

Atlanta University -
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My dear Little Louise: Thank

you and your Mamma
very much for your Christ-
mas greeting and gift.
I am sorry to know that
your Mamma was ill after
teaching Louisville. Isn't
the climate agreeing
with her?

We are all anxious to
hear a full account of

Johnson was telling me how
much she missed you.

Though I am late in sending
this card, I was not late
in thinking of you.

Please remember us to your
parents.

With much love-

Edith H. Coate.

P.S. I did not say, because I thought
you would know, that I also
miss you greatly. - E.H.C.

your school, how large
your classes are, what
books you use, and all
that. Tell about your
musics too, what studies
and prices you have.

Do you find the weather
very much colder than
here? We have had one
snow, and now to-day
the air is foggy and
raw.

There is no official winter
at school, I think. We
have one or several. This

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Miss Louise Matthews,
1720 N. Chestnut St.
Louisville,
Ky.

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on this campus that I could call my "Doney." I have some very good friends, for instance, Mc Clewdon and I are regular pals, but of course we don't go together and that is understood between us, although some of the folks don't partly understand. A bunch of us were over home yesterday and he was there, but of course that is nothing. Louis and I are friendly too, he talks to me quite often and Thomp and I were friendly until the rumor got out that we were liking each other (smile) then Thomp skiped. All of this is confidential stuff so please do not mention.

November 31, 1919

Dearest Louise,

Owing to the fact that we are not having Sunday school at the usual hour this afternoon, but will have memorial service for Dr. Bunstead at four o'clock, I am taking this time to write to you.

First, I must mention the breakfast dance of which I spoke in my last letter. We had a very delightful time. The crowd gathered at the Community House around nine finding a good breakfast and real good music. (Thanksgiving Morning.)

Those present were the Bunches, the Hamiltons, Wintiches (except Hugh), Whites, Mus-

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You've asked me several times who's my "pal" is and I haven't told you that I am very friendly with Gladys Hill and really consider her my "pal." Of course you know that I can't have a "pal" ever, that will be the same as you. It seems to me that I've never thought as much of any one as I do you. Somehow I can't tell any girl the secret of my heart as I told you and Louise. I hope you will always remember me, and feel that I am your true friend.

You evidently feel that I am keeping something from you, but I am trying not. I haven't a soul

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phys, Colian Bitt and ~~others~~ others. There were a number of branding boys out, but only Helen, Madeline and I got out among the brandings. ^{Phil} Of course you know we were out for the day.

That afternoon I was at home to callers. Among those who called was J. C. We did have a good time. Joe was in town, but he went to the game hoping to see me, but I was not there. (smile.) You know me, when it comes to managing. I received a note or card from Hughson that day. He was in Washington I think. However he wasn't in town.

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The Pageant was a success. I do not know exactly what the amount cleared was, but it must ^{have} been quite a large sum. The different colored lights in the scenes made it beautiful, so I am told, and everything worked well. Beatrice really looked pretty in her make up and was admired through the audience. She did her part very well. Violet Thomas led the spirituale very well and helped out very much with the program. Her voice is so sweet that her singing in itself gave a good program without the pageant.

A. W. beat Morris Brown

15 to 3.

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I know very little about her, but I think she is from Louisiana. She's a freshman, fairly tall and slender, bright with nice hair, I can't say who she resembles. She seems to be rather quiet. Richards is going with her.

Wearie, I must go over to church now.

Your "pal"
Edith.

P.S. — Lillian Smith says she is going to write to you. You know she writes every one. She amuses me.

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Gladys, Helen White and I were in town Friday morning alone doing some shopping and we saw Harold Cunningham in his car. He took us up and we rode up to the campus — some kids are in. By the way he lingered near my side all during the game over to Morehouse Saturday before last. He needs to be sticking around now that he is engaged to Ruth Hill.

Several times you asked, with whom does Marcia room. She rooms with Katie McCracklin the little girl of whom I've spoken

December 10, 1919.

My dear Louise,

Although nothing of any particular interest is happening along about now, I am taking this time to write to you, because I do not wish the good work to cease.

No doubt I have written and told you of the success of the Pageant. Everybody thought it perfectly wonderful of course. The Pageant to me was not so wonderful as the events which occurred on that day.

Well I got by on rhetorical with absolutely no harm done. I know one thing I am glad it ~~was~~ is all over now. I feel as if I've passed over a great crisis. I thought of you that night after going to bed, of the night which you spoke on rhetorical and of the way we talked and how I told you so much and you told me so

little. Louise, it seems as if I can not exactly get over the fact that you failed in your promise at commencement. I have so many vague ideas that perplex me much when I begin to try to put one event in a way so as to connect it with another. The campus still connects you and Lawrence. Virginia Graham seems to have some notion in her mind still. When I say "the campus" I mean numbers of the folks. Now girlie why not tell me something.

As for myself — I am just going along this year without any ships or used to be horrors to disturb my peace of mind. We Clendons and I are very dear pals but of course there isn't any thing to it. It is rather convenient to have a pal that you can depend upon

for sociale etc. As it happens
this young man rooms with
Jefferson, whom you must know
since he is one of our famous
athletes. This "Jeff" as he is
commonly called has as his
honey (so the campus is in-
clined to believe) my room-mate,
Millie Jackson. These two young
gents are very popular over here in
Harber. Having a number of girls
buggy about them for instance —
Misses Lillian Smith, Bob Macey
and my room-mate. Morning
noon and night we hear "Mc & Jeff".
Miss Smith (who is now sitting
in my room and talking about
writing you a letter) is a typical
vamp she has the idea of invit-
ing fellows to be with her. Per-
haps you know that she tried to
vamp Charles Elder this summer

men, but of course "Ev" ended that when school opened. She next tried our friend, Thomp. He was immovable. She tried Mc. and had the audacity to expect that she could bring him to my house to be with her — nothing doing. I always would stop the progress of a vamp in my path. (smiles) He was to see me that afternoon. Ha! ha!

Another interesting episode on the campus is the Golden White, Escridge, Hill case. Gladys Hill having gone with Golden some two or three years naturally expected to continue this year. Helen Escridge has appeared on the scene of action and apparently destroyed all hopes of Gladys. That is topic for discussion — how do they do it? By the way do not mention any of this stuff I am telling you. Do not mention the Furber Truck.

Hugh was on the campus this noon, but I didn't see him. Lillian saw him breeze into Room 6 as if he owned Atlanta. Such a boy.

Joe is here again and is planning to spend the entire winter. He is especially jealous of Hugh and is simply furious if he hears of any incident where Hugh and I were concerned if it happened two years ago. Gladys rams him when ever he comes on the campus. Of course he does look well all of the time. He brings several new suits of the very latest cut, a good looking overcoat raincoat etc. He is known in Furber as "Mr Joe from Washington," the term having originated from some of Millie's craziness. Whenever he deems it fit to strut up here he usually steps into Stone Hall
(over)

with very much ⁶ authority and asks
for me. The fellows have to give
him the once over. He amuses me.
You know we are simply going to-
gether for convenience more or less.
There isn't any love. Mother doesn't
care for the match.

J. C. informed mother the other
day that he would be over home the next
time I was out, Saturday before last
I was with Mc. — last Saturday
Joe and I think this Saturday
will be J. C.'s turn. However he
had the whole of Thanksgiving
and the previous Saturday.

Be a sweet little girl. Do
not misplace this letter and
do not what ever you do men-
tion all of this inside dope.

Your own

Pal

Edith

P.S. — I have a ticket to a Mouhouse
recital. Guess from whom. (smile.)

over here, Luta Carey.

Well dear, don't be surprised at any thing I might say. As it happens I said that though, because I think you have eyes a like "and were made for each other. (smile) You know that it would make me very very happy to ~~have~~ see you and "Pola" happily united. You are two folks I think most of in the world and I should love

~~776~~ 760 Madison St.
Atlanta, Georgia
Oct. 18, 1919.

My dearest Louise,

I received your letter and was surprised to know of your changed address. Last week I wrote you a nice long letter trying to inform you as near as possible as to the conditions around the campus. Since that letter was evidently lost in the mail I shall in brief tell you some campus

We still have eight periods daily, and lunch at one o'clock. We only have a half hour for lunch every day - from one o'clock until one thirty. Chapel is at ten five. Believe me you wouldn't know this place.

I am in Turkey this year. There are seventeen girls here this year, but only five of us are seniors. Ethel Beasley has a cousin

news.

Prof. Lawrence Harper is teaching Physics and Lab. work. Miss Anna Dart has Mr. Webster's geography etc. Besides those teachers there are at least six other new teachers. Mr. Webster and Mr. Peters are missed very much around. I suppose you know that Mr. Whittaker has Mr. Webster's position and has things quite changed.

and tell me ^{8.} all of the news.
I must close now for the lights
must go out.

Lovingly,
Edith.

to see you together. ^{5.} Louise for some
reasons I feel as if I am the
cause of the separation of you two.
Do you remember our long dis-
cussions? If we had had less
of them perhaps you and "Pola"
would write a little more than
"notes."

Lewis Harper asks about you
very often. He says he is going to
write to you real soon. Every

out home today. He was over all day and we had a good time, in the after some A. W. girls and boys were over. Some time for us, old girl.

Sad about the death of Miss Laines. Lewis thought perhaps you would come down but I didn't expect you.

Write a few little girlies,

morning we go up to chapel together. I have no pal and I'm not going with any one, so Lewis and I are quite friendly owing to you.

My Joe is here of course but he is leaving Wednesday for Washington. He has only been here a little over two weeks. He looks good to me and we've had some good times together. I spent the day

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sport hat and a skirt with a stripe of
the same color. I fixed my brown
gorgette over and I think it looks
real good because I made the change.
I need some clothes but I guess
there is nowhere to go so why
should I worry. Please tell me
just what you are taking to N.Y.
Write soon.

your pal
Edith.

June 11, 1922.

Dear "Pal,"

I enjoyed your letter so
much because it had so much
news in it. I read it thro'
more than once so that I
might get every thing straight.

Things here have been
very lively altho' I've been
unable to enjoy most every
thing because of my throat.
I've had trouble with it
for about three weeks. It
is better though now.

From now on things will be somewhat dull, and I am expecting to be here all of the summer. I might take some short trips but no long ones. this summer for Edith. I really wish I could go to summer school at Columbia. I know you will have a real time. I suppose you go pretty soon, do you not?

Lillian Smith (the N.Y. vamp of G.W.) stayed over a few days after school closed. Her sister came down for a while. The fellows really gave them a good time. They were at Mrs. Winbick's home.

So our friend Hugh is taking Louisville, -naturally. You know him.

My wardrobe isn't putting out a thing this summer. I have a ^{contour} ^{jeans} Tenna dress and a leg-iron trimmed in Tenna gorgille and poppies. I have an orchid

June 11, '22

Miss Louise Matthews
2121 West Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky.

Are you wearing your skirts short?
Mine are very short and I think
they get shorter. Ha! ha! They are sup-
posed to get longer but these folks
here say that. I like them short.

Can't you get me a fellow? I have
no fellow, every body's my good friend
and that's the end of it! I keep my
business in such a manner until
I can't have a fellow. You know
I like a variety some times now
that I haven't a stand by.

Give my love to your mother.
Be sweet. Lovingly,
Edith.

260 N. Boulevard
Atlanta, Ga.
Mar. 6, 1922.

Dear pal.

I received your letter last
week. It found me just try-
ing to get straight from mov-
ing. This time I am just a-
bout straight, I suppose.

Things here are the same.
A few dances, card games etc.
that is about all. For about
two weeks I've been inter-
taining company, some
fellows who were here on
insurance business. They're
gone now and I can rest.
Just think they came dur-

ing the time I ^{was} moving but I managed to get the sitting room straight after a few days and things were set.

A girl friend of mine is also in town visiting, in fact she has been here for a month. The fellows have made it very pleasant for her and of course I am always in the party.

Saturday afternoon the "boys" gave the first one of their Saturday matinee dances. They want to give them every Saturday on the roof. (smile!) What will they do next.

Will ^{what} share you for spring?
I know you are vamping. I have a light tan treed suit and a red turnedup hat. Well the brim is black ^{straw} but the top part is red silk and I wear a red dotted veil with it. (smile!) I have hose to match my suit, but I want some sport clippers. What are you wearing? I think I've about reached the extent of my buying for spring. The ^{first} game is Saturday and I know the folks will be vamped.

260 N. Boulevard
Atlanta Ga.
Sept. 16, 1923.

My dear Pal,

I arrived in this burg Labor Day. Now it goes without saying that I was not ready to return but Normal was the next morning.

A few days after my arrival Bert brought Lee around to see me. Of course I was in N. Y. all summer, but never once laid eyes on Lee. He says the places he goes to are places he would not let any one no about. (smile!) He looked well, but he seems to be thinner.

All of the rumps are back most of them with Bobbed hair. Sarah Rucker, Annie Rucker, Elvise Greenwood and Laurie Day all have their hair bobbed. Of course you know those who were in N. Y. Quite

a few have side ²bobs. I had mine
trimmed because it is so thin.
I had lots of it cut. Mrs. Evans
did it. In N. Y. I put it up in
kicks and wore it loose in a
net, but it is too long now that
its cool (smile!) to do that so I
fix it up but I have more of
the sides cut and of course
that gives quite a bobbed effect.

As yet I haven't bought a
new fall piece. Suggest a hot
out fit for me. I have plenty of
fall hats of course, but I want
some kind of a "rampish" outfit.

Today is the first cool day
we've had since I've been here.
I've had my last winter coat
cleaned, also my gray dress dyed
dark blue. I know your brown
is a "cramp".

I haven't seen any of the Numbers
or their affinities. Hope to have lots
of news by the time I write the
next letter. Write soon. Love to your
mother. Lots of love to you. Lovingly
Edith.

260 C-N. Boulevard
Atlanta Ga.,
June 17, 1923.

Dear Louise,

I guess you are
almost ready to go to
N. Y. I will be there
the first week in July
I hope. I will be at
147 West 131st St. I hope
you write to me before
I go so that I will
know where to locate
you.

Just half of
Atlanta will be in
N. Y. this summer.

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All of the Atlanta
teachers have the
summer school fever.
Morehouse is crowded
out.

I have company
with me now. She
will be here about
three months. She
is Freddie Berry from
Augusta, here taking
shorthand at Willard's
business college. Very
classy as well as a
catch for the men.

Tough is here, has
been here a month.

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He has called but
we ~~of course~~ are not
as we used to be and
of course never will
be. However you know
our case.

He showed me the
picture of his "Little
Pal" in Nashville also
the girl he used to
go with.

He is looking
quite queer with
that long hair on
his face, and he will
not cut it off.

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Well Louise I am
looking forward to
our meeting in N. Y.
and at Columbia.

Write me this
week your address
and every thing.

Your Pal
Edith.

P. S. - Have you heard
the song "Louisville
Low"? A real knock
out, it is.

Apr. 17, 1923

limited wardrobe. What are you wearing? What will be your main out fit this summer? Tell me how the people dress for school, so that I will know what to get.

Mrs. Shively of New Speake is going out on a picnic with you and Eloise at Bear Mountain.

Are you still using the C., do you need more?

April 17, 1923.

Dearest Louise,

I have not forgot you. I've just been busy and sick. For a few weeks I was so nervous and sick until I came home from school daily and went right to bed. I am much improved now.

For two weeks we've been working on the exhibit that is to be at the Y. M. during the Teachers Association this week. I finished

mine yesterday².

I am so glad you sent my name to Columbia. They sent me a blank and a small booklet. I sent in the blank filled out and they sent me a catalogue which I received yesterday.

Are you going again this summer? What will you take? I am teaching primary work but I am thinking of studying elementary work above the grades I have.

Girly I dare not discuss wardrobe. Mine isn't putting out a thing. I have a black silk cape some gray suede slippers a little gray hat and a large blue one. As for dresses, I am wearing black for the most part. If you see me this summer you will see my

school completely up.

Give my love to
your mother. Write soon.

Always your pal,
Edith.

If so let me know
and I will be too
glad to send it to
you.

Louise do not
wait for me to
write, just write when
you can and I will
do the same. This is
the time of year that
we are busiest in
the Public School
System. I guess you
don't have so much
rest time. Be ever
so glad that you don't.

Now let me explain
the Morris Brown Episode,
concerning Simpson.

It seems, from all reports,
that he was mixed up with
a little girl up there. Her
father came to the college
and shot him in the
hip. Simpson ran out
of the building and went
across town. Afterwards
he left town for some
where accompanied by
Gregg one of the teachers.
Now is he in Louisville?
Where is he? The people in
this town are truly disgusted
with him. Pres. Lewis
cried like a baby so "they
say". Simpson, when he
first came here often spoke
of you and Bill. He came
around here several times,
then he stopped. He really
messed himself and the

Jan. 24, 1923.

Dearest Louise,

I know you have wondered why I have^{n't} written ere this. I am forever planning, but something always happens to upset my plans.

Well, I had a wonderful time in Augusta. Eunice really made it pleasant for me. All of my old friends down there made it pleasant also. I stayed the entire time.

Received the beautiful comb in time to carry it with me to Augusta. It looks good in my hair. Everyone admires it. I have some long earrings to match it. I really like it. You couldn't have selected anything that I would have appreciated more.

Santa was nice to me. I got a blue floor lamp lined with rose, an electric heater, a silver mesh bag, twelve piece white ivory set with a narrow pink border and monogram (that from Joe, a dream too) under wear.

stockings, handkerchiefs² etc.

I know your coat is good looking. Mine is gray Bolivia with a wolf collar, loose fit, baggy sleeves. I am not getting anything new right now. I've decided to wait until later. Then what I buy can be used if I should go to N. Y. next summer. I really hope to go. How about you?

Mrs. Shivers is the principal of the school I am in this year. She speaks of you often. She met you last summer in N. Y. She is very friendly with Elise. I think if I go next summer I shall stop with her people. Quite a few girls from here are planning to go next summer - more than usual.

Do you know Art Simpson?

He came to see me a few times when he came back to M. B. U. this term, but he claims I annoy him, so he doesn't come now. Says he is going to tell you what a flirt I am.

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Anomally, I fail to see the real
need of being serious with such
fellows as are half way available
in this burg. They are the flirts.

Simpson was once in love so
now I think he dreads that terrible
ordeal. (smile!) I think he is "taking
up" flirting for a change. Remember
our hobby - "taking up". Nothing like
it. He speaks of "Bill" so often. Is
she in Louisville. Tell her I think
friend "Simp" is a Chinese puzzle.

There aren't any dances lately.
The town is asleep. I think the
Morehouse seniors give their annual
"Prom" next week. Invitations aren't
out yet however. We get together and
play whist - that's about all we can
do now.

Say Hugh's latest Atlanta girl
married just before Xmas. He didn't
even come home for Xmas. I guess
he doesn't feel so important now. (smile)
He had fair warning of that though.

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I guess you know J. C. Bros
was arrested a few days ago for
embezzlement. He is out under a
\$10,000 bond. I feel sorry for him, as
many people are not in sympathy
with him.

This is some weather we are
having now. Plenty of snow and ice.
Just think Sunday was a spring
day.

Give my love to your mother.
Write me a long letter. See I want
to see you. Why not pay me a visit
when school closes if we don't go
to N. Y.? Laugh! Anyway we'll see
each other there - maybe.

Your pal,
Edith.

Jan 24/23

Miss Louise Matthews
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She looked ⁴good in a
Hudson seal coat,
plain wrap around
style.

Now on the subject
of coats — A nice Hud-
son seal coat trimmed
in any of the fashionable
furs will cost from \$300
up. A Canadian seal
(good imitation) will cost
anywhere from \$200 to \$275.
So you might as well pay
the difference for some-
thing genuine.

Sunday P. M.

[07 December 1924]

Dearest Louise,

Upon my return
from Washington I received
your letter.

I had a wonderful
time. Went to three dances
daily all while there,
which was from Wed. to
Sun. Saw your friend
Sue, and made myself
known to her. She couldn't
place me at first. She
was at the Omega Dance

may not be ³familiar.

Ev. Scott called on me. She told me on the (quiet) that she will be married in June to Erin Paine of Chicago. She wasn't going out socially Thanksgiving, but would have had me over had I had time. However I will see her next month when I go thro' Wash. going home.

also the ²Pollyanna formal affair.

Saw Berk at the game. Among others I saw were Dorothy + Adell Kemp, "Jack" Garrett, Mrs. Bowden of Atlanta, Katie McCracklin, Salula Carey, Lamar, Hancena Potter, George Elliott, Lorraine Garrett. All of the latter names are of A. U. folks. There were numbers of others whom I knew but with whom you

I hope to state definitely
when I shall see you.
It may be that we
will return by way
of Louisville and
then we may go that
way. Can't say just now.
Lots of love to your
mother.

Love,

Edith

Now there are
some dyed muskrats
(black) that are pretty
for \$1.75 to \$2.00. They
look real good and are
serviceable coats, so
I am told, but a nice
seal coat will last
indefinitely. So after
all I think you would
rather have the seal.

Raccoon coats are
the fad for young
people. They range

summer ⁷ you will
save lots. Cloth coats
here of any beauty
and quality are sky
high. At present winter
apparel here is too
high.

We've had snow
since Thanksgiving.
However the weather
hasn't been too cold.

In my next letter

around ⁶ \$200 to \$275
for nice looking ones.
Now a short jacket
of any of the furs
is half the price
of a long coat. They
are nifty and if it
had not been for
this terrible climate,
I would have had
one. I love them.

I think if you
will wait until



Miss Louise Matthews
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Louisville Ky.

I had a ³ letter from Virginia Belle. She is in Cleveland working for the Negro Welfare association.

Mr. Garco is up here running on the road. Tiny is in Brooklyn.

I had a friend here for 10 days. She was formerly of Augusta, but is now married and living in N. Y.

Give my love to Wilhelmina and others I know in your town. Love to your mother. Write to me before Thanksgiving. Tell me your plans. Love,
Edith.

312 Orange St.
Albany N. Y.
Nov 2, 1924.

Dear Pal,

This is such a terribly raw Sunday that I've decided to talk to a number of my friends over the pen route.

So you were an idle woman for a month longer than contemplated. Well its good you could take the rest and gain some pounds since you insist upon keeping up with me. Well my present weight is 110, so if you are below

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that you had better pick up.

So your ward robe has increased to a great extent mine remains the same with the exception of my Hudson seal, squirrel trimmed. I suppose when you see me it will be just the same, for when one buys a fur coat it knocks out everything else.

There is a party leaving here for the game in Washington. They expect me to join them, but I am undecided. They are to go in a cav. However my mother-in-law expects me and has arranged for the other girls. If Joe can go, I am sure I will go, but if he can't go I may stay home with him, since a month later I hope to go South and of course I expect to make Louisville in that time. On my trip South I shall have hubby. However it is probable that I shall spend my Thanksgiving in Washington.



Miss Louise Matthews
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Albany, N. Y.

Sept. 11, 1924.

Dear Pal,

I arrived in Albany last Friday afternoon. Found your letter here. Mrs. Evans is sitting up now, but is as cross as a rock here. (smile!)

Well I haven't made my N. Y. trip yet, but Joe and I shopped here today. He bought me a black "Madalay" dress. It's a vogue model. I like it. Straight lines can be worn with belt or without, fits me to perfection. I was glad he went along because he couldn't see those little "scrub" dresses that I could see along the way.

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This dress has buttons down each side and heavy folds of the goods in front at the bottom of the skirt. The dress is real heavy corded silk. I bought a chic black silk beaver, small, turned up in front, with a black "cigret" on one side.

My black felt is really good this season. I am having my brown winter dress cleaned to wear with new tan slippers and tan hat. Also having my velvet steamed. That's the extent of my wardrobe.

By the way there are some wonderful fur coats here now. When I see further I will inform you.

Maybe you ^{3.} could be suited
here. We have Canadian
seals right here. They are
cheaper than Hudson seals
but look like Hudson seals
and are real pretty. Some are
trimmed in squirrel, some
mink. Different things.

I spent last Sunday in
Hudson N. Y. with friends.
Had a fine time. Went by
boat.

Give my love to your mother
Edith.



Miss Louise Matthews
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August 20, 1924

Dear Pal,

Mrs. Fauntleroy received your letter this A. M. and I received mine this P. M. The house seems glad to hear from you.

So you got your birds. From the description they are pretty. I know they are quite an added attraction to your hat. You didn't get the dress. Did you get the shoes?

I didn't get my dress either. I know I can get better satisfaction in N. Y. C. or even in Albany. I wore my black georgette to the dance and looked as well as the majority. (smile!) Had my hair washed and it's lovely. Bangs loose on my head. Rolled it in side in front and for the dance I had my waves. Found some

thing to make ²your hair really
shine. ("Slostora") Its a knock-
out. Haven't been to our "barber" yet
May go Sat. for a slight evening.
I wish you could see the effect
of "Slostora".

Our "Little Boy" has opened
the Bakery with his lawyer's per-
mission. Hasn't won out, but
I think he will since the dau-
ghter of the woman who is fight-
ing him is against her mother
and will not fight against
him. I get rolls from him daily.

Mr. Drake's daughter is here.
She gave a card party last night.
Pugh (Tough) is her beau. The
was over and Miss Barrowe (the
little pretty girl) and about a
half dozen others.

Joe went to bed. I played

a while then I slipped off to bed. Rose spent the night. She and this "ramp" in the house from Newark and the Quaker girl went to Montreal today.

Its been too cold to bathe in the Lake. Mr. Hawkins bought a bathing suit but returned it because its too cold to think of going in. Several of the hotel boys are desirous of giving us lessons, but its too cold. Its been raining all day.

I went to the Library and to dinner, then I fixed my Album. After which I started my letter writing. Wrote one to Mrs. Evans as she is ill and has been in bed a week, which is unusual for her.

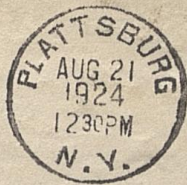
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The "Queen" left Sun. P. M.
Joe and I spent the day quietly.
It was cloudy and cool. Had to
wear wraps all day.

I expect Janie soon. I called
her up after the dance Fri. night
she has to be home by the fish,
so I expect her soon.

Had a letter from Powell.
He says he would like to tell
you something but fears your
acquaintance is to shock. (smile.)

I am sure you enjoy the
tournament. You have enough
clothes. Don't wish for more. I
wore my new tan wrap around
skirt to the movie yesterday.
It looks good narrow. Wore my
brown dress last night to the
party. Had a nice card from
your mother. Love
Edith.



Miss Louise Mattheve
1522 McCulloh St.
Baltimore Md.

20 Miller St
Slatteburg N.Y.

20 Miller St.

Plattsburg, N. Y.

August 14, 1924.

Dear Pal,

How I miss you. I can't say that I've enjoyed anything, any time more than your visit. In fact the household niggers you to say nothing of Plattsburg.

First the "Cafeteria Man" at our last place asked the afternoon after you left - "Where is the other one?" The girl in the ticket office of one of the movies said, "Where is your Pal?" All of that made me quite sad indeed. I haven't seen our "barber". I hate to pass without you.

Our "Little Boy" came over Tues. afternoon. He was sorry not to have seen you before you left.

This "Boss" died ² Monday and he has been quite busy with Larogus owing to the fact that said "Boss" left him the Bakery and every thing he had. The wife of the Boss was left nothing because she ran away with another man, so she is fighting for her part. I hope our "Little Boy" wins out. Won't you? He came over and spent the entire afternoon yesterday.

Mrs. Fawcett, "Mrs. Charlie" and the "Queen" went to Montreal this A. M. Rose has a friend here. She came yesterday. Stays in your "Hall room". Will be here two weeks. She is very short and small, a dress maker, dancer and singer. Wears fantastic stuff. She brought her bathing suit and Mrs. Hawkins is going to get

one when Charlie gets it. She is to buy a coat in Montreal. I'll tell you about it.

Jamie telegraphed yesterday she is in N. Y. I will phone her tonight after 12 o'clock.

So our house look. Too bad. Joe played and look. He enjoyed having you up as much as I did.

Its cool to day so we couldn't go in bathing but we could take in the movies etc. As it is I am interviewing the new "Vamp" Vera Spratly from Newark. No one home but us. I am sending "Quezble Chasen" videos.

Give my love to Reolious

also the other ⁴/₅ part of the
family.

Joe says "7 bells."

Love

Edith.



Miss F. Louise Matthews
257 W. 138th St.
New York, N. Y.
40 Pace.

1913 - St.
Atlanta Ga.
Jan. 11, 1924.

My dear Louise,

I received those beautiful silk teddies Xmas week or rather Xmas day. I appreciated them so much. You know my weakness for good looking under garments. I've already placed them safely in my hope chest. I don't know how I failed to express my gratitude in my last letter as that was one of the two objects for my writing right then. The other of course was to tell you that I couldn't pay you that visit. Please forgive me but you know it is so exciting at Xmas time until one is apt to lose her head. (smile!)

I am sure you enjoyed Xmas. That goes without saying. The Workhouse boys came back almost raving, said they've never had such a time. It was fairly gay here. There were a number of dances, especially around New Year.

Well here's a chance for the

single girls - its Leap Year. Don't mean a thing to me. How about you? Some of the clubs are talking about Leap Year parties but to ^{tell} the truth I have no one to take out around here now.

Did I tell you of my presents? Did I tell you Mrs. Evans sent me a beautiful light blue satin boudoir cap? I received a nice card from them (Mr. & Mrs.) New Years. You would like her, shes a "burner".

I can't write more now as I am in school, but will write a long letter soon.

Give my love to your mother. I am so sorry she has been ill. Again I must thank you for the tiddies. I really "love them to death."

Write soon

Lovingly
Your Pal
Edith.



Miss Louise Matthews
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky.

since Joe won't be along. (smiled)
Give my love to your
mother.

Lovingly
Edith.

March 4, 1935.

Dear Pal,

It seems a shame
that I've had you
looking for me so long.
Well the folks here were
looking as long.

Since being here
Joe has made up his
mind to stay until
summer, so that breaks
into our arrangements
so far as our stop over
on the way back are
concerned. Nevertho-

2.

less I hope not to have
to disappoint you wholly.
After we get settled I'll
try to come to see you alone.
However I won't make a
definite promise or set a
date for I may fail you
again. But I will try to
make it as soon as I can.

I've found that he can
stay easily until summer,
and my parents want us
to do it so I guess we will.
I am sorry that I can't visit
you now, but maybe later
in the spring will be better
as every thing is so dull
now. I want to make it
at least before you take
your annual trip, and
I think I'll enjoy it more



TRAINING CAMPS

Miss Louise Matthea
2121 West Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky.

I arrived here in time
to get Joe off to Philadelphia.
He came in Tues. afternoon
and left this afternoon
for Phila to be gone about
ten days. Thankie how
much I see him.

Louise dear, please
send those addresses
real soon. In sending
Henry Arthur please

Wed. P. M.
[1918?]

Dearest Louise,
I arrived home
quite safely. Had very
lovely service on the
train. I happened to
meet up with a little
fellow, (a waiter) whom
I taught at Krop.
He kept me supplied
with orange ade and
various drinks aside
from treating me

to dinner. Attho' ^{2.} your mother's
lunch had filled me to
the neck, as it was perfectly
delicious, I really appreciated
the hot meal. I gave him
a piece of your mother's
cake and he had to fight
to keep it. It was highly
complimented. (smile!)

Now I spent a
most delightful time
in your home. I don't
think I've ever enjoyed
any trip as much as I
did my trip to Louisville.
It was wonderful. I ~~am~~
hope that some time you
will come and visit me
so that I might have
the opportunity of show-
ing you the time that
you showed me.

1916
N.D.

spell out⁴ his last
name, (smile!) be-
cause believe me
I am not up on
it. Tell him the
joke on me.

Hope you are
winning this week
and that at the
end of the races
you come out
way ahead.

Give my love

I am ^{so} dead
tired, until I am
trying to rest some
now.

Lots of love,
Remember me to
every body.

Your pal,
Edith.

to your ^{so} mother and
father. I am so
much in love
with them and
have talked about
them so much un-
til I fear if I am
not careful I shall
lose my happy
home.

They may ex-
pect a letter soon.

Monday Moniv.

[1920?]

Dear Pal,

I received your letter. Glad you liked your remembrance. I try to study your taste. (smile.)
Sorry I can't make Tuskegee.

Joe went away about two weeks before Xmas, and he stayed ten days. Upon his return he said he had missed me so until he couldn't spare me so very soon. Maybe my time will come soon. (ha.) My girl pal here - Vera Thomas (Harold's wife) couldn't leave either for he was in a week a week before Xmas. So I am bunk up.

However I am expecting you and your friend.

Let me know ² when you
will arrive and I'll
try to meet you. Of course
I am wise to the fact
that you have lots of
relatives here, but I'm
here too you know.

The Omegas give a
dance here Thurs. night
to welcome the return
of the delegates. Hope
you will be here then.

I know your friend
is "hot stuff"; (smile!) be-
cause you like 'em so.
Be sure to let me know
when you will arrive
as I want to make it
pleasant for you during
your short stay. Say "hello"
to Elvira. Tell her I am anxious
to meet her. Your pal,
Edith.

1926?

Miss Louise Matthews
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Ala.

To Dr. W. L. B. Williams.

19 New Castle St.
Atlanta Ga.

Sunday A. M.
[21 JUNE 1926]

Dear Pal,

I am writing you now to find out when you will be in N. Y. I am leaving here about the latter part of the week for N. Y. C. Let me know by special when you will arrive. I would like to see you. I won't be there but a few days, for I am going up to Albany and possibly Plattsburg to join Joe, who left today.

When I get there I will let you know whether or not I shall be really in Plattsburg, for if I am, I want you to come up

2.

This is rather sudden
but Joe didn't know when
I wrote you last that he
was going. They telegraphed
him to report on the 23rd
and he accepted. I am glad
to leave this hot burg. Its
so very hot here and the
mosquitos have already started.

Please tell your mother
that I haven't run away
with her "Poro", but I'm
sending it tomorrow. I've
been so excited over
getting ready to leave
all of sudden until
I let it slip me to send
it. Tell her to not be
sore with me, for she

will have it ^{3.} this week.

Try to mail me a
letter so that I will get
it not later than Friday
or Saturday. If you are,
this by return mail I will
get it then. Otherwise send
it to - 224 W. 137th St. N. Y. C.
C/o Pierce. I will be there a
few days.

I hope you will be
there around the 27th. How-
ever let me know.

Love to all,

Edith.



Miss Louise Matthews
2121 West Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky

19 New Castle Sh.
Atlanta Ga.

Kiddo, the ¹⁴next letter
you write send it to
312 Orange St. Albany N.Y.
c/o Evans. I'll be there a
while after this week. You
know school closes tomor-
row.

My latest addition to my
slim wardrobe is a long
black georgette, a black satin
and velvet hat with long
streamers and black satin
slippers which I think
are very pretty. Janie's mother
sent her a \$15 tan silk pleated
skirt and a \$7.50 sweater. She has
a tan tulle hat, so we're raving
(smile) Please write soon. Yours real
Edith

Thursday A.M.
[1922.]

Dearest Pal,

I received your card and
letter. I am so sorry to hear
of the death of your grand-
mother. You and your mother
have my deepest sympathy.

Mother would have been
quite pleased to have seen you
in Atlanta. If she had only
known she would have looked
you up.

Please tell me who you
saw. Did you see "mother"?
What did you say to her and
what did she say to you?

is the last ^{3.} thing now.
That's a place downstairs
from the Lafayette theatre.
It's a palace, makes you feel
as if you're in heaven.

Janie is rushing Roland
Irving the musician. His
pal is handy for me.

Roberta's sister Katherine
is due in N. Y. this week
also my friend Eunice
Black from Augusta. Hughes
girl, Hazel Hart is to be here
soon. Katherine will be
across the St. with Mrs.
Randolph's sister.

Will you meet our "friends"?
If you saw either of the
grand "three" please tell me,
because I am dying to know
about the greeting. By the
way that party I believe is
No. One, if so from now on
we must call 'em No. One, the
other half No. Two, and the
older head No. Three - get me?

New York is as per usual.
I do get out now with
young men after having
sufficient experience with
"a bunch of girls" and
"old men". Connie's son

1922?

Miss Louise Mattheve,
2121 West Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

It looks ⁴pretty good.
However I may get a
coat.

Had my grey suit
skirt changed into
modern style, and
shortened. The coat
looks fair, having
high neck. So I'm made
over Sal. (smile.) How
ever I do have the green.

How is ^{your} navy blue
taffeta? They're so
good this season. I want
one.

I received a letter
from Elvira some

Friday P. M.
[1920?]

Dear Sal,

Received your letter
today. Am endeavoring to
answer (as you've said) be-
fore the news in which
you are interested gets
old.

The dance was very
pretty. Virginia won the
prize dressed as Spanish.
W. S. Canons half brother
won the prize for the
men. He, also, was Spanish.
Our club represented a
Modern gypsy tribe.

We wore ²red dresses trimmed in a big red figured crepe, red stockings, red bandanna handkerchiefs around our heads. The dresses were very wide and extremely short. Everyone admired them. It was a nice dance because it was something different.

Lillie Mae Rosette entertained the club at a St. Patrick's party last week. It was pretty and we had a "time". She had all

St. Patrick's ³decorations and favors. I have them next week. Don't know yet how I'll survive them.

Well my wardrobe has only increased slightly. I have the "champagne slippers" a green dress - long sleeves, high neck - and a green sport hat. I haven't got a new spring coat yet. Don't know if I'll get one. The "navy blues" are returning. I had mine cleaned and shortened.

time ago. ^{5.} She said
that you are planning
to go to N. Y. C. If so
I may see you, for I
have my whole heart
set on going. I am
sure you two will
enjoy the trip together.
Are you going to school?
If you do I'll be up
if all goes well while
you are there.

Now when is the
Kentucky Derby? I
may be able to run
over for that. Let me

I
all enjoyed your
visit so much. Only
wished you could
have stayed longer.

Smith was booked
to play cards over here
once since, but some
female had to rehearse
her solo on the same
evening and detained
him too long. (smile!)

Write real soon

Anna,

Edith

le
know and I will
be thinking of it.
Won't like to make
any promises as I've
done enough of that.

Write me your
plans for the sum-
mer. Maybe a mar-
ried lady can in-
tend for a week or
so.

Give my love to
Elvira and your
mother. Every body
sends love. - We

1920[?]

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let me ⁴ know when
you will be here, also
if I can expect to have
you spend some time
with me.

Give my love to
your mother.

Your Pal,
Edith.

1926
N.D.

Wed. P.M.

My dear Pal, [1920?]

Your came when
I was about half sick.
I am so glad I will
get to see you soon.
Try to arrange if it
is possible to spend
one night with me,
so that we can talk.
I would love to have
you longer if it is
convenient for you.
Say you're letting
all of your friends

Now ³kid I know
your clothes are the
last word on Fifth Ave.
so I shall not ask
questions. I'll see
them.

I have nothing
to amount to any-
thing, only one dress
and it isn't anything
to rave over. Maybe I'll
get myself together for
my wedding. (smile!)

Drop me a card and

leave you. ²I had an
announcement from
Wilhelmina. Marion
Simmons also sent
me an announcement
of his.

I saw No. 1 on the
field Sat. at the game.
Looked quite sedate
and everything. All
"in-laws" were on the
line looking on. No. 1
has a rather elderly
look now.

Chicago Ill.
[1922?]

My Dear Louise -

Well I guess you think I am very unappreciative but honey I've been so I could not go in the street by my self on account of my eyes. I was working in a very fine shop the only colored person who ever worked there and had to quit. I am sewing out by the day now just started last week. I could do any thing but sit and my hands. I am much better now took some treatments and got my glasses changed. Helen Louise received a box from Atlanta. You can't imagine how happy I was that you thought of my baby and she is just as gratefull as I am. She jumped up and clapped her hands told every one she saw that you told the rabbit to send her the box. I know you all have been busy and am't you all tickled that Cousin Link was made bishop. I just think it is great remember me to him and tell him when he comes to look us up. I was trying to buy a place but every thing is so high. I just rented an apartment furnished it my self so we are much better off now. Its so hard to be an other folks house with a small child as active as Helen Louise. I made her a beautifull powder blue coat for Easter. Every one thinks I dress her with so much style and taste. Helen Wilson made quite a hit with a Washington fellow. He is going to motor here to see her next month. She will be

1922?

right to the

Sir - With all our regretting delegates at the Y.M.C.
 at during the London. Of course as soon as we of
 M. P. McKee's death. I had received a long letter
 from her two weeks ago. Now I know when you
 want to come to Chicago you know that want
 the same formalities. I can't if you doing any society
 for more than one reason. One going to a change
 place I never try to go any further like my own
 good time, then I can't afford to risk an effort
 a short. We know all the young people the week and
 lots of nice fellows here and girls. I have been from
 Atlanta - family married last week. Now my address
 is 4026 (3rd. Apt.) Calumet Ave. I read Willie
 and I have Moore was fine. I didn't go to the troops
 party and the was in Chicago. There is a picture
 given for my love and the in I think of her all
 the time. But for no long handle with the top
 last week much. Remember me to Prof. and wife
 when you have time. Why don't you write up and
 don't go to school this summer. Of course Moore
 at M. M. McKee is spoke of you. Lots of love
 from the - Jones

Tues. P. M.

[1920?]

Dear Pal,

I am so glad that you and Elvora had such a wonderful time while here. My only regret is, that I couldn't do all I planned for you. I wanted to give something for you. However there will be other times. I didn't give a Xmas party because after you said Atlanta would be your stop over, I decided to wait for you. The New Year came in lively snow. Theless in Atlanta.

Elvora is after my own

style — wonderful ^{2.} personality. She really made a hit. Tell her I heard many striking compliments passed on her. Such as — "She's pretty, who is she?" "She looks good in her clothes." So she must have earned it. (smile!) Everyone thought you were looking good. Notice not "scrub." I'm doing that

The whole family enjoyed having you both, and I hope you will make this home whenever you are in the city.

Get the Ymca Stationery!!

3.
How was No. 1. Mother
didn't say upon you.
How did she act?

Who is Elvira's real
I believe she's a flied
fellows gave you press
and what were they?

Do you know a Mr. Phil
of Louisville who is now
with the Standard? He
with a cousin of mine.

My present is great. I ca
use it to a greater exte
when I travel as hair
are sometimes scarce. I
just had a fresh wash
Marcella, so I'm fixed
for the present, but later
attend to all rough edges.
I appreciate it very much, incl
is 5¢ for the teeth. (ha!) I'll
like your soap. I have a bl
one wearing. Love to Elvira. White
Lovingly, Edith.

At present I am teaching
every day. The High School Music
Teacher is ill in the hospital.
So I've been on the job since
Ymas. She is to be operated
upon, so I expect to be working
for a few days longer. Mr.
Hauold comes over once per
week and has the music. That
day I just have to be there to
keep order etc.

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19 New
Atlanta