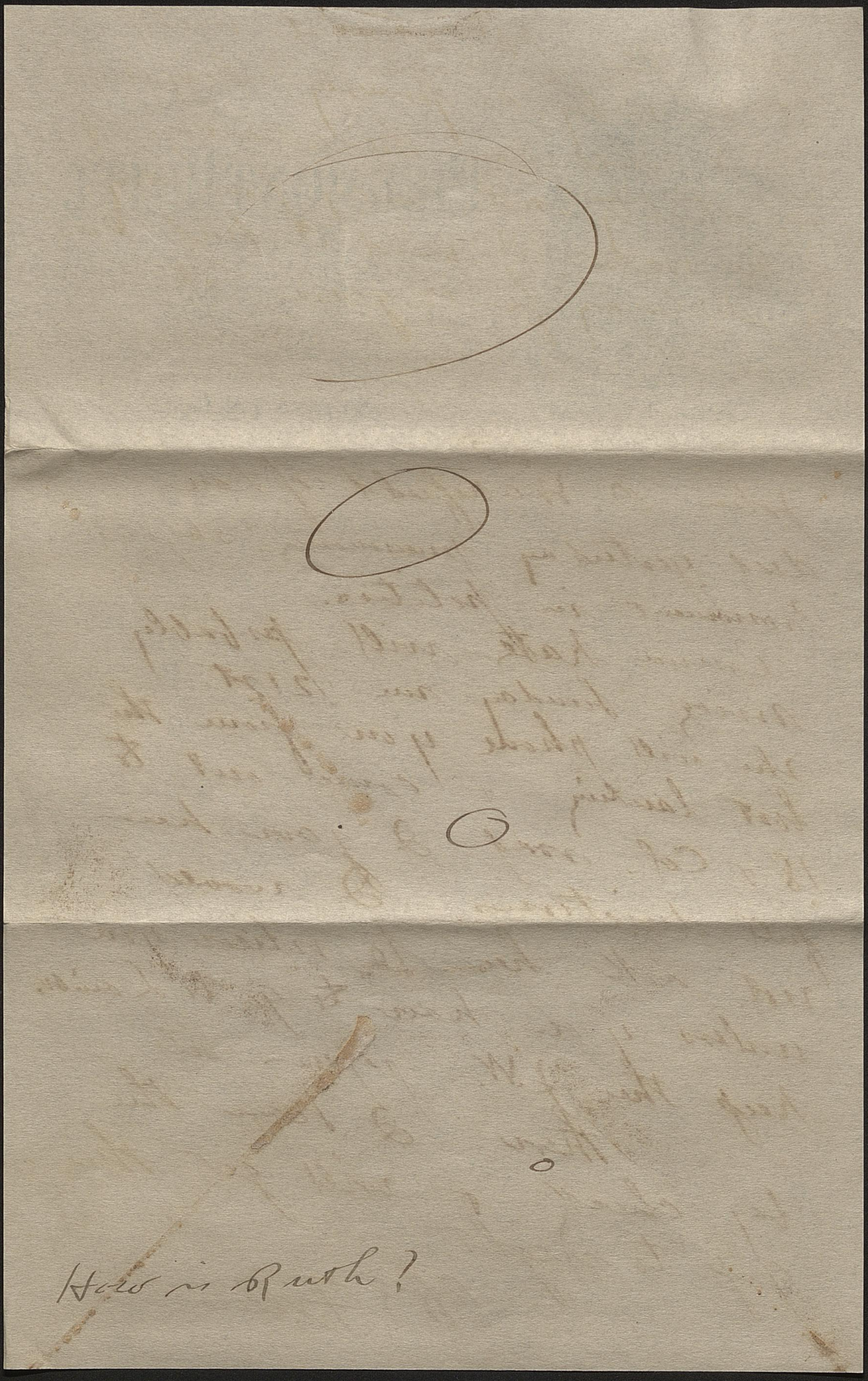
John D. Wakefield of Lou
died yesterday morning. 36 yrs.
Prominent in politics.

Connie Kate will probably
arrive Sunday on 21st.
She will phone you from the
boat landing & come out &
180 Col. road. I gave her
full directions. I would
not ask her to when you
unless you have to go to Louis.
Keep the J.W. papers till
I get there. I have the
bag check & will get the
grip to night.

Affy Fillerow



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work herself. Mother had bought a very pretty piece of tan voile with clusters of pink & blue flowers and green leaves in it for Shirl. She has a very sweet simple new pattern and intended to work leisurely on it and send it back as a pleasant surprize the latter part of next week. It remains to be seen whether or not she can finish it to-morrow when Lizzie is not here. You know she does not come at all on Saturday. A Mrs. Cunningham has recently moved into Eastover. Her brother married Mrs C's sister Mrs Sugans

Louisville Ky Mar 12.

Dear Sarry, —

Your letter came to-day. We have had so many excitements about your all moving to some other city to live that I hardly know whether to notice this one or not. It does look rather promising tho. Mother intended to write you but she has been very busy. Shirl's laundry unexpectedly arrived on Wed. and in order to let Lizzie take time to finish it so as to return it this week she has had to do some extra house-

Mrs D. came out to call on her and asked us to do so. We did & but found her out. She returned the call yesterday and seems to be very pleasant. She has two daughters in High School and a ten year old boy. I went to the Club on Wed. and to Mrs. Minary's to discuss the Lida Powell Circle play to be given in April, this afternoon. Nellie Hart who recently married Albert Cornwall's twin brother, was there just back from her bridal trip. William Cross has a D. L of boys from 16 to 18 who are going in with us and they will give a minstrel show for the first half of the performance and then we will give a playlet. I am on the program committee for next year for the Club. If you know of any thing you think might be a interesting subject, for a paper please let me know. Mrs. Elliot leaves for Washington to-morrow and says she will phone you when she arrives. We had a man with 2 H's help build a spendid chicken yard fence including one side of the yard from the original pen back to the alley. Isn't that nice! The hens are doing spendidly now.

out and that there were buds on her roses. I am going to keep Mrs E's plants for her while she is gone. Wine have certainly done well this winter.

I hope Jim Jim can get rid of his cough quickly. How I would love to see him and all of you.

Do they roller skate much? The children here seem to be crazier than ever about it. This is a sample of Shirl's dress. It has a yoke + short sleeves of net under this lace. Isn't it pretty. Much love and good night from

Geraldine.

Shirk wrote us that you had invited her for the Easter holiday. It is too bad the fare is so much. Otherwise it would be lovely for her She don't know yet what she had better do. I am crazy to see you all now and to visit H. sometime before you all leave there But I am afraid you'll be gone to one place or another by June 15 when the schools close. I had a long letter from Virginia Hatton who has been an invalid in her home at Dothan Ala all winter. She wrote that the leaves were already coming



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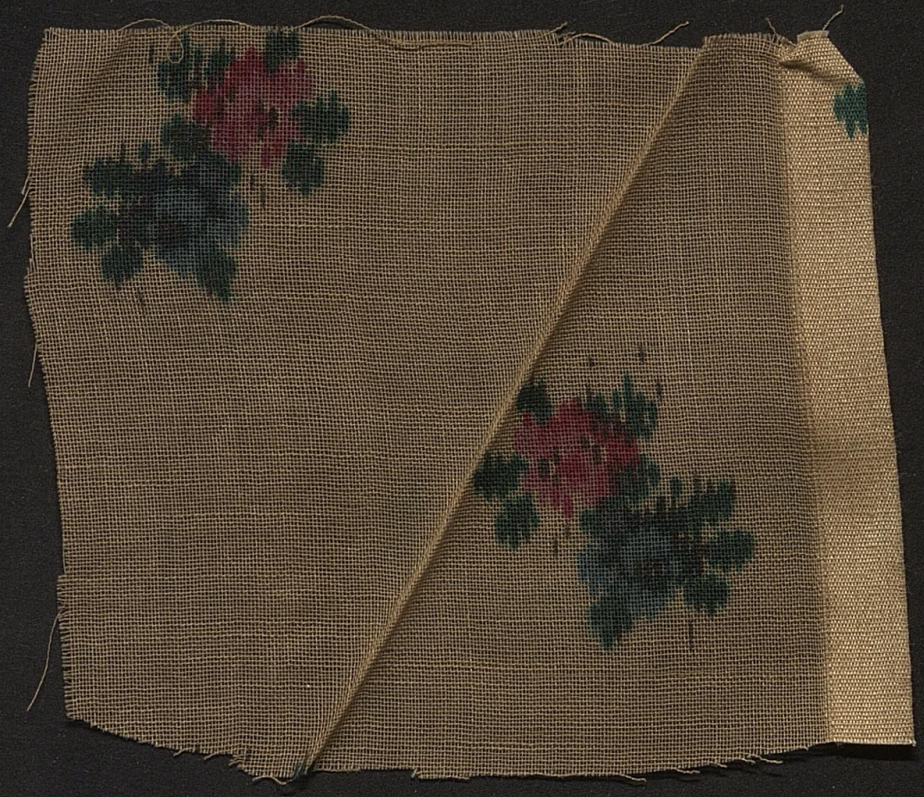

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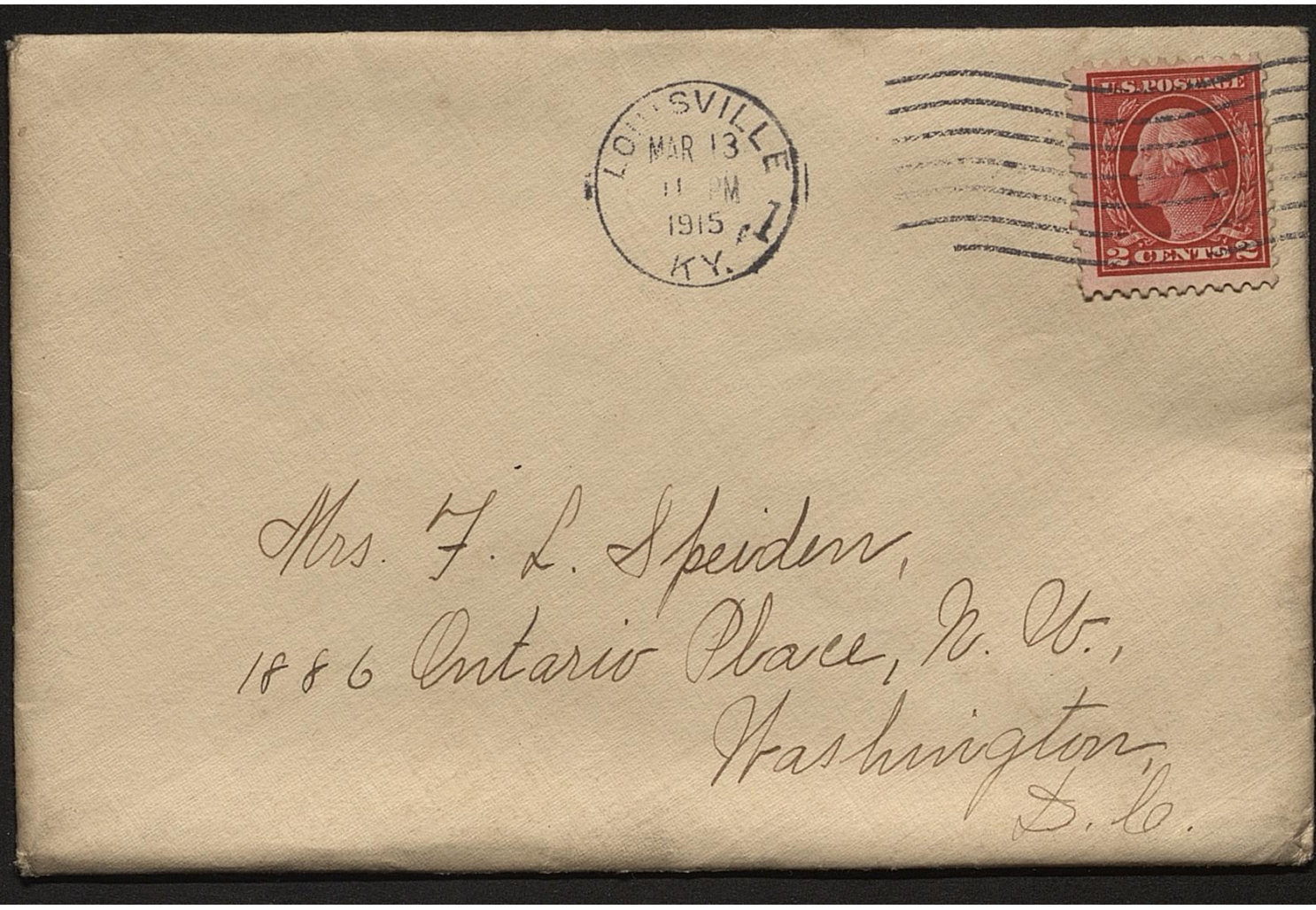

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Washington,
D. C.

the weather gets favorable. His work looks very nice and he has already got about half the garden ready. While I have not been able to help him any, on account of my hip. though it is getting slowly better and with the warm weather I hope will soon be well again. We have been using Mr. Elliotts spade fork to turn up the soil as our spade was neither large and strong enough and not the right shape. so I bought a good spade fork last week and we are now supplied with all the agricultural implements we require. We have enlarged and improved the chicken yard by putting up a six foot wire fence which takes in the old chicken yard and extends back to the rear of the lot. not only making it difficult or impossible for the chickens to fly over it but adding very much to the neatness of the appearance of the whole back yard and giving the chickens about three times as much space as they had before. We get from three to five eggs a day now generally four. and the chickens are looking thrifty and well. and since Mrs.

J.W. sends his love to all of you.

Louisville Ky March 14- 1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter to Mother written Mar 11th came Friday afternoon and we were all pleased with its contents. except that Fil Jr. was having a hard time with his cold. I hope he will soon get through with that however, and that the spring weather will not bring him any more. It certainly will be fine for all of you if the prospects you mention for Fillison can be realized. even though it makes a break in your present arrangements. If "Mother Rose and cousin Kate" were in Louisville last week we did not hear of it. and did not know that they were expected here. I have found out that Mr Button the real estate agent has an office in the Inter-Southern building and at the first chance I will see him and find out whether he has heard anything further

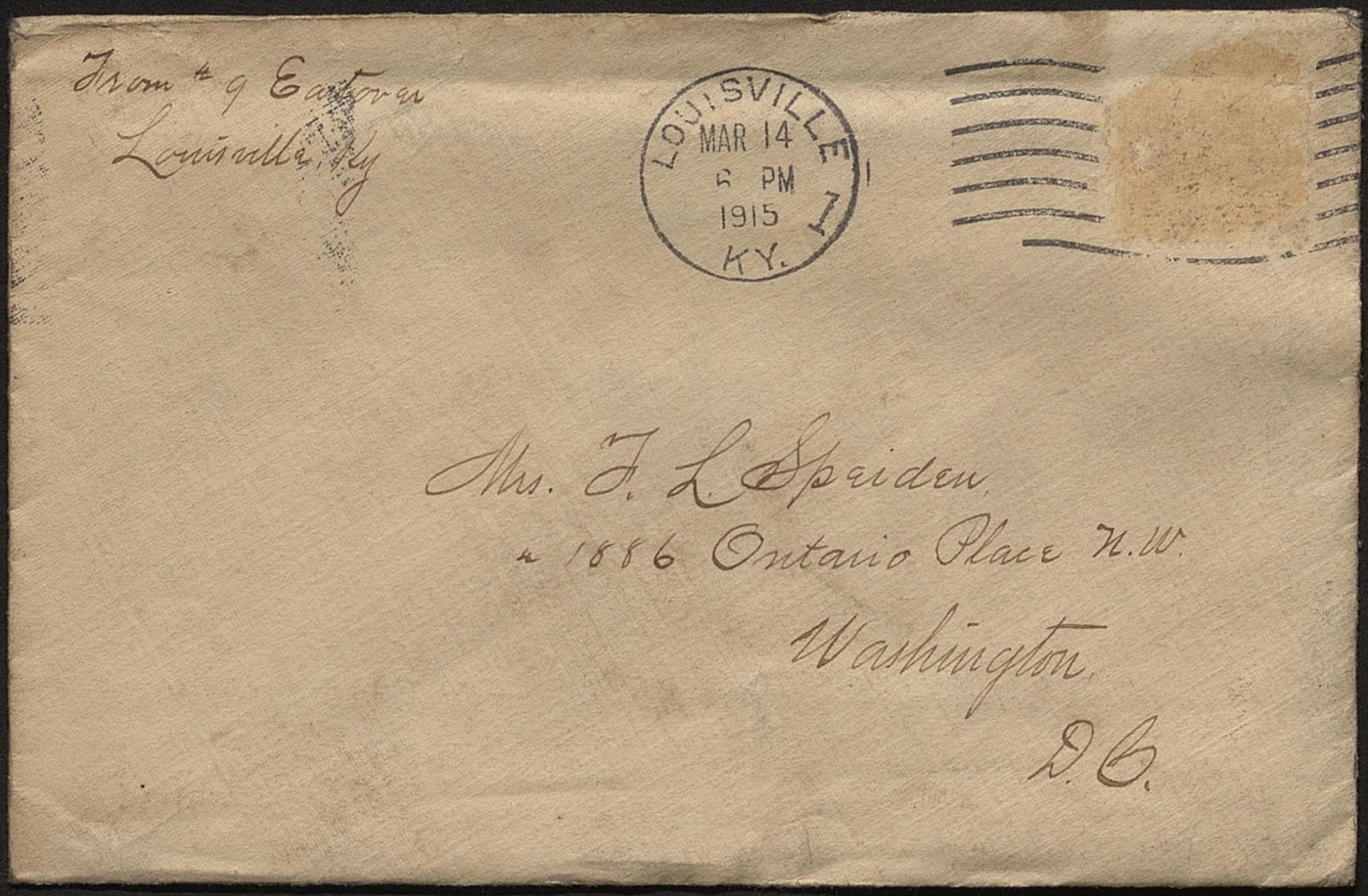
from the Mrs Hershey who went to look at your house. and who was waiting to get her uncle to inspect it. before deciding whether she wanted to buy it. I passed his office last week. but he was not in.
As to my own affairs there is little to write that I have not already written. My work has been gotten in to good shape. and as part of the work I did at Anchorage, is now done by the Secretary, I have not been very busy for several days past. It will take some time to get the different departments in smooth running order owing to the different methods of the two companies in handling the office work. It is possible that the best will finally be selected from both companies after the election of Officers on the 23d of this month and the appointment of those who are to remain in the service of the new company. The work I did with the old company was such that there are yet many things which make it necessary for me to stay at least temporarily, if not

permanently. and our system of accounting was far superior to that of the Inter Southern. The president of the new company is said to be very aggressive and stubborn in any ideas he takes up. which the next highest officer who was from our Company is just the opposite, consequently we are apprehensive that our people will stand second chance when the final selections are made.
So I wait and hope for the best for myself.
Mr and Mrs Elliott with Ann left yesterday afternoon on the B+O for Washington. She said in regard to her address there. that she would be at several places during her visit, one of which would be near where you live. and that she would telephone you from that place. I imagine she had not yet decided exactly when and for how long she would be in the different places She said that she was anxious to see you. Mother and Grace are interested in garden and flower seeds. and J.W. has been putting in his time spading up the ground and getting it in order for planting when

Hank has a good many things to write about to me, for I have asked him some questions in my letter to you and I have not had a letter or any word from him in a long time I know our little baby girl can not write yet but she knew how to talk the last time I saw her and I want her to put some of her talk in your letters to me, otherwise I will begin to think she does not think about Daddy Joe at all any more. I suppose that Fillion if he is with you today will give you all the particulars about J.W. He seldom leaves the house to go to town. spends his time reading, or working in the garden has little to say, to me at least and seems very despondent. It is a pity and a shame that he would not heed our advice. in spite of all the efforts made in his behalf. Wishing you health, happiness and the realizations of your hopes for every good thing. I will close in order to let Lizzie come in and prepare the table for dinner, as it is now nearly time for people to be coming home from church Dad

P.S. Blandford had her "row" with Mother, we have not had so much trouble with the little red bantam rooster. Shirley's last letter written a week ago had not much news, mainly about the girls she had been with & the entertainments they had all of which is interesting to read, but which in my case "goes in one eye and out the other ear." to me an old saying - somewhat carelessly. She wrote to mother and discussed coat suits. or rather one coat suit which she wants to get. as to color, cost and other particulars. She expects to get it in Boston and my special interest will be in the size of the check I will have to send her to pay for it. I met on the car a few days ago a Mr Waggener - and a conversation sprung up about nothing in particular, but he told me his name I think he said his front name was John. When I told him my name he asked if I was the father of Mrs Sheiden, and said he had known Fillion for a long time, and that he had been a member and a deacon at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, until he moved to Crescent Hill and transferred his membership to the Baptist Church up here You may know something of him. Fillion

should be well acquainted with him from the way he spoke, but I do not remember to have seen or heard of him before one meeting on the car. I am under the impression that he is connected with the Bourbon Stock yards from his talk- and he got on the car with some men who are employed there. Lizzie Parker is still with us six days of the week, is as staid and reliable as ever- I hope she will stay with us. For the others we have had up here were nearly all utterly unreliable. We have never heard of Esther since she went home sick, and do not know whether her sickness turned out to be small pox or not. An "Old News Boy" sale of newspapers is to come off next Friday soon- For the benefit of the unemployed- and there is a lively competition as to who shall get the most desirable stands to sell from- Fourth & Walnut seems to be much in demand and among the applicants for the place is Dr Powell, who thinks he ought to have it because he was a preacher so long at an old church on that corner. B. Barnheim wants it because he claims to have sold papers on that corner before our church was built, though he can not tell what papers he sold there. There are various claimants for other locations- about seventy five I heard who wish to be news boys on that day, and have been having fun getting their voices and lung power tested. They are expected to sell papers at fancy prices- give back no change and the seller will put his autograph on each paper he sells so that its value as a souvenir may be increased. They are to buy the papers from the regular newsies so they will suffer no loss, and besides get a holiday from their work. I don't know whether any prize is offered for the winner or not. Will probably tell you more about it when the contest is over. Tell Fil I that if he has any more days when his cold keeps him from school, I want him to write me a letter. For while he is writing, he won't be catching fresh cold for he will be in the house, and while writing he will forget all about having a cold and that will make him feel lots better



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Dear Little Wife:-

I finally arrived. 1400 mile trips are a big compliment to you. Tell Hank to be careful about the streets. He has been running out to the street cars. I have no news from St. Augustine except that Mr. Compton instead of Mr. A. Smith will attend the meeting tomorrow. I may not hear anything for several days after. I shall probably send you a night letter if I feel good enough about it. Take good care of yourself and the children. Eat a plenty & keep warm.

Affy. Fillis



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① I understand you have cashed #4 check.
② How much did I loan you yesterday?
③ " " " " " 3 weeks ago.?

Do you think it safe?


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Dear Harri

A card to-day from Shirl wanting to know at once what she was to do her holiday, which begins to-morrow week. We have talked it over & to the papa & Gertrude say they hate for her to go back to Portland even for part of the time. She received a letter from Mrs Hastings asking when her holiday began, so she supposes she is going to ask her for part of the time. Gertrud says she had better go to— you & if you will pay her fare one way she will pay it the other. Now I want you not to hesitate to say so plainly if it is not convenient. Ger. is going to send her in papa's Sunday letter a N.Y. draft for the amount one way. We think she had better come to you anyway (You have already asked her I believe) & if you can't help her get back we will get the money, some way, while she is there for her return ticket If she went to Ruth's for part of the time she does not know how long Mrs H. will ask her for & she might have several days on her hand that she did not know what to do with. I doubt very much if she can get board in the village for $1. a day. The hotel is the only place I know of & they charge $1.75 for dinner, then it may be full with girls who can't leave. All the college houses are closed for the holiday & which is eleven days I think. Now please write to me by return mail what you think

about it, if it will be alright for her to come to you, whether you can help her or not. You had better write to her at once too if she can come to you, as if it is not convenient for you to have her we can make other arrangements I will write to her to-night that we will send her the money Sunday to go to you (unless she hears to the contrary from you the first of the week.) Mr & Mrs Spieden took lunch with me to-day. I was so glad to see them, They had only a short time to stay, so many things to do in a short time. We are awaiting anxiously to hear what Tillison's prospects are. I hope you can read this scratch I am hurring to write I shall too before time for the mail man will write you again soon Love to you all. Your loving Brother.

Please write me at once.

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March 19 1915

Dear Mr Speiden:=

Please pardon me for not answering your first letter, but I have been very busy and just overlooked it.
After talking to my wife about your house she has discouraged me in regard to buying, there are so many things to consider when buying a home such as depreciation, ability to sell quickly, place for children to play, schools they

must attend in that district.
We have just bought a victrola and are not
in the market for a piano player.
If at any time I can help you sell that
house call on me for I would be glad to
do it for you & would not want a penny
for helping you dispose of it.
Very truly yours
Frank L Dwyer

My dear little wife 3/22/ 10.

O.K. about S.G. but be careful about leaving the children - much as I would like to have you down here for a day or two. I have no more news about the Manager. Glad you heard John McCormick. Glen Cook Emmie are old flames. Old Aunt very wealthy - the other sister left them (cook boys) $300,000.00. No imminent danger of wedding present, I reckon. Very busy here. May not get away till May 1.

O.K will be with you Tuesday I suppose I enclose Dugan's letter. Will advertise in papers.

I have just finished sewing on a back suspender button. I would like to run up next sunday but cant possibly. We are getting too busy. I almost want the managership. This job is getting fierce. I dont believe it will ever end. I will certainly never leave a house or furniture. I hope that 82.00 tax bill is not ours. I certainly did not expect to pay those taxes. She should do it. The grand mothers are dead set against the news dealing business.

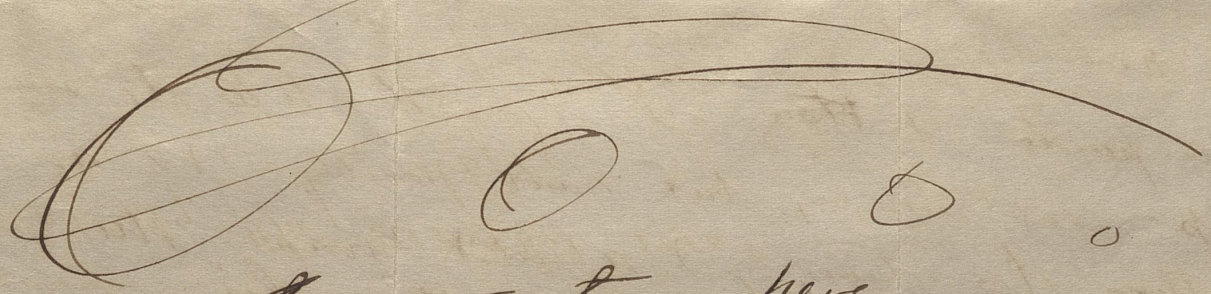
(2)

I spent yesterday in Nashville. Mary Davis will likely get married this summer. a red headed widower of Mt Sterling who loved her before he married his first. Here I am spending all my leisure time up in my room worrying over finances etc.

If ever I get back to Wash I know what I'll do. I'll rent a flat by the month next time.

Affec.

Fillison



Abig ~~Sn~~ snow storm here.

Talk about lonely! You have the children & Ruth. I have a lot of old bears.

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Sweetest little girl in the world! — I have set up till 11 PM tonight waiting for a letter from you telling me Ruth had returned. But as the letter has not come I'll just spend the time till midnight talking to my plucky little wife. I awoke at 5 30 this am. wondering how you were all getting on. I always feel uneasy about your leaving the front windows 2nd floor unfastened or the doors Also dont over do yourself, you know you can get somebody — pay them enough to come & hold them if reliable & honest.

They brought up the question of moving this morning. It was thought we would finish here in about 3 or 4 weeks - cutainly by Middle of May. and move to a "more congenial place". It was suggested that we go to the "season of the county" for a few weeks, and a storm of protest came from Headwell. I hope to be back in Wash in 3 weeks and will stay a couple of days. Also I hope the next time to stay till I get my 300.00 job. I expect Mr. Compton here tomorrow and may get a word from him. Which one of the boys is going to get the dollar I left?

I looked up the track as I passed Alexandria. L M is 120 today. 60.00 gain this week for all of us. Very busy here. I invited Mr Mrs Mitchell to the club to supper tonight but he forgot to tell



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her and it was raining hard and we didn't go.
Mr. Washburn will be here tomorrow, I expect.
I went to picture show tonight, for a while. Tolstoi's "Krautzer Sonata" I want to get the book & read it.
What do you remember most clearly of all the incidents of our wedding trip? What most pleasantly? What do you think about oftenest. What do you see most plainly? (This has nothing to do with the Krautzer Sonata)
I'll tell you mine after you tell yours.
You speak of coming to Atlanta when Marian is in Utah. D.V.
Did you expect me to be here that late?
I certainly would like to feel

your hair on my cheek tonight your
head on my shoulder and your
fat little settee in my lap, tonight.
I get awful lonely sometimes.
Take care of your health. Think
how fortunate you are -
your children sound & sensible. Your
ability to spend a winter in the
most beautiful & most interesting
city in the world. How I envy
you and the Kids - even your
daily strolls in the park.
Take advantage of your present
a little money. Don't lose it, don't
spend it foolishly but do spend it
on things you wear need, & and
can get enjoyment from. The children
will save all that is necessary.
Their savings may send them
to college later on.
Poor old Ruth! I feel awfully
sorry for her. I hate to have her
go to the dogs. She pulled together
once before - can't she do it again?



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I think we may never see her again if she goes now. We have come to regard her as one of the family by now. She trusted as a "member of family" on your pass. The children will be broken hearted - and I should think she would hate to leave them now - and leave us. I have seen too many people who came up out of the gutter and stayed up, to believe that it can't be done. Two of the best clerks I ever had were that kind. Have a talk with her and find the matter squarely. Tell me what she says.

You might read ~~Her~~ part of
this letter to her.

Well it is 12 o'clock and
I think this is a long letter for
a fellow who ~~just~~ got ~~back~~ has
only been here one whole day.
But she is a brave little mother.
and the sweetest little wife I love
want to have, so take good care
of her so I'll never need another
to take care of her children — and me.
A long life and no more
grey hairs to the little woman
I love. A strong body & mind
and no more aches and pains,
in the back and legs of my little
help mate. A tight hug and
a long, long kiss from the tired
wakeful boy that loves you more
than any man ever loved any
woman — The clock has tolled
in another day — the last of March —
sweet dreams sweetheart!

Your
sweetheart.

12:30 am

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in soft brown leather, the gift of Miss Drury the principal of the Wenzel Street school where Gerda has been cadetting for the past two months. and a handsome portfolio. with satin covering, very handsomely embroidered with birds and sprays of flowers lined with red silk, Japanese work and the gift of Cousin Mary Gill. We had the bath tub about half full of flowers that night and the the home beautified and perfumed until this morning when they had wilted so, they were removed. to be replaced in a measure by roses from our own garden. Gerda cut some very pretty ones this morning La France and Killarney, which she wore to Sunday School. I just wish you could be by myside ah this moment to see how things look in the back yard and garden. There are a few sweet peas. sweet alyssum. some geraniums - pink and red - yellow California poppies and several kinds of roses in bloom. Everything in the garden looks thrifty - and the lettuce beats and beans we are getting from it are the "finest ever"

Louisville Ky June 13/15

Dear Chick:

A week ago from this moment I was quietly reading Mr Taft's article in the Geographic on your front porch, and now I am in our own dining room 584 miles away from you thinking of you and the pleasure I enjoyed at your home. in spite of my bunged up condition. although quite lame I reached the office Friday morning took up my work which I found had been kept going and was in very good condition. At the noon hour, I left the office, as I was tired. and went to see Dr. Elmore. I told him of what I had done and suffered while away. and then after an examination he began pulling and pushing, coughing and

twisting my leg and my arm, then he asked me to lie on my face while he gave me regular osteopathic treatment, he being a graduat osteopath as well as an allopathic pysician. afterward he applied a vibrator and pounded me well withit. I stepped out to Chestnut street to a barbers. had my hair cut and after going to the drug store & get a new medicine he prescribed after which I walk home. Yesterday as I was feeling much better. I went to the office again and did the usual half days work. While not in much pain, I was tired, and did not stay in town to see the Elks parade nor go to central Park to witness the Flag Day exercises then but went home directly from the office - and remained quietly, reading and sleeping all the afternoon. After dinner Mother, Gerdie and I went over to the Elliotts home to call on Mrs Elliott - Sr. who arrived in Louisville the day I got home. We found her very pleasant company. She has been in Italy

and other foreign countries for several years and I am told that in all her married life she had only kept home two years having spent the time generally in travel over the world. Gerdie got her diploma, A°3. Thursday night. Mother and J.W. went to see that it was done properly. I was too tired to go out that night. and I did not think the exertion after my long ride home would be good for me. Gerdie looked very well in a pretty white dress with flounces, insertings and other ornamental features which I could not accurately or intelligently describe. She had a long bouquet of flowers, reaching about from her waist to the ~~top~~ of shoes. I did not hear much of the graduation exercises which were at the G. H. S. building, but she brought home the diploma rolled up in a fairly good pasteboard tube with her name inscribed very legibly on it. also some pretty bunches of flowers which admiring friends had sent her. a copy of Kiplings short stories beautifully bound

to succed T. J. Morrison a deacon. and W.M. Sale was elected to succeed Tom as clerk of the official Board. I think Tom and his wife have gone over to the Christian Scientists. Kathe was well pleased with the chair. and says it is just what she wanted. I thought she would like it. and I want to see how nice it looks the first time she "dusses up" with it. How is the little girlie's cold and ear trouble gotten? Tell Bill I want him not only to be the champion runner in the races on the sidewalk, but I want him to be first in his classes at school and that he must "put all his strength" in to that kind of a race too. Darling Chick my visit to Washington will always be a very pleasant memory to be, because all of you were so nice and good to me. God bless all of you. and keep you well. prosperous and happy. This time next Sunday I hope to report the safe return of "my kid" from the East. which will be another reason for rejoicing to all of us Dad

It is quite warm and looks like it might rain before the day is over. though it has looked that way every afternoon since I came home. I thought it would surely rain yesterday afternoon and into just went the exercises at Central Park. but the clouds broke up and drifted away. I went the grass both back and front Friday and Saturday. and as our neighbors have all been trimming up in the past few days. Eastover is looking about its best. I found things running along in the usual groove. with the exception of a few girls being changed to different rooms from where they were when I went away. at present I have no regular stenographer. and really have very little use for one. in fact could do without one if the typewriter that I used had not been removed during my absence. and I have not had time to look it up and have it returned to its former place. I am not worrying only "waiting and watching" at present

The Doctor has cut down the list of foods I can eat some. Oranges are prohibited, though lemons and grape fruit are recommended. no meats except fish. no deserts and very little sugar on cereals of all sorts. In other words I must do without sweets until I get free of rheumatism and in better condition generally. I have to go Monday noon for another treatment and I hope that will be sufficient. If it does me as much good as the first one I think about all the pain will have been driven out. On account of the pain in my shoulder, I was unable to get my coat off or on without help until today. Had to answer "first call to dinner" in the dining-room here, and my part of it was lettuce, onions, carrots, cauliflower, tuna fish, biscuit and butter, with apple float made of raw apples. I never ate the last until this time. Lizzie suggested it to Mother, and it was surely good. The items mentioned all come on the list of permitted foods for me and the result was a good, hearty dinner for me. for which I had an appetite. If you are not

familiar with this variety of apple float I advise you to try it sometime. It is made like the other kinds except that instead of cooking the apples, they are ground fine as you can in the ordinary meat grinder. Tell the kids that Mamma's letter today will have to be taken instead of one from me, because I did not have time to write more than a letter to you before the mail man comes. and Mamma knows how to write letters and tales to boys and girls better than I do. any how. We have had just now a rather short but furious wind storm and a little rain and lightning came with a cloud that made it so dark I could hardly see to write. several of Gruber's flower-pots were upset on the front porch but no damage was done. I think we will have more rain and it has become already much cooler. The bulletin calls attention to preparations to be made for a protracted meeting in October to be conducted by Dr. Davis A Jenkins of Kansas City, Mo. The congregation was asked this morning to confirm the appointment of C. M. Crum.

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So far as I can judge from what I have heard this is the most promising nibble for the house that has been made so far. and I hope something will come of it. I wish you could see our garden this morning everything looks so thrifty. and we are getting a good many things to eat from it. The last vegetable to come to the table of our own growth is cucumbers. Last year that was one of the vegetables that failed completely. the bugs ate the vines and we did not get a single cucumber. Now we are getting fine ones. and I do not know of any one else in this neighborhood who has them yet. Martha put up four quart jars of beans last week as the vines had more on them than we could eat. Everything. flowers and vegetable growing finely. Sucie cut twenty two beautiful roses one day last week from her little rose bed. and last night she brought in a nice vase of nasturtiums Scarlet sage is blooming around the front porch. and there are a few sweet peas and nasturtiums & other things in the yard

Louisville Ky June 20th 1915

Dear Chick:

When I wrote you last Sunday. I expected to be able to tell you today of Shirleys arrival at home. but the Kid has changed her plans. and the last letter from her says she will leave Portland Maine tomorrow night. for Buffalo. and expects to get home next Thursday the 24th. We were all much disappointed that she did not come home yesterday as was planned at the beginning, but she was persuaded to make a longer stay in Portland. It would have been a great pleasure to have her with us this bright. beautiful day. and I had counted on being with her all of yesterday afternoon. We are still having occasional showers. which keeps everything about the yard and garden looking very beautiful. though

I suppose it has retarded my recovery. I can walk very much better now than I did when I left you. but ~~and~~ still taking medicine six times a day and last week had osteopathic treatment on alternate days. I was pulled and pushed pinched and pounded. and "vibrated" until it almost knocked the breath out of me. most all of which hurt. but the doctor said it would have to hurt a little. and after it was over. I did feel better. and I think now I am well on the road to recovery. My shoulder is the most painful now especially when I try to put on or take off my clothing. and when I am still. either setting down or lying I have no pain. I do not know whether the doctor will give me any more osteopathy or not. as he did not make any engagement with me to come back. when the last treatment was given Friday. I have been at the office every day since coming home but have left before five o'clock some days because I was tired and the work was all done for the day. I think the doctor found several muscles and tendons slightly out of place. and he asked me if my writing was not affected. which you can see is the case. The weather has in the main. been favorable for me though there have been some showers followed by cool damp weather. but I have kept myself in the house as much as possible at such times. and also kept in the sunshine when I could. I was very sorry to hear of Annettes illness. and hope it will not prove serious. She complained of lumbago one or two days while I was at her house. and did not appear to be well. though she kept going all the time. The weather was so bad that most any one was liable to be sick because of it. I suppose you have received Mothie's letter and also one from Mr Corcoran about the house. and have replied to the latter.

at Anchorage. A short time ago I called Grace's attention to a newspaper article telling of some experiments were given by a man who used rotted potato peelings as a fertilizer She also began to put potato peelings around her roses but it appears they were not rotted enough and the result was a lot of potato vines in her rose bed Now if potatoes will grow from the "eyes" with a little peeling attached, why could we eat the potatoes next spring and plant the peelings. The high cost of living might be cut by that experiment It is true we have not gotten any potatoes out of the rose bed yet. but will watch the result. provided Grace does not pull them up. Let us know as soon as you can when you are coming to Louisville. All of us are anxious to see none more than I although it was only eleven days since I was with you. I wish there was some way for us to make you have as good a time as you gave me. That would be a lot of happiness to us. Hoping this will find you all well and happy Lovingly Dad

P.S. I do hope that little girl has bid good-bye to the bad cold and the earache by this time. and I think that Jill for who can run so fast might be able to run away from any sort of a bad cold. Tell both of the boys that I shall expect them to send me word about the reports they get for the end of the term. I wish I could be with them and help them about things. in which their marks are not so high as we would like to see them. I always did like to show boys how to learn and how to remember things by making them interesting. The paper today says all the teachers in the public schools have with the exception of principal of the boys high school have been re-elected. and that other teachers are to be added. though no names were given. The Manual and the Boys High School are consolidated now and it has not yet been decided whether the principal of one of the two schools or an outside man will be chosen as

principal of the consolidated school. Smith. Sis and Evelyn came up last Sunday evening. Smith has severed his connection with La Directe. but does not want it talked about at present. I do not know the terms but from the way Sis talked I imagine that he gave up everything. possibly getting a release from any debts the restaurant owes and from liability as to the lease on the property. This is however only a surmise on my part. "Buns" has certainly never Smith rough shod. lived high and done as he pleased. while Smith has gotten some meals for himself and also his family. and very little else. He was certainly foolish to entered an agreement. involving thousands of dollars with no written contract. especially with a man whose reputation was such as "Buns" had. I was suprised a what you wrote about Billy. He seemed pretty well while I was at Wills. there was a new tooth. but he did not seem to be bothered by it and was jolly and good natured all the time

He seemed rather independent and took care of himself very well. finding his own amusement. He did fall down a great many times. but it rarely seemed to hurt him at all. He simply got up and toddled on to something else, and when ever I spoke to him there came a bright smile on his face. You did not mention getting anything for the kids. though I take it for granted you did. and forgot to mention it in the hurry of writing that good card of the 16th. There have been some slight changes in the location of the office force in the last week. three or four girls from the Intra Southern part of the office have been moved back to our room. and the city office which the citizens rate had in the Pearl Jones building has been moved to the fourth floor of the Intra-Southern building. The offices are now scatted over the second, part of the third. fourth. eighteenth and nineteenth floors. An inconvenient arrangement in very strong contrast to what might have been if the company had used the building

I feed the 7 each morning before I open their door. for they have a hard time getting any thing to eat when they are altogether. Daddy Joe delivered Hart's message to me about the chickens. The hens are laying very well, get from 3 to 5 eggs a day. I think we ought to save what hens we want for next year out of this last lot of young chickens for these old hens will be getting too old. They are at least 4 years old now & chicken raisers say they are not any good after that age. We have some such nice children on this block now. The most of them under 9 years old. We are going to

Dear Children

While Daddy Joe is writing to your mother I thought I would write a little to you three. If mother brings Bill Jr. only with her we must arrange some time this summer for Hart to come for a visit. Then each of you would have had a visit besides the one at Xmas time. You children would enjoy the yard & garden I know also the chickens. The eleven little ones are growing fast & while their mother is young & this is her first experience with babies, she is making a very good mother. She has no use for the other 7 young chickens. She chases them on all occasions

have lots & lots of beans & tomatoes I want to can as many as I can for next winter. We have had beans, beets a number of times besides onions We have planted the second lot of lettuce & radishes. We have little cucumbers about as long as my little finger. When you come to see me you will have to eat lots of vegatables. I transplanted two rows of potatoes that came up through the garden from last year & they grew right off. We are saving all potatoes peelings to put in to the rose beds. They are said to be a fine fertilizer. I went out the other day & saw several places in the rose beds where something was growing & found they were potatoes coming up from the peelings we had burried in the beds. If you boys were here you could help me do the weeding I have such a cute little hoe for cutting up the weeds & I tell you it takes lots of work to keep the garden free from weeds. We have sun flowers all across the back of the garden & they are 6 feet high now. I want to save all the seed for chicken feed. Sun flower seed has gone up in price since the war about 10 or 15 times what it was, so the paper says. You see in the feed we buy now we get very little sun flower seed & some lots have none at all. If the birds dont eat all of mine I can save a big lot. Now I must stop You boys write to me & little sister must send me one of her nice big letters. Much love to you all from

Mamma.

said to be sixty automobiles in the grounds to show visitors the beauties of Crescent Hill. I do not mean the women, but the homes. I did not feel at all well when I came home from the office, just tired and languid, but after eating lunch and lying down a while felt better, and concluded to walk over to the celebration. I found a comfortable seat by the music stand and remained in that locality until time to go home to dinner. The fireworks was to last until after seven o'clock. After dinner we enjoyed the beautiful moon light of the full moon on our own and Mr Elliotts porches. I have improved very much in the past week, under the medicinal and osteopathic treatment by Dr. Elmore. The latter has been very painful at times, but it has always made me feel better after it was over. I have not carried a cane to the office for several days, and on one day walked nearly a mile and a half, which made me tired but gave but little pain, and that was relieved by

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Dear Chick:

The "kid" arrived safely last Thursday noon. Gertrude had gone to Baxter station to meet her as her letters had stated she had bought a ticket to that point, but the train stopped for a moment at Crescent Hill, and the kid having no baggage but a suit case hopped off and came home by herself. She is looking very well and tanned until she looks almost as red as an Indian. She has been fishing and rowing on the lakes or ponds in Maine. She reports having a fine time at East Pond, Portland and Buffalo. From the latter place she and her friend Miss Wood went by trolley car to Niagara Falls, this time seeing the

Falls from the Canada side. We are certainly glad to have her home again. Mr Elliotts mother who had been visiting his family for about two weeks left Thursday for San Francisco. stopping for a day in Chicago. and expecting to reach San Francisco tomorrow. Her other son who lives there. and who was here for a day or two after his mother came to Louisville. expected to be at his home most of this summer. having just returned from a trip of several months in South America and Cuba. but a message from him received here the day before his mother left. said he had just received orders to go to Australia and expected to sail last Friday. His mother was very much disappointed but nevertheless will go on to California to be with her son's wife and three children until he returns. Yesterday was Crescent Hills Big Day. "The Forward Club" an organization of

about two hundred and fifty progressive citizens of this suburb. started the celebration with a band that paraded some of the principal streets in the city followed by a line of automobiles inviting every one to come to Reservoir Park in the afternoon, where there would be band concerts and good singing. foot races. tennis matches. base ball and other athletic attractions. as well as speeches by. Wallace McKay. W W Thum J. B. McFerran & others as well as lemonade pop corn and other things the children like for sale by the Camp fire girls scouts (I am not sure that is what they call themselves) dressed up to represent Indians to the extent of caps with feathers in them. Lots of people attended the paper this morning says five thousand, though I did not see that many. all of us except Mother went. she staying home to prepare our Saturday dinner as she always does. The Elliotts even to Tige and many other Eastown denizens were there. The day was ideal and there were

very pleasant weather here. a little warm in the middle of the day but cool after sunset last night was the warmest I have felt and the only one that I did not sleep under a blanket. I started to do so last night but I found it too warm, producing profuse perspiration. so I threw it off. and found the other cover fully as much as I could stand. Girlie I am getting almost as anxious to see you as I was before I got to Washington. but fear that all you will have to do while here. and my absence at the office will very largely interfere with being with you. Let us know beforehand what train you will come on. so that some of us, may be myself can meet you. and show you the way to Baltimore. though it may be that Pet Jr can do that. Give all the kids a good loving hug for me. and tell the "boys" that I have not received those letters I asked them to write yet but am still hopeful that they will come. Mothers neuritic hand is not giving her so much pain lately. She has been rubbing with "Analgesique Balm" and I think it affords more relief than anything she has tried. Yours loving Dad

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standing still for a few minutes. I walk as much as I can without over-doing it to get back my strength. which had to a great extent gone. by reason of taking little or no exercise for two past months. My shoulder is troubling me much more than the hip now. and is very painful when certain movements of my arms are made. I will go to the Dr's tomorrow for another pulling and hauling. punching and mauling. twisting and wrenching. which I hope will be the last. I have lost eight or nine pounds in weight. though I feel pretty well now. except the right arm. and that seems to be almost utterly devoid of strength to make some movements. I can not lift a pitcher of water with it. Have some difficulty yet in pulling on or off my coat. and in combing my hair, have to lift the arm sometimes with my left hand. Most every one tells me of a new infallible remedy. and I have to tell all of them that I am under the care

of the doctor who is doing me some good all the time. and that I will wait until he fails before trying anything else. The "Clifton-Crescent Hill News" got out a very neat Souvenir edition yesterday. showing many pictures of the homes up here and of prominent people. I thought of mailing one to you. but as you will perhaps be here the latter part of the week will keep it for you. The only home pictured in it of Eastern is that of Mr Isaacs. and he has just sold that to a Mr Strick. who lives in the home at the end of the street. and facing Frankfort Ave. Mr Isaacs takes Mr Hanks lease for two years on this old Gardner home. so that the two simply exchange residences. The Post yesterday stated that all the graduates of the Normal school had been given positions by the School Board. giving their names though not giving the schools & which they would be assigned. Of course Gusche would prefer to get a place in the new Emmett Field school which is but little more than a square from our home. but there is no telling where she may be located I guess you are now fully qualified to act as guide to Washington. after all the experience you have had and ought to be able to get a position as such when ever they are in demand. No doubt many places of interest for strangers have lost their interest. at least their novelty for you. but there may be a little comfort in the thought. that all of us who have been entertained by you in that way do "rise up and call you blessed" Have not heard anything more about the sale of your home. but it may be that you will come out here with all the papers prepared to consummate the sale. and then I suppose you will be ready to tell us that Washington is good enough for you. Shirley went to Sunday school this morning. and Mother and Gusche followed her to church. I think this is Dr Powells last Sunday before vacation. He will not go to Europe this summer but to Orange, Va. where he can get all the quiet and rest he wants. I have not seen him since I came home. though I have talked with him over the telephone. We still have


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On Train
Mitch to Wash 7/5/15

Dearest!

We (Wayne & I) are on the way back again. Had a very nice time except I was not very well yesterday. Am OK to day. Stomach. He seemed to enjoy every minute. I have your pass and am sending both - trip & annual to Nashville - am not sure this will reach you at Louisa. I hope you can rent or sell the house. I did not have to pay for Wayne on the way down but did on the way back. When shall I send the trunk to Ruth's mother?

You swapped the suit cases

in our room and I did not know how much of the clothes to carry down yesterday. I will get the rest of them down then by next week. We got a half gallon of cherries for Mrs Van Leer, I gathered most of them myself Wayne put them under the front steps and the chicken got most of them. Wayne thought "Theirs boys" ate it.

I am working awfully hard lately. Am afraid comb goes thing you are away. Ask Mother to show you my letter to her, so I will be sure you get all the news.

Children seem well except Marian M. has a little stomach ache

at times or at least says she has. I some times think she does not really ache but likes to be in style.
Aunt Nellie has a cook but how long?
Do what you think best about the house. We may be back in Louisa. Sept 1st - for a month anyhow. Mrs. Mitchell left before you did. Those men raised cain about the boarding proposition Dont mention it to J.W.
I have been working till 11 PM and waking at 5 am.
I got Cousin Mamies rooms at 40.00 Aunt N. couldnt

send the cherries to Owens but will make her some preserves.

Hope your weather is cool and your trouble is now o.k. and you are having no trouble with the furniture or Ruth. She is included in the pass from Atlanta to wash. Also what shall I do about sending her a check and when? I will send you a blank check tomorrow when I get to the Hotel.

We are almost to wash and feeling fine. I ate breakfast with the Van Leers Friday and they asked me to supper tonight!

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How is Fill Jr. doing

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Hamet:

Your letter on trip.
It was O.K. for you
to accept his invitation
to dinner if he "insisted"
but did you insist on
paying your half of the bill?
Answer quick. as I must
~~thank him~~ or at least
acknowledge it to him.
He borrowed 5.00 from me
just as train left Wash.
I have his check now for 5.00

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I will let him know I know it & reciprocate.

All OK

Will 98 to mrs Ingham to morrow am

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Dear little Wife! —

I am trying to catch C M train — Will finish on train.

I am now down near Elkwood 5 more stations. I intended to bring children some toy but didn't have time. You will have quite an accumulation of letters when you reach Nash.

I sent Ruth's trunk down to depot last night checked it via Seaboard this pm and send check in spl dely envelope to her mother this afternoon. I also enclosed 1.00 bill as she might not have money on Sunday for transfer man. I am glad you seem to have gotten on the trail of a

meter. Hope they are good pay. What did Ed. Farmer say? I have not yet heard positively whether you have voted. I am awfully busy now. Glenn gone to Atlanta gives me some little more work, though I am glad he's gone for many reasons. All well at the house and very pleasant weather. I have now canned most all of the clothes to C.M. I go to Mrs Dugham's frequently. I have some fish for Aunt Nellie Mrs Van L. called by phone to ask how I was feeling after my spell. I now have 10 men here besides myself. 5 at Connie Mamie's. I have some interesting tales to tell you about the boys and



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the boarding house furor.
I am now at Culpeper,
I shall have to leave 4 72
sunday afternoon. I have 4 boxes
of cartridges. I took 4 boxes
last saturday. I suppose it
is too late now but I always
spoke about letting the Washburn
folks have our piano if we
stored our furniture. Theodore
used to enjoy playing so much.
It has rained every time I
have been down here on
saturdays this summer.

(4)

I think may be you may
need more money next week.
Borrow from Theo. I
will mail you a check.
Did you cash ~~it~~ the last
one, where how much.
Going to rain. Expect
Hart will meet me.
I wrote him a card
Will write you monday
night. Got another
1.00 order for table and
4.50 figuring order last week.

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1517 Hawkins
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band. Mrs Bugard supposing the child was not badly hurt went down town and bought a lot of toys for him. We all sympathize with them as the accident so far as we have learned was due to the child stepping off the sidewalk and running right into the path of the automobile, and of course sympathize with the childs family. He was too little to know any better. I received a letter Friday from the Secretary of the National Geographic Society informing me that I had been recommended for membership by Mr Milton Smith and enclosing a blank application for membership. Yesterday I filled out the application blank and forwarded the fee required, and very soon I expect to be studying geography and looking at some very fine pictures. if their promises in regard to the 1915 magazine hold good. Tell Mrs Van Lear that I thank her for the loan of the March 1913 number

Louisville Ky. July 28-1915

Dear Chick:

Your postcards from Nashville and Atlanta received and we are glad to know you had a pleasant trip. made in good time and find you are now revelling in the mountain breezes with all your family together again. and resting from the strenuous experience of your stay with us. Since you left here. it has rained almost every day or night, showers with thunder lightning and wind which cooled the air temporarily. but left it so humid that the next sunshine made it oppressively warm. at this time 10 30 AM it is 88° and small clouds are scattered over the sky which may gather into a rain cloud before the day is over.

It being Sunday and hot, Lizzie failed to come. probably sick. though we have no word from her, and the little mother is in the kitchen when she is not in the garden. She has just shown me a nice lot of butter beans she hulled for dinner yesterday we had our first okra from the garden and the day before our first corn. Weeds and grass are getting too many for us in the garden, as it keeps too wet to work it. I am slowly improving in health, but need hot dry weather. am still taking medicine and go to the Doctor for osteopathic treatment twice a week. am in hopes that this week will finish that part of the treatment, as the pain has all gone from my hip, and my arm though not well yet is steadily improving. and is stronger than it was when you left us. It is a

great bore to have sit around after getting home doing nothing when there are so many things I would like to do. and I think I will begin playing ball with Shirley this week to loosen up and strengthen my arm. I told the doctor of playing ball a little with Sid Jr one evening and he said that would be good for me. It was rather poor throwing I did. both as to aim, and comfort also. A very sad accident happened yesterday when the automobile of our neighbor Dr Ousyard ran over a little five year old boy named Charles Woodsmall. on Frankfort avenue near Mallwood. The Doctor took the child to its home, not thinking it was badly hurt but he died soon after. The doctor was arrested and kept in jail until late in the afternoon as. being Saturday the courts adjourned early and there was difficulty in finding the Judge to release him on

Stuart called up last night to let us know he was just about to start on his Western trip. It will no doubt be a great treat to him. Have not seen any of them since you left except I passed Smith on the street once. I had three places to reach in about ten minutes and did not have time to talk to him any. He was walking very slowly, and limping, and he did not look at all well. Gertie and Shirley have just returned from the Crescent Hill church. they report the attendance small the weather hot and the sermon short. Have not heard anything from Dr Powell since he left. He is spending his vacation at Orange, Va. and you might have seen him as you passed it, if he had be up in time. There is nothing to report of home affairs that I think of at present. Every time I see you I wish more and more that we were not separated so far. I am missing not only you and Allison but so much of the children's lives. you leaving Dad

which started me into this new line of reading. I finished last night Irvin Cobbs book "Europe Revised" of which I read to you a chapter or two one evening. It was very amusing all through, and the best book in that line I have read in a long time. It ought to be read aloud to get the full amount of enjoyment from it. Tell Fil for that I miss our talks" very much and I wish we could be together every evening and tell of the things that happened when we were boys, and I think we would be able to interest each other more and more, and then there are so many things that I would like to talk to him about as he grows older and gets more able to appreciate them. I hope you found Hal and Marian free from colds and all other ills, getting fat and strong on the hillsides of Cedar Mountain. Tell

the kids that the chickens are thriving. and that for several evenings, just a little while before chicken bed-time Mamma lets them out in the garden for a while to catch bugs. and do a little scratching, which they seem to like very much. There were some potato bugs on our potato vines, a lot of them. and the chickens took them for the first course as they were not hard to find and easy to catch. We fear to put Paris green on these vines for fear the chickens will be poisoned by eating the bugs. Little Jean Miller had an attack of acute indigestion a few days ago from eating too much corn probably. but she is out again and though she yet shows the effect of her illness seems to be getting along all right. Ann too was not feeling well yesterday. but was feverish and fretful. due to the heat and perhaps improper diet. Tele Fil the C & O has just passed our house and I think it was going about forty three miles

and seven tenths an hour as it disappeared beyond the Bowman house at the corner of Frankfort and Eastover. and that I will always think of him when that "double-header" freight comes puffing its black smoke, about dark. and making such a tremendous racket as it passes our house. though I do not count the number of cars between the tender of the hind engine and the caboose. J. W has named the rooster "Robinson" and the young white hen that had the young chickens, "Mrs Brannigan" By the way she has forsaken the chickens and now roosts with the other hens I suppose she found the weather too hot and the work too heavy looking after eleven little chicks. as she is still wearing her winter clothes "leggings" and all. "Tige" is well and is still bringing home other folks property now and then. It is not safe to leave things lying around on the ground where he roams. he thinks they are so nice to play with. and he brings them home for Ann.


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your dividends to-day.

Father o thousands of men
worked for you and made
money for your railroad.
I'm going to buy you some
Sow. Ry stock with your
dividends. Shall I?

Father

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Hamick:-

I checked Mamas trunk.
Tell aunt Nellie I went to
see Merick to-day. He did
not want to take the plums
but said he would take any
already sent and do his best
on them. I saw nice big
2 inch californias at 1.40 a
crate of 20 lbs.
Dont send him any more.
I saw several more but was not
impressed till I struck
Hilleary from whom I buy fish
every Saturday he said he

would take them. Try to get them there by Thursday early or Saturday early. Send down on #44 at 4.42 pm Wednesday Thursday or Friday.

I am very busy, hope you are resting up. I paid 15¢ for advertising the 613 last month. L M dividend to day. You saved 2 years dividends by selling to me at 118.- Sly Fox now 108½

I might stop work some night if I suddenly heard you on the phone down stairs - just up for the night a night. The Governor of S.S. must be dead. I haven't heard from him for ages

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Rapidan Va

as the automobile passed. There seems to be lots of trouble in the world of all sorts. Besides these small affairs which affect one or only a few, there are the war, strikes, hunger, disease which affect multitudes, and yesterday the awful disaster at Chicago where so many hundreds, starting out for a day of pleasant recreation were drowned in Chicago river within a few yards of the shore, with hundreds of people ready and willing to save them all about the place. Considering the past history of the "Eastland" it looks like criminal carelessness somewhere to have allowed twenty five hundred people to crowd on a boat which must have been known to be unsafe. I remember a few years ago to have gone on the "Carmania" to Fern Grove, and on way the boat "listed" very perceptibly once or twice. I heard afterward that once before it had capsized

Louisville Ky July 27th 1915

Dear Chick:

I received your letter of the 20th inst two or three days ago, and it was good news to learn that your trip had been made successfully and that you were safe with the children at Cedar Mountain. Going over to the bank Thursday noon, I was surprised to meet Marian at Fourth and Main Sts. I did not know of her coming, though I supposed she would be starting from Nashville soon after you reached Cedar Mountain. She was very busy with the dentist and her friends calling on her and there were one or two telephone talks with her from our house, and an invitation for her to lunch with us, but it could not be successfully arranged and the folks at our house missed seeing her. She was to have gone to

Nashville on yesterday mornings train. Glad you found Hart and "M M S" all right. and I know it was gladness for you and for them to be together again. I have been steadily though slowly improving since I wrote you last and now have only a little trouble in my right arm and shoulder. There is still some pain and stiffness in some positions and movements of the arm. I am gradually getting rid of it by exercise. and have not been to the doctor for treatment since last Tuesday. I am to go again next Tuesday when the doctor says he thinks he can discharge me. As a proof that I am better. I cut the grass in the front yard last week and did a little helping Mother in the back yard. so that both look very neat and tidy now. We have had no rain for several days. and the weather has been fine. though a little too warm in the afternoons. Just now it is delightful. bright and clear with a gentle breeze blowing through the house. Gerche and Shirley have gone to the Edenside church this morning. Neither of them has ever been there before. and it is said that they have a very good preacher there. Lizzie came back this morning after an absence of three days. Her husband, Cain. was knocked down and robbed Thursday night and she did not know it or find her husband until yesterday. The police had found him unconscious. and sent him to the hospital. where he remained unconscious until yesterday. His assailant got ten dollars and a new hat from him. and he could give no description of the man as the attack was from behind. Our neigbor. Dr Burgard, was acquitted by the court. it being clearly shown that he was not at fault. and the childs parents requested that he be not prosecuted. He was driving slowly and the child stepped directly in front of the automobile from the sidewalk

damage and now adorns the top of the piano. She has not dabbled in mud any since she came home. Guess we haven't any good mud handy. Eastover folks are pleased to see that an improvement - a concrete pavement is being made from the corner of our street along Frankfort avenue to the Filtration plant of the water Co. The walk has been laid nearly all the way and after a day or two to harden. will be ready for service. Hitherto. the walking along there has been bad. At this end a narrow path in the grass. which was generally wet from sprinkling - at the other rough and rocky and generally dark at nights. Geeche & Shirley just back from church say the sermon was good. but the order in the church was not. children did not behave well. The preacher was attired in a Palm Beach suit and curly hair. They met our former boarders Dr and Mrs Gossett looking same as ever. Tell Fil and Hart I am expecting letters from them. your loving Dad

but had been overhauled and thought to have been made seaworthy. I have never been on that boat since. though I think it is still in service as an excursion boat in this vicinity. - I received a day or two ago, a certificate of membership in the National Geographic Society from Washington. also a card saying the publications to date for 1915 had been mailed to me. but they have not yet arrived. Suppose they were sent by parcel post and are on the way. Shirley says that packages we sent her to Wellesley by parcel post were usually about two days behind the letters we wrote her advising the sending of the parcel. I had received a few sample sheets showing the kind of pictures that are printed in the Geographic Magazine. and I anticipate much pleasure as well as instruction from them. and if I were in Washington I could get the benefit of many lectures by noted men, given under the auspices of the Geographic Society. -

Of course every one was talking yesterday of the last note of the President to Germany. Many think it means war others think that diplomatic relations will be severed - others think that while there is little hope of Germanys giving the assurances demanded by this country, that submarine warfare will be modified so as to comply in effect with the requirements of the American note, without giving the written assurance to this country. The prospect is not pleasant - especially as Germany is feeling very "cheery" at present over her success in driving back the Russians. Our government can not be too careful in watching and guarding against the German spies that infest this country. In spite of all the trouble of every kind our lives have been in the ways of pleasantness and in the paths of peace and we can not be grateful and thankful enough for it. If we could always remember this instead of letting our minds dwell on our own small troubles, our lives would be happier and better. I have not been able to deliver your message to J.W yet. as I have not seen him since Thursday morning. He has been working at night for some time and did not get home until 9 or 10 o'clock at night the first part of the week. the last nights he did not come at all. He was at the office however every day. Shirley is having rather a quiet time this vacation. She and Gertie have an occasional game of tennis, now and then she visits some girl friend, while at home she sews, and paints some. I dont know whether any of us has mentioned in our letters that the "well-head" she moulded, was cast in plaster by a concern in Boston and shipped to her. She has since covered it with colorless shellac so it can be washed when it gets soiled, and has improved its appearance besides. It is a very pretty design, about five inches in height and nearly eight in diameter. is reeded with ornamental work at each angle resembling that of a Corinthian capital and small ornamentations on the sides. It came through without


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Norfolk ticket. We can get there sometime time in the forenoon of Wed and if it is not too expensive I would love to take a steamer up the Potomac to Washington. I will inquire about that to-morrow but will not do it in any event unless my ticket would be good to board the train at Doswell on the home stretch.

We could get off at Doswell as we go on & go up the R. F. & P. R. R. straight to Washington arriving Wed Aug 4. if you think you might go to Norfolk with us later. Or we can get a Richmond ticket, go straight there, both come back to Doswell

Dear Larry, - The only rates that are at all reduced that I can get are the Home-seekers tickets. The L & N will sell me one via Louisville with a 21 day limit and the L & A with on 15 day limit and they are only good on the first and third Tuesdays in the month. The third Tuesday would be too late so I guess I'll take the L & N via Lincoln and then on over the L & A tracks on Tues. Aug 3. The fare to Richmond is $20, & to Norfolk only $21. If there is any chance of your meeting us there we will take the

that same day, take the R. F. + P. and get to R. that night if you will be ready for us and think we had better not consider Norfolk + the steamer. Then E's ticket would be stamped and she could come on back at any time there was company for her coming this way. That would also be the least expensive as I would only have the extra fare from Roswell to R. and back. I don't know whether you can make much of this or not. But please write me if you will be ready for us by Wed Aug 4 and all you know or can suggest about the steamer trip from Norfolk. I want to make reservations the latter part of this week + perhaps engage passage of the steamer if we go that way. I want to interview the agents again to morrow + may write again more definitely if I find out any thing. But I'd like to hear from you at the earliest convenience. I am hurrying to put this in Dad's letter.

Lovingly
Gerdie.

Look at a L + N. map + I will see what I mean about the stopover at Roswell



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My dear little Wife:-

Just from loneliness nothing to relate, only I feel "poor". Everything I've gotten for years has gone down in value- except you. Don't you want to come up for a lark? C.K. will put them to bed for one night. 1886 is awful empty. I'd give a dollar for a kiss now. I sent Ruth a check for 20.00 though the fare is not over 15.00. I feel

that all of you should stay
in Va. as long as possible
for your benefit & what Vs.
but if next winter repeats
last winter, we should
try to see a little of each
other b[e]fore we die.
Have you all landed
any boarders yet?
Well I'll take you back
into my home any day
you want to return.

Your former Husband

Harriet:-

Fanny this in an armful of others tonight. I did not go to church.

I wrote her 3 pages of the nat thing, and Aunt Nellie should tell me at once if she should get a few hours as I may send more from here. You did not show me the letters you promised.

Fillmore

7/25/9 PM

Somerset Va.
7-23-15.

Mr. F. L. Speiden
Dear Sir:

Kindly give me particulars concerning the advertisement for boarders in the Star of July 21.

Have been summering in this vicinity for several weeks, but contemplate a change if I can locate a desirable place.

Please let me know the distance from station, convenience of mail delivery, and source of water supply.

Thanking you in advance

Very respectfully,
(Mrs.) A. L. Hafflebower,
c/o Mrs. Chas. Brooking, Somerset Va.



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Harriet:-

Send first mail your old C & O Book - Lou. pass. I am having several of the boys passes extended beyond Aug 1st and I'll include yours so as not to take 2 bites at a cherry.

Cool here tonight - raining. Got a nice note from Ramsey to day - saying I was "made of the right metal or I could'nt have stood the gaff" very good for him.

Will you write Ruth tell me when you want her & I'll send check.

Take good care of your self and the kiddies. They are forgetting Father I expect. I dont want any of you to get sick. Use the dilators, get them in the right place. The chancel step in the old chapel is just right - just at church time. The anomaly! Many a wedding there but it takes you to beat the jews. But you're a sweet little rascal and I wish I could squeeze your fat little this very minute.

Better burn this letter, it may burn itself up. Take care

Affes.

F.

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C O P Y

At a General Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, held at its office in Washington, D.C., on the 22d day of July A D 1915.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOURTH SECTION ORDER No. 3866

CLASS AND COMMODITY RATES FROM EASTERN CITIES, OHIO RIVER CROSSINGS, AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., TO SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS, CERTAIN POINTS ON NAVIGABLE STREAMS AND CERTAIN INTERIOR BASING POINTS IN SOUTHEASTERN AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TERRITORY; AND CLASS AND COMMODITY RATES FROM ST. LOUIS, MO., AND CHICAGO, ILL., TO GULF PORTS, TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER POINTS, AND TO MERIDIAN AND JACKSON, MISS.

Upon further consideration of the record in the above entitled proceeding, and good reason appearing therefor:

It is ordered, That the order entered herein on October 13, 1914 which was by its terms made effective April 1, 1915, and subsequently modified so as to become effective October 1, 1915, be, and it is hereby, further modified so that it will become effective on January 1, 1916, instead of on said October 1, but in all other respects the said order of October 13, 1914, shall remain in full force and effect.

By the Commission:

GEORGE B. McGINTY,
Secretary

(SEAL).

Good night!
to night-work.
F.L.


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Mr. G. H. Latham.

I bought some seed potatoes yesterday to plant and J W has spaded up part of the ground. Mother expects to get a man to finish the job tomorrow or next day. and if not I will try to do it myself as the Doctor discharged me last Tuesday. and exercise if not too violent will help to bring back my strength which has grown less and less during the two months that I was under the weather. and did not amount to much before that. because I had taken so little exercise since I had the first attack last December. We and Mrs Miller went out to look at your home today, she had been out once before. but said they were as far as ever from making a decision. I mean the parents of Curtis, Nancy & Jean. They seem to be nice people. though I suppose you would rather have a tenant with no small children. Cousin Mary presented me with a book today entitled "Tropical Africa"

Louisville, Ky Aug 1st 1915

Dear Chick.

My letter will probably be day later in getting to you than usual because it is now about 7.45 P.M. as I begin it. Mother and I went to Anita yard today to see cousin Mary Gill. and came home only about an hour ago. and as we had to eat a little lunch I am able now to begin my letter. We had a very pleasant day at her house. found her well as usual, though without a cook and therefore having to leave us occasionally to look after the dinner which was cooking. Her place looks much more beautiful now than I have ever seen it before. and I was surprised to see so great a number of trees, shrubs and flowers. and so great growth of

there I remembered seeing there the last time we visited her. The whole place seemed in better condition than I had ever seen it. A carriage met us at the station this morning, in which we rode to the house. Coming home we walked to the station which was not unpleasant, though a little too warm as no arrangement for riding could be made, because it was not known just when we wished to start home. The ride in the car was very pleasant there being a good breeze and our seats were on the shady side of the car. I suppose Grace has informed you of the probable time she will reach Washington and her plans. As the latter have been subject to considerable change in the past week, of which she has probably advised you, I will not attempt anything on that subject, as you perhaps know as much about as I do, if not more.

Last week I devoted part of every evening to looking at the pictures in my Geographic Magazines and reading some of the articles. They are interesting and will be largely instructive, if I can remember the things I read. We have had a number of thunder storms in the past few days. Had a small blow a little while ago, and on Thursday a more violent one, blowing the roof off of our house in town, and uprooting and breaking limbs from trees, while it blew down a number of fences which probably needed repairs anyway. We have had very warm weather for several days and the humidity has made it oppressive. There was one death from sunstroke and a number of heat prostrations of men and horses. The Kiosk registered 105° yesterday afternoon. Although it was hot I mowed the grass plot in front of our house, J. Ward & having cut the grass in the yard the day before

others were the incorporaters of the "Louisville Conservatory of Music". I hope their efforts will be successful, as I often feel the need of some good music and I hear very little of it these days. and I used to enjoy it very much. We had a short serenade last week by three darkies. One of them sang the others played the guitar and violin I think when we had two songs of one verse each that Mr Elliott intimated to the one who handed around the hat that we had had enough of the kind furnished, and they moved on to the next house. Even Tige objected to the music - and his cultivation in musical matters has been small. I guess you will be glad to be settled at home again. if you can call it settled when there is so much uncertainty ahead. Try not to worry any more than you have to. be as happy as you can. and you can have a good share of it. if the good wishes can be realized of your Dad.

2 by Henry Drummond which I think will be interesting reading. I have read two of his book written on entirely different lines, "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" and "The Greatest Thing in the World" - Politics are (or is) getting warm. as the ~~registration~~ primary draws nigh next Saturday is the day. The Democrats have four candidates, McDermott the present Lieut Governor, Stanley the congressman who was defeated for US Senator by Beckham, McChesney and Bosworth. The first stands on the "county unit" idea, also the second who is really the candidate of the whiskey interest. the third is for state-wide prohibition. and Bosworth claims to be a good Democrat. Morrow the Republican candidate will perhaps have no opposition in his party. and in the divided condition of the Democrats may be elected governor in November. It is not improbable that McChesney will be

nominated by the Democrats. and the whiskey men will then try to defeat him by voting for Morrow who is favorable to their ideas. The Stanley folks will have to be watched in the primary here, as there has already been a disposition shown by them to put the disreputable characters in control at polls. who took an active part in the election some years ago that was declared void. McDermotts being a Catholic will lose him many votes though he has been a public spirited man and has done some good service to the city and State, and is a very bright man. but a very large majority of the people of this State live in "dry" territory and this favors McChesney very much. There seems to be a lack of confidence in Stanley, and outside of the whiskey interest he has not much of a following. I did not expect to write so much about

political affairs. and hope you will excuse me this time. There is however little of interest to write about just now as politics and war fill the papers and to a large extent the thoughts of the people. Tell Dillion that I met Tom Gordon on the street a few days ago. who asked particularly about him. saying among other things that they had been schoolmates. to say nothing of their association in the "Confederate Glee Club" I rarely meet a member of the club who does not speak of the pleasant times we had together - and I have often wished I could get a quartette of them to come up to our home and give us some of the good old time music Several times the subject has been mentioned when we meet on the street but it has never materialized yet. I saw in the paper last week that Fred Cowles and some



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My dear little Wifie:-

Hope you have heard from Ruth.

I arrived on time. Checked money at 7th St Station. Will get it later. Now 9:30 after 26 minute telephone talk w. Connie Mamie.

Tell Aunt Nellie confidentially that Connie Mamie says under no circumstances to take Cousin Robert (?) who is staying now with them at Connie Ella's! He has a son Roy. I will tell ~~her~~ Connie why - when I see her.

(2)

I will have to go to I.C.S. Wednesday morning. If you write me you are coming with children I will send you house keys by Brewer if he is well. He's sick to-day.

I will advertise for Aunt Nellies boarder's room.

No news except letter from Mother enclosed.

affec,

Fillison

Ask children if they want that share of Lou Ry stock. I dont think the boys want to share it with sister.



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Harriet;-

Yours monday rec'd.

Telegram approved in Washington.

Let me know if you want me to meet anybody — advise in plenty of time.

I dont approve your going to Atlant

(1) Tell Ruth you expect her to do what she promised and we can talk matters over here when she returns.

(2) Tell her we expect to return to Louis when done here some time this fall or winter.

Don't some of those kids owe me a letter?

Father.

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get a hurt whenever there is one in the neighborhood. Tell him for me that the bees must have thought he was something very sweet. and got mad when they discovered he was not the kind of honey they were looking for. and that it would be very nice if he would write me a good long letter telling me just how it happened - It would be like our "talks" where we tell each other of the things that we did. and what happened to us when "we were young" I have been getting somewhat stronger in the past ten days. though there is still pain in my arm and shoulder when in certain positions and movements. It is gradually getting better and I am exercising in order to increase the strength in that arm. It is as much as I can do. to lift a pitcher of water with it and pour out a glass full. I have assisted in cutting grass three times. and yesterday. though it was quite warm. besides cutting the grass on each side of the house and the front on the

Louisville Ky Aug 8-1915

Dear Chick:

My letter to you written last Sunday was directed in care of Fillison at the Raleigh, as I was in ignorance of where you would be when the letter reached Washington. Suppose you have received it ere this. The last letter received from you, to Gerche was from Cedar Mountain, dated Aug 2. The bracketed part is an error see for the same 3rd page (Gerchie and Shirley both wrote you last week but have as yet no reply to their letters.) Gerchie is disappointed in not hearing from you. She received a letter from Annette which has upset her plans for going there. as Annette has made engagements for other guests to some convention. which will prevent Gerchie from going to her house until after Aug 20th - and for the present

matters are rather "up in the air" as to what she will do and when.
Evelyn stayed here last night. but left for Sunday school this morning and I did not learn what her plans or expectations were. She, Gertie and Mother went to the Arc-dome picture show on Frankford avenue last night and were out until ten o'clock giving me little opportunity to talk to Evelyn about her plans. At first she rather expected Stuart to come by Washington on his return home from New York. but his last letter. written last Sunday from Los Angeles said he would leave by steamer that night for Panama. Todays paper mentions a land slide in the canal which has reduced the depth of the water. where it occurred to less than twenty feet stopping a ship from New York to San Francisco. with a large number of passengers. between six and seven hundred, but I presume the steamer Stuart was to take would leave

passed through the canal on the way to New York before the slide occurred, though there might have been delay in order to allow the east bound passengers to see something of the place. but have no information on that point. Gertie having read all the foregoing. says I misunderstood her. that what she said. was. that both she and Shirley would have written to you last week but did not know where a letter would reach you. Hope Ruth will make up her mind soon if she has not already done so. While she suits you in very many ways. she manages to keep you in suspense and consequent worry a good deal. Perhaps she "does the best she kin do. like the poor benighted Hindoo." with her traits and inclinations. We were ever so sorry to hear of Fel's misfortunes and hope has before this got over all the bad effects of bee treatment. It is said that bee stings are a cure for rheumatism. and as prevention is so much better. I hope his inoculation will forever prevent an attack of that disease. Poor little fellow! he does seem to

of his foot. which is in much better condition than it was two weeks ago. though Evelyn told us that he had been suffering with a pain in his arm which made him yell when he tried to move it. and he had to ask for Mrs Bailey's assistance in dressing and undressing. I guess he like others of us has too many germs of rheumatism in his system. and they are hard to get rid of. What are Hart and Marian doing and saying these days. I am sure they are neither quiet nor silent. and still I do not hear anything about them. though we think and talk of them nearly every day. Tell Hart I think there may be danger of a boys forgetting how to write. if he never practises any. and that he can use me all he wishes. to improve himself in letter-writing. I had a postcard from Mrs. Powell telling me of their pleasant stay in Orange. with a picture on it of the house where they are staying. I sent her a reply on a card showing the building where I work. With love from all we uns to all you uns

Dad.

2 side next to Mr Elliotts. leaving the other side and the space between the sidewalk and the street for Jim to finish. which he did. (The grass was tough and the mower is getting quite dull again. so that the effort had the effect of a Turkish bath.) I had already spaded up the ground in the garden to plant the balance of our potatoes. As I am left handed. where I have to use both hands. in handling any kind of a tool. that exercise was good for my right arm and helped it while there was no excessive strain in doing it. Well the primary is over and the morning paper claims that Stanley and the whiskey ticket generally has won the nominations for State offices. much to my surprise and disappointment. Mc Chesney being second and Mc Dermott badly beaten except in this district. I did not vote. as the polls were a long ways off. out beyond the end of the car line on the Barastown road, I could not spare the time. and I have always been

an Independant. When the election comes in November. I can vote or not as I please. Ed. Morrow of Somerset is the Republican nominee. and I fear it will be a case of "fight dog, fight bar. I have no dog that" The two candidates are both. under the domination of the whiskey ring and it will depend on other issues that may arise. whether I will vote at all. I added one to my list of visiting neighbors last week. Mrs. Miller. father, mother. sister and brother are visiting her. and we had a very cordial invitation to call on them, which we did Friday evening Mother Guchie and I. We found the Curtis family very pleasant. intelligent people. Their home is at Columbus Ohio and they come in their own automobile. He is a constructor of Public Works and did much of the work at Mussel Shoals on Tennessee River in connection with Col Goathals of Panama fame. and who got a good deal of his fame by the work on the Tennessee River. Owing to the character of Mr. Curtis. business they have lived at a number of places in Alabama. Virginia (at Lynchburg) and in Columbus perhaps others. I think his wife is a Kentuckian from Jessamine County. where some of the Miller family lately visited. We have been having fine weather lately Rather warm in the afternoons. though generally a good breeze. and several nights we have had an extra blanket on the bed for comfort. I hope that when this letter reaches you. that you will have been able to straighten out. the puzzling things that have been worrying you and have at last gotten things snug and in good working order at home. It looks like you will have to get most of your "rest and recreation" after the summer is over. and I surely wish it will be in time and of a kind to build up your health and strength before the Winter comes. Smith seems to have been much benefitted by osteopathic treatment

Washington Post.
Aug 9-1915

BATTLE OF CEDAR MOUNTAIN FOUGHT 53 YEARS AGO TODAY

At the close of July, 1862, the Army of Virginia, under Gen. Pope, was near Culpeper Courthouse, and "Stonewall" Jackson was at Gordonsville with a strong Confederate force. Pope had taken command of the Federal army on June 28, and the next day assumed control in the field. Both armies advanced early in August. Jackson, reinforced, threw his men across the Rapidan on the morning of the 8th, and drove the Federal cavalry back on Culpeper Courthouse. Gen. S. W. Crawford was sent with his brigade to assist in retarding Jackson's march, and to ascertain his intentions, if possible; but the movements of the Confederates were so mysterious that it was difficult to guess where they intended to strike.

Confederates Open Fire.

On the morning of August 9 Pope sent Gen. Banks forward with about 8,000 men to join Crawford near Cedar Mountain, 8 miles south of Culpeper Courthouse, and Gen. Siegel was ordered to advance from Sperryville at the same time to support Banks. Jackson had in the meantime gained the commanding heights of Cedar Mountain, and he sent Gen. Ewell forward under the thick mask of the forest, Early's brigade of that division being thrown upon the Culpeper road. The Confederates planted artillery and opened fire upon Crawford's batteries. Before Banks and Crawford were about 20,000 Confederate veterans in line of battle. Against these Banks moved toward evening, and almost simultaneously fell upon Jackson's right and left. The attacking force was composed of the division of Gen. Auger (the advance led by Gen. [illegible]eary) and the division of Gen. Will[illegible] of which Crawford's brigade was a part.

Both Sides Show Bravery.

The battle soon became general, and raged for an hour and a half, deeds of great valor being performed by the contending forces. The Federals, heavily outnumbered, were pushed back after severe losses on both sides, but at dusk Rickett's division of McDowell's corps came upon the field and stopped the pursuit. Later in the evening Siegel's corps arrived, and these reinforcements kept Jackson in check. The Federal loss in the battle was 1,661 killed and wounded and 723 missing; that of the Confederates was 1,283 killed and wounded and 31 missing. On the night of August 11, having been informed of the approach of Federal troops from the Rappahonnock, and alarmed for the safety of his communications with Richmond, Jackson fled beyond the Rapidan, leaving a number of his dead unburied.

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t the facts from George.

One of the Oldest Inhabitants.

August Noack, president of the Shoo-
aker Company, and Mr. Williamson
d been associated in the manage-
nt of that company for nearly a
rd of a century. He had been a mem-
r of the Oldest Inhabitants' Associa-
n of the District for many years.
Mr. Williamson is survived by two
others, John T. Williamson and Wal-
Williamson, and a sister, Mrs.
orge R. Aiken, all of this city. A
ce, Miss Rena Williamson, lives in
iladelphia, and another niece, Miss
ken, resided at the Williamson home.
Funeral services will be held at the
use on Wednesday morning at 8:30.
en mass will be said at St. Paul's
tholic Church, Fifteenth and V
eets northwest, Father Mackin offi-
ting. Burial will be in Mount Olivet
metery.

Funeral of George W. Kern.

The funeral of George W. Kern, of 51
street northwest, took place yester-
y, interment being at Glenwood Ceme-
ry. The pallbearers were Thomas T.
oore, William J. Holtman, George A.
thony, Charles Hurdle, Heinrich Turk
d Washington Topham. The funeral
rvices were conducted by the Rev. J.
Fultz. Mr. Kern was 59 years old.
e was educated in this city, graduating
om the law school of the Columbian
niversity. Prior to following his pro-
ssion he filled a position with the
estern Union Telegraph Company in
is city, but in recent years he took
his residence in Europe, returning
this city prior to the war. He was a
ember of the National Lodge, No. 12,
A. A. M.

Funeral of Abraham Oscar.

Funeral services for Abraham Oscar,
owned at Colonial Beach Thursday,
ere held at the residence, 53 I street
rtheast, yesterday morning at 10:30
clock. Rabbi Benjamin Grossman offi-
ated. Interment, which was private,
as in the new burial ground on Ben-
ng road. The services were attended
a large number of friends, including
presentatives from the B'nai B'rith, of
hich Mr. Oscar was a member. The
llbearers were all members of Argo
dge, of the International Order of the
nai B'rith and included Fred Pelzman,
avid Wiener, Leon Gretzselder and L.
ressler.

BAND CONCERTS TODAY.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the barracks, by the United States Marine Band, William H. Santlemann, leader. The program:

March, "Brooks' Triumphal".....Seitz
Overture, "Felsenmuhle".....Reissiger
Valse lente, "Lion du Ball".....Gillet
Cornet solo, "The Pearl of the Ocean," Hoch
(Musician Arthur S. Witcomb)
Excerpts from "Manon Lescaut"..Puccini

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My dear little Wifie:-

I was awaked by phone last night and Ruth's telegram "Can't possibly come, Have sent check today" was read to me at 2 a.m. - I had Brown mail it. Check not yet here received. Cooler today. Your father is right. Ruth certainly has given us lots of trouble. Maybe we can do better. I certainly would not go there. She may not be there when you get there.

(2)

I think you can find a cook & wash woman very easily when you get back.

It is much cooler here now, but we will have warm weather later on I will mail this later in evening. Bank says check not cashed.

Lots of kisses - let's be happy.

F. Ellison

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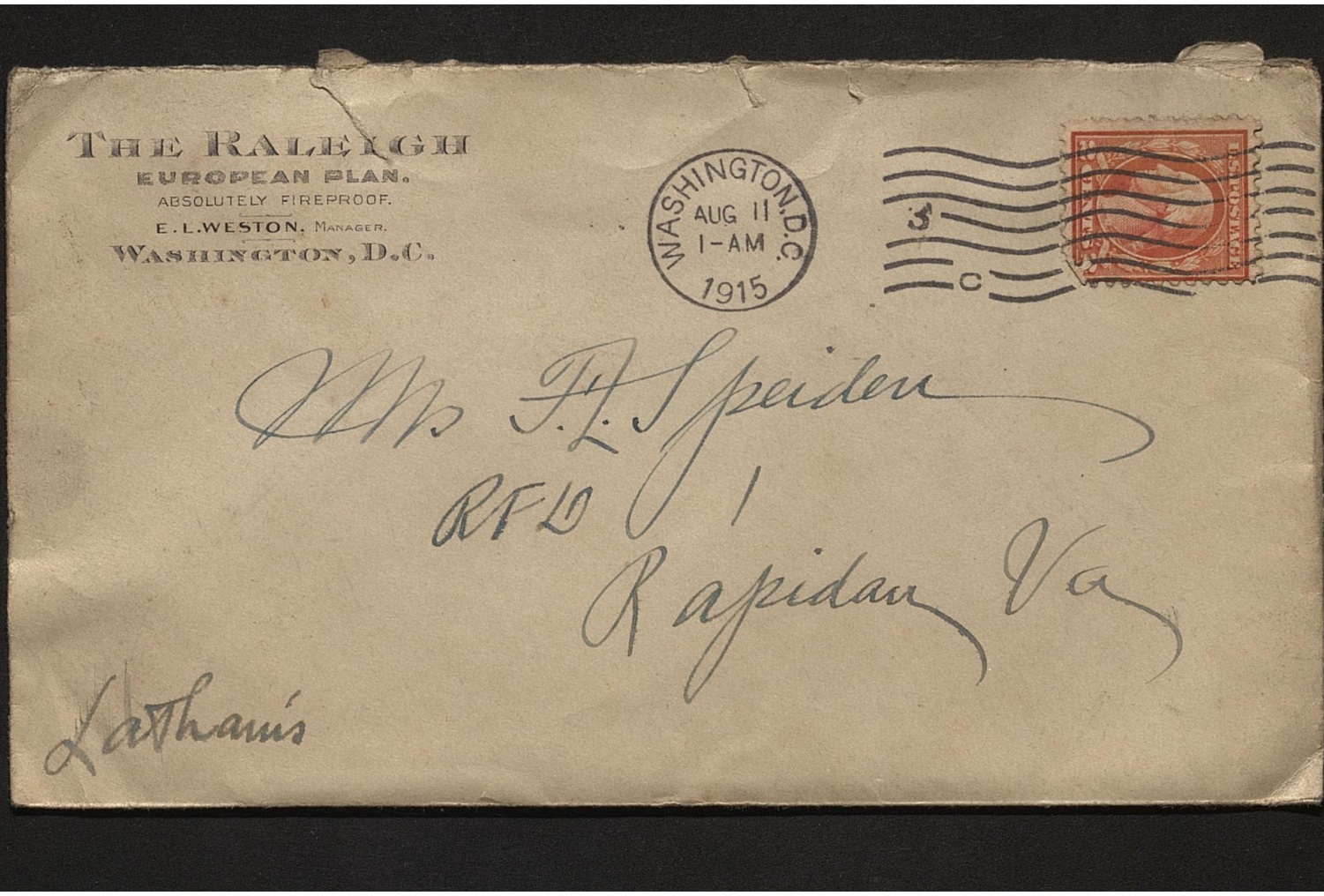

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No letter from you yet.
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No news. No nothing.
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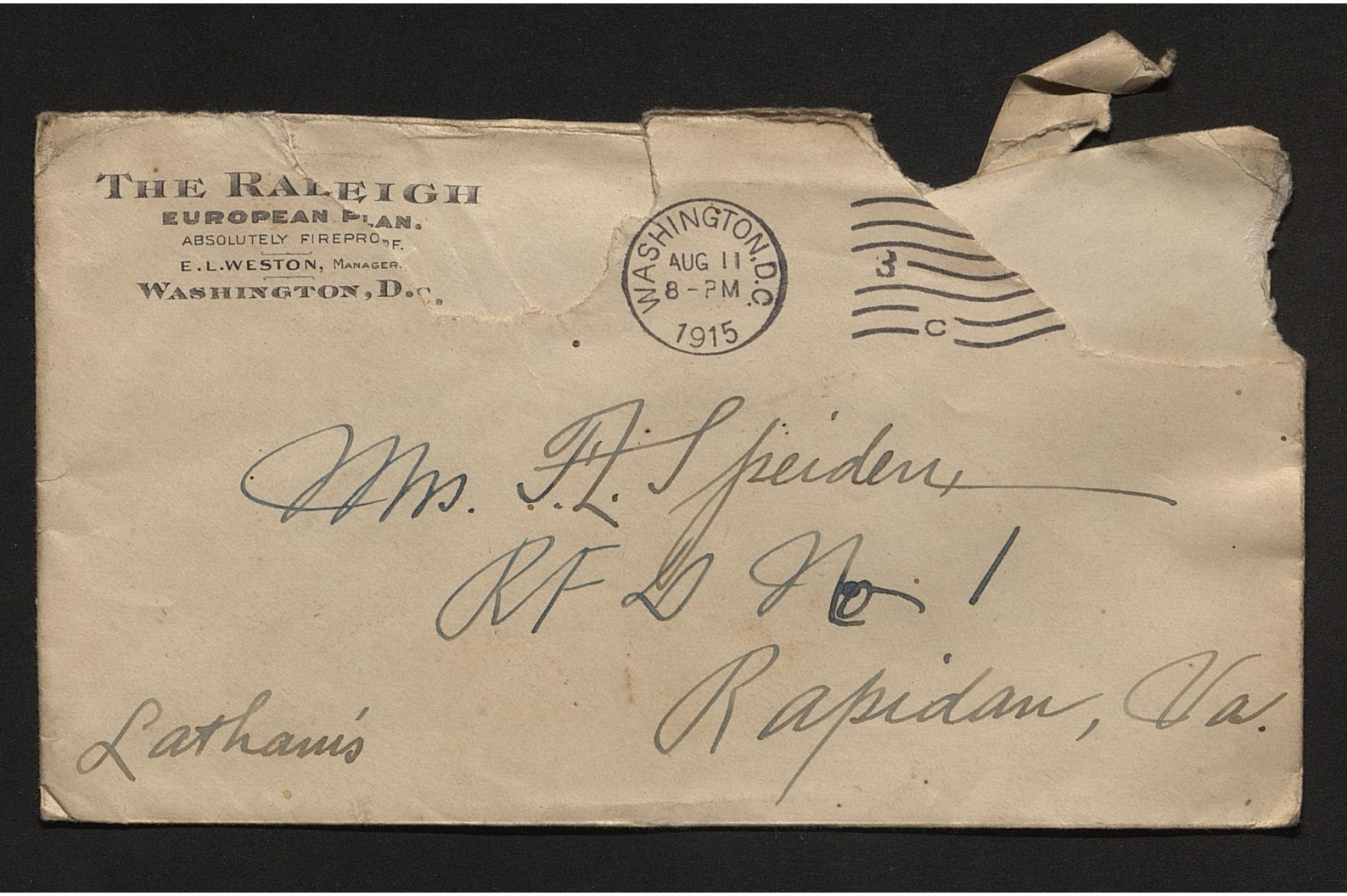
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now threatened. Mother has been too busy lately to do much letter writing. she is busy now. for I can see her in the back yard with a hammer and some sticks trying to stop holes in the hedge so our chickens can not get in to Mr Elliotts garden to "eat it all up" He proposed last night that I should buy a hedge trimmer. and he would trim the hedges or that he would buy the trimmer if I would do the trimming. The matter was not decided. as the conversation was interrupted. but I think I shall inquire about trimmers tomorrow. I hardly think my arm will yet allow me to do the trimming. and I am not sure that he can guarantee a nice job if he does it. The hedge certainly needs the trimming. and neither of us desire to pay the cost of having it done. Tell Geeche and Evelyn to Keep us posted as to their doings and goings. and what mischief they get in. Tell Marian that Mamma says she is going to write her a letter some day this week. (To be continued next Sunday, if nothing happens to prevent.) Wishing all of you much happiness and health and with much love to all Dad

Louisville Ky aug 15-1915

Dear Chick:

As Geeche has left us available to be with you. it seems almost unnecessary to write you the regular Sunday letter. but I dislike to break into a habit, I send you a shorter than ordinary letter to take up matters since Geeche left. besides I do not like to leave any letters unanswered. We received your postal yesterday afternoon and it has been answered in person by Geeche. She and Evelyn had a pleasant day for traveling. if the weather on their way was as fine as it was here. We have had some showers since. which have made everything out of doors fresh and green. Yesterday I came home early and to kick up with our neighbors in front yard next mass, I cut the grass. except one side which J.W finished. between showers. It was hot. but I got a good crew cut. about the best for several cuttings. as I doctored

the mower a little and the grass had not grown so high as in some former cuttings. To day I am a little stiff from the exercise but have no pain. Last Thursday or perhaps Wednesday. I started down town, with my lunch box. umbrella and the electric sign. and in getting on the car jostled out my balance. so that I thought once I was bound to fall backward to the street. In a desperate effort to save myself I got a bad wrench of my right arm. as I did the day my hat blew off near your home. I gave me so much pain during the day that I feared another attack of rheumatics was coming. but a good rubbing with analgesique which Mother gave me that night. took out nearly all of the pain and the soreness, and I am now as good as ever. Yesterday there was to be a match game of base ball between the Inter-Southern office people and those of the Commonwealth Life Ins. Co. I have not heard the result as I did not attend. pleading the distance from home, and an absence of

thirty odd years from base ball games. and also the necessity of getting home to cut the grass. Our Company was challenged and we sent back an acceptance and a distance because the other fellows said they just wanted to walloop us. and humiliate us in the eyes of all the world. As for myself I could neither pitch. catch or run bases but was told that this did not incapacitate me from being a "rooter". I am not much of that kind of a pig critter. Tell Grace the Millers and the Curtis families returned our call. Friday evening. at least the female side did. And they began to leave for other points Yesterday. Mrs Miller Sr. was to start first, going to Thomas, a little town up in the north-east corner of West Virginia. some start today and those that are left will go in the Automobile tomorrow, to Columbus. Shirley has gone to church leaving Mother and myself here. and we have had a telephone message from Smiths asking us to come down there this afternoon which we may do if it does not rain. as

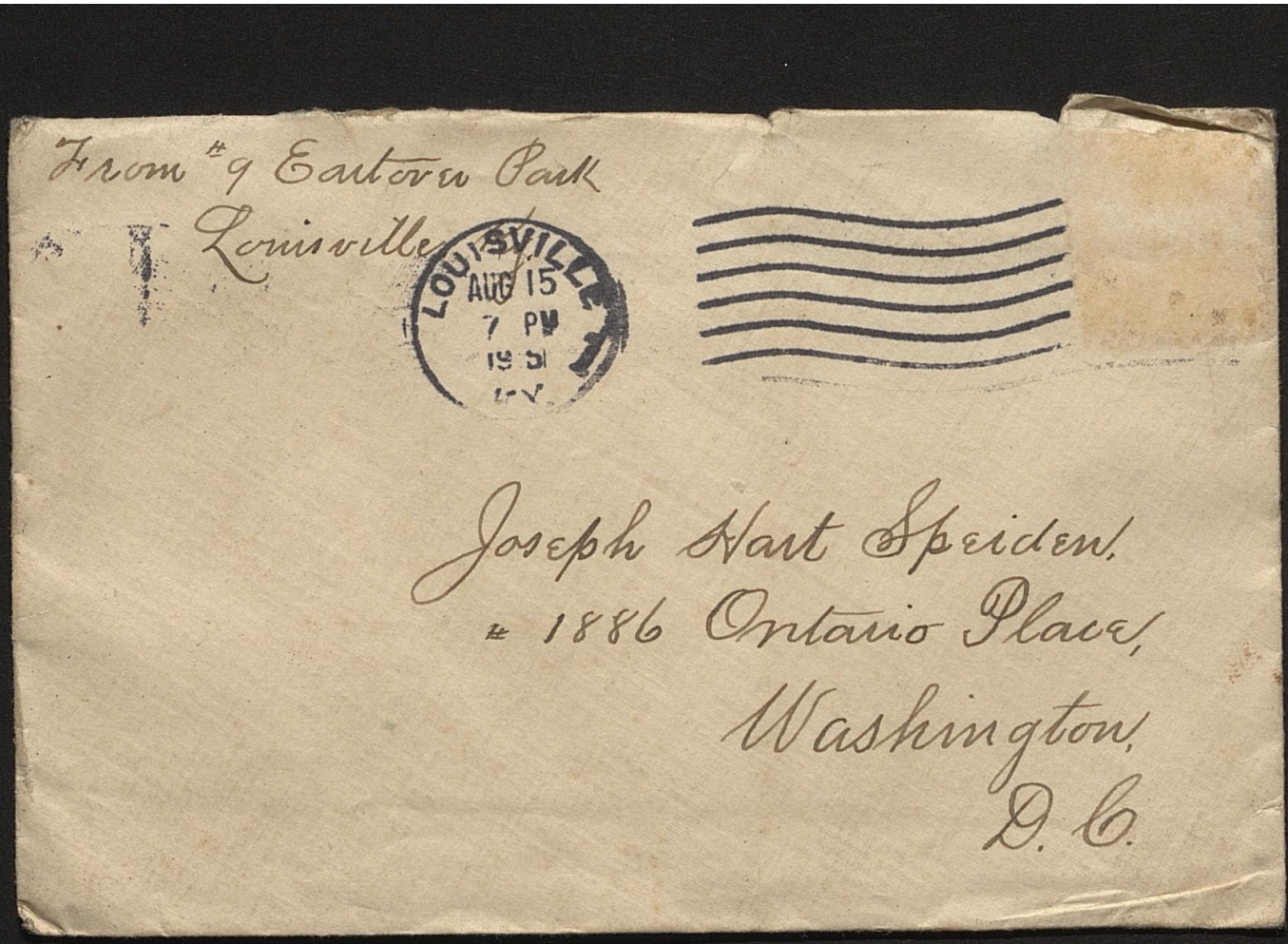
on the chicken yard. The garden looks clean. some of the vegetables. corn. okra tomatoes squash. peppers and butter beans are still bearing. and they rise gradually from the front of the garden to the great tall sun flowers next to the alley. The butter bean vines cover all of one side of the chicken yard, and after the showers of the past few days are thriving finely. The posts to which the clothes lines are fastened are covered from top to bottom with beautiful cypress vines. the geraniums heliotrope and roses are in bloom and the grass thick and evenly cut. making altogether a beautiful picture. Now you see I have tried to make this letter a work of "chicken pie" and have not much room for anything else. Geraldine can supply all I have left out. It is getting so near to school time now that I fear you will not get to visit us. though we would be delighted to see you and Marian as we had a visit by Jill Jr. Hope your vacation has made you big and strong for another school year. and that I may get some more letters from you soon. Your loving Daddy Joe

Louisville Ky aug 15th 1915

My dear Hal:

Your letter dated July 31st at Cedar Mountain, ~~came~~ with one from your mother dated aug 1st came a few days ago. and I am going to answer yours first. because it was written first. and I am going to set a good example for you in answering promptly letters I receive. Most people like chickens to eat. but I think what you wish me to send you is a chicken letter. Since you have aunt Geraldine with you. I fear there will be but little for me to write that she has not already told you. but any how I will. tell you some things about the chickens as I look out the back door of the dining room. I can see "Ole Robinson

because the head of the chicken family leisurely strolling about the chicken yard accompanied by "Mrs Branigan" and other hens as well as some little chickens that have not been given names. occasionally snapping up a bug or a fly. though they had their breakfast only a little while ago. and are therefore not very hungry. while several of this years chickens are in the garden and backyard engaged in the same business. At this time of the year the hens are paying more attention to getting rid of their old suits and preparing for their new ones. than they are to laying eggs. so we are getting so few eggs these days. that we have to get some from the grocery to supply our needs. as only three home-grown eggs were found last week. and the last time we set a hen. we had to get bought eggs to put under her. I think thirteen of those eggs hatched and they will be the chickens we will have to eat this fall and winter. as well as some of the old hens that are getting to old to lay well. To take their places mother is saving the young white hen raised last year. and the young hen chickens that were hatched from her eggs. There are nine of them and all of them are yellow brown. about the same color as a buff orpington. though their mother is white and the father white also. I guess some of their grand-parents were yellow and the chickens get their coloring from them. They are all fine healthy looking and I think will be quite large. so we will have ten hens at least to begin the business of egg laying next spring. We had only seven this year and until lately they supplied us with all the eggs we needed to eat and to sell. I think you would enjoy looking out the back door of our dining room just now. Quite a number of chickens are in sight. either in the backyard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but died, on a visit to relatives here. They are dropping out of the ranks and "crossing over the river" very frequently now and it can not be very much longer until all of us have answered the last roll call. — I have not yet learned just what time Gusche will be home but suppose it will be some day next week as school begins here September 7th. A postal card from her says she will write to us Sunday (tomorrow) and she will perhaps tell us when to expect her. Has meager communications hint at the pleasure of her visit to you, but do not go much into details — there is not enough room on a post card. What is the latest news from Ruth, or has she returned to Washington? I am sure you will not be satisfied until she comes back to you. I have the impression from some source that it will be necessary for you to go to Atlanta for her, but my impression may be wrong and I hope it is, as you have done as

Louisville Ky. Aug 28-1915

Dear Chick:

As it seems quite a long time since I wrote to you and even longer since I had a letter from you, I will at least begin if not finish my regular Sunday letter tonight. You will doubtless be glad to know that Evelyn arrived at home safe and sound last night, and reports that she had "the time of her life" during her visit to you. I have not seen her yet to get the details, but had a short telephone talk with her soon after she reached home. Stuart had arrived a day or two before, but we have not seen him yet or had any direct communication from him. Supposing that Gusche left you today for Milford, I imagine you as sitting on the front porch taking a long breath of relief after all you have done in the past month or more

unless you should be busy getting things straightened out after your company had all left or else thinking of getting the boys ready for school which I suppose begins next week. You may have seen in the papers, that our Company has arranged to absorb another Insurance Co in Florida, and is proposing to absorb another in Tennessee soon. If both are taken in it will mean a lot more work in our office, and will be favorable to retaining positions for all of us who are now employed there I would not object to having my work increased, for besides helping others whenever I have opportunity, I have more leisure than is at all agreeable. It is a great bore to sit around idle especially if every one else is busy, and my ability to take in checks and other cash items is by no means worked to its full capacity, and by no means as much as it was when we were at Anchorage before the consolidation.

This afternoon I attended the funeral of Jas. S Carpenter, who died rather suddenly Thursday night about half past ten o'clock. It has been a long time since I attended a funeral where there seemed to be so much real regret among all of his large acquaintance He was a gallant soldier, an honest kind hearted man, devoted to his friends and especially to the Christian Church and the "Orphan Brigade" as well as all other Comrades, and he will be missed at the church as well as at all the gatherings of the Confederates. He was looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the annual meeting of the Orphan Brigade at Hawesburg Ky next month, and said he hoped to meet the boys" there. Only a few months ago his wife died, just a few days before they intended to celebrate their golden wedding. Another Confederate funeral was at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday, Tom Brank, who lived I think at Paris Ky

he would be here today to preach the funeral sermon of Mr Carpenter. but suppose he was not notified of his death. W. H. Binney conducted the service. I think a great many times of the boys and Marian these days. wishing they were not so far away. and that I could see and talk to them. Tell them I am always glad to get a message from them, even if they (the boys) do not write. and one of Marian's hugs and kisses would make me feel "mighty good" any time. Hope they are all well now and that the boys will keep well at school. as well as stand well in their classes. Shirley says she would like to get a letter from you, addressed to herself and that she would answer such a one if it comes. I explained that you did not have time to write letters lately, but she says she would like to get one all the same. Well I have come to the end of my letter to you. such as it is, and will bid all of you a most affectionate good night

Dad

much traveling as is good for you this Summer. (I dislike to think that only four more days are left of it. and it has been such a shortening to me.) I wish you could drop in tonight for a nice long talk. Shirley has gone to see the Cunningham ladies. as she has done quite a number of evenings since Gerche left. leaving the little mother with me. She is busy (she is always busy) just now doing some crochet work She has two new patterns which Shirley got at Myrtle Coons home a few days ago, which she thinks are very pretty. She ravelled out the patterns to learn how they were made and is as usual fascinated with the work. although she has not only been in the kitchen today but actually went out in the garden and hoed the potatoes. which she had no right to do. as I was only waiting for the ground to get dry enough to do that job myself. Our potatoes are planted in hills this year. not rows, as they were last. and as they are usually planted. but

they have more room in which to grow and multiply. and if the season is favorable we ought to raise a "bumper" crop this fall as bumper crops seem to be the fashion this year. We have mostly "et up" the garden now. though we still get squash okra. corn and butterbeans. Mother has put up thirty seven pints of vegetables, has four gallons of cucumbers in brine and a dozen and a half glasses of plum and apple jelly. besides two pints of yellow tomato preserves. You see we are preparing for a "winter campaign" as the warriors say. and she contemplates putting up some of the best watermelon rind sweet pickles ever. and also some peach preserves. Yah the doctor says I must not eat too much sweets. Guess I will have to cut down, if not cut out the tomato preserves, for I dont like them much anyway. and a combination of that kind is more rheumatism than I am willing to tackle. at least until I get rid of the pain which still reminds me in the shoulder of what I was in June. The cool damp weather of late has interfered with our enjoyment of the porch at night. and put out a whole lot of our mosquitoes. while it gave the mosquitoes a better chance at us than they have had all summer. though they have not been so numerous or vicious as usual I think I mentioned in the letter to Gussie last sunday. the agreement I made with Mr Elliott about trimming the hedge. He has gotten about one sixth of it trimmed up to date. and I fear is giving too much attention to the grass in his front yard. His has been cut twice since ours was. but one reason for that is that our lawn-mower is at the hardware store getting its "teeth on edge" and should have been sent home today. so I could cut the grass. but like most people these days. struggled not finish the job in time and I will not get to mowing before Monday afternoon. and the grass is still growing. I heard today that Dr Powell expects to leave Ramey Va for home next Wednesday. I thought perhaps


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committee. and if they do not find it satisfactory. they can reject it. and I will not get mad about it at all.
Last week I had a letter from Wm G. Proctor. of Danville. He had lately been to the old "Deakes Creek Burying Ground" where my grandfather, grandmother and numerous other members of the Patten family are buried. He also sent me a Kodak picture of my grandfathers tomb stone. in fact two pictures of it on one. It seems that the film was not properly adjusted and the picture taken first was on the extreme left of the film. then attempting to take a picture of both grandfathers and grandmothers tombs he took on the next film. and the result was another picture of grandfathers tomb on the other half of the first film and none of grandmother. Of course it was not discovered until he developed the films after going home He sent me some of the inscriptions on the tombs. on of which gave the val

Louisville Ky Sept 12. 1915

Dear Chick:

Your letter written last Wednesday received. and I hope you will have no more trips and no more company until you have had time to rest and be quick. It is not good for you to press the limit of your strength. and going slower now, will give longer time to go. in future. I should not be surprised if you would be benefitted by taking a bottle of the old fashioned remedy "Hoods Sarsaparilla" for your nerves and indigestion. mixed with all the rest you can get. We enjoyed the visit of Fillison and Hack which though it was. I saw them only Monday and Tuesday after leaving the office. Fillison was rushed all the time. I do not know whether Gracie has told or not. that she was transferred from the Washington Street School to the

Franklin School which is much nearer home. and can be reached in fifteen or twenty minutes after leaving here. Taking the Crescent Hill car at Eastover she can ride to the end of Billy Goat Hill then walking about three blocks. or by getting off the car at Cornwood can walk five or six blocks to the School. She seems well pleased with the principal. and had between forty five and fifty pupils to start with. though three have been transfer from the class to another teacher. leaving her only thirty six pupils, which is all she wants. I think she really prefers her present location to the new school just finished near us. After my experience in hedge trimming Morton and I thought it best to hire a man to complete the job which as been done, It is not quite so neat a job as I expected it to be but it looks much better from the trimming done. and now that I have my own trimmers. a little work now and then on the hedge can keep it from growing out of bounds. and gradually make it neat and regular. Yesterday afternoon I finished hilling the potatoes. and with the assistance of Morton and J.W. pulled up the tomato plants. which had stopped bearing. and were dying. cut up a lot of weeds in the garden and in the paths. so that the garden looks much more tidy today. last week I found time to go to the Library and look up material for the paper I am to prepare for the October meeting of the Tuesday Club. which will be composed mainly of quotations from what I found. there being no other source of information known to me. and no personal knowledge on my part. The materials at hand will supply as long a paper as I care to write. and are probably of more interest than any others I might gather. The paper will first be submitted to the clubs examination

a good deal of attention. and he did not give me a verbal reply to the chicken letter I wrote him. except to say he received it when I asked if he had. and to my question as whether it was "chickeny" enough he said "it might have been more so." Tell him not to wait until school begins to write to me. for I know his playtime will be cut so short by school work that he will not have time then. Tell Ted for part to imagine he is talking to me. as he sits by you. and lets you write it down for me. some evening and it would be almost like having a talk with him. He might put in it something about Marian. Grace has just come in and says. tell you she is much obliged to you for sending the gloves. Looking over the bulletin I find nothing of special interest. Shirley says she will write you either today or tomorrow. therefore has nothing for me to write for her and I do not think of anything more that would in any way interest you.

your loving Dad

name of one of my aunts. who married a man named Hicks. I had known her when I was a child as "aunt Nancy" and had never heard of her being called anything else but Nancy. but her name on her tombstone is Ann Rice Hicks. the middle name being the given name of her grand father and my great grandfather Rice Graves. I was glad to get Will's letter (I mean Wm Graves Proctor) as it contains information confirming other records I have, and is undoubtedly authentic. which is "the thing" in family history. We had hot days all last week the temperature going to ninety and above every day. though the nights were cool enough for good sleep. For several nights it has been warm enough to sit on the front porch. but the mosquitoes are annoying and I have not been there much after dark. The State Fair begins tomorrow and the advertisements say it will be the "best ever" in amount of stock to be on exhibition. the value of the prizes. and the many new attractions to be seen on the grounds.

We have made no arangements about going through I always did like to attend Fairs to see the fine stock shown and to meet acquaintances, though for the latter our Fair does not compare with those in the towns of central Kentucky. like Danville Stamford or Richmond. where I used to know most every one. and had many friends among the exhibitors. Last Sunday night after the services there were two girls baptized and I saw the picture - the place on the river Jordan where John is said to have baptized. which Mrs Lyons had caused to be painted on the wall just back of the baptistry. It was done very secretly during the summer. and that it was being done was known only to a few persons. It is a pleasing picture. not just like I had imagined the place to look. but it may be true to nature for all that I know to the contrary. It was displayed for the first time last Sunday morning, and is appropriate. much more sightly than the blank bare wall it covers. Dr Powell sermon Sunday night was not at all sensational. The subjects of the services are suggested by the war. but the sermons did not refer. except very incidentally to the war at all. Gussie and Shirley went to church this morning and ought to be home soon. Mother was too tired. Like yourself she tries to do too much. Bro Powell looks very well but it seemed to me that his voice was not as strong as it used to be. Perhaps it is my hearing that is not so good as it used to be. I notice that much of ordinary conversation around me is not heard these days. Shirleys especially. Her voice is very indistinct to me in rather her articulation. Mr Lindsay died last week. after about eight years of illness Mother and Shirley called at the home and left cards. The funeral was private and I know of no particulars. While Hal was here he had little or nothing to say to me about the chickens. though he paid them

nickle went. He was just the nicest toy that ever was while he was here every one thought. Liggie had not seen him since he was very small but thought he looked just like he did, like both father & mother. I wanted to take him to a picture show but it just happened there was nothing at any of the houses I thought he would like or that I cared to take him to see. J. M. went back to work alright the morning after Tillison left & has straightened up alright. He knows now this is the last time he can do that way & stay here. We wont have it another time. He is so ashamed of himself when any thing of that kind occurs, I

Sunday morning

Dear Hart

I have thought every time any one of the others were writing I would write a little & put in the letter but did not do it. I cant tell you how much we enjoyed the boys, both big & little) visit. I thought I had let Hart go away owing him a nickle but found I was mistaken. I left home with his $4.5- in my purse but had only $4.0 in change to give him at the depot. After I started back to the street car I remembered, we were early going to the depot & stopped at the drug store at 7th & Main & he got a soda, so that is where his other

I dont see how he ever yields to the temptation another time. We have gotten the hedge cut on the other side, all the dead corn & tomatoes risen up so the yard is looking very neat again. We dont hardly think Shirl ought to stop by Washing when she returns to School for several reasons. We are sure you have had quite enough company & it would mean another night on the sleeper & she would have to leave several days earlier, on account all of which I think it would be probably best for her to go straight through We have several things to do to her wardrobe yet, though I beg an earlier & have her things nearer completion than last year at this time. Had her old rose silk dyed a dark red & that is to be made up. Think it will make her a real serviceable & pretty dress. Would be glad if one could get her a Peter Thompson suit as it would do her far more good than skirts & shirt waists, but they are expensive & she can do with what she has, so will have to let it go. If she had gotten one when she first started it she could have worn it all four winters, but she did not. Do hope you will be able to settle down & have a quiet fall & get rested. You have done too much this summer.


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with some people to call that afternoon. to talk with Shirley about Wellesley and other matters, so I had to go alone. There was a large crowd though I saw only four people that I knew. The exhibits were good - and there was a collection of different kinds of pheasants with ducks and geese and two deer. that was something new at the fair and I enjoyed seeing them as the last number of the Geographic Magazine had pictures and descriptions of the birds. I also saw the aviator performances of Ruth Law. and the parachute drops with the man she took up with her. all of which was carried out satisfactorily and without any accident. I wished the kids could have been with me to have seen it. Being alone I went where I pleased. stayed as long as I wished - was in my seat from one o'clock to half past five when I took a car for home. having seen all that I cared to see. Fairs like circuses are very much alike. and only an occasional

Louisville Ky Sept 19/15

Dear Chick:

Though we have had no direct communication from you since the letter announcing the arrival of the "unexpected, always expected" condition of affairs we have heard through your letters to Fillison of the trials and troubles, the labor and anxiety that have come upon you, and you have our deepest love and sympathy, without one being in any way able to help you. Our fear is that you will overwork your strength. and we do caution you to be as careful of yourself as it is possible for you to be. Fillison has been about as busy as it is possible for a man to be, working all day and nearly half the night. getting very little time to sleep and as little for rest or

recreation. Yesterday he did come out between seven and eight o'clock, and then he insisted on going back to some sort of a picture show or something else with Gerdie and Shirley. It is said that "after the rain comes sunshine" and I hope there will soon come better conditions for all of you. Martin has been extremely busy getting things ready for Shirley's departure which will be on Wednesday or Thursday, by way of the L & N to Cincinnati, and thence by the Big Four to her destination. Today Lizzie is absent, had been, not at all well for several days and if she does not come back tomorrow, there will be another trouble for Mother to get some one to come in and finish the laundry work for Shirley. After she gets off I want Mother to get some rest from the work and worry of the last month, in some way, just what I can not say. I do wish she could get away somewhere for a while, where she would have nothing to do or to worry about. Last week we had very hot weather, the kind marking over a hundred some days, followed by a thunder storm yesterday afternoon which not only cooled the air but brought much needed rain to all vegetation, our potatoes especially which were then a week ago. I gave them "laying by" hilling. They look fine this morning, but there is no telling yet how the crop will turn out. It was late planted, and while the weather was favorable at first, they have needed rain for several weeks. I was in town yesterday when the storm came, at the Library, hunting further items for the paper I am preparing for the Filson Club, and have gotten nearly all I want, as I do not wish to make it too long. Thursday afternoon I went to the Fair. We knew nothing about having a half holiday until nearly ten O'clock that morning, and as soon as I heard of it I telephoned Martin asking her to go with me, but she had an engagement

not expecting ~~at the time~~ that they would have to come back to Louisville at the time it was made. I paid very little attention to it, and do not know now the date of the publication. I was more interested then in what would be done with Such this year than in anything else connected with the schools. I suppose there will be no difficulty in finding out from the Superintendent whether anything can be done for their benefit, when you get here, and it may be that the school at 6th & Ky will have a better class of teachers, though the character of the pupils is not likely to be different from what it was. Keep a "stiff upper lip" and worry anymore than you can help, do the best you can - which I know you are doing and will do - and I hope things may settle down to better conditions than you expect. Remember that you have always our love and best wishes for your welfare in all things, and may God bless my Chick

Dad

y new thing attracts attention. still I like to go at least one day, and I enjoy it, though it is not like the old days when at the fairs at Danville or Richmond, ~~from~~ I saw lots of acquaintances from all the surrounding counties, ate big dinners, and took special interest in every display and contest, because I knew personally a large percentage of the exhibitors, and was naturally interested in seeing my friends winners, and was always entertained in the home of some of my numerous relatives in those towns. The attendance this year at our fair lacked about four hundred of being up to our past record, which would probably have been exceeded but for the storm yesterday afternoon - which kept many away from the night performance, which the people of Louisville patronized more than that of the day. I suppose that Tillson has kept you posted as to his personal matters though I do not see, how he could find time for letter writing, with so much work on hand - I do not know whether you remember

a Seventh day Adventist preacher named Pettus. who had charge of a church in New albany when we were living on Fourth Street. and who called at our home once or twice. He resigned his place in New albany several years ago. and I had heard nothing of him for the intervening time until he came in the office to see me Thursday morning. He told me that he had become a preacher in the Christian church several years ago and had been pastor of a church in Seymour Ind. but had resigned and was now looking for another church. Not being able to give him any information in that line I referred him to Mr Powell but do not know that he saw him. as he expected to return to Seymour that night. He is descended from one of the Mississippi families of Pettus and was raised in Texas and California. I have his record in the mass of family history gathered some years ago. - Every thing looks very fresh and pretty this morning after the rain

this is almost an ideal September day. In spite of the late "dry spell" the leaves retain their green. and only from a few trees like our Carolina poplars have they fallen much. I raked them off our front yard a few days ago. and it needs another raking now. The leaves were very abundant on all the trees this past summer. and as yet show no signs of taking on their fall coloring. and the flowers are blooming everywhere There is one sign of fall I have noticed and that is the sparrows are beginning to gather in flocks, and I presume from the discussions they are having that they are arranging their affairs for winter. I am sorry the boys can not have the advantage of another year at the school in Washington. and it may be possible that in the re-districting here you may be able to get them in some other school than the one at 6th & Kentucky. though I did not notice that there was any mention of your district in the news paper

Mrs. Marcia Lee

announces the marriage of her daughter

Olive

to

Mr. Theodore Speiden, Jr.

on Tuesday, November twenty-third

Nineteen hundred and fifteen

Nashville, Tennessee

Louisville Ky.
Dec. 4, 1915

Hello Marian,

How are you and your aunt Oline getting along together. You ought to see my teeth now, after doctor Baldwin was through with them to-day. I have been getting along fine in school since I came from Nashville. We got a letter to-day from father + mother, saying that father had a notion of bringing another ~~alligator~~ like Fabacher, and he said he was going to bring home a big box of big oranges, and a little box of little oranges. We miss you so much.

Somebody has stolen our rooster and that white hen that had the blind eye. We had a snow the day mother left, and I went to the dentist in it, and when I got there, the front of my coat was covered with snow=

It lasted for two days. You don't know how much fun we are having at school Lana making fill and mother a Cristmas present. They are putting down a new street on park for the first time. We are ready for our chickens when we can get them.

Elizebth wants to see you so much. Well I will have to say good-bye to you.

Mart

Rev. Powell is back from his vacation and would doubtless have had a full house to greet him today. But it is a unusually dizzly day which may keep some folks at home. I expected to go tonight. but it will depend on the weather. whether or not I will go out tonight. as my arm is giving me some trouble. due perhaps to my trying to do some hedge trimming yesterday afternoon. Mother rubbed my shoulder last night with analgesique balm. and it feels much better today though there was not enough in the tube to give me as abundant a dosing as I would like to have gotten. Mr Elliott finished trimming the hedge between our yard and his and made a fairly good job of it. because he is tall enough to reach the high branches and has not a sore arm to hinder him. I do not know whether I shall be able to finish my job or not. If not I shall have to hire

Louisville Ky Sept 5 1915

Dear Chick:

Harts letter to Mother and yours to Shirley came yesterday and we will certainly be glad to see the boy and his father. I suppose we will not see either one til after they return from Nashville. as they are supposed to arrive at Louisville about noon, take dinner with Dr Baldwin. and leave for Nashville at 3 P.M. a very hurried trip they are making. Gertie arrived yesterday in the eleven o'clock C & O train about an hour late. She enjoyed her visit to you and to Will very much and looks very well. We had written her to be sure to be home yesterday because of a notice from Mr Holland to have teachers report at his office at 2 30 P.M. to be told where they has been assigned. Before she

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got home Mother had met Miss Rutherford and learned from her that Gerche had been assigned to the school at Eagle and Washington streets. It will be very inconvenient for her to go to and from this school as she will have to make two transfers on the way. and it will take about an hour to make the trip. I think that is one of the most undesirable schools in the city owing to its location and surroundings. as well as the kind of children that are likely to attend it. We had hoped she would be assigned to the new Emmett Field school just finished near us. but being away and leaving the matter in the hands of Miss Rutherford. she lost out. She seems to mind it much less than the rest of us. and has hopes that she may be transferred to some other school before long. A Miss Gray gets the place in the school near us. that we wanted for Gertrude. I do not

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know certainly. but I think perhaps she is the daughter of Col Davis Gray. one of the Assistant Cashiers of the National Bank of Kentucky. Gerche reports that Will and his family are all pretty well now. that little Billy improved very much in the time she was there. She spent a day with the Dillers and reports that they are living high. have bought lots of new things. made some changes in the home. putting in bath room. and Jameets in some of the upstairs rooms. have a Victola and a Brick just like they were rolling in wealth and that Thus has fear of the prettiest children she ever saw. I have not see Evelyn or Strait since they came home. Evelyn is suffering with her foot just like her father. and I suppose she will have to go to the foot doctor for treatment. of Fallen arch. All except myself have gone to church

Library looking up information. and two months has passed without my giving them ab all. I had planned to put in a days work there tomorrow. supposing it would be an all day holiday. but having only the afternoon. I fear but little will be accomplished. as I am not very familiar with the Library. However I have some references already made out for me. and having kept them so long. dont like to throw up the job. as it is the first time I have been called on to write a special paper. and it is rather late to have it off to some one else. Tellson has just called me over the phone and I had a little talk with him and Hark. He leaves at 3 O'clock will be back in Lemieville tomorrow at noon. and will be up at our home tomorrow night. I just have to tell you in nearly every letter how much I would like to see you and the Kids. Hope you are all well and that you will keep well. is the constant wish of your loving

Dad

w/ a mean to complete it. The hedge is very high and broad. and the branches so large that it requires strength to cut them with the trimmer I bought. which is a very good one. The papers say Rev Powell is going to preach a series of sermons on topics suggested by the war. His text tonight will be "A Place in the Sun". and presumably will refer to Germanys attitude and acts since the war began and before. while she was getting ready for it. I read so much about the war and hear so much talk about it that I am not very much predisposed to hear sermons about it. though they may prove more interesting than I imagine.-

You may have seen in the papers that Prof Reid the principal of the Boys High School ran over a child with his automobile last week. killing the child. He was arrested. but the verdict at his trial was that he was in nowise blameable. as the accident was unavoid-

able, the child having jumped off the end of a dray, immediately in front of the automobile, which was going slowly, and in spite of the efforts to stop, passed over the boy. Every one regrets the occurrence especially Prof Reid, and I imagine it will have a depressing effect on his work here. Tomorrow being Labor Day and a National holiday, we will have a half holiday which is little better than none, and so far as I am concerned I might just as well stay at home. The banks will all be closed and I will have little to do at the office, because our work will all be entered as of Tuesday anyway. I think mother has nearly finished Shirley's outfit for the coming departure for school which will be about the 22nd or 23rd of this month. It seems such a short time since she came home, and after she gets back to Wellesley we will soon begin to look forward to the Christmas holidays. I saw in yesterdays Post that Miss Annabel Hughes Bankhead is to marry Garnett Gorn

I do not know whether her husband who was an army officer is dead or divorced but it looks a little risky to me for her to marry Garnett, but it is none of my business whether she does or not. She is of age, and ought to know what is best for her. You seem destined to have plenty of company at your home. One or more no sooner leaves than others come, and your reputation for hospitality must be growing all the time. With all the trouble and worry that visitors bring necessarily, I do hope you have gotten pleasure out of it all. I wonder if you will ever get time to rest and get fat. My impression is that you do not desire the latter very much, and the former is something you have had so rarely that I sometimes think it would fall rather unnatural to you. Just now I am under somewhat of a burden as to writing a paper for the Telsa Clubs October meeting. To do so I will have to spend considerable time at the Public

Dear Harry, —

Mother mailed me a notice of the assignments of new teachers to be given out at a meeting Sat. afternoon and I hurried home to attend. I will be at Calle + Washington Sts temporarily. Miss Rutherford says she will see to it that I am changed just as soon as possible. Ellison's note and directions how best to use my mileage came just in time + the scheme worked out beautifully. I arrived 1 hr late at 12 M. yesterday. I left my short white kid gloves in the upper left hand drawer of the dresser at your house. Please send them just as soon as you possibly can unless you have already sent them by Ellison + Hart. So glad they are coming

was the only one at church I did not see him. I did not do any thing very thrilling at Annette's but had a very pleasant time. I must close to get this in Dad. Lovingly Gerdie

even if their stay will be brief. I had thought of going over to the Baptist church to see they a minute at the close of our service but we were delayed by an unusual occurrence **namely** a very elaborate presentation and display of a scene painted one of the fords of the Jordan on the back wall of our baptistry they given by Mrs. Lyons and her sister. I spent one day at the farm Calvin taking us over & back in their machine. Found them all very well. It was very cold and rainy part of my time at Annette's & have simply lived in my coat suit since I left you. I will send you your hair pins by Fillison. I have not seen Evelyn yet. Stuart

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