

I wish I could know just the time
you will get this. I know you will
not open it before any one - so will
put in this leaf - I think I have put
just seven kisses on it - if you can
find them. will you try? I don't know
how I shall mail this but think I
will take it to the office myself
in the morning - I shall be looking
for a letter soon and I know I will
not be disappointed. Good night.

Your friend R. M. Harkison

Cherora Jan 4th 18.

Dear Mr Broulough:

Dad - not going to
wait for a letter from you for I know
you will be glad to hear just a few
words from me - write you? It is late I
have just got home from meeting, and
it was a good one. I wish I could know
before I sleep how you have got through
the day. Shall I tell you how I have spent
the day? Will I watched you as well as
I could through my tears, till the car
disappeared from my sight then

went to my room to ask strength
and guidance for us both, and
then took up the tasks of the day.
After the dishes were washed and
every thing straightened or partly, as
I took some of the jelly you helped
me make over to my sick neighbor
I was careful not to give her one of
the glasses you had marked for me.
This afternoon went to see Edith she
was very glad to have me for she
was going to be alone. She is much
better though her eyes look and feel
badly. You did not stop over a train
with Dr. K. did you? no. I know you
did not. I must tell you how I burned
my silk mittens, I was warming
some water to take to my room. in a
tin pail, I had my mittens in my
hand and was going to take them
up stairs also. I felt of the water

and found it was warm enough
and the pail was warm, not hot. I did
not stop to think that the bail had been
warmer the fire and took hold of it with
my mittens - when it burned them so
they are ruined wasn't that too bad?
I think it was careless to say the least.
And a bad beginning for Monday.
I hope you will not have such a
horrid dream to-night as you had
last night - and I wish I could ~~do~~
good night to you, I am so sorry
I forgot to sew on your buttons but
I will do it the next time you come
if you can wait so long. Tell me when
you write how you are feeling. and
if you should not feel well enough to
study you will come here won't you?
as much as I should like to have you
here
"I can't have you sick."

✓ Jan 5, 92

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Mr. E. E. Bouslogh.

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Chicago 1-4-92

Dear Friend:-

Should you not like to have me begin my letters this way after this?

I am afraid Charlie noticed my looks a little when I went into the store to see him but perhaps not. I forgot to tell him about his medicine. Tell him I had a lovely rest up while I was at your house and only knew how much I had rested up when I got on the stretch again. Tell him I feel much better than I did before I left Chicago. If you think this is

too soon after being out to tell him you can wait till the last of the week. I talked with Mr. Hoaring all the way in today and I think I managed not to suffer in his estimation, although perhaps he noticed my eyes a little. I have got the addresses of the west side faculty and will go to see Dr. Streeter tomorrow. I have read over what books I have on the subject again today and have been down to see Prof. Leavitt. I feel quite a little more assured now so cheer up dear and let us hope for the best. You would not be at all likely to see any one there as his office is in his residence and I don't think there is any one but his own family there. I made arrangements to bring you to see him next

Monday but any other day that suits you will do just as well, he says. Bring you in any day during his office hours which are 8: 9-30 A.M. 12-30: 2 P.M. & 6: 7-30 P.M. You need not fear his examination at all, ^{fear} of his asking any questions you don't want him to.

I thought it would be a pleasant surprise for you to hear from me tomorrow morning so I hurry this off tonight. You need not answer this one till you get another if you can't very well. I will try to write a little tomorrow or next day. I will be very glad to hear from you whenever you can write as you very well know. I feel more hopeful and wish you might too.

Hurriedly

Your friend
E. E. T. Boulough.

Jan 6, 1892



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Chicago 1-5-92

Dear Friend:-

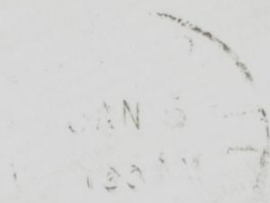
I have been to see Dr. Streeter today and he says to bring you in any day from one to two P. M. I feel more assured than ever so take heart. There was one young lady there who answered the bell in the dress of a nurse but I don't know whether it was one of the family or not but the office is in his private house and you need not fear meeting any one. Any time you can arrange to come in we will see both of them if we can. You need not come

on a very early train unless
you want to see both of them
in one day and don't want to
stay over night with Mrs Ferris,
or unless you want to do some
shopping too, with me. I don't
think you need be particular
about coming in secretly. Just
tell them you want to come
in alone and go with me to see
one of the professors, that will be
all right, ~~and none of this~~
~~particular business.~~

Cher up, things look ^{quite} a little
brighter to me. I will look for
a letter from you soon and we
can write about it till it is
satisfactorily arranged when you
shall come in and then I shall
look for you. Must get this in the
mail tonight so goodnight

Your friend
E E Roushough.

Jan 5, 92



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I will be there sometime that day.
the danger of meeting some one I knew
at the doctors office, would be this, there
might - some one go in from here to take
treatment and we might meet in that
way - would there be any way in which
you could find out, if there were any
patients taking treatment from Aurora
and their days of being treated, Please tell
me if you thought - best to meet me at the
train, I will take a car and go down and
mail this before dinner, and with a special
delivery stamp you had ought to get it
today, and I will look for an answer in
the morning. If you should think best I
could take a carriage at the depot and
go directly to the office and meet you
there, but it would be very nice to see
you before going if I should do so you
must send St. & Co. I shall not write to Mrs
H. not make any further arrangements till
I hear from you. I am very busy this
morning getting ready for Charlie's friend
and also have to make for the A. C. R.
I don't know whether I have made this all
plain to you for I am so hurried and
a little nervous. Your letters are the only bright
spots I have just now. Your friend

R. W. Barker

Aurora Jan 7-th 92

Dear Mr. Bouslogh:

I was surprised and
so glad to get your letter the next morning
and thank you for writing when you
had, had such a hard day. I like the
way you began it - and if you say ^I may
would like to begin my next one to you
in the same way. I was glad you had
Mr. Haarrig to talk to on the way in.
I know he has always esteemed you
highly for he has told me so in
speaking of you. I don't think Charlie
noticed your looks, at least he did
not speak of it. I will tell him all

you said later, I was quite nervous when I read that you had made an appointment, but am feeling now that I must go through with it - and I will - I am glad I need not fear his questions. I wrote to Mrs. Ferris that I might - possibly be able to come in and spend one night - with her next week, I thought I would wait for an answer from her before - setting the time to meet you - I need not tell her which train I will come on - so that we could go to the office before I went there, which train do you think I had better come on, the later trains would not be likely to have so many who were going in to shopping. I also received this morning yours of the 5th. I don't understand how it was so late - and it has been a wonderful help to me all day. I have been swashing and feel some tired. You did not

Speak of having received my letter. That I wrote Monday night - perhaps it is because you have been absent from the college so much. Do be as careful of yourself as you can. Won't you? I am glad you are so hopeful and it encourages me - I don't know how it would do for me to tell them, I was coming in to see one of the professors with you - at any other time I should think just as you do that it was none of their business. --- It has grown so dark that I will finish after supper. I wish you were here to help me get it - is your appetite any better?

Friday A.M. I received a letter from Mrs. Ferris this morning - and she was delighted to think I was coming in, her residence is 27 Pearson St. - Cor N. State. She would like to have me make her a long visit. She wished me to set the day - I had thought of Wednesday and coming on the train that gets in Chicago ^{12.07} 1.00 P.M. or either of these two trains. What do you think of that. I can write to her Tuesday A.M. telling her

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will have a better chance, that is
when the boys will not be so apt to
be fooling so much or so apt to be
looking on. I like to write to you
privately you know. Please let
me know how you have been feeling
this week. I wish I could see you.
I feel much more hopeful than I
did last Sunday & Monday and I
wish I could make you feel so too.
But I must close now so good night
and good bye till I get your next
letter or until you get another from
me,

Your friend,
E. E. Donalough.

Chicago 1-8-92

Dear Friend:-

Do you expect a letter
tomorrow morning? Well here
comes a short one for the last
mail will soon be closed, if it
were not for that I would write a
longer one. The boys have been
fooling around in the room this
evening or I should have had
more time, but you shall not be
altogether disappointed anyway.

I wrote you a letter Monday night
and also one Tuesday night and I
have been looking for a letter from
you for the last two days although
I received one Wednesday that must

have been written before you received either of mine. I was very glad to get it I assure you and I thank you for it very much. I did not mean in my last letter that you should not write till you could tell me you had arranged to come in here for I do want to hear from you just as often as you can write. You must make just a little bit of allowance for my badly written letters just at present for I will get things straightened around soon I hope. If you put your letters in the last mail at night I think I will get them the next forenoon. You need not come in next Monday if it is not convenient for you in every way but you can come in any day it is convenient for you if only you can let me know beforehand so that I can meet you at the train.

I heard today that Prof. Leavitt was sick. Perhaps he may be well enough by Monday. If he is not we can go to see Strector only. If you come in on the 10:45 A M train that gets here at 12:07 P M or even on the 11:50 A M train we will have time to see Strector and if you stay over night we can see Leavitt in the evening. But you know what each ones office hours are and you can come in when you can best and we will see one or both just as we can. If we could get to Leavitt's by 12:30 P M we could probably get through and get to Strectors by 2:00 P M which would be time enough and then you could get home on the train ^{that} gets to Aurora at 5:40 P M. Please let me hear from you anyway. I will answer your letter of the 4th next Sunday when I

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Thursday Evening

Dear Friend:

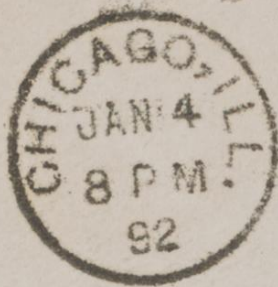
you have never told me yet
I might begin my letters in this way. but
if you do not want me to you will
tell me ^{so} will you not? I shall go home
Friday on the 4:30 P.M. train and will look
for you at Carson Pierce's Washington St-
entrance. If you should think best to hunt
up the cap or overcoat I will go with you
and go out on the 5:11 train. I will be
at the above named place as early as 4 P.M.
and perhaps earlier. I do want to see you
again before I go home.

Hastily your friend R.M.H

Jan 4, 92

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are you sleeping any better?

It is only a week since I was in Aurora but it seems a good deal longer than that to me and so I am thinking of coming out again. You said the other day I owed you a number of letters didn't you? But don't you remember I answered your last letters in person? So let us begin counting again from this letter. Would you like to get a letter Saturday morning? I will look for a letter from you soon and I know I shall not be disappointed. I must close now to get this in the mail. Somehow I would like to see you even if it has been only a few days since I saw you last. Goodnight.

Your friend
E. E. Bouclough.

Chicago 1-18-92

Dear Friend:-

I wanted to write to you right away to explain why I did not talk more freely with you after I took you into the last car. I could not talk plainly and make you understand without letting the man who sat beside you know who and what we were talking about and that I thought would not be best even though we didn't say much of anything. I didn't see any other Aurora people in the car and possibly he didn't think any thing of me bringing you into the car. It was Mr Meyer of Revere-Meyer

Clothing house Aurora and he knew me very well although he didn't speak to me and I think he knows of you very well. But never mind it don't matter only I would have been glad to talk to you without restraint. How did you get home and how have you been feeling? The boys were glad to see you weren't they and what did they have to say? And what have the rest of the folks had to say, anything? You didn't have time to tell me much about your visit in here but we will talk it all over when I come out won't we? It made me feel mean to accept my car fare from you and I think if it had been anybody else I should have insisted on refusing it but somehow or other I accepted from you what I wouldn't have accepted from anybody else. I was thinking about a good many other

things as we stood by the elevator at the Hub but the more I have thought of it and I have thought of it a good many times since, the more I have been provoked at that salesman for speaking to you as he did. I ought to have resented the insult instantly and I hope you will forgive me for I am very sorry I did not. Monday or rather in Sunday morning's paper they advertised another two dollar cut on those overcoats & suiters but I don't know as I shall buy one now after our experience of the other day. Since last Wednesday I have slept much better than I did for quite a while before that and my appetite has improved quite perceptibly too. I am going to get right down to business now and study hard. Has your appetite improved any and

Jan. 19, 1892



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I am glad you are thinking of coming out again I am thinking of it too. It does seem a long time since you were here.

I thought so much about it Monday, I wondered if it were possible you had come to Aurora to see your patient - you would not come without coming to see me, would you?

Charlie has found his ring. he found it on the floor in his closet, wasn't he glad?

^{Sunday}
I received a letter, from Mr Ferris telling me how sorry he was not to have been at the store, he intended going to the depot with me, for my part I am very glad. what would I have done with him.

Yes we will count from your letter

I would like very much to get a letter Saturday morning and will look for one. Edith came down to tea, and spent the evening, so it has made it a little late for me to write, I can always find time to write but do not always get the chance to mail my letters. Do not disappoint me Saturday. Will you?
Your friend R.M.H.

Monday morning
I have thought about those who are greater than I am. I don't know but I shall try to think you had better get me several like to be with you - get it. Would you like to have one. It is just a week today since I sent to Chicago I would not care to go in again under the same circumstances but would like very much to see you this morning. I have been - mother - also Mrs. Dr. E. Brown baby. Nothing you are will remain your friend R.M.H.

Aurora Jan 19th 92

Dear Friend:

I was very glad to get your letter this morning I was looking for it, and the first few lines made me feel much more comfortable than I have done since I saw you last. I noticed there was something unusual in your bearing towards me, but what occasioned it I could not understand, I had plenty of time to think it over on my way home, and many different reasons suggested themselves. I am so glad you explained, for I never meant to ask you why it was.

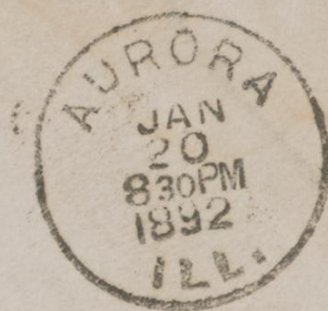
Well I got home all right, when we got to Aurora, the gentleman you said was Mr Meyers politely offered to help me with my packages, and I was very glad to accept just as we got off the car Bud Hopkins stepped up and offered his services so I relieved Mr Meyers. I don't think I could ever have managed so many bundles alone. Mr H ran ahead and stopped the car helped me on, paid my fare. I did not make half the fuss about it that some folks do. The conductor stopped at the door so I got along nicely. The house was all lighted, and Shep met me at the door, while Charlie finished putting supper on the table, which consisted of oysters nicely cooked. They were very glad to see me & assure you. I told them all about my visit - but to Charlie alone I told of your meeting me

and seeing me safely at Mrs Ferris Dales told him you took me to see where you roomed, and pointed out the college from the car. I will tell you all about my visit when I see you. The rest of the folks thought I had had a nice visit and asked no questions. The boys forgot to shut off the City water that cold night and burst the faucet. I must confess I was surprised at the way that salesman at the Hub addressed me, I am glad you did not resent it - I think you did just right - not to notice it - so don't think of it please. I am so glad you are eating and sleeping better you were in no condition to study before. but don't study too hard will you?

As for my self I shall be all right in a few days - I slept quite well last night. I have been wrought up so long that reaction was unavoidable.

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Charles ear.



come out though won't you? (He are having our eye and ear guy Saturday nights now and I am afraid I can't come out till they are over. I don't know just when they will be over but I guess they won't last very long. Now don't worry about my patient for I am not and as for my coming out to Aurora you haven't forgotten how it was the last time have you? I could have taken the early train Sunday morning but instead of that I waited till - well you know when. So I wouldn't come out without coming to see you. I am glad too that Charlie found his ring. I don't know what you would have done with Mr Ferris I am afraid you would have had to let him wait on you instead of me and then I would have been sorry. I am so glad you always find time to write and only wish it were easier for you to mail them. I shall try not to ever disappoint you Saturday morning. That shirt you so kindly washed for me when I was out during the holidays I have on now and have been wearing it all the week, you see it reminds me of you. Did Charlie go to the Y P E C convention up the river last Tuesday? Does he have any trouble with his ears these stormy days? If you folks ever get the gift do let me know so I can send you something won't you? I shall watch for your next letter. Time is up so goodnight, Your friend, E.E.D.

7:8.
 I don't think in any time I would be glad to go with him to get an editor. I am so interested at that occasion that I don't know whether I will get one for myself or not. I would like very much to have you go with me through if I did get one. How does Charlie like his friends? E.E.D.

Chicago 1-22-92

Dear Friend:-

First I want to tell you how glad I was to get your letter, it seemed just as if you were talking to me and it did me lots of good. I was looking for it when it came and I had been looking for it ever since I wrote Monday even though I knew I could not get a letter before Wednesday at least. I see by the postmark at Aurora that it was mailed at 8:30 P M Jan 20 and I received it the next day. I think we can calculate on that night mail that way every time. Just one word more about that evening at the train, I was only trying to shield

you, I didn't care a bit as far as I was concerned whether Mr Myers knew what we were talking about or not. But I am sorry it made you at all uncomfortable and I wish you would promise me right now that if there ever is anything you don't understand you will ask me to explain, will you? Don't let us ever have any misunderstandings will you?

I am glad you got home all right and I am thankful to Mr Myers & Mr Hopkins too for assisting you. I will be glad to return the kindness and I will help his wife some time. I am glad the boys were glad to see you, did you give Charlie what I told you to? And what did he say about my meeting you &c. &c. did he think it was all right? That is too bad about the water freezing. All the south side here were without water one day

this week on account of one of the large mains bursting or something of that sort. But I had enough water in my pitcher to wash once that day and one meal. at the boarding house I didn't have any water to drink. If it had kept up long I would have had to come out to Aurora to see you wouldn't I? I am eating and sleeping better and I am going to get fat now, no danger about me studying too hard though so don't worry about it at all.

I didn't show you our motto on the wall did I? It says "Medicine is an art which has for its object the saving of human life, any neglect to become its master is a crime" don't you see I can't help but study? I am sorry you have not been feeling the very best though and I wish you would write me just how you haven't been feeling good so I can send you some sugar pills to take. You will feel all right when I

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Charlie has decided he must have an
elster, but my going to Galesburg
may interfere with his coming to the
city this week, he had thought to
ask you to go with him to get it.
His ears have been cold sometimes
but he has worn his ear muffs.

I must close for it is getting late
and I will have to get up early for I
will have lots to do before I leave.

I shall look for my letter Saturday
and by that time you may know when
those quins will be over and perhaps
can tell me when you can come out.
I do want to see you Good night

Your friend R. M. Harkison

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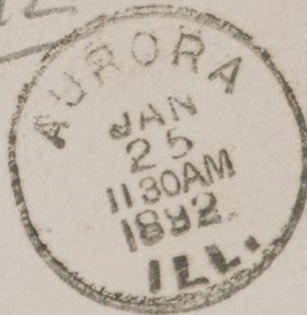
Dear Friend:-

I received your letter Saturday
morning. The time seemed long from Monday
till Saturday but it is so nice to feel sure of
one Saturday's I was glad to get it as you
well know, and will hasten to answer though
the hour is late, as I may not have an
opportunity for a few days at least and I
think you will want to hear from me
before a great while. Will you write? I expect
to go to Galesburg in the morning for a
day or two Corley Charles died Friday noon
of diphtheria after a weeks illness I could not

go down to the funeral which was today
for various reasons, but thought I must
go tomorrow, I am very sorry for them
So you see I am not going to let you wait
long for an answer to such a good letter
as you wrote me. If I should stay longer
than I was expect to I will try and find
time to write again - I want to thank you
for offering to explain things that I may not
understand, and I will be glad to promise
to ask you - No we will not have any
misunderstandings. Yes, I gave Charlie
what you told me to, I did not forget -
He thought it was all right for you to
meet me at the train, and seemed quite
gratified to think you had been so nice
to me. he has not been feeling well today
he did not get up this morning till I
was ready for church. but is feeling
better and went to church this evening
his head has been troubling him.

Charlie went to St Charles and had a nice
time, I see by the papers the water supply is
all right again, so you can not have that
for an excuse for coming out, I wish you
could come though, I have thought to day
many times how I wished you were here.
No, you did not show me the motto on the
wall but you had told me about it
before, and I like it, It must be an
incentive to study hard I am sure so
I will say nothing more, If we get
sick we shall only be to glad to send
to you for medicine. I am so glad
you are feeling so much better, and
know you will be looking fine when
you come out. When will that be?
I am feeling quite like my self again
eat and sleep well - but have some horrid
dreams sometimes one of which I
will tell you when you come out

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1-29-92. Jan 25, 92



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is it with you, will I see any improvement in you when I come? Remember that one dream to tell me but don't dream any more.

Now I did not mean to rebuke you by referring to that motto, you may say all you want to about my studying. I have not been at all displeased at what you have said for it only shows me that you care a little and I am so glad that you do. I have lots of pills left, I can send some any time, and I will be only too glad to do so as you know. Now about my coming out. I do want to come and I don't know whether those quizes will get through before the end of the term or not. And I don't want to wait till the end of the term before coming. If I am going to miss a quiz (which I really ought not to do) I might as well miss it now as any time. So I guess I will pay unless I write to the contrary you may look for me a week from tomorrow. Are you not glad I have decided to come? I shall look for your next letter. Goodnight, your friend, E.E.B.

Chicago 1-29-92

Dear Friend:-

And so you feel sure of a letter Saturday's do you? Well, I am writing somewhat under difficulties tonight, but you shall not be disappointed, you shall have a letter just the same. I received your letter the first of the week, quite a little sooner than I expected it, and you don't know what a pleasant surprise it was. I want to thank you for writing to me when you had so many other things to do, for I did want to hear from you, and your letter did me lots of good, for I have read it every day

and when things didn't seem to go just right or I would get a little puffed up it seemed to smooth me down and cheer me up. It was so good of you to write to me before you went to Galesburg. I am sorry for them, how did you find them and what will they do now? How long did you stay and did you catch cold again? How did you feel when you got back from Galesburg? And how are you feeling now? Is Charley feeling better now? I am so glad he was not displeased with my meeting you in here &c. I would be very glad to wait on you in any way ^{glad} any time you come in. I will be ^{glad} to go with Charlie any time he comes in to get an ulcer. I did not intend to buy an ulcer when I went up town last Saturday but I did. I did not get a light one like we were looking

at. I got one of the dark ones, nearly black. I think I will wear it when I come out, and I am afraid that will not be long now quizes or no quizes. And yet I ought not to miss the quizes. Another professor has begun to quiz at night now and we will have our hands full of quizes from this on till the end of the term. The work of the college seems to be going on just about as usual. I keep studying away every day and doing the best I can and so the days hurry by and it will soon be the end of the term. I have been eating and sleeping just about as well as when I wrote you last but I think I could sleep better yet for a couple of nights if I were in Aurora with you. I wish I had weighed myself. I really think I have begun to improve. And how

Jan 30, 92



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She is here, & I thought at first I would not mention it to you because I don't think she will come, I told her she must let me know before she came, I don't want her to come one bit next week - but I do want you, still I think you would rather wait another week than to come when she were here. Wouldn't you? If she should come I will send you word in time, so make all your arrangements to come. Won't you? As I came into my room tonight in the dark, and was feeling for a snatch I knocked down one of my pretty covered bottles and broke it. Isn't that too bad? I have brought my plants up from the cellar and have them in my room if I do not get the brackets up before you come, will you put them up for me? Charlie is talking some of coming in next week if he should make up his mind to do so, you will probably hear from him. I have not told him yet that you intended to come out next Sunday. I thought I would wait till I heard from you again, Please don't forget that I shall be looking for a letter before Saturday, and on that day shall be looking for you. Your friend R. M. Harrison.

Aurora Jan 30th 93

Dear Friend -

I am going to answer your letter tonight, because I shall want one more letter from you before you come. I am so glad you are coming. I wondered last night as I went to my room and to bed, (which I did pretty early) if you were not writing to me, and I think perhaps you were, I was so glad to get it this morning. This week has been a long, hard week for me. As you know I left Monday morning for Galesburg, and when about half way there, was taken with a pain in the

back of my head, which grew worse. I was sick at my stomach, and so faint. I believe you had a similar case not long ago. I thought of that case, and could not help but wish you were near. You would have done all you could for me would you not? By the time I reached Salisbury I had to be put to bed - they wanted to send for a doctor, but I would not let them. The next morning I got up, though I felt more like staying in bed. I felt so sorry to go to them, feeling so sick when they were in such trouble. But they did appreciate my going so much I shall never regret it, though I did feel pretty sick. I came home Wednesday night, not feeling any too well, but did not have time, or any one to take care of me, and there is no fun in being sick, if you can't be taken care of, as made up my mind

I would go to work, and wait until you were here sometime and could take care of me. I am all right now. If I should need some pills when you come out, you will give me some I know. I am so glad you are feeling so well - I am saving that piece of wedding cake for you to dream on when you come out. Yes, I think you must miss one quize. Have my gloves ever been sent to you? if they have not - will you please call for them before coming out. Mrs Blair has a daughter, two days old. Mrs Stephens spent the afternoon with me. Charlie is not feeling ~~as~~ not feeling very well. Ain't you just a little blue? I wonder why. Mr Charles, wanted Mrs Charles, as soon as she could get ready, to come to Aurora and spend a few days with me, and then go to Julia's - it is barely possible, she may come next week and if she should I will let you know in time, so that you may not come while

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Chicago 1-31-92

Dear Friend,

You are not expecting
this letter are you so it will
be a little surprise for you.

I was up town again yesterday
and as I didn't know when
Charlie would come in I
thought I would write & have
you tell him to come in as
soon as he could conveniently
for I think I have a great
snap for him in an ulster.
I almost wish I hadn't bought
mine now.

I forgot one thing in my last letter and that is this, the professor marks our attendance on those Saturday night quizzes and I would have to have some excuse for being absent, so if you could be just a little sick and send for me in your next letter I could tell him I was called out of town, don't you see? Or if Charlie or Shep would get sick it would be all the same if only you would send for me you know that is the main point. But I guess I will come anyhow even

if I am marked for it. I am getting a little anxious to come out myself and the more I think of it the more I want to come. It will not be many days now will it? So goodbye tell your next letter.

Your friend
E. E. Bonslough.

Feb 1, 92



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
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them which I will tell you when I come. It is too bad you broke one of those pretty bottles I am sorry too. Yes I shall be only too glad to put up the brackets for you, and I will be glad to do anything else too.

Yes I have made up my mind to drop my studies and come so I have made all my arrangements and unless I get a letter from you not to come I will come next Saturday. And if I should get a letter to come Friday night I think I should just come that's all, and you could look for me before bed-time. ~~If I should miss the six o'clock train would you want me to come as late as 10:30 Friday night. I have a key you know. If I don't get a letter from you I am going to come anyway. So goodnight.~~
Your friend, E. E. Boulough.

Chicago 2-3-92

Dear Friend:-

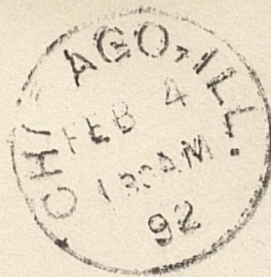
I was very glad to get your letter as you very well know. I was hardly expecting it quite so soon though, but I want to thank you for writing as soon as you did. Such a good letter deserves a quicker answer than this and I would have written before but Charlie came in Tuesday & that took most of the day and today brother Lloyd came in and that took most of the day. Charlie could tell you something about me and besides I wrote to you Sunday

so this will be two letters instead of one won't it? I have not been feeling quite so well for a couple of days but I guess it is only because I want to come out to Aurora. And Charlie gave me such a nice kind invitation to come too, I did not tell him I was coming out the last of the week because I did not know but what I might get your letter not to come. I did tell him I would come soon though. Would you like to have me come out Friday night? I have a good notion to, I know I will want to come bad enough by that time to let a lecture or two slide and come Friday night and if I should get a letter from you to come then I rather think I should come. I am so sorry you were

so sick at Galesburg. I wish I could have been there to help you I would have done all I could for you. I would have cared for you just the very best I knew how. Charlie said you were feeling pretty well but I sent you some pills anyway. I wish you could always wait to be sick till I could take care of you, don't you?

I do hope Mrs Charles won't come this week for I am just selfish enough not to want anybody to come while I am there, I just want to be there alone. Wouldn't you like to have it that way? What would I do if I should come and then she should come before I got away? I will bring your gloves when I come. I had quite a little experience with

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Aurora,
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Aurora Feb 4th 92.

Dear Friend,

Your letter was received
this morning. I was looking for it. I guess
you will think I am always looking for
one, well I am if I think there is any
show of getting one. Would I like to have
you come Friday night? Well, I guess I
would. Do come as soon as you can. I
thought of asking you to come Friday
night, and then thought you would
not like to leave so long. But I fancy
you do not have much time to give to

Your work when you come Saturday
noon. I don't know any more about
Mrs Charles being here than I did when
I wrote you last, though I have tried
to find out, I have written to her, and
have received no answer yet. And last
night invited Mr Charles up to tea,
to see if I could find out through him.
he said, she said, when he left home,
she might come up Friday, and go back
with him Saturday night but he did
not seem to feel sure she would. Now I
think you had ^{better} come just the same
for I think if she should not come
Friday she will be sure to come the
next week and stay over Sunday.

I truly hope she may be inclined to
stay at home, I am so glad you are
coming - and it will not be long now
I am not going to try to answer your

letter as I have only a few minutes in
which to write. Yes I do want you all to
myself, I am going to suggest if you should
come at 10:30 to sing instead of using your
key for if Mrs. C. should be here it might be
better. Come early if you can. Would you?
I can't hardly wait till tomorrow night.
Hastily your friend R. W. Harrison

P.S. I have not told Charlie I expected you so
let it be a surprise.

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Answered
in person.

Feb 4, 92



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Prof Chislett gave his last lecture today and next Wednesday will take a vacation till fall I believe by studying in the hospitals of Vienna & Berlin. He are all looking forward to examinations now. Shep was right about the theater, what is now the Columbia used to be called Heaverly's. The hanger to my ulster broke & I fixed it today. I think of you every time I look at the coat and a good many times more than that too. I have been feasting all the week on the goodies you gave me and they are not all gone yet. I ate some of the candy and an orange today. You were all very good to me when I was out and I took those things to please you. I am afraid I miss you quite a good deal, it seems longer than it really is since I was out and I have looked at the calendar some already to see how long it would be before I could come out again. You will forgive me for being so foolish wait you. Your friend E. E. T.B.

When you have time to write tell me all about how you have been getting along and all you have been doing. I like to know, I shall look for your letter. Goodnight your friend E. E. T.B. enough.

Chicago 2-12-92

Dear Friend:-

I hurried over to the depot that night for fear I would be late so I got there two or three minutes before the train came in. It was rather a lonely ride coming in that time of night and different from any time before. I got down to the house and got to bed about half past eleven & if nobody knew I had returned till in the morning. They said they had missed me and thought I was gone a long time. It was three days

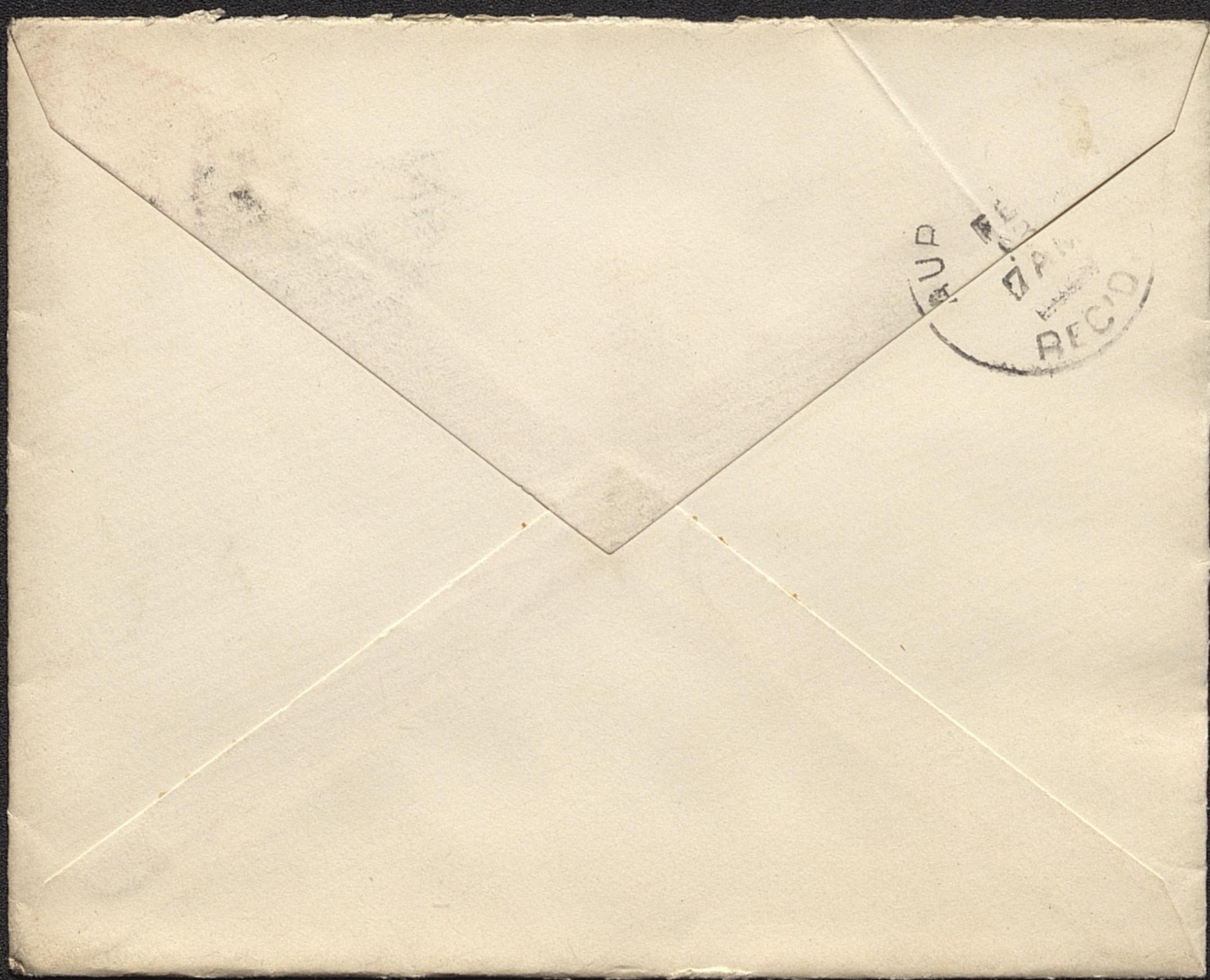
I spent with you was it not
and wasn't that a nice long
time? (What do you suppose
the boys thought of it anyway?
Did you give Charlie that powder
in water and did it do him
any good? And have you taken
your medicine? I suppose you
have been looking for a letter
(have you?) well I would have
written but when I had looked
up I thought that powder was
about the best thing for Charlie
and I also found there were some
little things here to be straightened
out. I know now why I felt
so restless and wanted to be
back so much; you remember
my telling you about the ring
here don't you? When I got back
I found that while I was gone
both my roommates had

joined it. It was quite a
disappointment to me for we
all fought against it last year
and this and it just seemed
as if they had deserted me. So
I have felt doubly lonesome and
I am afraid a little blue all the
week. Then I thought it was
too bad to feel so after I had
had such a lovely time with
you (you know how much I
enjoyed it don't you?) so I have
braced up and settled down to
make the best of it. I missed
some of the lectures while I was
gone you know so when I got
back I felt there was lots of
studying to do and I think now
I have got thoroughly into the
harness again. I feel sure I
can do better work after such
a delightful resting as I had.

Feb 12, 1892



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myself so soon. You know we christened it
 for we filled it the first time. Didn't we? I do
 want to thank you for it. Thursday night I
 went to the concert it was very good we
 cleared something over sixty dollars. I sat
 near Dr. K. & Mr & Mrs B. and if I didn't want
 you to promise me something once, I do now
 Will you please? I think you will know what
 I mean. Wednesday I washed and after I
 had taken a nap went to see Mrs Catlin who
 has been sick, in the evening Mr Charles called
 and gave me a pass to go to Riverside Friday
 Thursday morning I did not feel hardly
 well enough to get up though I did, but
 was obliged to lie down most of the day. Friday
 morning though far from feeling well went
 to Riverside, and got through the day as well
 as I expected, Had a nice visit with Julia
 their home is very pretty and they seem to be
 very happy Herbert came out early in the
 afternoon it being a holiday, I left for home at
 6:35 I think my side home, must have been quite
 a little like yours. Monday night, then were only

P.S. Do not think I am sick with you. I think I will be
 over this in a day or two it is rather uncomfortable at
 times and if you can send me something to relieve
 the pain will be very glad. The boys have a nice land
 east of in the grade. After the boys go away I am going to
 take a car and look them up. I do you will get it tomorrow
 you may call it your vacation if you want to. Will
 when you can I shall be glad to hear from you.
 Your friend H. M. J.

Corona Feb 1st 92

Dear Friend,

I think from Monday night
 till Saturday evening has seemed like as
 many weeks, instead of days, though they
 have been busy days for me. I hardly expected
 a letter until this morning, though I must
 say I thought how nice one would be. I don't
 know hardly what I should think to be
 disappointed Saturday. Thanks you for such
 a nice letter it has done me a world of good
 today. And now fearing the time may seem
 long to you I am going to answer right away.
 I do not always find an opportunity to mail

them as soon as written. Only think one week ago
tonight you were here it seems so much longer
Yes. Three days that was a nice visit and I shall
not soon forget it. But it was not half long
enough. I wish you were here tonight. Don't you?
You would have made the train all right if you
had waited for the car wouldn't you? I looked
at the calendar my self. before you got home
that night to see when I thought you might
come again, I am so glad you thought enough
about coming to do the same. Charles
Throat felt so much better he did not take
the powder. I don't know what the boys
thought, I don't think they thought much
about it, they did not know but you were
somewhere else some of the time they did
not say anything, so I guess it is alright
I wish I could have fixed your coat for you
I felt as though that strap was not very
secure. Do you think you could have
prevented the boys joining that ring if

you had been there, I know you must feel
disappointed, and I am sorry for you, it is
enough to make you feel blue but you are so
sensible I know you will try and make the
best of it. I believe from the way you wrote
you did enjoy your visit, and I hope it will
do you good. Tuesday morning I went down
to see Mr Welch. you remember he was sick, I
found him quite sick, he complained of having
cold feet so I got a hot flat iron for him, and
that reminded me of the hot water bottle
you brought me, and I remembered what
you said about lending it, so I came
home and got it. He was so grateful he
thought he never had any thing quite so
nice, and said he would have one of his own.
Mrs. W. said I did not know you had one? When
did you get it? ^{I said} Didn't you? I have had ^{it} some
little time. She did not say any thing more
I did not explain how little the time was. I made
another cover for it before I loaned it. I think
you will feel glad I did not have to use it for

two in the car most of the way home. And
by the time I got started I was not feeling
quite so well. When I reached home I was
thoroughly chilled and went to bed to try
and get warm, but did not succeed very
early I finally dropped asleep and dreamed
I got a letter from you and it was
addressed to Mrs H & Charley. I waking
of dreaming makes me think of that wedding
cake. Now I want you to put it under your
pillow, Wednesday night - don't forget, and
tell me what you dream. How is that poor
finger? I hope it is most well. Elsie Curry
is quite sick with scarlet fever. The hens
have been laying one and sometimes
two eggs a day since you were here.
Mrs Charles asked me when you went home
I told her at eight - she thought - of course
early, I did not tell her differently. I am
going to tell you now how I have been
feeling - first I took the powders as you
directed.

Tuesday & Wednesday. Thursday morning
when I awakened I had severe pains in
my bowels, but only one movement to
amount to any thing, but the pain
continued at intervals all through the
day. I was cold and drowsy, with occasional
sharp pains in the side of my head, my
flesh was sore to the touch and I was
generally used up. Now how is that
Do have I not done pretty well to tell you
so much? when I don't like to, I have felt
that way for three days, but have not
suffered ^{so} much since the first day. The
pain in my bowels growing less each
day. Thursday noon I commenced taking
powder No two as you told me, but did
not take it Friday as I was away. I will not
seal this tonight - and will tell you how I feel in
the morning. Good night - Sunday Afternoon I
have been having those pains all day as often
as every hour. I have not taken any thing today
as I did not feel sure that you would give me this
remedy for any present trouble. My bowels do not move
every time the pain comes on, though the desire is great.

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Feb 14, 1892



Mr. E. E. Boustough.
Hahnemann Medical College
Chicago.

300 Ill.

Friday Curing some one
Sat. sleeping on floor
Sunday



Chicago 2-16-92

Dear Friend,

I wish I could have gotten some medicine to you sooner but the quickest way I can get it to you now is by putting it in this letter, so I will put a few pills in, some white & some red ones. Take one red pill dry on the tongue (that is not in water) and then one ~~dry~~ white one and so on taking a pill every time your bowels desire to move. When you get comfortable again you may stop taking them. If these don't help you the first day.

please let me know right away and I will send you something else. I feel quite sure this will help you though. It does not seem to me that the powders I gave you could have produced that effect but if you think so do not take any more of them till I come out again.

I have been feeling very well and working away but I don't feel very much like writing a letter tonight for various reasons so if you will excuse me this time I will answer your letter in time for you to get it Saturday morning. I was very glad indeed to get your letter and I shall read it every day till I get another.

I hope you will feel very much better very soon. You will let me know if you don't want you? I hope I shall feel just like writing when I answer your letter don't you?

Goodnight,

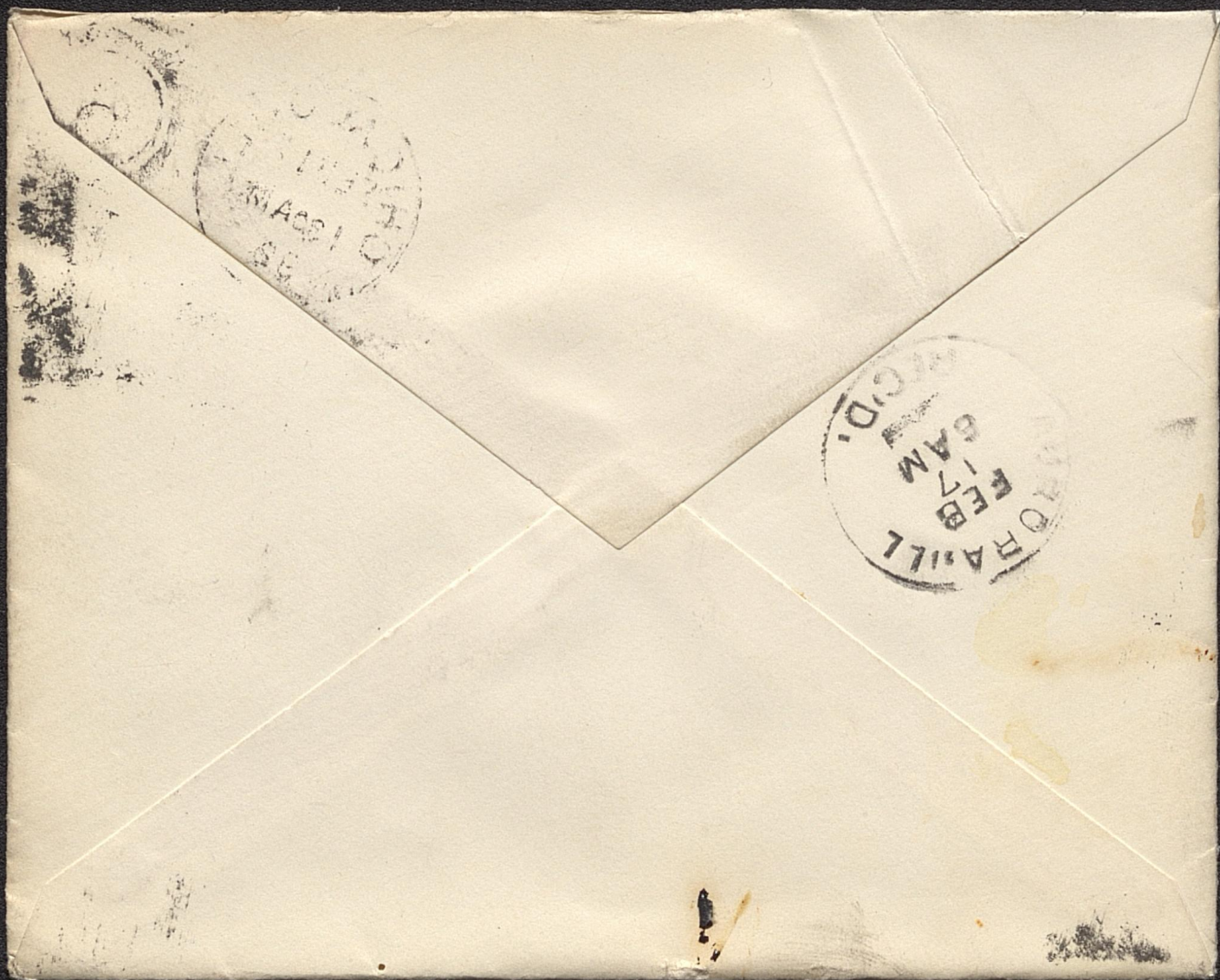
Your friend
E. E. Boulough.

Feb 17, 92



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It seems to me you must have thought a little
 about coming. for I felt so sure you would. Did you?
 I did not have the water bottle the night I came
 from Riverside. it had not been returned. I did
 wish so much I had it. and think I felt colder
 because I knew I could not have it. I would
 have liked very much to have had you there
 at that time. Don't say of you are never around
 when I am feeling badly. for you have been, and
 so I know just how nice it would be to have
 you again. Yes. I said if you did not dream
 the first night you should keep the cake
 under your pillow till you did dream.
 Though the first night you had it under
 your pillow, seemed to me a very pleasant,
 what shall I call it, not a dream, but an
 illusion, how will that do? Is that the right
 word? And so if it even pleasant to you perhaps
 you had better not try again, for fear
 you might have a nice dream about
 someone else. And I should not be in it.
 You see I want^{to} tell me if you did
 dream anything more. Yesterday after

P.S. There is one question I find I have not answered
 that is about eliminating another bottle of medicine.
 Do you speak of such a thing - Now I don't want you to
 bring me one thing - please remember only yesterday I think
 I wrote you about this afternoon and last thing
 I have down everything this morning and my breakfast
 table. Now I must say - goodbye - and go to work &
 wish you were here I would care nothing you had
 one or not. If you ever hear that please let me know.

Aurora Feb 22 92

Dear Howard -

Yours of the 16th with medicine
 was received. The next morning, and surely
 thanking you is not expressing half I felt.
 It was so nice to get help from you. I do
 appreciate it so much, and hope sometime
 I may be able to do something for you.
 If I can, you will ask me as I did you. Would you?
 The medicine was forwarded as you thought it
 might be all but two of the white pills. I know
 well enough to take it. I took three pills before
 I began to feel the effect, and continued taking
 them through the day. At night the pain

was nearly gone, you will know I must have felt very much better when I tell you I went to the opera house with Charlie, though it was very much against my better judgment, had to take one pill while there. Charlie wanted me to go so much that I did not feel like disappointing him. I felt a little weak for a day or two but am all right again. You see I had been suffering most of the time for nearly a week through the day: but at night was quite easy and rested well. I had taken nothing but a little blackberry brandy. I think you are going to make a very skillful doctor, you seem to know just the remedy every time. I don't believe I shall ever want any one else to doctor me, so don't go very far away. Did I say any thing in my letter to lead you to think I thought the powder you gave me, caused my sickness; if I did I

did not mean to. I got your nice letter Saturday morning and I know you felt just like writing and I am so glad you did. Wish the boys would be kind enough to leave you to yourself a little while each week. I don't take a car every time I mail a letter to you, only when I want you to get it at a particular time. Don't think any thing about not sending the medicine sooner. I know you would get it to me as soon as you could. Do let me see the strap on your coat I think it will last till you come out for it won't be a great while will it? When I read your letter I did wish you would come out and stay over Sunday and spend today here and I could not help but look for you a little, Saturday until late Saturday night: but I suppose you could not. If you had you would have been going back this morning. And you know that part of it is always hard. Now I shall be looking forward to seeing you before very long. May I not?

Dinner Charlie and I drove out to the farm
we wanted to get the measurements of the rooms
as I have to have them papered and also
see about the cistern, having it cemented, we
did not find them at home and so raised
a window and got in. Oh! my such a place
for people to live in. We had the same rig that
we had the day we went to get cherries, do
you remember? I thought of that day many
times during my ride. I am so glad your
thumb has healed. I hope you may never have
to have an operation of any kind. and while
I never should be skillful enough to perform
an operation - I think I can serve myself
to do most any thing that is necessary.
I will tell you what I did do the other day
I told Charlie to order some fresh halibut
for dinner - but not to send any thing.
I would have to clean, they were out of

halibut, but said they had some nice blue fish. Charlie said no, I did not like to clean them and I would have to. They said no they were already cleaned, so Charlie ordered one, and when it came, it was not cleaned, and I sent it back. Doctor Gillitt is treating Elsie Curry she is getting better slowly but has been a very sick child. Harlan has it now. I saw Jen passing yesterday and asked after them. Mrs Blair is around the house she said. I have not been to the house myself - you know if I should get the fever you could not take care of me so I think I had better be careful. If I should get sick ahed how could I telegraph for you. Would I dare do that? I should want to I know. Elmer spent Sunday in Chicago. Your P.B. made me feel weak. I dont want to think about your going so far away - but I have a good deal. May I ask what you would do there, just have a good time - I think the change would certainly be very good for you - or if would you go with a view to locating there. I dont like to think about it. I am so glad you are feeling so well now that examinations are at hand and hope you will pass in every thing.

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Feb 23, 92



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have somebody else take care of you you must let me know and you must let me be there. Never mind anything else you will won't you? Some of the boys have been talking of going to San Francisco in May and graduating in December. They have written to see how arrangements could be made but have not yet received an answer. That would be my object in going there but perhaps I may not go at all. I wanted to see what you thought of it before I decided to go with them. One thing more, if I decide not to go to California, and if I decide not to spend my summer in Chicago but to come to Aurora to spend my summer will you take me as a boarder or will I have to get some other place to board? Please talk it over with Charlie and let me know. (After we have decided that part then I will tell you how much I want to come and how good I will try to be.) If you can please let me know in your next letter because I don't want to complete arrangements for staying here till I hear from you. And now about my coming to see you, I did want ever so much to come last Saturday if I had

Chicago 2-26-92

My dear Mr. Brewster

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

Yours truly,
J. A. Allen

Dear Friend :-

Three of the other boys in the building have been in this evening and the boys have been having a general discussion. It is now after eight and they have gone to a quiz. I have stayed home to write to you and I will hurry before the mail closes for I know how disappointed you would be if you did not get a letter tomorrow morning. I know how I looked for your letter this week and I want to thank you ever so much for it. It was such a nice letter and it has done me good all the week. I think

perhaps my looking forward to the examinations of my studying as I try to is telling you just a very little bit and so I appreciate your letters the more. I am so glad you are feeling more like yourself again I only wish I had been there when you were first taken sick, I think perhaps you wouldn't have had to suffer so long as you did. You have done a great deal for me already & I feel more than repaid, so please don't say any more about that part of it. I believe I wrote you that the second night which was Thursday I dreamed about curing somebody. I could not remember that dream only that that was what it was about. Friday night I dreamed again that I cured somebody but I could not remember that one with any distinctness either. Saturday night

I dreamed a horrid dream which I remembered well. Sunday night I did not dream but Monday night I dreamed a worse dream still and I remembered that one too. And so I gave it up and have not tried to dream on the cake since. I believe it is the rule to dream only three times on a piece of wedding cake is it not? At any rate I think we better take the first three nights, I shall be satisfied with that. The first night was the best of them all to me, & I want to call that a dream shall we not? And shall we not be satisfied with that till we can try again some time? Yes I remember the rig and the day we went to get cherries. I don't think I shall ever forget that day. Yes I think you must telegraph for me if you ever get sick abroad, even if you have to

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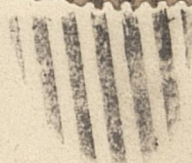
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the only letter and he might not bring it. So I asked the question, Do you suppose he would come out here if he only had one letter to deliver? "Yes Sir," said Charlie very decided. So I felt quite encouraged. And this morning he brought me two but yours was the one I was looking for and the one I was so glad to get. I was thinking of you as I went to my room last night for I was alone and must always stay in my room when alone, and was wondering if you had written, or was going to write to me, and thought I would like to look in upon you for a minute. I think if I could have done so, and found so many in the room, I should have felt as though my chance for getting a letter did not all depend on the postman, and so you staid at home to write to me. Thanks you —

and I am going to answer right away to pay you for it. Don't make yourself sick with the examinations. If you only get tired you know you may rest up here. I don't mean by that if you were sick you could not be here — for you have promised that — and I would do all that I could possibly do for you — but you know I don't want you to overdo. What are you having such horrid dreams for. Well I think the bad ones we want count any way — the first one we will call the dream, I have always supposed you were expected to dream the first night, but I told you to keep it under your head three nights, fearing you would not dream the first night. I have thought many times since I received your letter about your going to California and the more I thought about it the more I did not want you to go.

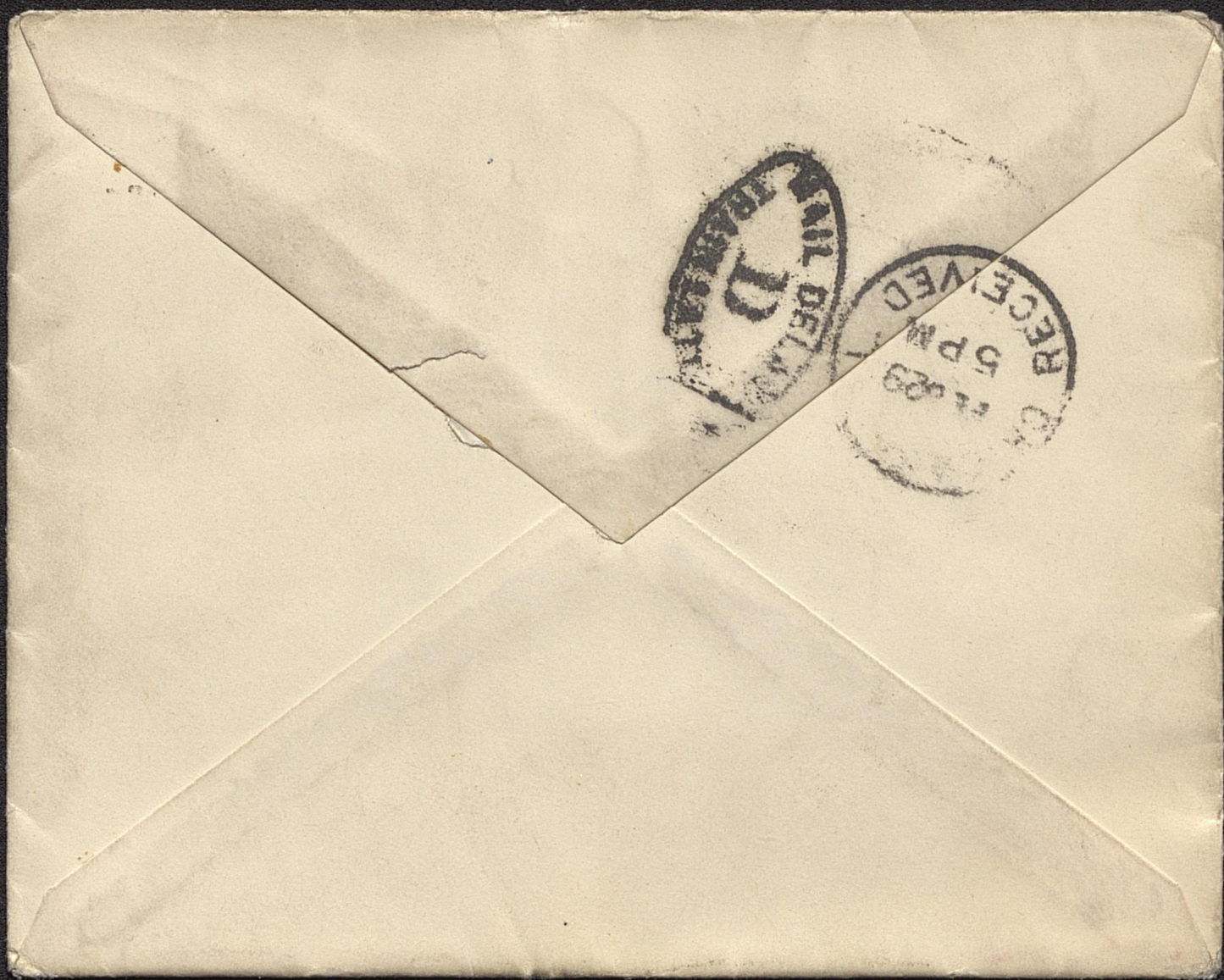
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Feb 29, 92



Mr E. E. Bronsough.
Hahnemann Medical College.
Chicago,
Ill.

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It has been a miserable drizzly day & I have a headache. Some of the lecture hours were not filled today and I studied hard most all afternoon. And so you see I thought of you a good many times today and wished examinations were over and I could come out to see you. I don't know what made me have those horrid dreams, the first one was so pleasant and I am glad you want to call that the dream. I do I assure you. I did not sleep well last night or the night before, guess I will sleep tonight though. I am sorry Elsie Curry has had that abscess but that is better than having it settle in her ears or eyes. I am afraid she will have a more dangerous sequel than that though before she gets through with it. I am so glad you took care of yourself and didn't get the fever. Yes, Bessie suits me if she is pretty. I am glad everything ~~thing~~ went off so lovely with your new thimble but are you not going to have some sewing that I can help you with when I come? I took the lectures and studied all the rest of the day last Saturday. I didn't go up town at all because we were to have our last eye quiz at night and I wanted to be as well prepared for it as I could.

Chicago 3-3-92

Dear Friend:-

I have just come from a quiz in obstetrics where I was called down before the whole class to deliver a child on the manikin. I only answered one question wrong but it makes me feel mean because I knew the right answer just as well as anything. But I am going to drop all that now and write to you a little while & then perhaps I can study again. It has been a lovely day outside today and I wondered as I walked back & forth from lectures what kind of a day it was where you were.

I did wish that I were with you,
And I wish I could have arranged
it so that I could have come out once
more before examinations but it will
not be long now till they will be
over and I can come. I will try
to let you know by the middle of
next week just when to look for me.
Thank you for such a lovely letter
it has been a help to me all the
week. And so you were afraid you
would miss getting your letter
Saturday morning did you? It was
not in Aurora when he brought the
papers to Charlie you know if I
guess he forgot how regularly the
letters have been coming Saturday
mornings or perhaps he thought it
was time for me to come out and so
there would be no letter. But I am
glad you were not disappointed
any way. I think I know just

how disappointed you would be if
so I am going to try if never have you
disappointed Saturday mornings, I shall
try to write to you somehow or other.
I wish you could have looked in on
me that evening I would have been so
glad to see you! Thank you for answer-
ing so soon, I always watch every mail
till your letter comes. Thank you
for your kind solicitude. I shall try
to do as you say and I don't think
you need worry a particle about my
overdoing or getting sick but I must
pass as good examinations as I can
though. (And then I will come out
and see you) — Friday evening.
I began to be afraid I would not
have much chance to write to you
tonight but the boys have all gone
to a meeting of the ring now and
although it is late I have still some
little time before the mail closes.

I am going to write on this extra sheet that you put in so that no one could read your letter but myself, may I ?

Perhaps I will have time to most fill it.

Now about my going to California, don't worry about it a bit please. Because it is not decided yet and will not be for two or three weeks. I haven't mentioned it to my folks yet. You are the only one outside of the boys who are thinking of going whom I have mentioned it to. We have considered going very seriously but it won't be decided till after we have all gone home and talked it over with our folks, then we will correspond with each other and decide who are going. I have tried not to think about how it would be to leave all my friends and go way off there alone and I don't know what I would do when it comes to that, but if it seems best that I should go you will be brave and not make it too hard for me, won't you ---?

I wish I could say as you want me to, that I would come to Aurora for the summer.

I think I know how much you would like to have me come and I would like to come just to please you even if I did not want to come so much myself.

I wish I could say you might think about my coming as a settled thing as you want me to say but I don't know

what is the best thing to do. He will talk it over when I come out which won't be very long now. I thank you and Charlie very much indeed, it makes me feel so much better to know you would both like to have me come. I would have liked to have come out and spent last Sunday with you, I thought about it, but I couldn't very well.

(You know I want to decide as you want me to especially when you write please and underscore it but I can't decide just yet.) You won't think I am tiring myself out and getting sick will you just because I have written that I did not sleep well and have a headache? Because if you do you know I can't write ⁸⁶⁸ ~~very~~ you so well how I am and how I am getting along. You will make it all right when I come out after examinations won't you? Now I must say goodbye. I will be looking for your letter you know. Goodnight.

Your friend
E. E. B.

March 3, 1892



Mrs. R. M. Larkison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
Ill.

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I am glad you could see how you
were feeling, and I do hope your
poor head is all right and you are
sleeping well again. I know you
must have to work hard these days
and I am so glad you are soon to
have a rest. The S of V are to have a
bazaar at the rink, ^{this week} and Charlie is
very much interested in it. Edith
came up to tea Saturday night and
spent the evening, and yesterday took
dinner with us and Mrs Welch came
up in the afternoon so you see I did
not get time to answer your letter
before. Only think I have finished my
washing, and am writing to you
And I think you will get it in
the morning. I am counting on
hearing from you the middle
of the week. Are you saving
all the pins? Yes, one will talk

every thing over when you come
out. Your aunt is beginning to come
down all ready. I thought I would not
forward it all you were to be here so
soon, so think it is nothing but a
little something that I am
or something of that sort. Mr Spangler like
Charlie yesterday he would not come
down as he had the week up. I will have
to get dinner now so Goodbye. Shall look for
that letter, and then for your friend R. M. H.

Savannah March 14th 72

Dear Friend:
P.S. got to Savannah so had some
car and sent this so you will be sure to get it.
The answer is R. M. H.

Saturday morning brought the
letter that I had thought of all through
the week, and it was a nice letter and
thoroughly enjoyed & assure you, it
is. The next thing to saying you, I
don't wonder you missed one question
the only wonder is you did not miss
more, for it must have been a trying
place before all the class, I do not wonder
you were exasperated to miss a question
you knew, but never mind as you

always say, I think you did splendidly. Friday was a lovely day here and I am glad you thought of me a little for I was thinking of you, and was wondering if you were enjoying the day, for we have had so much gloomy weather that the sunshine was a great treat. In the afternoon I went out and made fifteen calls did not leave home till after three. You see it was so pleasant many were out, you said you wish you could have been here. So do I. I don't think I would have gone calling. Friday was just such a day as you ^{had} said, rainy and dismal, and I did feel a little blue and lonesome, and wished you were here, you know I don't care one bit how stormy it is when you come, for then other people are not likely to come in, there is

nothing selfish about that, is there? I think I shall wait it to rain big guns when you do come. It won't be very long now, will it? Elsie Curry is not improving Harland came down stairs for the first time today I will have lots to do that you can help me with. And I shall be so glad to have you. I don't like to think one bit about your going away off; but I am so glad you told me your plans before any one else. I think you know how sorry I would be to have you go but if you should decide it was for the best, I would try not make it harder for you to go - but on the contrary, would be as helpful as I could. I think I was asking you to promise to come here, if you should come to Aurora, did you not think best to promise even that?

Came to Aurora
3-11-92

March 7, 92



Mr. E. E. Boushough
Hahnemann Medical College
Chicago.

Ill.
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Chicago 3-9-92

Dear Friend,

Thank you for that nice letter, I was so glad to get it, it has done me lots of good. I suppose you have expected this letter before this but I couldn't very well write before, I wish I could write you a nice long letter now but I can't. I took three examinations yesterday and I felt real tired last night. I took one this forenoon and I have felt badly all day and my head aches real hard now. I have to take another

examination this evening.
I wish I could lay my head
on your shoulder just a few
minutes, it would do me so
much good. I have been
planning and trying to do
too much this week. I wanted
to get out to Aurora just as
soon as I could and thought
I could get out Thursday night
but I can't make it. I will
try if possible to come Friday
at two P.M. Look for me
then. If I don't come then I
will at six. So much has
been crowded into this week
that it has seemed very
long to me and I know it
will seem a long time to
me yet before I get out of
here. But I am going to
~~brace up~~ and do the best

I can and then I am coming
out to rest a little.

I am sorry I misunderstood
your letter, I will explain
what I thought you meant
when I come out. You don't
think I could come to Aurora
to spend the summer and
not come to live with you
if you would let me do you?
No, no, you know I couldn't
do that —. Don't worry
about my headache will you?
Good bye, it won't be very
long now.

Your friend
E. E. Boulough.

March 10, 92



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
Ill.

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Aurora 3-21-92

Prof Bailey:-

Please forward
my standings in the recent
examinations. I enclose
stamps.

Yours Truly

E. E. Tonslough,

393 Downer Place,

Aurora,

Ills.

Chem	45	100	Perfect
Reductions	75	"	"
Surgery	83	"	"
Genl Path			
Phys. Diag.	70	"	"
Material Med.	75	"	"
Obstetrics	40	50	"

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Drawing in of umbilical ^{during}
3^d or beginning of 4th month

After 3^d month cervix
is almost out of reach
of finger

Up to 4th month
cervix is larger and
softer - in easy reach.

Vaginal membrane
purple in color.

Tingling & slight
sensitiveness of

W. H. Schieffelin & Co.'s Soluble Pills

Preferred when not otherwise specified.

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mammæ ² ~~so~~
supplemented by
uncomfortable sense
of tension. Increase
of size not noticeable
until 4th month.

Veins large & distinct
nipples turgid
prominent sensitive
on slight stimulation
erect

at 2^d month areola
is soft oedematous

W. H. Schieffelin & Co.'s Soluble Pills
Preferred when not otherwise specified.

+ slightly³ elevated +
sebaceous follicles
enlarge. + colostrum
can be expressed
from nipple at
mouth.

Frequent micturition
+ constipation

Morning sickness
usually first couple
of months but not
always

W. H. Schieffelin & Co.'s Soluble Pills
Preferred when not otherwise specified.

Along a ⁺narrow
line from umbilicus
to pubes there is
darkening shading
light brown to black

As early as fifth
week the uterus
just above the cervix
is softer & more
boggy than the tissues
above & below & cervix
bulb set on a sphere

W. H. Schieffelin & Co's Soluble Pills
Preferred when not otherwise specified.

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The lips of cervix are
also a little soft.

From 2^d to 4th month
internus is peculiarly
soft.

W. H. Schieffelin & Co.'s Soluble Pills
Preferred when not otherwise specified.

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Anatomy	90
Ped	75
1st Surg	83
Phys. Diag	70 +
M. M.	75
Obs	32.
Organon	40
Chem.	45

W. H. Schieffelin & Co.'s Soluble Pills
Preferred when not otherwise specified.

26/92
Wednesday Aug

Always a full feeling whether
having eaten or not, seems
full all the way up. Food
lies heavy & presses on stomach
sensational as if something in the
throat to be swallowed, always
swallowing but not relieved.
Drinking relieves for a little.
Throat seems full of phlegm.
Forceful belching of gas with
no effort & after eating, comes
about every five minutes, like
sour stomach. Mouth & tongue
feel scalded, intense burning
all the way down & in the
stomach too drinks lots of
water which relieves for
few minutes. Burning
frenzy in stomach & only
hot water & magnesia.
Food & food disagrees.

Thinks coffee constipates.

Coffee produces dull headache.
Bowels move once in two days.
quantity small, about natural
consistency maybe a little too
hard, much straining, not
satisfied or feeling as if more
there to be passed but can't,
slim faeces like a dog's.

Awake too free otherwise all
right. Wake up with a
smothered feeling in throat
must get up + drink hot
water. No appetite every
thing tastes flat, don't care
for anything but oranges
would eat as much, great
disgust for bananas from
overeating them once. Pressure
of clothes over stomach
hurts. Meat distresses

THIRD SUGGESTIVE SCHEDULE OF STUDIES FOR THE FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

English Composition.
Arithmetic—as far as square root.
Geography—physical and political.
Modern History—especially of the United States.
Latin—sufficient for the interpretation of scientific terms and formulæ.
Natural Philosophy—*Avery*.
Biology and Physiology—*Martin*.
Elementary Chemistry.
Elementary Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

Anatomy.
Osteology.
Muscular System.
Dissections.
Physiology.
The Chemistry of the Body.
Phys. of the Digestive, Circulatory and Respiratory Systems.
Histology—theoretical and practical.
Laboratory work.
Chemistry.
Inorganic and the Principles of Chemistry.
The Organon and Institutes of Medicine.

THIRD YEAR.

Anatomy of the Nervous System.
Regional Anatomy—final.
Physiology.
Embryology and Development.
Phys. of the Nervous System.
Nutrition and Diet.
Foods—final.
Chemistry.
Medical Chemistry.
Toxicology.
Laboratory work—final.
Microscopy.
Bacteriology.
Pathology, Lectures and Laboratory work—finals.
General Pathology.
Sanitary Science—final.
The Principles of Surgery and Surgical Pathology.
Pediatrics.
Obstetric Anatomy and the mechanism of labor.
Physical Diagnosis.

FOURTH YEAR.

The Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women.
Theory and Practice of Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence.
Obstetrics—final.
Ophthalmology and Otology.
Laryngology.
Regional and Operative Surgery—final.
Materia Medica.
Hospital Clinics and Sub-Clinics.

CORNER STONE LAID.

INTERESTING EXERCISES AT THE
NEW HAHNEMANN COLLEGE.

Masons Conduct the Ceremonies—Vice-President Erskine M. Phelps' Address—Beginning and Growth of the Second Oldest Medical College in Chicago—Description of the Structure Which Is Now Being Erected—A "Bone" Library and a "Bone Boiling" Room.

With Masonic rites and ceremonies the cornerstone of the new Hahnemann Medical College Building was laid yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The building, which is now in course of construction at Nos. 2811 and 2813 Cottage Grove avenue, was surrounded by a large crowd of people and the faculty and trustees of the college, and many invited guests and friends of the institution were grouped about the platform which had been erected upon the stone. Grand Master Monroe C. Crawford of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, assisted by the Grand, Lakeside, and Pullman Lodges, read the Masonic ritual usually upon such occasions, and the music was furnished by the Imperial Quartet, Maj. Nevins' Band and a band from the Pullman Lodge.

The Masons formed in line at 2 o'clock at the lodge hall at the corner of Indiana avenue and Thirty-first street and marched to the college. They were preceded by a squad of police commanded by Lieut. Healy of the Cottage Grove Avenue Station. Then came Maj. Nevans' band, followed by the Lakeside



Lodge. The Pullman Lodge came next with its band, and the Grand Lodge last. At the college the procession halted, the ranks separated and the Grand Lodge marched through to the platform. When prayer had been offered by Grand Chaplain W. K. Forsyth and the quartette had sung, the stone was lowered to its place, accepted as good from the craftsmen, and the ceremony of the "corn, wine, and oil" was performed by the appropriate officers of the lodge.

Vice-President Phelps' Address

Grand Orator M. W. Warvelle delivered the oration for the lodge and then the grand honors were given by the assembled Masons. Dr. R. Ludism, President of the trustees of the college, introduced Erskine M. Phelps, Vice-President, who spoke as follows in behalf of the trustees:

Our faculty have some of them for more than a quarter of a century looked longingly forward to this occurrence where they could realize the fruit of their earnest and arduous labors. To our President, President F. W. Hall, and to our members Dr. Fellows, Hall, Hoyne, Vilas, Hawkes, Crawford, Shears, Bailey, Levitt, Gilman, Wray, Halbert, Cobb, Bruce, and Chislett, this shining galaxy, with its most prominent families, is due to the Hahnemann College. We are especially grateful to our new member, Mr. Russ, for his untiring efforts in looking after and superintending the building of the college. Mr. Russ and Mr. Hall have been most successful in having taken a deep interest in this college, giving of their time and money most ungrudgingly. I cannot close without saying that



HAHNEMANN COLLEGE.

congratulate the college in having as one of its trustees that great merchant, that wonderful genius, who has done so much for this college and has written his name in good works in so many institutions for the relief of his fellowmen. I refer to the Hon. H. N. Higinbotham.

The surest road to health,
Say what they will,
Is never to suppose
We shall be ill.

We shall be ill.
Most of these evils we poor mortals know
From doctors and imaginations flow."
The exercises concluded with an address
from Dr. G. A. Hall on behalf of the faculty

Plan of the New Building

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The dissecting-room is in the fifth-story and is connected with the cadaver-room in the basement by a thick brick shaft.

the second oldest medical college in the city. Its graduates number 1,800, 200 of whom are

At the close of the services yesterday President Ludlum announced that money had been already pledged for another hospital, the erection of which would begin immediately. It will be built just back of the college on Groveland avenue, will be seven stories in height, and contain 200 beds.



existed. There were about sixty communicants present. The altar was decorated with lilies and white flowers by Miss Corrigan. Among those who attended this early ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boudier, Miss O'Donnell, Miss O'Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McKenna of Brooklyn. This is the first time a religious holiday has been observed in a hotel by any followers of the faith.

The season at the Kauterskill reached high water mark Saturday night. The dining-room was transferred into a dormitory at bedtime. Every available room in the hotel was made a sleeping apartment, and beds sprang up like mushrooms. The Kauterskill has attained this summer its old-time prestige. Among the recent arrivals are Judge and

TENNIS IN THE SURF.

'TIS NOW "LOVE ALL" NEAR WHERE THE BREAKERS ROLL.

This Is the Latest Fad of Amusement Lovers at Fire Island—Bathing There Now Is Excellent and the Season Is at Its Height—At Least the Season Is Just Commencing and Matrons Are Comparing Dates for Future Events, so They May Not Chafe.

FIRE ISLAND, L. I., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Playing tennis within a few feet of the roaring surf, with the ocean breezes sweeping through the nets, was a novel experience for many players in the tennis tournament this week at Fire Island. But something has to be done to keep warm here, for it is so constantly cool and breezy that a man can not keep warm if he wants to. This may be cruel news to the man sweating in Iowa, but truth must prevail. Messrs. Chesbrough, Whitting, Hennessey and Mound were the most insatiable players and were winners, as their activity and energy enticed them to be. They had plenty of fair onlookers and pretty hands beat an inspiring tattoo at each clever play of these clever players.

Blowdrying is excellent now and some great piscatorial triumphs are recorded. One party of guests from the Surf Hotel returned with seventy-five fish and got praised by the veteran Sammis, and "praise from Sir Habert is praise indeed." To have Sammis, the genial old hero of the coast, praise your skill, even though you return empty handed, would compensate for anything. You somehow feel as though old Neptune himself was flattering you. Life without Sammis is somewhere around would be a dreary waste, indeed. He has now 250 guests in his hotel. Two hundred and fifty admirers and champions, chiefly New Yorkers, who come for rest and ozone, and find both in big chunks.

Bathing is always in vogue, and the conditions surrounding this exhilarating pastime just now are perfect. As a result, as strong as about in these merry breakers every day. The numbers of bathers among Sammis' guests are increased by the pilgrims from the mainland, who come out in sailboats, skiffs, and rowboats daily for a wrestle with old ocean. They come from Bayshore, Sayville, Islip, and similar main shore resorts. A trip across the great south bay, followed by a tumble in the surf and a fine dinner at Sammis' unobscured is something memorable.

There is no danger of ennui at Fire Island. Trips about the neighborhood, to the old lighthouses, to the near-by points on the mainland, surf bathing, and blowdrying furnish about as much variety as the average mortal can conveniently handle.

SOCIAL TIDE EBBS TOWARD LENOX.

Hostesses Confering Regarding Events That They May Not Clash.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—The social tide is beginning to turn toward Lenox.

"The season" will open shortly, and already the women who entertain a great deal are making their plans, and are in consultation with one another, so that the many prospective functions will not conflict. The September assemblies will be in charge of Mrs. Francis C. Barlow this year. This is a marked deviation from the methods in vogue two or three years ago, when the men had charge of these dances. It is a welcome change also, as such affairs need rather more planning and care than the men would give to them. Those who rubbed off to the seashore and the Adirondacks and Bar Harbor are now returning in large numbers, this week seeing Mr. John S. Barnes and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane and family, and Mr. and Mrs. George Winthrop Folson, back in Lenox. Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes will open her country house here Sept. 1.

The past week has been rather a busy one. There have been two or three dances, some very good dinners, and no end of huckster parties, and small teas too numerous to mention. The best club house has been a favorite resort in the cool of the day. Mrs. George Winthrop Folson gave a jolly dance Friday night. Among those present were Miss "Polly" Davis, Miss "Charlie" Barnes, Miss Marion Greenleaf, Miss Josie Brown, Miss Pauline Brown, the Kimball boys, Richard Mackay, George Anthon, Wright Barclay, Harvey Williams, and Miss May Beckwith. One of the pleasantest dinners of the week was given by Miss C. Furness at her country house Tuesday evening. The diplomats in Lenox were present. Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Greenleaf of Boston gave a dinner the same night.

Then were a great many things to do Thursday. The Archery club met on the lawn of Mrs. William B. Bradford. Mrs. Edwin Parsons gave a luncheon the same day that was very delightful. Among the guests were Prince and Princess Berpell and Baron Fox. Harvey Williams is something of a tennis expert, and he and his brother, Jack Williams, gave a tennis party Monday. All of the younger men who handle a racket came over, and among them were Hittman and Francis Kimball, who played together in the double and made a smashing good pair; Jack Greenleaf, Richard Mackay, and George Anthon.

GREAT CROWDS AT LAKE BLUFF.

Camp-Meetings and Church Entertainments Prove Strong Attractions.

LAKE BLUFF, Ill., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—The season's meetings are drawing near the close. The last one, the camp-meeting and Epworth League encampment, is now in session and will last until Sunday, Aug. 28.

The encampment here of the Salvation Army for the first time, which came to a close Tuesday, proved the biggest success in years. It attracted great crowds of people every day and Sunday the attendance was enormous.

A party of well-known temperance women of Evanston spent Sunday at Grace Cottage with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hobbs. It included Miss Frances E. Willard, Miss Katharine Willard, Miss Anna Gordon, and Miss Irene Fockler.

Prof. Gill drilled local talent so they were able to give a fine concert Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Methodist church. A bazaar is to be given for the same purpose on the 29th.

Thursday a special train brought the members of the Church of the Redemption and Evanston Avenue Sunday-schools up from Chicago for an outing.

J. P. Van Schaack and family and Robert Stevenson and family of Chicago and Simpson Dunlop and family of Oak Park arrived at Hotel Irving this week for extended stays. Baker S. A. Kern and Drainage Trustee Colley spent Sunday here.

Chicago arrivals at Hotel Irving:

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mandeville, Maudie Mandeville, Maudie Mandeville, E. P. Miller, E. F. Johnston, Jessie E. Shaw, Etta Shaw, Gertrude Post, Alice Holt, Mr. J. E. Ford, Harriet Arnold, H. A. Ritter, J. G. Boon, H. L. Brown, Mrs. Brickman and child, J. W. Wright, Mrs. H. Hollman and family, G. W. Barker and family, Robert Good, John S. Hubbard, W. S. Barlow, A. N. Marquis, William C. Baxter, Edgar Terpin and wife, Flora Carlisle, Sarah Owen, J. P. Hart, E. J. Woodhouse, Mrs. James C. Allen and wife, Mrs. M. E. Bell and daughter, Mrs. D. T. Wadsworth, Will and family, E. A. Mathison, J. C. Drake, J. W. Carter, Miss Daisy Thompson, J. D. Plummer, Miss Helen Tracy, Mrs. E. G. Jackson, Mrs. Anna Kerthoff, Mrs. E. Stevenson, R. D. Thompson, E. Dwyer and wife, Dr. W. M. Harris, J. P. Van Schaack and wife, H. T. Meyer, H. F. Elmer and wife, P. L. Farrell, H. A. Ingram and wife, Robert H. Hays, R. L. Underwood and wife, E. S. Tullis, J. W. Bruns, E. Jennings and wife, H. S. Kober, F. L. Dobson, A. B. McCourtie, D. S. Thompson and wife, H. W. Turner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fox, Mrs. Frank Lohme.

PLEASANT DAYS AT ANTIOCH.

Numerous Diversions for Those Who Flock to This Resort.

ANTIOCH, Ill., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Vacation pleasures have been plentiful this week. There were euchre parties, excursions to Fox Lake and other resorts, and to the lotus beds, besides minor diversions. A number of Chicago families who have passed the summer here leave for home next week. There was a driving party of twenty from the Sylvan House to Silver Lake, Wis., Friday.

Wednesday night Mrs. George T. Loker gave a euchre party at the Sylvan House. Mrs. S. F. Curtis was the first bidder, prize Miss Henrietta Dapuy the second; J. J. Nordlinger the first new prize and Harry A. Loker the second.

Tuesday night there was a hay-rack excursion to Lake Villa resort.

Wednesday a party of forty had an excursion to Fox Lake on the steamer Pilgrim.

Chicago arrivals at the Sylvan House, Channah Lake were:

Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. M. D. Watson, Miss

FORTY-TWO PHYSICIANS GRADUATED.

Commencement Exercises at the Hahnemann Medical College.

Forty-two physicians were graduated from Hahnemann Medical College yesterday afternoon. The commencement exercises were held in the Grand Opera-House. After the overture and prayer the report of the registrar, Dr. E. Stillman Bailey, was read. Dr. Newton Bateman was the orator of the occasion. Dr. R. Ludlam, the President of the Faculty, presented the diplomas, and the prizes were awarded by the dean, H. B. Fellows, M. D. All the prizes went to Chicago men and women. The first, \$50 in gold, was given to Dr. Arthur E. Genius; the second, \$25 in gold, to Dr. Augusta S. Linderborg; and the third, a medicine case, to Dr. R. M. Genius. Dr. William M. Thompson received the appointment to the position of House Physician and Dr. R. M. Genius received that of the House Surgeon.

The graduates were:

Bollon Percival, M. D. (ad eundem), Australia; Aiken, John Gale, M. D., Louisiana; Bailey, Walter H., Iowa; Baudry, George, Wisconsin; Brown, Plumb Jr., Connecticut; Burdick, Frank O., Ph. B., Wisconsin; Carson, Louis B., Iowa; Cottlow, Benjamin Augustus, Illinois; Day, Charles Wesley, Ph. G., Illinois; Edmonds, Harry, M. W., California; Ellis, Jay B., B. S., Indiana; Genius, Arthur E., Illinois; Genius, Richard Millard, Illinois; Granger, Charles T., Minnesota; Greuenwald, Charles F., Illinois; Hancock, Ellen Flower, Illinois; Hicks, Robert A. Jr., Tennessee; Hogue, I. R., A. M., Indiana; Ketchum, Jennie D., Illinois; Kline, Minerva A., Ohio; Lanning, Lewis M., New Jersey; Linnerborg, Augusta S., Illinois; Lothrop, Charles Arthur, Massachusetts; Martin, Lillie M., Illinois; Morgan, Saxton J., Wisconsin; Neill, Charles H., Minnesota; Noyes, Wilbur F., Illinois; Nystrum, Conrad E., Wisconsin; Replogle, P. S., M. D. (ad eundem), Illinois; Schram, Leo, Wisconsin; Seitz, Frank B., M. D. (ad eundem), New York; Snow, R. L., Pennsylvania; Stephens, Edna A., Minnesota; Swift, Ruth E., South Dakota; Tenney, Rachel Shaw, Kansas; Thompson, William M., Minnesota; Willing, William C., Illinois; Whitcomb, Lena Morgan, Wisconsin; Shultz, Louis A., Illinois; Waldron, George F. Jr., Massachusetts; Evans, Arthur W., Missouri; Llewellyn, H. S., Illinois.

Parts for a Whole Constellation.

"Now, let's see," said the playwright; "You want a play with one star part and——"

"One star part? Sixteen, my dear, sir. I forgot to tell you—this play is for amateurs," returned the manager.—*Brooklyn Life*.



March 21, 1892



E. E. Bouslogh

393 Downer Place

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Dear Sir -

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I tried to get a slip from the
barber but I don't think it
will live, perhaps I will be able
to get one that will though before
I come back. I thank you for
forwarding the letters. I can
not thank you enough for
that beautiful knife you gave
me, I shall be very choicer
of it I assure you and I shall
wait to christen it till I get
back. Please write & tell
me how everything has been
getting along since I left
and if the work needs me
very much or you want me
to come you know if you
only say so I will come right
away. I haven't had any —
Your friend E.E.B. —

Shabbat - 16-92

Dear Friend:-

I am awfully
tired tonight but if I
don't write before I go to
bed it will be so late in
the week before you get
the letter. I didn't try
to do much work on my
birthday, just had a
quiet but pleasant time
visiting. Since then it
has been so wet outside
that I have had to work

Can you tell what this is?)

all the time inside. Today the sun has been shining all day and I have been busy out of doors. I was making up my mind to come back if it did not clear up soon for it was so wet I could not do much of any thing but now I guess I will have to say you must not look for me this week. It is too wet to make garden yet but I think I can make all of

mother's garden in a day or two. If I get all my work done before the end of the week of course I won't wait till the week is up before I come back. Mother has fifty little chickens and the early cucumbers are up in the house an inch high. I have some nice Virginia creeper roots for you but they hadn't ~~trunk~~ trimmed the grape vines and it is too late to get any now.

Apr 16, 1992



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
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Aurora,
Ills,

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Another interruption. Mrs Welch
has just brought me a nice
cake for supper, wish you were
here to have some of it. Now in
regard to your coming back of
course I want you to come
just as soon as you can, the
sooner the better, but not on
account of the work, it is too
sweet to do much, but because I
would like to have you here. So
do just as you think best. Should
you stay very much longer
won't you please write again?

I have written this very hurriedly
and if I have written, as I must
always talk, you will please excuse
your friend R.M.W.

P.S. I forgot to say I shall be very glad
of the virginia creeper. And glad to
see you when you come Matilda

Aurora May 15th 92

Dear Friend:-

I was very glad to get
your letter this morning. And thank
you for writing when you were so
tired. I was looking for it. I am
glad you had such a pleasant time
on your birthday. I thought of
you many times. The weather has
been simply dreadful, though it
has not interfered much with
my work. I have been very busy
since you went away and done

just lots of work, and have not even
stopped to rest I am nearly through
now, I have missed your help very
much, but your society more it has
been lonely with out you. Jen is just
passing, and Jim is at the door
hounding to get in, Jim has been
telling me his troubles Mrs Fridley
has been going for him for trying
to get her hired girl away from
her, and forbid him coming to the
house to deliver groceries. Mrs Charles
spent one night with me since
you have been gone. Every thing
has been moving along as usual
with the exception of the tomato
plants they have come to a stand
still now I don't want you to think
I have not taken care of them,
for I have, but we can buy some
plants, though I did want them.

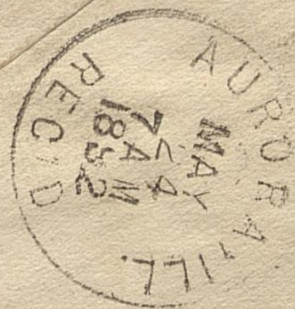
because you planted them, I
planted some cucumber seeds
right away after reading your
letter, I have my plants out on the
East porch I am going to wait for
you to come home and help me
put them out, Charlie and Stef
fixed the fence last night and
to night Charlie is going to mow
the lawn that is, if it is not
raining. The hens have been laying
anxiously, one old hen wants to set, I
suppose if you were here off would
come her head, but you know I hate
to have them killed, so will try
and break her. The potatoes are
up, and the onions are looking fine.
I saw by the paper that George Palmer
of Chadron, Neb. is to be married this
afternoon to Miss Sadie E. Mowery of
Chicago, Do you know her?

May 24, 92



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Shabbona 5-23-92

Dear Friend:-

I was very glad to get your letter but I will not stop to answer with a long one. I will answer in person pretty soon. It has been so wet I have not made Mother's garden yet and I would like to make it before I come back. (Just think I got real homesick a few

days ago and wanted to go back right away.) You may expect me (Wednesday at the very latest and perhaps I will come on the train that gets to Aurora at 9:20 Tuesday night but do not sit up for me or do not look for me till you see me. Whatever is not planted in the garden we will plant right away after I get back.

I thank you for your nice letter and the news it contained. It was very nicely written and I shall

try not to find fault with the way you talk when I come back. I am very sorry that I ever did do so. I hope you will find that my visit here has done me some good.

I think I shall want lots of — though.

May I have it?

Goodbye

your friend
E. E. T. B.

May 24, 92



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Wednesday Night-

Dear Friend,

It is only a few hours since you left us, yet it seems a long time, I am sitting in your chair in your room and wishing you were here, and I flatter myself it would be pleasant for you to hear from me tomorrow sometime providing I can get it in the mail. So I thought I would write before I lay down in your bed, I can see the place where your head rested, and I shall lay mine in the same place, I wish I could know just how you are feeling dear and how you are situated for the night-

Charlie's eyes filled with tears when you passed from sight; so I did not mind if he saw mine. I went to work as soon as I could but I had to go off by myself first. After the dinner was cleared away and a nice fire made in the grate. I commenced sewing just the thing you told me not to do, but you will forgive me I know when I tell you I could not sit still a minute. I finished about five, made some hash for supper I remembered the last time hash was made how you sat on the ice box and chopped it so nice. You went out of my mind many times during the afternoon I assure you. Got four eggs tonight. Then we had supper Charlie and I first then Stef later. I came to your room early so as to have a little time to write this.

I would like to hug you tonight dear, are you lonely? I have tried to be very cheerful this afternoon and think I have made out pretty well. I haven't any news to write you and you may think I was in a great hurry to write but I can't help it. I only wanted you to know I was thinking of you, and I felt sure you would be glad to hear from me good night dear and God bless you.
Your friend R. M. H.

P.S. I have been thinking since I commenced this, of what you said the other day about burning letters please do so with this and all others that I may write, will you?
R M H

Monday A.M.

I slept nicely in your bed though I dreamed some I am the best man coming will and this by him hope you are feeling better dear

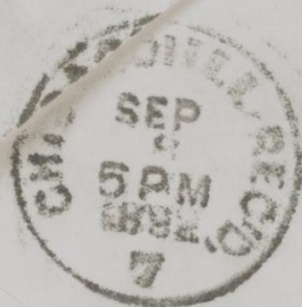
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9-11-92



Mr. E. E. Bowdough.
Hahnemann College
Chicago
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nearly a dollar a day now
and the clinics are hardly
worth that. If the boys
were back I would not be
so lonesome quite. I wish I
could see you though. Write
me how you are feeling and
don't worry about me. I am
going to be all right soon.
I am going to bed now good
night —

Your friend
E. E. Boulough

D.S.

I have not yet opened
the package Charlie did up
so nicely.

E.E.B.

Chicago, 9-8-92

Dear Friend:

I bought this
ink today at a little one-
horn shop and I am afraid
it is no good. I came right
down to the college yesterday
and attended one clinic.
Then I went to look up a
room. I looked at three or
four then went to supper.
After supper I went back
and engaged the one I
thought the best and then
got my things from the
college and went to bed
early. I wanted to write to
you but I had no ink and
in time to write on and my

head was aching too. I did not get up this morning till after ten and I had a headache too and it has been aching more ever since. I attended two clinics today which were all there were and they were not nearly as good as I expected. Food is higher and rooms are higher too and scarce. I have looked around some more today and hardly know what to do. I have been very lonesome and homesick since I have been here. If I had known the clinics were not going to be any

better I should have gone to Sevier Lake and would not have come in here so soon. I wish I had somebody nice to room with and then I would feel so much easier. I am afraid I will have to come out before many days. I wish I were there now. I don't feel at all like going to school now and I can't help make arrangements. But I hope to be better soon. What do you think of my coming out if the clinics don't pan out you will come in for the days that I want before the term closes? My expenses are

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pickles and canned three lbs of tomatoes
this morning. Two old hens were on
the nest last night so I think I am
going to have some fun breaking
them. Charlie thinks you had
better open that package right-
away. I have taken the cot out of
my room to-day and had all the
grit on the line, swept with the
sweeper all over up stairs. I missed
your help - and do miss you so
much. I will have to close hurriedly
as this has to go just this minute
Good by let me hear from you
soon - and come if you can

R. M. H.

Aurora Sep 9. 92

Dear Friend

I was very glad to get
your letter this morning, and hasten
to answer so you may know what I
think about your coming out and
thought perhaps if you knew in time
might come out tomorrow night,
you knew well enough, didn't you? what
I would think about it. I think it would
be just the thing for you to do, and
do so hope you will. I think you would
feel better to begin the term I know you ^{are}
not well and I almost fully like coaxing
you a little but I must not do that.

Well I am sure you know how glad I
would be to have you, so if it seems best
to you come just as soon as you can.
I had to have some excuse for answering
your letter so soon as Charlie was the one
to hand it to me this morning and I
will have him post it for me. This is
my excuse the sample I send is one
I got yesterday, I was trying to snatch
the lining to your coat, I think I
can do better, as this is a little dark
what do you think about it. I hope
your poor head is better this afternoon
I wish you were here I would try
and do something for it. Yesterday
the 89th Reg held their reunion here.
Mrs Welch was very much interested
in some of the members, and made
an elegant cake and presented it to them.
She wanted Charlie & I to go with her as

we did, the ladies who furnished the
dinner wanted us to partake, we took a
very little chicken pie, and last night
about eleven o'clock I was taken with a
most severe pain in my bowels which
lasted at intervals till morning, and
in fact through the forenoon I am
all right now but feel a little weak
I did wish you were here. Charlie
said he knew what you would give
me, Nax and thought he had
some, but finally remembered giving
it back, so he opened your medicine
bottle and looked in to see if he could
see the bottle but he could not, so I
did not take anything Mrs W. Edith
and Charlie all were all in the same
boat Charlie only ate a few mouthfuls
so was not much affected, I felt
very glad that he did not have
such a time as I had. I picked 1 Day

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E. C. Bouslogh.
Hahnemann Med College.
Chicago.
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pretty late when we got
through at the hospital. In
the evening we went to see
Prof. Bailey. This morning
we all went to the first
Baptist church. It was a
good sermon and the
services did me lots of good.
I thought of a good many
things I can tell you and
wished I had better appreciated
the home you & Charlie gave
me this summer.

My bowels have not
troubled me much since
Friday morning neither
has my head ached so much.
I have a little sore-throat
though and wish I had some
of the medicines I did not
bring along. I will get some
at the hospital tomorrow
and then I will be all right.

Chicago 9-11-92

Dear friend:

My letter to you
ended with Thursday night,
so I will begin there. Friday
morning about half past five
I had to hurry to the water-
closet and before eight o'clock
I had to go twice more. At
that time I thought it would
be a question of only a short
time till I would be in
Aurora. I went to breakfast
and who should walk in but
Kitchum & Gilbert the boys
I roomed with last year.
They had seen by one paper
that school began Sept. 13th
and had come on a few days

early. I was very glad to see them as I was lonesome.

After breakfast we all went down to the room I had and there I proposed to the boys that we find a place and room together as we did last year unless they could locate better for two than for three. They started out and after a while came for me.

They had found a place of two bedrooms & a sitting & room and board for six dollars a week which they thought was as good as they could do. I did not want to pay that much if I could help it and advised to look farther. We got the book at the college with the addresses of rooms and boarding places and went to all of them that were not

altogether too far off. We were about to give it up as there was only one place more. We went to that however and that was the best of them all and the most reasonable. It was there nearly one o'clock so we engaged that and paid for a month. We have not got everything arranged yet but I think it will be a nice place. In the afternoon I got your letter & one from mother. We all went to bed early that night and Saturday morning we all went up town. Betcham bought a hat and a pair of shoes and I bought a telescope & a trunk. We came back on the elevated road. In the afternoon I got your letter but it was

I am so sorry the chicken
has troubled you. I wish I
had been there I think I
could have helped you if not
with the box with something
else. I will break the tin
when I come if you don't
succeed before. He opened
the box Saturday and there
are only three gumbles and
the piece of cake left. I didn't
thank you for that, in fact I
never do thank you at the
time for anything but please
remember I am always
thankful. I am afraid I
hindered you a great deal
more than I helped you
this summer. — I am feeling
a good deal better now so you
must not worry about me any
more and I will be out before
long. Your friend
E E Bouslogh.

I mailed my first letter to
you before I received either
of yours so I will answer
both of them now. I wished
when I got your ^{letter} that I was
there with you sitting in the
same chair. You were right
about it being pleasant for
me to hear from you, it was
very pleasant to get both
letters & it always will be
pleasant, and I am so glad
you did not wait till you
got a letter from me before
you wrote. You know by this
time how I was feeling, it
would have been so nice to
have you lay my head on
the pillow. I hadn't the
least idea you & Charlie
would care so much when
I went away. Of course I

will forgive you for ironing
but don't do so again. do
take care of yourself please,
take even better care of
yourself than I took of you
this summer. I have thought
of you a great deal since I
I have been in here, more
than I will I am afraid
when my mind gets so
filled with the lectures, but
I will think of you every
day even then. I am glad
you tried to be cheerful, I
did not have to try for there
was nobody here to see or
care. I am glad you went
to my room early and wrote
to me and I am glad you
slept so well, what did
you dream about? (then
I come out you will do
what you wanted to do

(Wednesday night won't you?
I don't know about burning
your letters, I never have
done so, and this one
especially I want to keep.
(He will talk about it when
I come out.

I thought when I got
your letter of the 9th that
it would be a great disappoint-
ment to you for me not to
come but we did not get
through at the hospital
till late & I thought I better
wait till next week. Yes
this sample is all right but
just buy a little to face it
diagonally across the top
do not run it all the way
down. I don't care if it
does show three kinds of
cloth. If you don't agree
with me wait till I come
out.

Sept 12, 1892



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Town this afternoon, I am writing
on the kitchen table, it has been so cold
all day I have had a little fire in the
stove you put up for me, you don't know
how much good it has done already
I put up some plums this forenoon
and made some jelly - the jelly does
not seem to be very good in fact I think
it never is as good as jelly made from
wild plums. Is your room warmed
I think of you these chilly nights & morn-
ings. We planted some radish seed Friday
and they are all up, I have something I
want you to do if you have time, when you
come out will you do it? I think I hear you
say I will not promise till I know what it is.
so I will tell you what it is. it is to dig up the
Clematis roots and see if they are dead.
When are you coming it will be so nice
to see you. —

Your friend

P.S. This is all the envelope I am afraid & this is the first R.M. H.

Aurora Sept. 92

Dear Friend,

Your welcome letter received
Monday morning, I was more than glad to
hear from you - for I was quite disappointed
at not seeing you Saturday night I watched
every car till after the 7.30 train then I knew
you would not come - and even so felt a
little blue. Sunday was a long tedious day
it rained just hard enough to keep us home
from church, it cleared a little at Sunday
school time so Charlie took a car and went
down with the papers. I am very glad
your roommates have returned, I feel so
much better about you, for I can see

By your letter how much good it has
done you, you will feel so much more
at home, it was nice to find rooms together
must seem like old times, you must tell
me all about your room, Do you board
at the same place? I hope to hear in your
next that the sore throat is all gone. I am
so glad you are better. — My dream was
a troubled one though I could not
remember it distinctly. O yes I will surely
do what I wanted to. I have found a better
quality of sutton for your coat though
the color is about the same it may be a shade
lighter, It was the light weight coat you
wanted fixed wasn't it? I looked them both
over and found the heavier one needed fixing
quite as much as the lighter. And thought
I might be mistaken, you know if there is
a possibility of my making a mistake I
am sure to do it. so I thought I would

ask you. Will you please answer this as soon
as you can so that I may have it ready
for you to take back with you for I am
sure you need it now. I am going to fix
them both for you however. One old hen
made up her mind not to sit the other
I have had under a box since Monday
Thank you, for your kindness in offering
to help me with them. How I wish you could
I am afraid your friends thought your
box was not very inviting. I did not have
any thing nice to put in it. Charlie & I
went to the Sociable Friday night we
were the lions of the evening Charlie said
in speaking of it if Boy had been there
it would have been a whole menagerie
Last night we went to the driving park
to see the fireworks they were very good
I did not mean to go but Mrs W gave me
a ticket and insisted on it. had quite
a pleasant time. Charlie is down

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E. E. Bouslough.
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enjoyed it very much too if I had been feeling well. Charlie continues to improve I suppose and I am very glad of it. It seems such a long time since I left that I shall expect to see a great improvement. I didn't shall take leave of Charlie, I guess I can do better next time. I am glad you enjoy your stove. I wish for one a good many times this week before I got one. If I had had it I would not have caught my cold. I thought I was coming out to help you put up your fruit. I surely will look at those climatic roots when I come out if you will remind me of it when I get out there. And so I forgot to plant the radishes after all. Any kind of paper or envelopes will do for me. And how are you feeling, do you sleep in your own bed yet? Your letter was very good —
E.E.B.

Thank you for the letter
I am glad to hear of
your improvement. I
am glad to hear of
your improvement. I
am glad to hear of
your improvement. I

Chicago 9-15-92

Dear Friend:

I was very glad to get your letter today. I was wondering if you would write to me again this week. I have a bad cold and my head feels very badly tonight but I am going to answer your letter tonight because you asked me to answer right away. I knew you would be disappointed in not seeing me Saturday night. I wanted to come but thought best to stay. And I think now it was well I did stay. It has seemed a long time since

Saturday night but next
Saturday night I will
come if nothing prevents.
I don't know just what time
I will get there so don't
look for me till you see me.
If there is anything besides
a dickhan you want me to
bring let me know right
away. I have been boarding
at Mrs Henry's, the same
place I boarded last year
but she has raised her
board so I don't know yet
what I shall do. So, my
throat has not been sore for
three days but my head feels
badly. The sample you sent
me was plenty good enough.
I wish you would not put
any better cloth on the coats.
I had forgotten the light
weight coat needed fixing

I thought it was only the
heavy one. I don't want the
cloth put all the way down
only a little piece across the
top. You see I am willing to
let you fix it that way for me
so wouldn't you rather fix it
the way I want it than some
other way? So, the boys thought
my box was very nice. Dr.
Gilbert thought the jumbles
were particularly nice. The
cake has not been eaten yet
so I guess we will have to
throw that out. I would have
enjoyed eating the nice
lunch you put up for me
and would not have left it
so long before opening it only
I didn't have any heart to
eat. I will do better with the
next one. I am glad you and
Charlie enjoyed the sociable
so much. I would have

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laughing at me. I got out
the jumbles then & gave him
one and as we were eating
them Trindle & Haulon came
for Gilbert to help eat the feast
in Griffith's trunk. I gave each
of them one & they have just gone.
They wanted ~~me~~ to go too but I
wanted to write to you. I ate two
jumbles and a rock myself.

As soon as I finish this letter &
mail it I am going to bed.

I have thought of you a good
many times today. It was
nice to see all the students
back yet I have felt very
lonesome. He will go ahead &
do the best we can want we —
and God will help us. Tomorrow
I hope to be able to study a little.
I can almost hear you saying
good night — so I will have
to say it too.

Your friend
E. E. Bouslongh.

Chicago 9-21-92
Dear Friend:-

I got to the
depot about five minutes
before train time. I had no
one to talk to coming in and
I was glad of it as I did not
want to talk. I stopped up
in the city to get my draft
cashed and then came on
down to the college. It was
after twelve o'clock so I came
on over to the rooms. I opened
the nice large lunch you
put up for me and ate
two peaches a bunch of
grapes and four jumbles.

So I did not go up to Henry's for lunch. I then went and lay down on my little bed as I was feeling rather forlorn and downhearted. Gilbert soon came with one of the boys he had stop with him last night and they said I missed something last night. I suppose I did but never mind it is all right, perhaps I did not miss very much after all. Gilbert told me our landlady had raised the rent on our rooms so I don't know what we will do. He will probably have to hunt other rooms at the end of our month and perhaps we will make different arrangements altogether.

The boys soon went out ^{and} as I lay there I thought of you and asked God to help me. I thought perhaps you would like to get a letter tomorrow morning and I was afraid if I waited till night to write it you might not get it so I got right up and commenced this letter. It is almost half past two, time for a clinic, so I must go and see about getting my trunk down and hurry over to the clinic. Perhaps I will write some more this evening.

8:00 P.M. I ate the other two peaches and a bunch of grapes for supper. Then I got Gilbert's Bible and tried to read some. I soon got sleepy and dozed and Gilbert woke me.

After they were gone I turned the over room in
 to a bed - and I must thank you again for
 them. Had another frost from North the
 morning in says it is cold and wants to stay so
 long as ^{the} weather can. After I finish the poem
 going to answer Charlie's letter and then try
 to answer your last tooot - before I go down to
 meet Mr. Ho - we will do the very best we can
 to answer ^{the} letterly distinction of I shall not leave a
 thing in your way. I wish I could see you for some time
 in - I would try and meet you there and that you - To Mr. X

Aurora Sep 22 - 92

2:00 P.m.

I am glad you do not think you missed
a great deal by staying over. It is too bad
your landlady has raised on your rent
I wish it were not so far from Aurora
I almost think I would let you have
a room here, it would not be possible
would it, for you to come out right?
I wish you could. I guess the lunch box
was more to large after all. After you
left yesterday morning I didn't know
what to do with myself. I tried sitting in
the big chair for a few moments, then
went all through the rooms, but it was
so different to go alone. I then went to
my room, and asked God to take care of
you on your journey, and to forgive us
both. I was able after a short time to begin
my work though my heart was heavy. First
I washed all the dishes and put them away
straightened every thing, and then made

the cake, dressed myself, and took a car
down to the church, and there found
out they were not going to have cake
enough so promised to make another
I went home made another cake and by
that time was pretty well used up. Then it
was I lay down on your bed to rest and
think of you. Don't think I had not thought
of you before though will you? After about
half an hour's rest I dressed myself and
went to the church. The meeting was quite
interesting Mrs W & Edith came down to tea
I went home with them. Edith said she
had promised Winnie Bird she would
spend over a little while, so we walked over
there before going home. Russel went out
home with us. it was nine o'clock before
he left and I was so nervous I thought
I should fly. Edith spoke of the Turkish
bath I told her I thought we would
wait till I felt more like it.

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9-30-92

Sept 22, 92



Mr. E. C. Borroughs.
Hahnemann College
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Ill.

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Headache
from ironing
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day? God has given me strength to get through this day and so I believe he will tomorrow. I don't call this an answer to your letter but I will try to answer it sometime soon. When you write tell me all about how you have been and what you have been doing for I like to know. I think of you often — I wish I could see you a few minutes. I don't want to close but I must. Good bye —

Your friend
E.E.B. —

P.S.

You must not worry about me a particle for I am all right. You may think by this letter that I am not but I am.
E.E.B.

Chicago 9-25-92

Dear Friend:-

I received your letter Friday. I wanted to answer it right away but Friday was a busy day with me and at night I was tired & not feeling very good. Yesterday Hilbert was gone & I was lonesome. I tried to study as much as I could and thought I would write to you today. This morning two of the boys came over & we all went to church. I felt quite sick & faint in church but managed to stay the

service through. I felt a little better after we got out. I did not eat much dinner & came right home & lay down on the bed. I want to sleep after a while & slept till four o'clock. One of the boys came for Gilbert then & they have gone off and I am writing to you. I have just had an interruption. One of the boys came for me to sit up at the hospital tonight after twelve o'clock with a case. I am going up now to eat a little supper & then I will try to finish this because I don't want you to wait longer than tomorrow morning for a letter. I am feeling a little better now, I guess it is just bracing up for the occasion

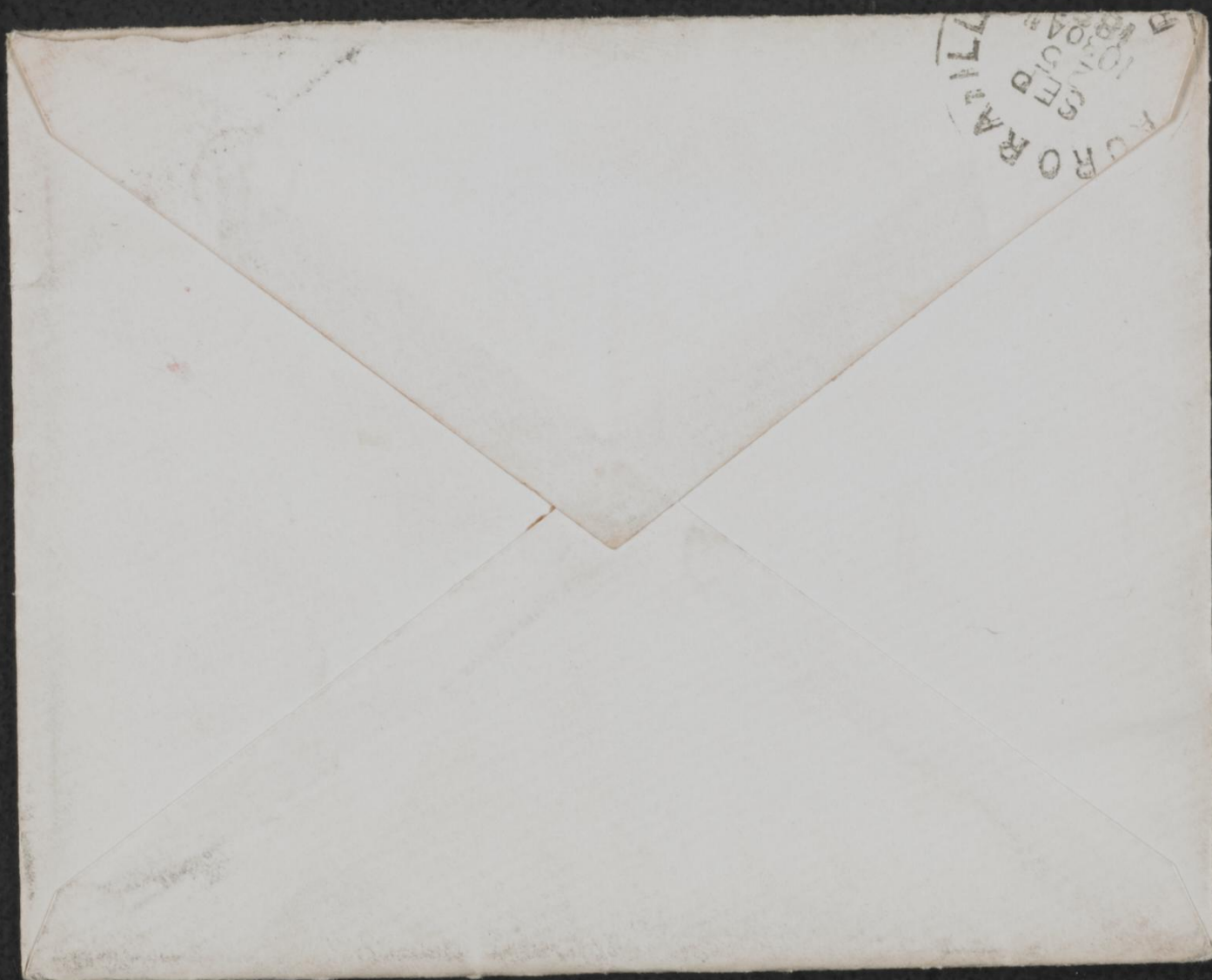
though but if I don't finish this letter right away I will have no other time. First I want to tell you your letter did me lots of good. I wish I could have stayed longer with you. Wouldn't you have liked to have me as well as Edith? Wouldn't it have been nice if I could have stayed till Charlie got back? I know you must be rather lonesome. I would not leave you so very much alone if I were there. I read four chapters in first Samuel today beginning with the twelfth and I got quite a little comfort out of them. I would very much I have enjoyed reading to you today. Did you have Maury called or did you have a lonesome

Sept 25, 1892



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Aurora,
Ills.

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I saw the new moon over my right-
shoulder and made a wish, will
tell you if I get it. Have you seen it yet?
If I could only mail any letter you
should have it in the morning -
you see I flatter myself you would
like to get it. How are you to-night -
is your cold well, and are you in
better spirits? I do hope so. I bought
these envelopes after dark and thought
they were white, how do you like them?
I am not going to sit up for Edith
so will say good night - and
finish this later, only think, I am
hoping to get a letter in the morning.
Friday Afternoon.

Well - I did feel disappointed
this morning in not hearing from you, I suppose
you were too busy. I hope you are well. I will
tell you right here I did not get my wish.
Last night, as I was sprinkling, I thought I
would see if I could find a four leaf clover,
I looked all the time I was at work, but was
not successful, this morning when I went

Cluswa Sep 23 - 92

Dear Friend

I wonder if you would
like to know what I have been doing
today. got up at six o'clock and
sprinkled till seven, called Edith
and then got the breakfast ready.
I thought of you while sprinkling
how many times you had sprinkled
and wondered if you were up, and
how you were feeling, and thought
how long it would be before you
would come out again, it made
me feel a little blue. After break-
fast Edith cut my hair and

done it up a new way, she thought
it looked quite nice, I thought it
would be a good time to do my
collecting for the Church, while
I had no dinner to get so start-
ed out. Twelve o'clock found me
so near dinner time I thought
I had better do some errands I
had to do, so I did my errands and
took a car home, It is awfully
~~lonesome~~ to sit down to a meal
alone, After dinner seated awhile
in the big chair and read the
paper. then started out again.
this time I took in the sick babies
who are better, and Mrs Stephens, on
my way home stopped to see Mr
^{I can't think of his name}
(Janitor) He wanted him to mow the
lawn. he was not at home, his wife
told me he was busy with other
work but he had a man he sent in

his place and he would come in the
morning, Sprinkled the lawn again
I sat in your place at the table to-
night, and ate alone again couldn't
help but wish you were here. After
supper went up to inquire after
Mrs Clayton she has not been
getting along well, I understand,
has not been able to sleep without
morphine - she is better today.
I don't think you will light
your gas stove tonight. It is
so warm I had to stop writing
and put on a thin wrapper. My
cough is better, though I still cough
a good deal, commenced taking
the powder this morning - and my
cough is much looser. I found
another horse shoe, this time a
great big one. Edith has gone to the
opera so will not be in till late

out the first thing that greeted my eyes, was this four leaf clover, on the walk, before the front steps, just as smooth as you see it now. Wasnt that strange I suppose I must have pulled it off with the hose. I am going to send it to you and wont you please carry it in your vest-pocket? You forgot your ink, must take it the next time. I put up seven qts of tomatoes and three pints of peaches this morning - The man came and mowed the lawn. I have picked a nice bouquet for Mrs Clayton will take it up after a while. I forgot to say he charged 25cts for cutting the lawn cheap enough, dont you think so - trim - and the edges with the sickle. I will go down towards night for Charlie's papers and mail this. The next time I write will send the money for the

medicine case. Saw Dr Gillette yesterday
He was very gracious. I am going to take
dinner with Mrs Stephens tomorrow
I am going to rest a while after I finish
this I was afraid I might not get a
chance to finish if I did not do so
right away. I know I must not expect
much of your time, but you will
write when you can, Wont you?
I shall be awaiting, as patiently as I can.

Your friend R. M. Harkison.

P.S. You can leave the clover leaf in the
paper, and I think you can carry it
quite a while, there are seven — on
each side. R. M. H.

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9-30-92

Sept 24, 1892



Mr. E. E. Bouslogh
Hahnemann College,
Chicago.
Ill.

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Chicago 9-29-92

Dear Friend:-

In same mail with this I send a small bottle of pills. Take two pills every three hours for your cough till better. And let me know how you get along. Stop taking the other medicine of course while you are taking this I had to send for this or I would have sent you some before.

The mail will close in a few minutes. Sometime I will find time to write you

a nice long letter in return
for the lovely letters you have
been writing me. They have
done me lots of good.

God bless you —

Good night

E.E.B. —

Sept 30, 92



Mrs. R. W. Harrison,
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Ills.

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yesterday I spent with Mrs Stevens Mrs Welch also wanted me to take dinner with them. I would much rather have had you here than to have gone either places. So you would have read to me if you had been here, how I wish you could. After dinner Mrs. S. & I went up stairs and laid on the bed and talked. I thought of you many times as we lay there and I see by your letter about that time you were writing or thinking of writing to me. I fell asleep while she was talking to me and slept a few minutes. Only think of your having to sit up Sunday night after feeling so badly all day. I think I must have been trying to keep you company for I did not sleep much after twelve. you didn't know any thing about it I suppose.

I have taken up the soil of my plants today I wished many times you were here. I was quite tired when I got through it took me all the forenoon Elmer has not got home yet. This morning found Charlies card, under the door he did not find one I suppose he stopped at Mrs W. they were out sick and he thought I was with them, I was so sorry not to ^{have} seen him. Yes I do wish you could have staid till Charlie came home it would have been a nice long visit, for I am going to let him stay quite a little longer. Can't you do so now? how I wish you could, if you dont feel better do come out with you please? I would like to have you stay with me better than any one else. Tuesday A.M. Bass staid with me last night. I am sitting in the sun in

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9-30-92



Mr. E. E. Boulough.
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you than it was for me to go away where so many new things would fill my mind and claim my attention. But don't go through the rooms any more alone, wait till I come out ^{of} then it will be so much nicer to go through the rooms together the first thing. Yes I am glad your callers did not come (Wednesday morning). I don't know what I should have done if they had. I have wished many times that I could come and lie down on your bed a few minutes to rest but I suppose I must wait and I will try to wait as patiently as I can.

In your letter of Sept 23 you say it was awfully lonesome to sit down to a meal alone. I wish I could have

Chicago 9-30-92

Dear Friend:-

This evening I am alone. Gilbert has gone with the boys over on the North side to see the electric fountain. They wanted me to go too but I declined to go so that I might have the time to write to you. So I am going to let study go for this evening and try to answer those lovely letters that you have been so good as to write to me. But first I must tell you that as I sit here I can look into the glass ^{and} see the suspenders you gave me ^{and} helped me to put on. I have worn them every day

since. Today has been a busy day but I have thought of you a good deal. Did you get the medicine? I hurried so to get it in the mail last night so that you might get it this morning that I did not do it up very well. I feel sure it will help you & I hope it has already. On the envelope of your letter dated Sept 22 I see I have made a notation. Do you suppose your head will ache on ironing days now since you have the new irons? I guess perhaps the head will ache just the same so if it does take two pills every hour till it stops aching or until you go to bed. Then I hope it won't ache in the morning. You will find in my drawer a bottle of pills marked Try.

They are the ones you are to take for your headache on ironing days. I think I have partly made up what I missed by not being here to the opening. We have not said anything about our rent yet. When our month is up we will see what we can do, either to make satisfactory arrangements here or get another place. As I don't believe it would be possible for me to come out nights. I do so wish it was possible though. The lunch box lasted a long time, I ate the last of the rocks day before yesterday I think it was. I appreciated the lunch box I assure you & I thank you for it very much. It was harder for you I know to stay there with the same things to occupy you & remind

I wish I could have taken up your plants for you. When do you expect Shes. home? How much longer are you going to let Charlie stay? I feel ever so much better now, but you don't know how much I wish I could come out and stay with you. I am so glad you would like to have me stay with you better than any one else. How- I wish I could. If the old hen still wants to set when I do come out I will break her. It seems an awful long time since you helped me pack my trunk so nicely, but I am coming out after a while. You can't write to me too often and you need not be afraid I will always be able to read your letters. The money for the medicine case (\$5⁰⁰) at hand, but I don't want

to buy a case costing more than half that. I will think of you when I buy it and wish you were with me and we will christen it and you shall have the first medicine out of it. I shall begin the second book of Samuel tomorrow. I have had the whole evening all to myself writing to you.

Don't you think I have written quite like myself and that I am feeling nearly like myself again? Don't worry a fraction about me — I shall soon be like my old self working away as hard as ever. Don't you feel more encouraged now?

Good night and goodbye.
God will take care of you I know.

Your friend
E. E. Bouslough.

Sept 30, 92



Mrs. R. M. Harrison,
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Aurora,
Ills.

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use them again tomorrow, I can hardly
turn round that I don't see something
you have given me. So you see I can't help
thinking of you often — Yes we did have
some nice times together, and I wish we
could again. Do you suppose we will?
I would liked so much to have had you
help me put on my wrapper. and take up
the plants I would like to have you here
just now. I am all alone. Shep has gone down
town as usual, and Charlie has gone over
to Mr Howard's to help him drill the boys.
When I saw the new moon I wished that I
might get a letter from you the next
morning and I did not. Yes I think
your note book would be a much safer
place for the four-leaf clover, I am so
glad you did not have to sit up at the hospital.
I know you did not feel able to. I had to
put the old hen under the fence and
give her a good swetting before I could
break her from sitting she does not go on the
nest though she still clucks. got two eggs a
day. Please buy yourself a nice medicine

little glass out glass. It is just from the
of seeing. it is the first one I have ever
since you helped me. I have been thinking of you
many times it is so good and nice I wish
you could sit by the window with me or the one
I wish you were here. I have been thinking of you
much and more. I wish you were here. I wish you were here.
F. M. H.

Amma Oct 1st - 92

Dear Friend

If you were only here I know
what I would give you for that nice letter
I got this morning. how I wish you were,
but I will remember it when you do come.
I should have been terribly disappointed if
I had not heard from you, for I could not
help but think of, and worry about you
a good deal. but I felt so much relieved
when I had read your letter. I could see
how much better you were feeling, and
that you were in better spirits I am so glad.
I read it several times before putting it away
and took up my work with a lighter heart

The medicine came this morning also. I went to the office last night to mail my letter and get it, but was a few minutes too late the office had closed. I have just been reading your letter again how I wish I could see you a little while, but as I can not I will write a little before I go to bed. I think writing and sewing letters is the most best thing to seeing you. Charlie came home quite unexpectedly this morning I did not expect him till next week. I assure you I was glad to see him - for I have been homesome enough with every one away - he is looking fine I don't think I ever saw him so full in the face I don't know how much he weighs his visit - has done him lots of good. I will say good night - and finish this some other time. Monday evening Charlie and I washed this morning Charlie

never helped me so much before, yet he did not help me the way you do. After dinner I made some cookies and then went to bed and had a little nap - got dressed just in time to see Mrs Fay Winslow who called to see if I would go riding with her tomorrow afternoon, of course I would. My head is aching a little tonight right on the top my cough is very much better thanks to you. As you were looking into the glass I wish I could have been looking over your shoulder though I don't think I would have looked at the suspenders much - but I do like to have you look at them, and think of me as often as you can. The medicine was done up all right, I think it was so nice of you to send it when you have so much to do. No I don't think my head is going to ache morning days any more, I think it has changed to wash days it would never do to have the head ache. After ironing with such nice iron I am going to

case. Wont you? I want you to buy one that
you can carry for a long time. So you
must get a nice one and promise me
that you will, and that you will carry
it till it is all worn out. Will you —

I am so glad to know you are thinking
of coming out again I am thinking
about it too, Dr Colwell has another case
on Galena St. which I will tell you about
when you come Charlie weighed himself
to night and he weighed 151 lbs you dont
know how funny he looks. His pants are
all to small for him. Uncle Isaac had
you in mind while on his trip and
made inquiries at different places in
regard to doctors. He says there is a location
that he thinks would be worth ~~at~~ your
while to look up, it is a thriving town
on the North ~~Western~~ named Harvard
about fifteen miles this side of Lake Geneva
there is but one Homoeopathic ^{doctor}, he is an ~~and~~ old

man with a cataract on both eyes
he thinks after they are removed he
will be able to go on with his practice
but will need some help before, and
it would be a good thing for you to
look into it, he did not remember his
name but said you could easily
find out - he thought it would be
a good idea for you to go up and
see him, ^(or correspond with him) he wanted to know when you
were coming out he would like to talk
with you about it - Now I think more
of Uncle Isaac than ever since he has
taken such a kindly interest in you.
He saw Charlie tonight and was telling
him about it - so I thought I would
write to you right away - because you
know I don't want you to go away off -
you know where I would like to have
you don't you? But it seems as though it
might be a good place for a young doctor to
work into. Tell me what you think about it -
Write when you can spare the time it does me
so much good to hear from you, I like so much to
have you tell me all about every thing as you did - Good night
and God bless you - your friend B W H

✓ Oct 4, 1892
10-7-92



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won't you — ? Since I last wrote you I have been doing very nicely I think until today. I am going to tell you about it and then I shall feel better I know. You see we have been waiting till our month would be up before we said anything about the rent or about how the rooms were kept up and all that. But now our landlady tells us she is going to give up the flat & store her goods for the winter. So most of the day Gilbert & I have been looking for rooms. I have been awfully homesome & homesick all day. I just wanted to take the train and come right out tonight. But I am not going to give up to it, I am going to hold right on till the time comes for me to come out. But how I do wish I could see you even if it were only for a little while. There I feel better now. Tomorrow night I will finish this letter. Goodnight —.

Chicago 11-6-92

Dear Friend:-

I am going to begin a letter to you tonight in answer to the two lovely ones I have received from you since I wrote you last Friday. Whenever I feel homesick or blue I always want to write to you, so you see Charlie was very nearly correct in his remark to that effect when he handed you one of my letters shortly after I left this fall. But I don't think it is fair for me to always write you blue letters so I am not going to let this be any bluer than I can help. I received my advance forwarded by you a few days ago.

Please do not forward any more papers or magazines, just keep them for me and I can get them when I come out. I thank you for sending this one just the same. I knew your handwriting as soon as I saw it. In your letter of Sept 30th you say you will not write so often if I say so. But I am not going to say so. You cannot write too often to me. Your letters always do me good. So please write just as often as you feel like it or can. I suppose you cannot write quite so often now though since Charlie has got home. But you will write when you can write you —. Now please don't worry about me a particle. When I come out I feel sure you will be surprised to see how well I am looking. I will try to remember

to always tell you how I am feeling. But when I don't say anything about it you may know I am feeling pretty good, because I always tell you when I feel downhearted and unfortunately you can always tell by my letters too. I wish I could have helped you put up the preaches. I was rather calculating on that you know. I would have tried to help you real nicely too. I suppose you don't want me to bring you a souvenir spoon too when I come out, so what shall I bring you? As I have not received the Beacon so far. Yes I am feeling a great deal more like study than when I first came in. Yes I would have liked to come out last Sunday ever so much. It will not be many weeks now before I will come too. You will find the clover too for I am keeping it very carefully. You will put some more on it too

along with me. But I didn't mean to be so, it was only because I could not see how bad I was. I am sorry for it all. You will forgive me won't you — ? And perhaps some day Charlie can too. I am so glad he is like himself again. In regard to that location you write of, I am sure Uncle Isaac is very good. I think I will be able to come out next week and I would be very glad to talk to him about it and look into it and see what it was good for. Thank you for writing to me about it. When I come out we will talk it over and see what we both think about it won't we? I am feeling real good & getting along real nicely I think. Only my head don't feel very good tonight and I can't half write. I wish I could see you for a little while then I would be all right I know. I would try to make you feel better too —. I wish I could come & say good night to you.
Your friend E.E.B.

Friday evening: ². Our landlady has just gone, she has been in here for over an hour & a half talking. I wished every minute she would go so I could begin my letter. I will have to hurry so now & I won't have time any how to write as long a letter to you as I wanted to. Today has been a busy day for me and a long one too, and I am going to make it a good one by answering your lovely letter of Oct 1st. I don't know why it was but I looked for that letter three days before I got it. I had no reason to do so I know but I guess I wanted it pretty bad, I guess that was the reason why. But when I got it I was more than repaid for waiting. I have read it a good many times since and it has done me lots of good. Don't forget what you are

going to give me though when I come out. I do want it so much. I am afraid I shall want lots of it too. I am sorry you have been worrying about me. You must not worry about me a bit. It makes me feel worse to think that you worry about me. You won't do it any more will you — ? I am glad you took a little nap after washing, that was just the thing to do. I am sorry your head ached though. If it aches again after washing go and get one of those big bottles of medicine on the shelf and take three or four powders two or three hours apart. Take out of the bottle that says Antimonium Crudum on it, that ought to fix those headaches. If I had only dropped in when Charlie had gone over to Mr Howard's and you were alone I think we could have had a real nice time in the big chair don't you?

But never mind I am coming out before long. I don't know what to do about that medicine case, I don't know whether to get one or not. The more I think about it the more I don't know whether I will have enough ^{money} for one to pay to get it or not. I am afraid I should soon want a large case like Dr Colwell carries & then the pocket case would not be used. I will think a little more about it anyway. I am so glad Charlie is looking so good and feeling so good & brightening so much. Please tell him so and tell him I am feeling lots better too. I think I could be more agreeable if I were out there now, I would try to be considerate and good and I would try real hard too. As I look back over the past summer and think about it, it makes me feel real bad to think how disagreeable I must have been at times. I don't see how you got

Oct. 8, 1892



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Aurora Oct 7 - 92

Dear Friend,

I have been thinking often today of the letter which I shall get in the morning, or at least am expecting. And I wondered if you would like just a few lines from me. I thought you would and as I have to go down town to get some braids to bind my jacket, will have a chance to mail it. Some way I have thought about you very often today and

Thinking how much I would like
to see you. Are you feeling real good
again? I do hope so. I have been quite
busy all the week, have been to the
rink one night to the Opera house
and to prayers meeting last night - tonight
will go to the first lecture in the
course at the Church. Jen was here
today a little while, she is spending
a little time with Willie, and will
stay over Sunday, she is looking fine.
This has been an awfully tiresome
day to me, that is why I am writing
to you - not to make you blue by
any means - but it always does me
good to write to you even though
I have little to say. I know you will
be just a little sorry for me ^{you} aren't you?
I will feel better in the morning
I am sure. My cough is all gone
the medicine worked like a charm.

It is four o'clock and I will have
to go now. Can't we begin to talk a
little about your next visit - when
will it be, this month sometime?
The frost killed all the dahlias
but not the castor beans. Charlie
ordered the roots for the grape vines
today. Good bye - your friend

R. M. H.

I forwarded

P.S. Did you get the journal I mailed
you.

✓ Oct 7, 92
10-9-92



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when I come out I am going to see how tall it is. I haven't been up town since I came in, so I haven't bought anything so far. If I had gone up yesterday I could have bought some Chamorro skins and some shirts very reasonable I think. Those are the only two things that you want that I have had a chance to buy well I think. I wanted to have my pocket case so we could fill it when I came out but I don't know as I can now. We will have a nice time anyhow when I do come won't we —? I have been thinking a good deal of you today and wondering what you were doing. I can see just how every thing looks all over the house. About the time you were washing the dishes I was wishing I could help you. It has been a lovely day here but I am afraid I have been at Aurora most of the time today. I will be thinking of you when you get this letter —. Your friend,
E.E.B.

Chicago 10-9-92.

Dear Friend:—

I have just a few minutes before church time this morning and I am going to give them to you. It is a settled thing now that we have to move tomorrow and we haven't any idea where we are going to. We have had a place in view for over a week that suited us pretty well but that is gone now. Of course there are lots of places but it is hard to get a place that is satisfactory and unless we are satisfied with the place we can't study very well. I suppose you don't wonder then that under the circumstances I feel a little blue. But I am going to church

now and that will do me good I know. I have thought of you a great deal lately —. And you shall have your letters just the same whether we are all torn up in moving and getting settled or not. Good bye —.

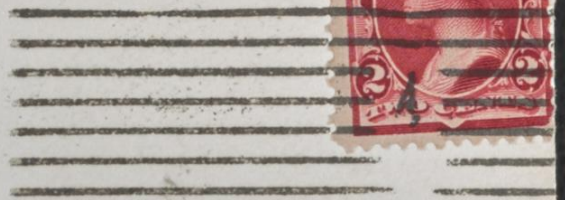
Sunday afternoon: You were so good as to send me another letter which I received yesterday that I am going to finish this one this afternoon and then you will get it tomorrow-morning.

It will be a little surprise for you won't it —? But if Charlie sees how many letters you get it will surprise him too won't it and then I will have to write less often, won't I? I was not expecting your letter yesterday but I was glad to get it. It cheered me up quite a little. You know I am always glad to get a letter from you.

I feel sure you would like to see me and I am coming out soon, next Saturday I hope. Yes, I am getting to feel quite like myself again, I haven't quite got back yet though. But I think you will be surprised when you see how well I am looking. I am glad you told me what you have been doing, I like to know all about it. Yes, I am sorry you have been feeling blue and lonesome, when I come out I will try to take that all away.

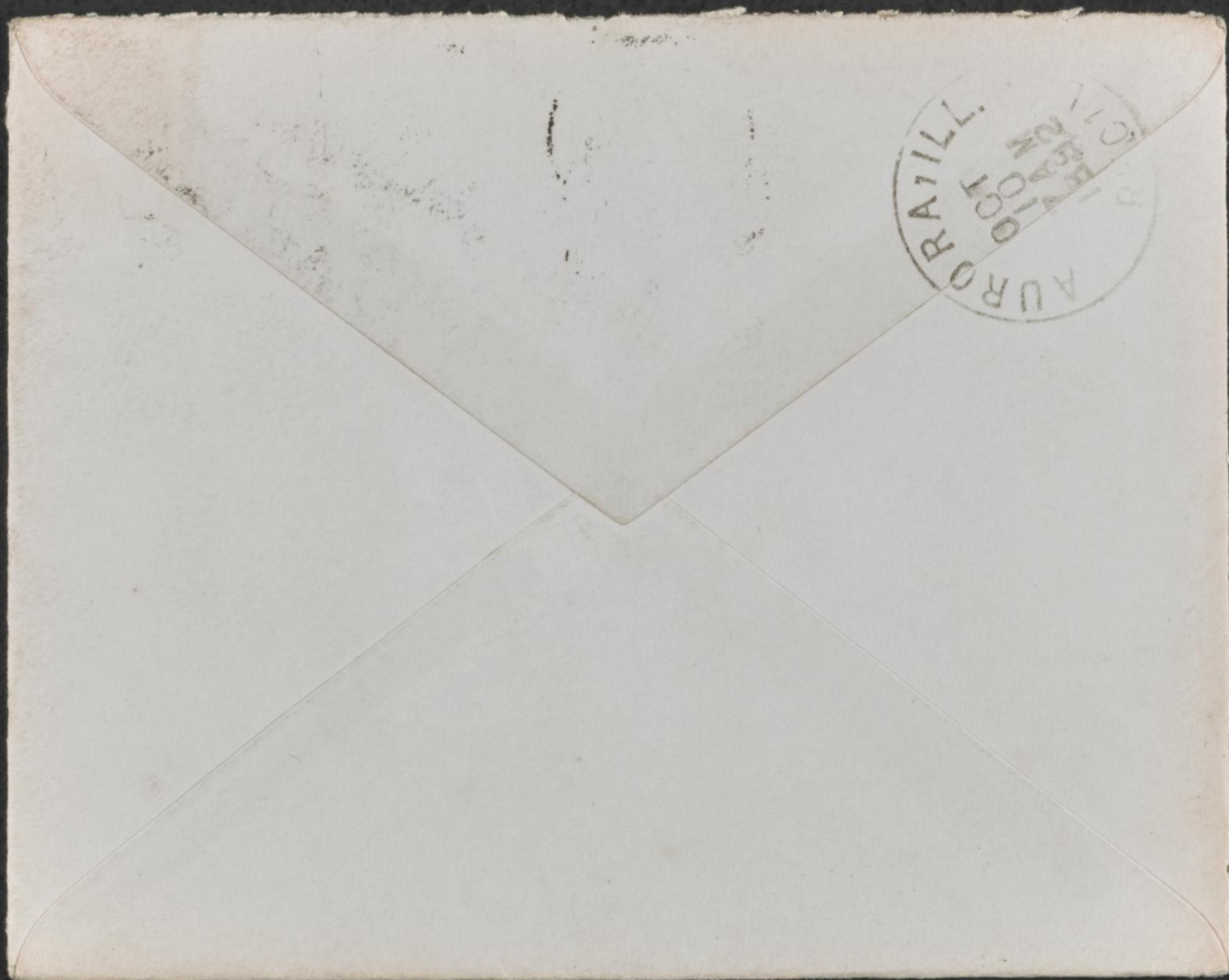
(Wouldn't it be nice if I could come out every time you feel lonesome and would like to see me? I am glad your cough is gone. Do you feel ~~lonesome~~ strong and well every other way? Is it too bad that I have not been down to see Jan yet? I think she must have come to see Charlie the other day though and not me. If the castor bean east of the house is not wilted

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you see the time is too short. Dont
you think it a little short — ? I would
like to have had you help me
with the dishes so much how many
times you have. Mr. Healy's new
house has been commenced, I have
had the last of the coal put in today
Dont try to get the shirts or any thing
you have enought to do to get
settled some other time will do.

Now I dont think I will write
again till I see you, I hope
you will not fail to come and
I am selfish enough to wish
every one else ^{will} stay away.
I think I have made a few more
mistakes than common. Please excuse
I am afraid I shall think more
about your coming than any thing
else, — your friend

R. M. H.

Aurora Oct 11-92

Dear Friend,

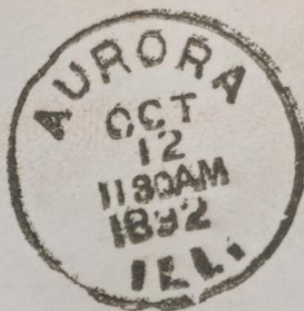
Your letter was a very
pleasant surprise Monday morning,
I know you would have brought so
if you could have seen me when I
took it out of the mail box. Charlie
was not at home so I had a nice time
reading it. in fact he has never happened
to be here when one of your letters came
since the time I told you about.
You are very kind to give me your
spare moments — I do thank you so
much, I have thought many times

how nice it was of you to say I should have my letters just the same even though you were unsettled I am so glad to get them. — Yesterday we washed and in the evening went down to see ^{the} Republican parade, today I have done a little of every thing expected Mrs Cherry to dinner but she did not come this afternoon went over to see Miss Baird a little while, she has not recovered from the fall Edith told you about, Charlie has been to the city all day and came in just as Steph and I were sitting down to tea, I thought when I heard of him coming how I wished you were with him — He thought he would go down and see you but did not have time, he was completely tired out and went to bed as soon as he ate his supper. He cannot

endure much, He feels a little discouraged too he will tell you about it. How many times I have thought of you and wondered what you were doing, and if you had found a place that suited you, I don't wonder you feel blue. Besides it must take more of your time than you can well spare. How are you tonight? — I would like to see you so much. Yes we will have a nice time when you come out. It won't be long now. I thought yesterday morning when I got your letter I was feeling much better than if you had ^{just} gone back to Chicago, and it would be a long time before you would come again. — I guess I think every Monday well if you had come out the Saturday before now you would have to go back

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Chicago 10-12-92

Dear Friend:

I received your letter Tuesday and I thank you for it. I was sorry indeed to hear about the fair. I wanted to come out right away. I would like to answer your letter tonight but although we have moved we are not yet settled. I am not satisfied with the place but I don't know what to do. I am using this half sheet tonight principally to ask you whether you would rather I would come out late Friday night or wait till Saturday noon. I do not know what train I could make so

you could not sit up for me but as I have a key I could come in quietly and would be there early in the morning.

If you would rather I would not use my key now that I am not there all the time just say so and I will wait till Saturday noon. If you answer this right away and say I may come Friday night I will get your letter in time to start Friday night some time. Otherwise I will wait till Saturday noon. I wish I were with you now but it will be only two or three days now till I will see you. I can't write good tonight for my head don't feel good so you must excuse this short note. Goodbye —

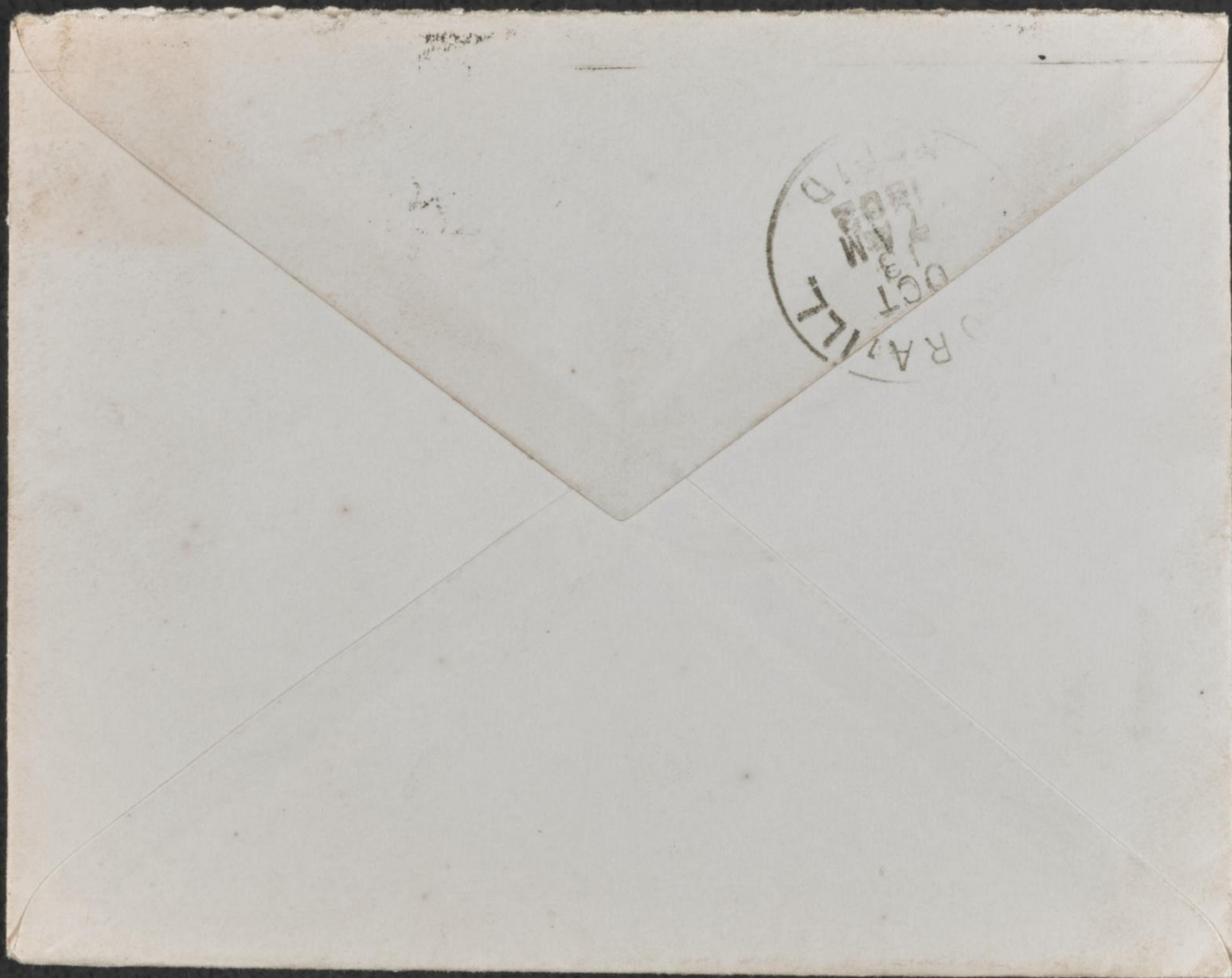
Your friend
E. E. Bouslough.

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Thursday Noon

Dear Friend

Your note received this
A.M. Come by all means Friday
night - you can use your key if
no one is up. I am so glad you
can come then. I haven't a minute
to write so will have to wait till
I see you which will not be long
now - Very hastily your friend

Ruth W. Clarkson

P.S. Send this time table fearing you
may not have one -

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a surprise, to you, as it was to me when
I found it. I shall look for it the next time
you come. I would like to thank Gilbert for
keeping it for you. I have thought your
visit all over from the time you came in to
Mrs W. our walk home through the rain the
quiet time you had Saturday afternoon
when I was away - and the walk to church
and so much else that was pleasant
and all together I think it was one of
the nicest visits you ever made. Don't you -
Miss Harvey's wedding has been postponed
indefinitely. Mr Ellis is seriously ill with
typhoid fever - We know what that
means. Don't we? It is raining quite fast
and looks as though it might all day - I
wish you were here for you know Charlie
is away and I am alone. But I will think
of what a nice time we did have, and as
the day will pass pleasantly I am sure, I shall
keep busy. And think of my friend often
you will think of your friend R.H.H. —

I am going to drop the note this morn
and so I will close through the rain
with a shake of the foot - kind & sweet ever
the same walk often it was raining - you
will remember when that was - You did not
say I might look for you Thursday - Well
I shall - through - R.H.H.

Monday Afternoon

5:30 PM

Dear Friend.

I am sitting in the big
chair just where we were sitting
yesterday at this time, and thinking
of you, and wishing you could have
staid longer. Yes, ever so much longer.
Shall I tell you what I have been doing
since you left? I have been thinking
of you all most every minute. After
Charlie and I came in we sat down and
talked a few minutes I went to my room
for a little time to be alone, and ask God
to Take care of you and keep you always.

And I asked other things for us both —
unworthy as I am I know He heard, and
I was comforted. Then I went down
and cleared away the dinner dishes
put every thing in perfect order, you
know I did not do that this morning.
Well — I wanted to have every minute
with you. And we did have a nice time
I feel thankful for it. Next I cleaned
Charlie's pants and sewed a few minutes
on my cloak. Charlie has gone to take his
supper and get his shoes. I know
there was something I wanted you to
do for me but I could not think of
it this morning, it was to see if you
thought the Clematis vines were alive
no matter some other time will do as
well. It is awfully lonesome without you
I wish I could mail this so you could
get it in the morning but I can't. I think
you would like it even though I you
have been gone so short a time. Wouldn't you?

Now it is getting late and Charlie will be
home in a short time so I will wait
till tomorrow to finish. Good bye —

Tuesday. A.M. How very very kind of you
to write when you had been through with
so much. Thank you — It will make
the day so much brighter. I am glad
you met the ladies and had such a
pleasant visit on your way in. I am
sure they enjoyed it besides being glad
of your assistance. It was also pleasant
to meet the other friend of whom you
spoke. It was a pleasant ending to your
visit. You missed a lecture though
I am sorry for that. So you did not
get out of moving after all. You should
have staid till today. About the time
I was writing to you you were busy
moving. I think you must have gone
to bed tired out. I am so glad you found
the four-leaf clover. I am sure it must be
a lucky one. You finding it was as much of

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I come out you can look for it.
I thought perhaps you would
like a letter in the morning
so I have managed to write
you this much. I have barely
time to mail it, I am afraid
I will be too late. Goodbye —
Your friend
E. E. D.

Chicago 10-17-92
Dear Friend: I had three or four
minutes at the depot before the
train pulled out. As I went
through the train to the C & I
car at the rear who should I find
but Dr. Whigell & Dr. Murphy two
of our lady students who had
spent Sunday at Sugar Grove.
I talked with them all the
way in, helped them off the
train, and carried their baggage
over to Wabash Ave. and put
it on the streetcar for them.
Then I went to Grover & Delbridge.
Mr. Delbridge was not in so I
left my things and went to find
my commission men. One of

them proved to be a man I used to play and visit with when I was a boy. By the time I got over to the bank to get my draft cashed it was closed. I then went back to Leross & Delbridge and Mr Delbridge was in. I soon settled my business with him & very satisfactorily too, took a car & got down to the college in time to get the last half hour of the clinic. I found by the Bulletin board that ^{my} Sub-class had been called for the department of gynecological surgery for twelve o'clock. I was very sorry to miss that. I found also that Kitchum had not yet returned and that Gilbert

had done nothing about moving. It was then five o'clock. I went right over and ordered an express-man, went down & told our landlady that we were going to move, packed our things, and by seven o'clock were over to our new rooms bag & baggage. We are already mostly unpacked. When I got down to our old room the first thing I saw was, can you believe it, your four-leaf clover. I had dropped it out of my book the last thing before I left Friday and Gilbert had found it and saved it for me. I was very glad to see it I can assure you and I shall take better care of it this time and the next time.

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I shall be looking for a letter
before Saturday this week telling
me when you are coming

I am so glad you are coming
I shall count the days till you
come — I don't think I will
be blue this week. May God bless
and keep you is the prayer of
your friend R. M. Harkison —

P.S. There is one question I forgot to
answer, you asked me what you
should bring me only this —
nothing more, if you dare I shall
not let you come again, Now if you
want to come again come empty handed
I wish you were here for I truly have a
dreadful pain in the lower part of
my stomach I have been struggling
over so long that I can't straighten
up, Charlie came up helped me get my
clothes off and helped me on the bed after
a few minutes of vigorous rubbing I began
to feel better. I am all right again and going
to finish this and go to church will tell
you all about it when you come out —

Goodbye —

Sunday Afternoon.

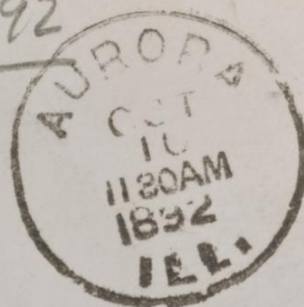
Dear Friend,

I always try to plan my
work Saturday mornings so that I can have
a little time between eight and nine o'clock
to read a letter, and I was not disappointed
Saturday I was watching for the postman
and was so glad to get your letter. Yes I
had time to read it more than once. And
I thank you for it. No your letters are not
always blue, I am so glad you do write
and sometimes just as you feel. Please do
so always, I like to write to you sometimes
I was so blue Friday when I wrote you, that
after it had gone I wished I had not
written it. So we will each try to help the other

in more ways than this one. Won't you —
I had forwarded you monthly before
I received your letter I was sorry but will
not do so any more. How I wish you
could take the train and come out
just whenever you feel like it. I think
it would do you good. I hope you have
found some nice place by this time
So you think you will come out this
week I am so glad. I promise not to
forget any thing when you come. Yes
we will talk every thing over when
you come out. I think if your landlady
comes in and talks to you an hour and
a half at one time. You had better
find another place you see I am
afraid she would make it so pleasant
for you you would forget our own
friends. I would like to see you about
that long just now. Please don't
ever speak of last summer as you did
in your letter. you have nothing to
be forgiven, I have much. I have thought

many times how I wish I could live it
over again. What would I have done
without you — Charlie has nothing
but gratitude in his heart for you
So when you come out, I am going to
ask you to promise me something I
know you will. I went to church this
morning but the church was so
cold I did not dare stay through
the service. for I am just rid of
a cold that has made me most sick
I felt sorry for Mr Brooks he exchanged
with Mr Karring. I think as many
as half the congregation left and
it was not large to begin with
I thought of you as I walked to
church and wondered if you
were not on your way to church
This has been a perfect day. I
am sitting in my room by the
window writing on my knee it
is growing dark and I have
hurried so that I might drop
this in the box on my way to church

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all like myself, but I will
feel better tomorrow I know.
So I must go to bed and not
bother you any more tonight.
Perhaps I can think better the
next time I write. Goodnight —

Your friend,
E. E. Houslough.

Chicago 10-24-92

Dear Friend:—

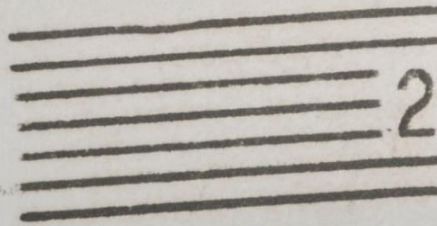
I feel very weary
tonight but before I go to bed I
am going to write to you a little.
I think perhaps you may like
to hear from me. It was three
or four minutes after eight this
morning when I got to the depot,
so I sat down to wait for the
train. But the train didn't come,
so I waited & waited, and finally
the 9:25 train came first so
I took that. I got very tired
waiting in the depot and I felt
very lonesome even though there
were people there whom I knew.
There were eleven coaches in the
train and lots of room for every

one, so I went through the train and found a seat all to myself in a car where there were not many there, and no-one was disturbed because I felt miserable. I thought of you a great deal from the time I left you & Charlie till I got to Chicago, indeed you were hardly out of my mind. It was raining before we got to Chicago and I had to walk in the rain over to the bank and from there to the car. By the time I got down to the college I had missed one lecture, but that was all I had missed this time. I missed more than that the time before that I was out, you know.

I found Mother's letter here waiting for me. Gilbert was glad to have me back. Kitchman has not yet returned. In noting

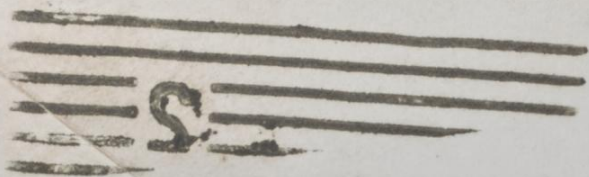
down my expenses I found the four-leaf clover in my account book & then I remembered that you had not looked at it neither had you paid me for those pins I gave you. I found three or four letters in my pocket too that I wanted to talk over with you but that was not done either. Perhaps I can answer them the next time I write to you. I thank you very much for that nice lunch you put up for me and also for the one before. I am very careless about thanking people for things but I don't mean to be so, please remember that I always am thankful. I shall keep some of those rocks for a long time. It has been a miserable rainy day all day today and I have not felt at

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liked so much to have been alone she almost
set me wild, I proposed going to bed as
soon as we got home. I don't know what she
thought and I don't much care. She left
on the 6:30 train for Detroit where she goes
as a delegate to a missionary meeting. I began
cleaning house this morning cleaned the bath
room the room at the head of the stairs and
your room. I am writing in your room tonight
it is so clean and nice I wish you could
sleep in it. It is warmer here than in any
room for some reason. I have had you in
my mind all day. And when I cleaned your
closet I took your nightgown and put it under
my pillow, and tonight I am going to
wear it. If I dream anything nice I will
tell you. Tomorrow I will finish up stairs
I used the stick you made for me to
clean the corners. Charlie put up a shelf for
me under the middle window in my room
for plants. Mr. Cathin is dangerously sick.
You will try and not be blue any more. Write
you please —? Good night and God bless you —
Your friend, R. M. H.

Aurora Oct. 25th - 92

Dear Friend,

It was so kind of you to
write when you were feeling so miserable
So do thank you, and if you could know
how much, better it made me feel you
would be in a measure repaid. I know
by your letter how you feel and it makes
me very sad. Please try and forget for it
makes me perfectly wretched when I think
of the unhappiness I have caused you.
Will you —? You certainly had a forlorn
old home. And then the walk through
the rain, I wish you could have done your

waiting here. I think if I could have had you all to myself a little while you would have gone back feeling better. I am afraid you will not want to come again. I wish I could pay you for the pins tonight. The clover I will look for some other time if you will let me. Don't mention the lunch, I put something on each sock. But I forgot to tell you about it. I hope you are feeling better today. I wish I could see you and talk to you a few minutes. I feel sure you would not feel blue any more do cheer up please for me. The postman brought your letter to the front door and rang the bell. I was waiting for him from the west from my own, but he was a new man and came from the east. I saw him as soon as he turned in but could not get down before he rang. Charlie was in the

cellar and called to me not to come down he would answer the bell. But I had just got the letter and was on my way up stairs when he came in to the hall. He said who is your letter from - I of course I had to tell him, he followed me up stairs I remarked you must have forgotten something. I fussed round a little about finding my glasses, and he said come hurry up I want to hear what the old man has to say for himself. I told him he must wait till I had read it over myself so he waited and I read him some of it. He made up his mind you wanted us to know that you did not go on the train you expected too. While we were at tea last night Mrs Charles came in to stay over night, so after supper I told her I had an errand down town and it was then I posted your letter. I would

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Monday 3:30 PM

Dear Friend,

I have just finished
my jacket and feel a little tired &
nervous so thought - I would spend
a few minutes with you - in fact I
have spent an hour with you to-day
I would give much to look into your
eyes a moment, Yes I fear I would
do more my arm would steal around
your neck, and I know you would
forgive me for all the unhappiness
I have caused you, Dear forgive me
won't you? And I will try as hard to do

diffrently. That perhaps after a
while you will want to come again
So — if you are blese please try and
cheer up and forget if you can, I
have prayed for you constantly
today. I have thought of you listening
to that long lecture from Towns till four
I dont know but it would be nice to
listen to most any thing, besides these
hammers that are pounding out
side they go right through any head.
Charlie is busy painting the posts to
the wine press he took off all the
wines first. you dont know how
nice it looks, he has taken up
all the tomato wines and put away
the bran pots, and has been so
nice to me today, he little knows
how much good it has done me
I want to say something that
will cheer you up. for I regret so

much what I have done. I will
tell you how much good it does
me to know that you will confide
in me, please do so always till
you find me unworthy of your
confidence. I dont know whether
I will get a chance to mail
this tonight or not I will try
I feel just as though you would
like to get it tomorrow. Charlie
has come in so will have to say
Good bye — and God bless and
keep you — your friend
T. M. H.

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LEVEE WORK—UNITED
States Engineer Office. Improving Mississippi River, No. 1 Prytania Street, New Orleans, La., Oct. 2, 1892.—Sealed proposals for constructing levees will be received at this office until the dates mentioned below, and then publicly opened. Specifications, blank forms and all available information will be furnished on application to this office. Proposals for the following levees will be opened at 11 o'clock a. m., MONDAY, Oct. 17, 1892:

BARATARIA SECTION, RIGHT BANK.

Fort St. Leon, upper levee, 981.5 miles below Cairo: Approximate contents of embankment, 11,900 cubic yards; approximate contents of base ditches, tile ditches and other excavations to be filled, 2386 cubic yards; approximate length of tile drains, 617 lineal yards; average net height of embankment, 6.5 feet; date of completion, March 1, 1893

Fort St. Leon, middle levee, enlargement, 982 miles below Cairo: Approximate contents of embankment, 18,700 cubic yards; approximate contents of base ditches, tile ditches and other excavations to be filled, 4897 cubic yards; approximate length of the drains, 1266 lineal yards; average net height of embankment, 6.7 feet;

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ters doing so. Chief Examiner Fox, of the department of pneumatics of the patent office, who for thirty years has passed on every patent issued in pneumatics, was floored by the mass of diagrams with which Harry Mason flooded him. He sent for the inventor, expecting to see a gray-headed Solomon in pneumatics, whose light had hitherto been kept under a bushel. When Harry Mason walked into the examiner's office in Washington he only believed he was the inventor when the plans were lucidly explained. They were granted before the young inventor left the office. The marvelous thing about the patents is that they were in no sense the result of a technical education. Harry Mason is entirely self-taught, having worked out all his patents in an abandoned box car of the Alton road in Bloomington.

FILE OF NEW

RAILROAD SAFETY APPLIANCES.

The Luster of Westinghouse Patents Dimmed by a Chicago Boy.

A Chicago boy, not yet of voting age, has dimmed the luster of two of Westinghouse's chief inventions. The boy is Harry Mason, the inventions are air brakes and air signals and the arbitrator which has decided in their favor against the Westinghouse patents is the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. Such rank railroad heresy as finding anything the equal of the Westinghouse patents could not be lightly assumed. The St. Paul therefore had a train equipped with the patents and has run it for a month between Chicago and Joliet. A short time ago a number of mechanical engineers received invitations to test the patents practically on the train and through the technical railroad journals they have made enthusiastic reports. Officials of the St. Paul are equally enthusiastic, declaring both brake and signal will work a revolution in present systems.

An inspection of the apparatus was made yesterday by a representative of THE HERALD, under the guidance of Assistant General Agent Goll of the St. Paul. The inspection demonstrated that a pneumatic signal can be sent almost instantly from any part of the train to the engineer. The signal is a sharp, penetrating whistle which can plainly be heard if the engineer is on the pilot of the engine with his train in rapid motion. This signal can be repeated a hundred or a thousand times in quick succession and does away entirely with the necessity of a bell cord. It was learned from other sources that no other signal can be relied on; that none other can be heard by the engineer if his head is out of the window and that none other can be repeated more than two or three times. With the Mason system the conductor in a caboose at the end of a train half a mile from the engine can give signal orders to the engineer as satisfactorily and almost as quickly as if in the locomotive cab. Another unique advantage, appreciated by railroad men, is that an automatic signal is given the engineer if the train breaks in two. No final test of the break system has been or will be made until the necessity arises of an almost instant stoppage with a train running at a high speed. It is estimated it will stop in half its length a ten-coach passenger train running fifty miles an hour. Such a stop would be almost equivalent to a collision. The brakes can, however, be applied so gradually as to stop a train as quickly as any other and without the slightest jar. An additional advantage is that they can be released in two seconds, while with any other system it may take ten minutes. They will set automatically if a train breaks in two. Perhaps a chief recommendation of the system is that no compressed air is wasted and it is always ready for use, while with other systems exasperating delays are frequent owing to the necessity of pumping air.

The modest Edison is a trumpeter from the housetops in comparison to Harry Mason. Of boyish face and figure, he bashfully yields the floor when any one is talking. He pre-

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morning - This afternoon I have
been mending the dress you stepped
on Sunday, you need not think you
hurt it much it was worn out.
I have mended it so it looks nicely
and you will not have to buy me
a new one. I shall look for a letter
in the morning and hope I shall
not be disappointed, Charlie has
painted the back steps and they
look nicely. I thought you would
like to read this article about your
friend Deacon. Hoping you are
your old self again I remain
Your friend R. M. H. —

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Dear Friend,

I have a few minutes
before it is time to go to prayer meeting
and I will spend them writing to you.
Have been cleaning house this forenoon
and this afternoon even down town to
do some errands. It has been a busy
day with me but I have found time to
think of you a great deal - and wish I
knew how you were feeling - One week
ago tonight - I remember well, How I wish
you were here tonight. Would you like to be?
Yesterday Mrs Phillips spent the day with
us she told me to tell you when I saw

you that she missed you - And she said
lots of nice things besides, but I will
not tell you for fear it may make
you vain. Mr Catlin died yesterday
morning also Mr. W. Bishop. Mrs Weston
is quite sick & dear I should think
she would die in such a place as that
I guess Fred's wife is the only one that
is kind to her. I will tell you how funny
they talked about her when I see you
Frank got me by the hand and held on
and fairly hugged me she wanted to
tell me something but there were
too many around. I have kept Charlie
busy about half past eight. so if I
should happen to get a letter he would
not see it; The postman came to the
house both mornings but he did
not see him I always feel a little guilty
when I do such things somehow
it does not seem quite right.

I got a letter from my sister Mrs Thurber
this morning which made me feel sad
she said she had been sick all summer
and three weeks ago had a tumor
removed from her womb. She has
suffered intensely but is hoping to
be better. You had a magazine and
a letter the letter I will forward
I saw the pile of magazines in the
draw and thought sometime when
I felt like it I would like to look
them over, would you care if I should?
I am going to prayers meeting now I
will think of you and pray for you -
Friday 4:00 P.M. I don't know hardly
how I am going to get this posted
but will some way. I hope you will
want to get it - Will you? Charlie is
trying to burn the grass so I will
have just a few minutes to write
I went to Mr Catlin's funeral this

be full tonight.

Going to Enjoy Life.

Wm. Deacon leaves this week for Sandwich where he has bought a newspaper, the Free Press. It seems to be the fashion, these days, for wealthy gentlemen to go into the newspaper business. John Jacob Astor is a stockholder in, and contributor to a newspaper in New York.

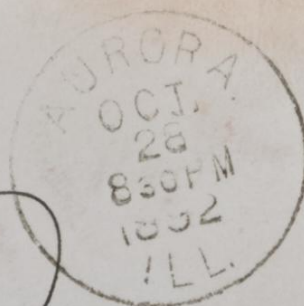
W. S. Frazier, of this city, is owner of the Aurora Daily News, and now Wm. Deacon, who is possessed of considerable wealth has bought a newspaper to while away his declining years in peace and quiet, free from the vexatious annoyances incident to an ordinary business life.

There is nothing like conducting a newspaper to give one repose of mind and add to wealth at the same time.

Esteemed contemporaries are always saying pleasant things of the editors, the printers are always good natured and never get on a strike; the devil is always neat and tidy; the subscribers always pay up and a year in advance; the carriers never miss leaving the paper in the right place at the right time, and advertising agents are always offering the highest prices for work. We congratulate Mr. Deacon on entering such a pleasant occupation and trust he will enjoy the restful quiet of newspaper life.

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were chaming house. It was awfully
nice of you to sleep in my nightgown
you know I slept in one of yours
one night. Shant we change the
next time I come out? Did you dream
anything in my night? Please tell
me how you have been feeling — the
next time you write for I want to
know. I am reading now in First
Kings fiftch chapter. Has Charlie
gone to work yet? Did I tell you
Fay Winslow talked to me about
Mr Miller just before the train
left the last time I was out? He
inquired all about him and I tried
to answer fairly, and you know what
I think about his coming to Aurora.
But at the same time I know I could
not have a better friend or one who
would love me more if he and I
should both locate in Aurora. But
there is no telling what I may do.
Time is nearly up and this is the
end of my short so goodbye for this time.
Your friend E.E.B.

I will try to get time Sunday to
answer those letters I wanted to take
over the last time I was out and didn't
go back to you. I got the letter from
you last week. Yours E.E.B.

Chicago 10-28-92

Dear Friend:-

I have had another
busy day and I am going to end
it by writing to my regular
correspondent. You said have got
quite in the habit of writing to
you Friday evenings. The students
are all getting to know the pink
envelopes and to look for them
almost as much as I do. First I
must tell you how good you were
to write to me Monday. I was
quite surprised to get it Tuesday
morning. It made me feel lots
better I can tell you. And I
have kept on feeling better every
time I have read your letters since.
But now I will try to answer them

more in detail. I am glad you like to spend a little time in writing to me, I am so glad to get your letters. When I read what you said about your arm stealing around my neck, that just made every thing all right. But I haven't anything to forgive you for — so don't think any more about it. If I ever have had anything to forgive you for you may be sure I certainly have forgiven you all. I am glad you thought of me and prayed for me that day for I certainly was miserable. I wish I could have been with you that day I think perhaps I could have kept the hammers from going through your head so. I am so glad Charlie was good to you I know you needed it and I know it did you lots of good. Yes I never have refused to tell you anything and you know I always will tell you don't you —? Now please don't think any more about

it — for it makes me feel bad to think that you are feeling bad. Yes I wish I could have waited at the house instead of at the depot and that we could have been alone. But never mind I am coming again some time. I wish you could pray me for the fives tonight but you won't forget them will you —? or the clover either? I am glad you put something on the rocks they tasted awful good. Yes yes — I will cheer up for you and forget all about it and work away as hard as I can. So Charlie caught you with our letter did he, I wonder if he will catch you with this. You did very well that time but I am afraid he will suspect there is something in my letters you don't want him to see. It is too bad Mrs Charles came when you wanted so much to be alone. Somehow my visits always upset you for Mr Charles. I am glad you thought of me when you

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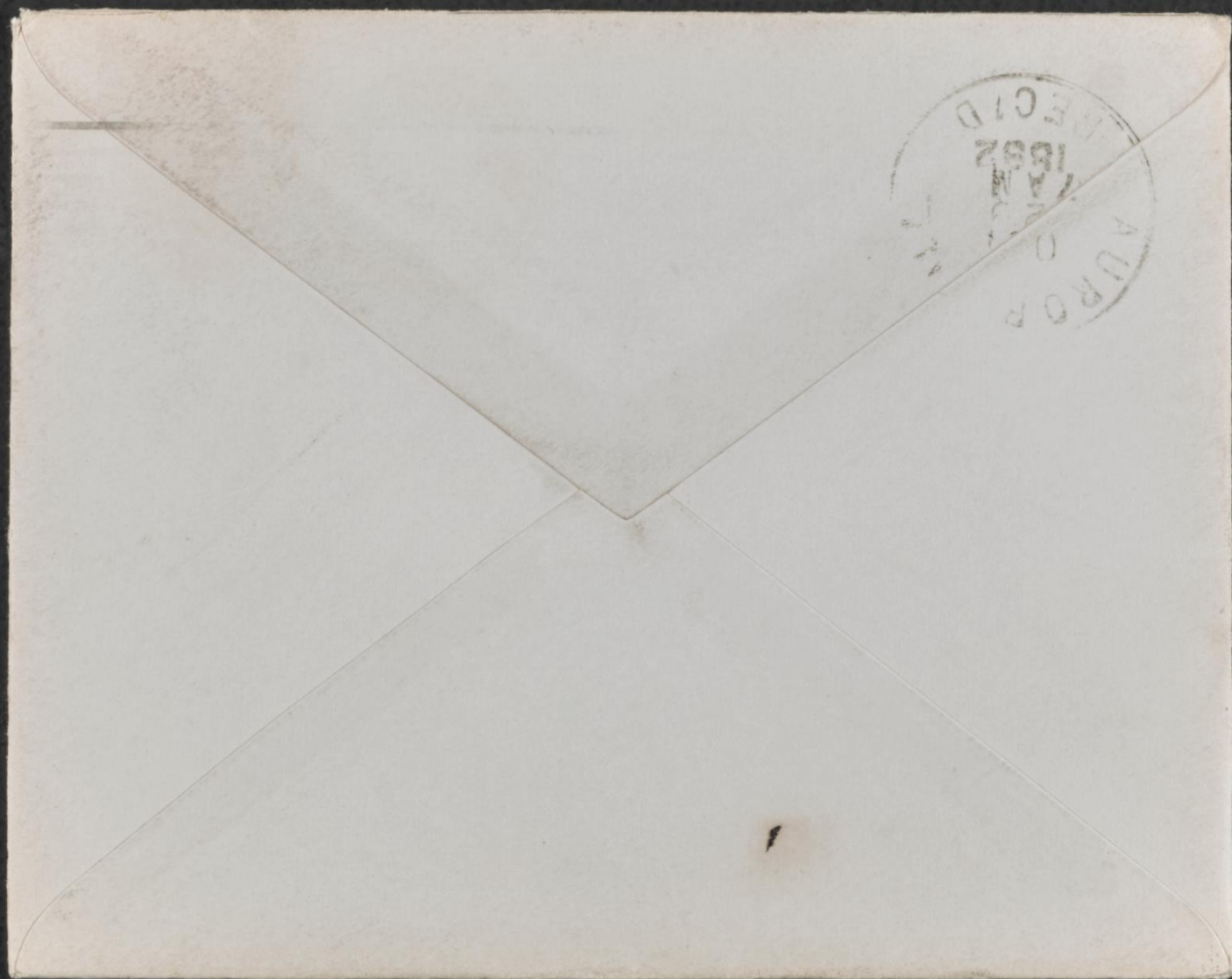


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Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
Ills.

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You spoke of coming as though it might be a long time. Before you came, that made me feel a little bad. I don't forget any thing when you do come. I know by the tone of your letter you are feeling better and I am very thankful. Now I must go and get tea. Don't I wish you were here to take tea with us. Sunday Afternoon. Went to church this morning. Mr. Haering did not give us a sermon but a talk which was good. He told us among other things how we should treat our new pastor and that we should be to it that we paid him well. He said it all in such a nice way so we could take offence, but it set pretty close he meant it should. The young people are getting up a social for him Wednesday night at J. G. Stolp's. I think they are trying to get a present for him. No. you did not tell me before what Fay said about Mr. Miller. I am sure he would be a help to you if you both should locate here.

I don't care so much about him. But you know I think it would be so nice to have you come here. Did you go to church this morning? Mr. Haering was a real one that I had the night before your arrival so I guess you will not care to hear it. By you would like to hear it. I will tell you when you come out. Charlie has not yet found any thing to do. Mr. Haering brought me half of the milk of the morning. Charlie got his from Dr. Stewart. The milk of the morning. Charlie got his from Dr. Stewart. I shall be on the watch for your letter. Your friend to M. K.

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P.S. I don't want any more and another pink envelope

Dear Friend

I felt sure I would get a letter this morning, so had every thing nicely planned. When I saw the postman coming down Garfield Ave (for I was watching for him) I asked Charlie to go down to his Aunt Lizzie's and get some window brackets we had been talking of getting. The postman was so long in getting here I was almost afraid Charlie would get back before he got here as Charlie started off on a run, for the man had just come

with the tin to fix the roof. And the
carpenter who is at work on Mr Healy's
house promised as soon as the tin came
he would go to work at it. But he staid
long enough for me to get it and read
it too, so it was all right this time.
That one is the only one he has seen so
will be on the lookout for two next
week I think I can manage it. I am
very glad to get your letter. And I hope
every Friday night when you can open
will write. Will you? I thought I would
send you a letter for today I wonder
if you have read it yet, I have read
yours ever so many times. I must tell you
how Charlie surprised me last night as
I went down to mail your letter. We had
an early tea you know Ship does not come
home, and had taken his dinner down
town. Charlie was to take his supper to him

and was not coming home till after
an entertainment he was going to over
the river. I had another letter that ought
to have been sent a number of days ago
so I after Charlie had gone. I wrote it
and thought I would mail them both
at the same time. I had just mailed
them and started back when who should
step up and take me by the arm but
Charlie he said I thought you looked
mighty familiar where have you
been I told him I had been to the
office to mail the letter I had written
since he had gone. So he walked up with
me. I thought I would go down town
this afternoon and then I thought
how much better since it would be
to stay at home and write to you. So
Charlie went down town for me.
How I wish you were coming out tonight.

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anything about it. I am looking even a little better I think than when I saw you last. Yes, I would like to be with you tonight very much, I would try to be real good. I am afraid Mrs. Phillips made a mistake she must have been thinking of some one else but never mind as long as I did not hear what she said. I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Catlin's death. You will tell me some of the particulars of his sickness when I come out visit you. I get to thinking of Charlie sometimes and of what a time he had and you don't know how thankful I am that he has his health again. Tell him to value that now more than anything else. I am sorry for your sister, no wonder you feel sad. I do hope she had a skillful surgeon for then she surely will be much better and if she had homoeopathic

Chicago 10-31-92

Dear Friend:-

I feel sure you were disappointed in not getting a letter from me this morning, and I was very sorry to disappoint you. But it took me too long to get ready for church in the morning to write any before church and after dinner Griffith & Galloway came over and stayed all afternoon. I had to be nice to them you know and besides you can't write in a roomful of chatter. The boys smoked and that made my head feel badly so that after church in the evening I was glad to go to bed early.

In your letter of Oct 9. (that was before I was out the last time you know) you said you were going to ask me to promise you something and you knew I would promise it, but you did not tell me what it was. I suppose I ought not to say anything about it though and then I would not have to make the promise. I did come empty handed the last two times didn't I — ? I don't think you ought to expect any more, do you? I have just read over the letters I was going to talk over the last time I was out & I am sure we would have had a very pleasant time talking them over. But my visit has been made and I am back in Chicago and at work. Many pleasant memories are with me though and every remembrance of them will give me pleasure.

I have received two letters from you since I wrote you last. I will try to answer them now. I was ever so glad to get them and I thank you for them but don't you know you are getting me into a bad habit? I am getting to look for a letter in almost every mail now. I am glad you find a little time to think of me, I think of you often and you know I would think of you a great deal more don't you — if I did not have to have my mind so on my books? I am feeling very well indeed, I get a little lonesome and blue sometimes but no matter I always get over it. I will tell you what I ate for dinner tonight, three small slices of raw tomato, three square crackers and drank some milk. Gilbert says it don't pay me to go to my meals any more, but then that's nothing he don't know

Don't forget the peak over your room? How much will the fixing cost you? I don't think I shall try to break ~~you~~ myself of the habit of writing Friday nights. Yes, I do wish I were coming out tonight and could take Ted with you. Yes I am feeling lots better. Do you think it would be nice for me to locate in Aurora do you? I don't see how I can manage it. I could not locate there and starve you know. Yes, I do care to hear your dream? If you do not care to write it you surely must tell me when I come out. Do you mean half of the payment that was due? Why didn't Lemon bring it all? I haven't any idea what Dr Colwell's bill was, ~~how much was it?~~ You don't have to pay it right away you know. The next time you write tell me how you have been feeling. Don't you think this is a long letter, you won't feel badly about it will you —? Remember your friend
E. E. B.

medical treatment she ought to be almost a new woman. Let us hope for that result anyway. The letter you forwarded was about some land in California but I can't do anything about it now. I believe you have never very much possessed with the idea of going there any how. Yes, surely you can look the magazines over and if you find an article you would like to have read I will read it to you when I come out. You know I make an exception in you in regard to my medical love. I am so glad you pray for me — somehow I know they must do me good. You like to think that I remember you too don't you —? I am sorry about that dress, I did not have a chance to say much to you then and afterwards I forgot it. How much does a real good dress cost? I hope some day to have money

enough to get you one. Yes, I don't know what Mr Deacon wants with a newspaper but he does probably. And if he goes to Sandwich I won't have to come out on purpose to visit him will I? So you put up a job on the boys did you and used another kind of envelope for your last letter? One of the boys suspected it though and asked one of the girls who passed it up if the address was in a fine handwriting. I was fooled myself till I looked at the address. But now see here — much as I want your letters and much as I may have to wait for them till they do come, you must not have to plan so and exert yourself to mail them and feel all the time as if you were doing something on the sly. I don't like to say it — But don't write so often that you have to plan

so to keep it from Charlie. Write as often as you can without having to plan to keep it from Charlie and I will try to be satisfied with that. In your letter of the 27th you say in speaking of planning so that Charlie won't see my letters when the postman brings them, "that you always feel a little guilty somehow when you do that and that it does not seem quite right." Then don't do it — I won't write so often but what we can run the risk of his seeing my letters when they come and you can always tell him something of what's in them and so it will be all right. Perhaps he is watching a little because of what the postman said to him that time you remember. But we will talk this all over when I come out won't we? I am glad you are having the roof fixed.

Nov. 1, 1893



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time reading on the train. you might
come out very soon and just stay
over Sunday. What do you think about
that. Don't you think you could?
I think you made quick time, and
am so glad you do not feel you
have lost very much. I see you could
not let a bargain slip even though
you were in a hurry. I think the
book quite cheap. So Logan & Miss Parr
were married today. Charlie has
fixed the lounge also the big
Chair that Mrs Went down when
Charlie was sick. It looks very much
better. Friday morning, I was interrupted
just here and will now try and finish
this to you. Edith has just been down and
wants me to come up to her party this
evening. I was sorry you forgot to
address the envelopes. But never mind
perhaps you will come again soon. I will
forward a couple of letters to you which
came this A.M. I will have to get dinner now &
do wish you were here — You will think about
coming about you? Yours friend R.W.H.

Aurora Nov 30th 92

Dear Friend.

It is ten o'clock Mr and Mrs
Stephens took tea with us. and have just
gone. But I do want to tell you before I
go. How many times this evening I have
thought of last Wednesday evening when
you came. And wished you were still
here. I arrived this morning. This
Afternoon Uncle James was here for a
short time. Charlie has been down
to the Winslow house and brought
home the things we had there. It does
me good to write just a little to you
even though I know you will not get
it for some time. I will try and

I will try and answer your letter so you will get it Saturday. I was so glad to get it. If you believe me I was looking for it. Good night for this time —
Dec 1st — It was too funny, I will have to tell you how I watched for the postman and after all Charlie got the letter first. He was very late that morning I felt sure he had gone by. And we were washing. When we both heard some one at the door Charlie said a letter from Bog. do you think? I said well it would be just like him to write and tell us how he got home. By that time he was up stairs. and called "give me enough a letter from his jags and one for Shep." I said just leave mine there I haven't time to read it now. And so I waited till the washing was all done and every thing sent away. But it was kind of hard work. Charlie then went to work with his ashes. so I thought

that would be any time to read my letter. I knew well enough I would have to read it to him. And wanted to look it over first. I had barely done so, when I heard him come flying up over the steps. He seated himself and said. "Well lets hear what he has to say" So I read the first three pages right off with but few changes, when I came to the last half of the last page I had to make up a little to fill out. So I spoke again of your having had enjoyed your visit so much and closed by remembering you to him. He said. I am afraid there is some tuff about his having had such a good time. I think I will write and tell him so. I think it was nice for you to have a book read. It makes the ride so much shorter and you dont feel you have lost so much time. I think if you can put in your

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a success altogether. The leak did not leak this time but the south room was just as bad as ever. The tin cost \$2.12 two men worked an hour each. I don't know what they will charge I shall have him try again. The rent was to be paid in two payments one in Nov and the other in Jan he paid the first in full Dr Colwell's bill was \$112.72, I paid him 75⁰⁰ and thought I would let him wait a little while for the rest as I could not well spare it just now. I went to Mr & Mrs Pierce's silver wedding Monday night. Willie got it up in good shape it was a complete surprise to them. Many of our church people were there Walter served refreshments and every thing went off nicely. I am going to a reception at Mrs L. C. Ball's tomorrow. I want to write you even if I do have to do some planning. I will try and disguise my

of old before. Now you - Dearly -
 that is one more - I - you will come out this
 my - come on - all to find it is a good one
 first been looking to me what day I should
 to do so I am feeling quite well I have
 remember me and hope you will continue
 a little. I am so glad to know you
 thank writing I am afraid it - I hope you
 and

Aurora Nov 1st 92.

Dear Friend,

This is a very dark gloomy afternoon, as I do not feel like doing any thing else, and being alone, I am going to begin this to you. I was disappointed yesterday morning, but it is all right now I am glad you did not try to write when your head was feeling badly. I think you are very kind to write so often, and I know I ought not to be disappointed. You will not think me awfully selfish. Will you -? For your letters are a great comfort to me and I.

Thank you for every one. I am not
going to ask you to promise me
any thing — I am going to take it all
back. Aint you glad? Yes you did just
right — just the way I want you to do
every time you come, unless I should
send for something. You dont know
how much good it has done me to
have you speak of your visit as
you did I feel now you will want
to come again. I am glad you look
for my letters. And glad you find
time to think of me and write so often
when you are so busy. I do appreciate it
I know. I fear you are blue I think
I can detect it in your letter. I think
Gilbert is right, I dont think you can
have gained very much if your
meals are all like that one. Now
truly are you feeling real well — ?

Poor Mos Catlin is heart broken. Yes, I
will tell you the particulars of his
sickness when you come out. I think
Charlie will be more careful of himself
than he ever has been. I find Charlie's
sickness was good discipline for him
in many ways. I have great reason
to be thankful that he was spared to
me and is so well. Charlie went down
and registered for himself E. C. Shepard
& E. C. Bousdrough he says he thinks you
ought to come out and vote. Dont mention
that dress please I am so ashamed to
think I spoke of it — I did it in a
joke. It was all worn out and your
stepping on it did no harm. It cost
a barrel of money to buy a new one
I thought right away you would
not have to stay with Mr. Deacon over
Sunday. Fixing the roof did not prove

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getting colder I will have to go down
and fix the fire. How does your stove
work. Does your landlady furnish
you with wash clothes? Mr Allison
is quite sick. Mrs Weston is a little better.
They are to have another big democratic
rally tonight. They are preparing to
feed three thousand, not at Mrs W
however, at the rink but Mrs W has
worked for three days in the rain
soliciting for it, and went to the rink
at seven and expects to work till eight.
I'm not in it. The last one they had you
were here I can't help but wish you
were going to be here tonight, not to
the rally, because you spent that part
of the time with some one else, I would
let you stay right here providing you
wanted to. I shall be looking for a letter
in the morning. Always remember
your friend R. M. X.

R. M. X.
—
T. S. Roy & Co. got to have washing
done again. She was at the occasion
yesterday with Mrs Robinson & Dr. L.

Aurora Nov 4th 92

Dear Friend,

I am all alone today
Charlie went out to the farm yesterday
morning and I was to go out this
morning, Mrs Phillips was coming in
after me. It has been so rainy she has
not come. So I have been ironing with
those nice new irons. She is going to
take his dinner down town. So I will
have no dinner to get, and will spend
the time in writing to you. I have
thought of you lots as I used the
irons this forenoon. And ironed some

things for you, I like the iron better
the more I use them. And I want to say
right here for fear I may forget, that
I want you to save up your soiled
clothes and bring them to my laundry.
Now don't say no, because I want you to.
And if the shirts are not done to suit
you why I will not feel badly if you
send them away. You know how many
things I have let you do for me. So
you will I know. I went to the reception
yesterday afternoon. Last night was
the last prayermeeting Mr. H. is to be
with us as pastor. I went alone it was
a good meeting and well attended I
feel that I got a great deal of good.
If you remember at the dedication
of the Church there were five young
men who promised conditionally
to give one hundred dollars each

Mr. Hausing being one of the number
You will remember what the conditions
were no doubt. I can't just state them.
Any way they were not fulfilled and
Mr. H. was the only one of the number
who paid his part. I understood he
was asked for it during this last year
and so paid it. It was voted after
meeting last night to pay it back to
him. I sat in the big chair a little while
After I got home from prayermeeting
and thought of you and many other
things, how I wished you could come
in just then. — Now are you feeling
today. I would like to see you. Did
you get my last letter all right the
one I addressed to the number.
I don't think any one would think
of pink envelopes in connection with
that, It has stopped raining and is

Wednesday

P.S. After finishing my letter to you, I was busy with my baking and as my thoughts wandered to you and your coming - and was thinking what a nice long visit it would be - It flashed across my mind why Thanksgiving always comes on Thursday I had been looking at the wrong leaf on the calendar, I thought - you would think I was way off, Have just made some nice cookies wish I could give you some. R.H.H.

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11-6-92

Nov 4, 92



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room, ought to be turned over. See what Briggs thinks of that. Perhaps there is not enough sand to it to carry off the water before it seeps through you know. It would be quite expensive but if that is the only way the leaking can be stopped it had better be done don't you think? I don't know what to say about Dr Colvells' bill so I will say nothing till I come out. What do you think of my addressing some envelopes when I come out? Yes I would like to have had some of those cookies But I don't know about Thanksgiving, I see you speak of it early so that no one will give me an invitation before yours. But hadn't you better leave your own folks or you take the day with them and let me have some other time? If you had not put in that last slip I would not have noticed your mistake for I hadn't thought

Chicago 11-4-92
Dear Friend:-

There was one line in your letter before this last one that I missed answering and that was about the pink envelopes. I wish you would use the pink envelopes occasionally, every other time or something like that. Or you may use them all the time if you want to. Every body got to noticing them and remarking about them that was all. But I don't care, never mind what I said, and do just as you please about it. I waited as patiently as I could this week for your letter, it seemed a long time coming. I began to be afraid I had not written as nicely as I

might have done about your
having to plan so about our letters
or that I had said something wrong
or that you had not taken it as I
meant it and that you were feeling
badly about it. I do hope that
that was not the case and I wish
you would do just as you like
about the matter. I was very
glad to get your letter —. As I
do not think you are awfully
selfish —. I will try to write
quite often. You will have to
tell me what it is you are
going to take back or I will not
know. We must talk over what
you were going to have me promise
when I come out. I haven't been
up town yet and I have forgotten
most everything you wanted any
how, but perhaps I will think of
something before I come out I
again. Yes of course I want to
come again, I wish I were out

there now so you could cheer me
up for I do feel just a little blue
tonight. Yes I am feeling quite well
for me. I haven't got back to where
I once was somehow or other but
I am a great deal better than I
have been and I ~~think~~^{know} I will get
along all right. You must not worry
a particle about me. Tell Charlie
I thank him for registering for me
and I thank you both for your
kind invitation for me to come
out but I think I better stay here
this time. They tell me here that
I have to be in the precinct thirty
days to vote and you know I have
not been in Chicago but here the
last month. Well never mind
about that dress, I think I can
manage it sometime. I am sorry
the fixing of that roof did not work,
perhaps the whole of that part of
the roof where there is so little slant,
that is the part over the little

anything about Thanksgiving yet.
It seems a long way off to me.
I will hardly know what I will
be able to do for the day till
till nearly the time but I will
find out (and you will think it over
and we will write about it and when
the time comes we will decide
together won't we — ? Do you
know which letter I carry in my
pocket and think of and read
more than I do the others? It is
the first one you wrote me after
I got back the last time, where
you spoke of your letting your
arm steal around my neck. Don't
you know that did me a world of
good? That just made everything
all right. It is not very long
since I was out, not two weeks
yet but it seems a long time to
me. I wish I were coming out.

tonight to stay over Sunday. When
you write tell me how you are
feeling — for I want to know. If
you are feeling badly in any way
just tell me all about it.

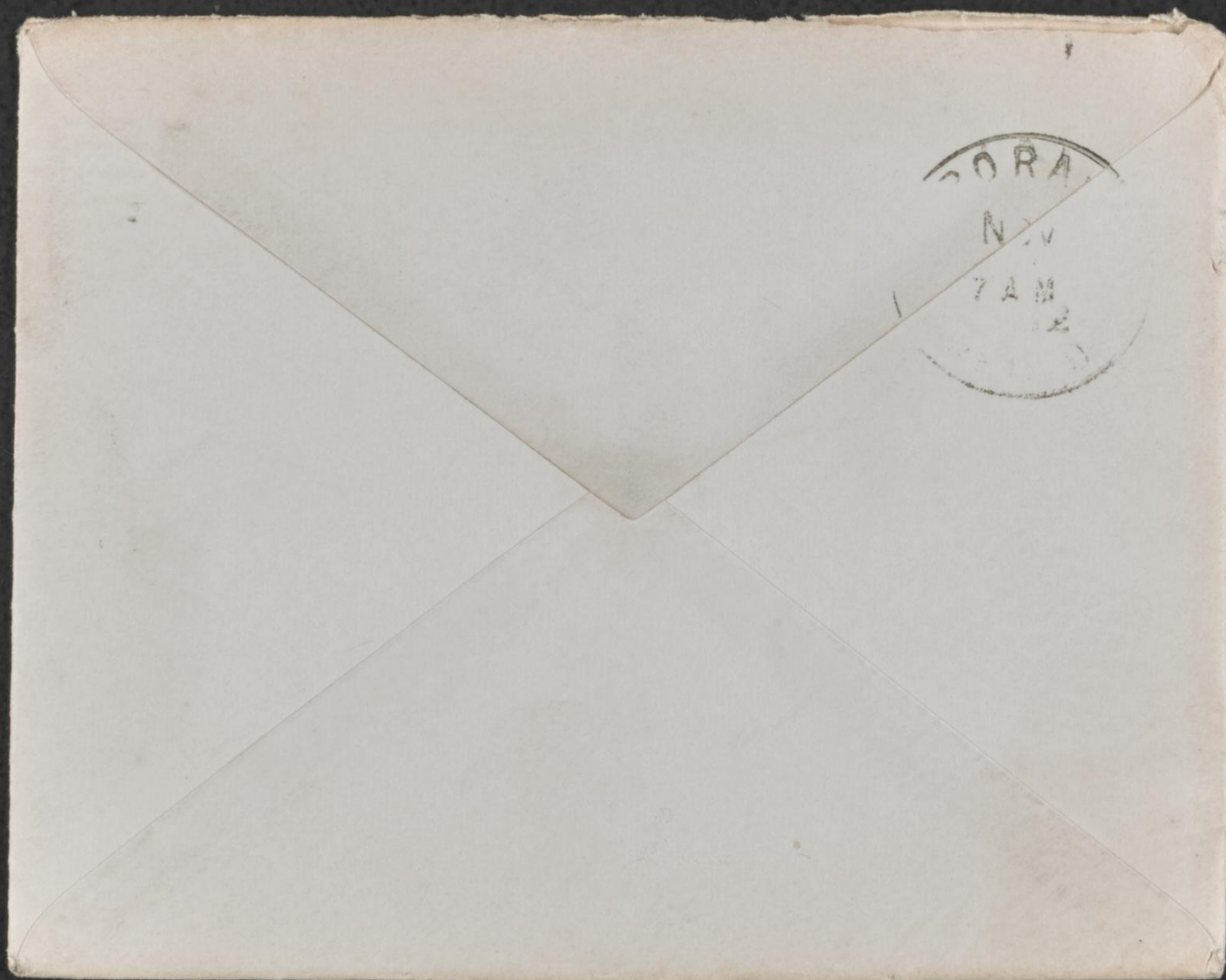
It has been drizzling here ever
since Sunday, my spirits are
above water though and I am
always going to keep them so.
This has not been such an awful
hard day for me but I have
spent the last of it in writing
to you and I feel a great deal
better. I am going out to mail
it now and then I will go to
sleep thinking of you, I can't be
with you and that is the next
best thing you know. I would
like very much to say goodnight
to you tonight, I can see every
part of the house in the dark just
where the chairs are and everything.
But I am not there. Good night —
Your friend E. E. Boulough

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this time, & I did not feel badly about any thing you said. I am glad you told me just what you thought about it. That is the way I always want you to do — I like to know that you look for my letters I think if you should say something I did not like I ~~should~~ have to write an extra letter and ask you to explain instead of not writing. I am afraid I did not make my letter very plain. What I am going to take back is asking you to promise me something. Won't you glad? I am so glad you are feeling better. I won't call it worrying but I do think lots about you. I wish you were here tonight I would try and cheer you up. I think I would ask you to sit in the big chair the moon is shining in so brightly you would not need a light. And I would be very

near you — I have been thinking all day how I would like to see you. Yesterday if you had walked in I should not have been surprised for some way I felt your presence. But alas I did not see you. Charlie thinks as you do ^{about} the roof over the little room. Yes, if the leak can be found it must be fixed no matter what the expense. Charlie took down the screen doors this afternoon. Yes I would like to have you address some envelopes for me when you come out. By the way when are you coming. You need not wait till Thanksgiving you might come out and we will talk it over about Thanksgiving. Well we will do as you said decide together. I like that way of doing. I will not write any more tonight as it is nine o'clock. But will send you a good night — And God bless you.

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Nov 7, 92



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regulate as you wish. I don't
know just how much oil it uses
so I don't know how expensive
it is. Yes, our landlady furnishes
all the clothes for the ~~bath~~ bath
and rooms. I am glad you are not
in this rally, I think the other
one was hard enough for you. Yes
I would have been very glad to have
been there and I think I would
have spent all the time with you.
I think I would have been with
you the other time if you had
been home. Do you like this
coarse writing better and would you
like to have me use a stub just
after this? I shall think of you
election day and of what a nice
time I would have had if I had
been ⁱⁿ Aurora. I suppose the lectures
will go on just the same. I heard
Dr Lumsden again today. He is a
great man. I have thought of you
a good deal today — Good night —
Your friend, E. E. T. —

Chicago 11-5-92

Dear Friend:—

I am going to begin
this letter tonight but I don't know
when it will be finished. I received
your letter this morning dated
Nov 4 in which you ask if I received
your letter all right the one you
addressed to the number. Did you
mean the one addressed to 2811-
2813 Cottage Grove? Yes, I received
that one and I thank you for it.
But when I read your letter this
morning I thought you meant one
you had addressed to 104-29th St.
and as I had not received one
addressed to my rooms I began to
be very much disturbed about it.
I can't bear to miss one of your

letters so when you write again please tell me what number you meant and I will not do anything about it till I hear from you again, then I will do all I can to trace it. I am glad you like the iron. Wouldn't we have had a nice time together if I could have been there to help you iron? For fear I shall say something to make you feel badly I will not say anything about what you say about my bringing my clothes to your laundry. You won't feel badly then will you —? Have you not tired when you got back from the reception? What are they doing for some-one in Mr. H. G. Harris's place? Yes I would have been very glad to have come in and found you sitting in the big chair, I think we could have had a nice time

together, don't you? You ask how I have been feeling today. Pretty lonesome I can tell you but I have just had a bath and so I feel better. I thought of the last time I took a bath in Aurora and wondered when I would take one there again. You know where I took it don't you —? Yes some-one did think of that letter in connection with the pink envelopes for one of the boys asked me if I had had her change envelopes.

Sunday Nov 6- The boys were over again today and stayed all afternoon, but I am going to get this off tonight so you will get it in the morning. Our stove works very nicely for this kind of weather but I don't know as it will be warm enough when it gets real cold weather. There is no odor to it and you can

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mind it was you. and waited as
 patiently as I could for you to ring.
 When you did not ring I thought
 you were coming in quietly and
 surprise me. So I waited a few minutes
 longer and then thought I would go
 and meet you. For I was just as sure
 it was you as could be. Imagine how
 disappointed I was as I went through
 the rooms and looked for you. Even
 looked in the parlor in the big chair.
 I could have cried. And have felt like
 it ever since. I told Charlie I thought
 I saw you get off the car. He said you
 wasn't glad was you? I asked him
 if he thought I would be glad when
 I was cleaning house. But I would—
 yes I remember when you took your
 bath and you shall take another one
 there when you come out if you
 would like to. And rest a little while
 afterwards. I don't really know what

I don't think Charlie
 will come home till he gets the lecture
 ordered. So the lecture go on just the
 same. I am glad there are only two more
 and I guess we are in luck. I am going
 next time to you will get it. I am going
 morning. And do hope you will be going
 better. I shall look for a letter Wednesday.
 with you could have been today. I am so tired
 have such good night. — Without looking for me before

Amma Nov 7th 92

Dear Friend,

Charlie was in the dining
 room this morning when the postman
 brought your letter. So I said nothing
 to him about it. I was looking for it
 and found time to slip away and
 read. Thanks you for it —. But I feel
 sure you are homesick or something is
 not quite right. I wish I could say
 something to cheer you. I wish you
 were here I would try so hard to make
 you feel more like yourself. I wouldn't
 let you go back before Monday any way.

The house is in great confusion for we have been cleaning the front part, halls, and dining room. But I would let every thing go if you were here. That is the way I always do when you come isn't it? We have every thing cleaned in the parlor library and halls, Chastin has swept the dining room, and tomorrow I will straighten things. Chastin has to go down town so will send my letter by him will also forward one to you. I was sorry I could not mail it so that you could have it in this morning. I wonder if you looked for it. I addressed one letter to 2811-2813 Cottage Grove. That was the one I had reference to. Pardon me for not writing more carefully. If you don't want me to feel badly you must do as I ask you, even if you won't talk about it. The

Laundry I mean. No I was not tired when I came home from the reception but was tired before I went. I will tell you about it when I see you. Good night - Tuesday evening. Another day of house cleaning. I can see that I have accomplished a good deal. Every thing is put to rights as far as the dining room with the exception of putting up the lace curtains. I have all of the pantry cleaned but the lower cupboard I must tell you how dreadfully disappointed I was this afternoon about five o'clock I happened to pass the dining room window just as a car came up, and saw some one on the platform just getting ready to step off. The car did not stop so before he touched the ground was out of sight. But I made up my

the committee is doing in regard
to filling Mr Haavig's place. I have
heard Mr Haig of Yorkville spoken
of by some. But I guess nothing definite
is known. Mr Haavig told Minnie
McCarthy's mother that we have a
pendas in our church in the person
of W.H. Downing he was at the bottom
of his leaving. I would not dare repeat
this to any one else. Tonight is the
semi-annual meeting of the Y.P.S.C.E.
After the meeting they are all going
up to see Mr Haavig. I have
thought of you lots today and
at one time felt sure I saw you
Helen I wish it might have been
you and you were here now.

I believe you would like to be.
I don't want to be disappointed that
way again. It has been awfully cold

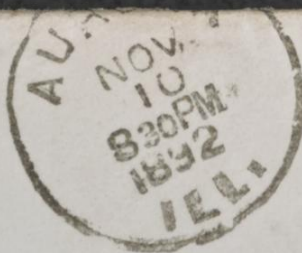
since yesterday even I have wondered if you would not have to put on your heavy coat. I almost forgot to tell you about my Saturday evenings experience. I was quite late getting through with my work. And when I went to my room thought-I would read your letter once more while I rested. After reading it-I sat thinking and did not realize how long I had been sitting there it was getting quite dark and I thought-I would go down. When I opened my door I found the hall filled with smoke. I was startled and opened doors and windows/as many as I could, on the way down. When I got to the cellar I could hardly make any way the smoke was so dense. I thought-I was not going to be able to get the windows open. But-finally succeeded and then opened the door. My head ached and my throat was sore all next day. The pipe damper was turned too much. It was my own doing, and

Wednesday Evening Nov 9. I thought-
last night when I was writing to you
I would go down tonight, if not
before and mail it. But I was so tired
tonight I thought I had better not
try. Charlie has just gone down town
you don't know how much I wanted
to send it by him. But as I sent one
last night I thought it would hardly
do. I am so tired tonight have been
cleaning the kitchen and finished
the pantry. have not had much help
from Charlie today as he has been
busy with his own affairs. I have
thought of you very often today—
there is so much to remind me of you
almost every way I turn I see something
you have done for me or something
you have given me. Do you remember

putting papers in the drawer where I
keep the kitchen knives. &c. Will I had
to replace them with clean ones today
and I hated to take them out because
you put them there. I wonder why I
keep thinking you are coming and
almost look for you. It must be that
I want to see you. Well I would like to—
There is one familiar object you will
not see when you do come. That is my
old hat that hung by the lamp and
I think disturbed you some because
you thought it was not quite the place
for it. But you will put up a nail or
something for me to use next summer.
Wont you —? And I will always keep it for
that purpose. Charlie heard our pulpit was
to be filled by a woman next Sunday. Only
think Miss Emma Pike said if it were so she would
not go there to Church. The young people gave her
having a handsome book of engravings. I
think I could write better if I was not so tired so
you will excuse all. I wanted to write a little
before I went to bed. I shall not be so tired now that
I am almost through house cleaning. Good night—
And God bless you
R. W. H.

✓ Nov 10, 1892

11-11-92



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I thought about you a good deal last Saturday night, I saw the big moon and I thought how nice it would be to sit in the big chair and watch it with you. I would have liked very much to have been with you. So you wanted to see me that day did you and I didn't come? Well — it won't be very very long now before I will come out because I will come out Thanksgiving I guess if I don't come out before. But you can have the day with your own folks just the same if I do come for there are other friends that would be glad to see me you know at least for a short time. I could take dinner at the Y. M. C. A. They would like to have me there most of the day. Mother has not said anything about my coming to Shabbeta. I suppose she thinks I won't come any way. I don't

Chicago 11-12-92

Dear Friend:-

We are going to have a quiz at the hospital tonight so I will have little chance to write to you tonight. I would have written to you last evening or at least commenced a letter but the boys asked a couple of the other boys in to play cards and they had the table. They were all smoking and the air was blue with smoke. I couldn't stand that much so I put on my coat and went over to Hollan's room where there was no smoking. So you see if you were to get your letter tomorrow morning I would have to get up earlier than usual this morning and write which is just

what I have done. The letter you forwarded to me was a democratic sample ballot for Aurora with a request that I vote early. It was of no use to me but I thank you for forwarding it just the same. I also received a democratic sample ballot here. No other sample ballots were sent me which shows at least that the democrats were systematic hustlers. Perhaps you have a little curiosity to know if I voted or not and how so I will tell you. A good many have thought I was a democrat but I went over and voted the straight prohibition ticket. Let it not displease you very much for you know a little how I feel about the matter. I received your letter of the 6th Tuesday morning. I was looking for it — and was very glad to get it. I thank you very

much for writing to me when you were so tired. I know how tired you must have been but I think if I had been there I could have rested you a little. I would have tried to do it anyway. I wish I had been there to talk with you because I think by your letter that you have been worrying some over some things that you would have been willing to talk over with me when you did not feel like writing about them.

I am glad my letter was pleasant for you to read, that was a little something wasn't it? So your letter was plain enough but don't you see I didn't want you to take back the asking? I am glad you think about me some but you must not worry a particle, it won't help matters any you know, and besides there is no occasion for it. You must not forget to ask me to sit in the big chair when I come out

very gratefully when I put it on.
I struggled up to that nice velvet
collar and thought of you again
it was so nice and soft. I am
sorry you had such a time with
the smoke. If you had only thought
to put a damp towel over your head
and breath through it the smoke would
hardly have affected you at all. Do you
mean you gave Charlie a letter Tuesday
night to mail for me? or was it for
somebody else? Yes, I will be glad
to put up a mail for you when I
come. I am sorry you are so tired.
Take some Arica, if there is none
in the drawer I will send you some.
The next time you write tell me
if Charlie has accepted Mr. Otis'
offer or what is he going to do.
And tell me how you are feeling
if you are not better I will have
to come out. I can't write with any
comfort with the boys around. Good bye —
Your friend E. C. B.

know what she thinks² the reason is
but she seems to think I can't get
by Aurora. I should like to go
home though for Bertie is not as
well as she ought to be and
Mother may not have many more
Thanksgiving days. What do you
think I had better do? You know I
would like very much to be at 393
Downer Place don't you? That would
make a nice long visit wouldn't it
from Wednesday night till Monday
morning? I have been looking
forward to a nice visit for some
time, (not very long to be sure but
then it has seemed a long time to
me.) Yes I would have liked to be
present Mr. Harrig's last Sunday
but if it had rained so hard I am
afraid I should have stayed at
home with you. At seven o'clock
last Sunday I was writing to you
— you got my letter the next

morning. So, I don't wonder you don't like to have Charlie go away from you. I would be very glad to talk it all over with you both and to help you all I can. I hardly know what to say though. It seems to me a question which Charlie must decide for himself. I wouldn't advise him to go into this though unless he intends to stick by it, it would hardly pay for just a year or two and then go at something else. But tell him if he does go at it I will be glad to help him in every way I can. Since writing the above I have received your letter of the 7th but have not had time to read it all yet, I will read it all and then answer as much of it as I have time before mail time. Yes I guess I was a little lousome when I wrote you last. I wish I could have been there to

help you clean house. I would have helped you good and not let you get so tired. I would have tried to make you rest too —. Never mind when you are tired I will wait for the letters till you are rested and have time to write. I have forgotten what you said about the laundry, what was it? I am sorry you were disappointed in not seeing me when you were so sure I got off the car. I would not hide after I got in the house, you may be sure I would hunt you up the first thing. But what did Charlie mean by asking you that question? Don't be decided again remember I always come the last of the week not the first and I will let you know before I come. I would have liked very much to have been with you all this week. Yes I have been wearing my heavy coat. I thought of you

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about election a few minutes, and then
Charlie looked over the mail. A letter
for you from Boz. Shall I read it for
you. I thanked him and said I would
get my glasses. He said well come back
and read it to me. I want to hear what
he has to say for himself. So after reading
it over I went back and read him some
parts of it. And put in the messages you
had sent him in previous letters, which
I had not said any thing to him about
because he did not happen to be around
when I got the letters and I thought
they would come in handy some
other time, and they did this time
surely. Did you look for a letter this
morning — ? I was so sorry I could
not get one to you. But yesterday
morning Mr Lennon came for me to
go out to the farm. It was raining a
little when we started, but cleared off

and by noon it was quite pleasant. He
wants me to nail up the summer kitchen
and shingle it so that they can use it
as a kitchen in winter I suppose I will
have to do it though I don't want to.
Charlie went too. We took dinner there and
went down to Mrs Phillips and spent
the afternoon and Mr Phillips brought
us home after tea. I came home tired
but as I always do when I go to the farm.
I would have written to you then but
I had no way of mailing it. I went right
to bed. Today I am alright. I hunted
up the Aranea and took some though
for I feel as though I had been beaten.
I know it is from reaching up and
using my arms so much in clearing
The Aranea will make every thing
right. I wonder I did not think of it.
Thank you for reminding me. I am
writing this afternoon because I don't an

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11-19-92



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Mrs W. Edith & Bess were in the city yesterday.
 I will finish this some other time and
 will say Good night. Tuesday Afternoon
 I looked for a letter yesterday morning
 and this morning - I guess you are
 going to pay me back for not getting
 a letter Mond Saturday - No I don't think
 any such thing. I think you have
 written me very often, and got up one
 morning very early so as not to disappoint
 me. So I will wait patiently till I do hear
 from you. If you are well it is all right.
 I have been washing the flannel drefs I
 wear mornings it looks nice and clean
 Charlie is covering vines and trees and
 getting ready for winter. He is going to
 Decatur Thursday as a delegate for
 the Y. P. S. C. E. And will be gone till
 Monday morning. Wouldn't it be nice
 if you could be here while he is away.
 If you go to Shalibmana you will just call
 on your way through. Love you.

When you have fully made up your mind just what
 you are going to do about Thanksgiving you will
 let me know. I am
 Yours truly
 Wm. W. Edith

Aurora Nov 13th 92

Dear Friend

As I went to church
 this morning I dropped a letter in
 the mail box for you. Thinking it
 would be my only chance of mailing
 it. It seemed lonesome without Mr
 Haavig only a few of our people
 were out. The lady who spoke to us
 on temperance was a good speaker
 Mrs Wilson remarked after church
 that she didn't see any thing in
 that, that would keep any one away
 or that would hurt any one. But I
 know it did keep a good many away.



I am so glad I am going to have a little time to write to you. I did not expect to. Charlie went over the river and as it was so rainy we thought we would not go to church. Mr & Mrs Stephens have gone home. It is just seven — the clock is striking I was writing to you last Sunday night at this time. I wonder what you are doing wouldn't I like to see! So you have forgotten what I said about the laundry well I will tell you again. Bring it out and let me do all of it that I can. The pieces that I can't do to suit you I will send down town. Now don't forget will you?

Mo Mc Wethy has had his house painted over in light colors. It looks very nice. We went over after dinner and looked through the new house I thought how the first time I met you went with me and helped me in. I did wish you were here then. Do you know — I have been thinking much of your next visit, I want it to be such a nice visit, and I know it will. I do want to see you so much. I wish I could see you now. But it would be so very long. If you do go home you mustn't stay too long, will you? You spoke of taking dinner at the Y. M. C. & rooms I did not know they served dinners there, I am feeling much better than I was a few days ago. The Amica has helped me. You haven't said any thing about having shaved so I suppose you have not.

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me even though it is so stormy
without, I have worked a little
and written a little to you. And
thought a good many times how
nice it would be to have you here.

Friday morning I did not finish my
letter last night. I thought I would
see if the postman brought me any
thing this morning. He did but it
was a dum for my water rent or
the small part which remains
unpaid. I think when I hear from
you again you will tell me
when you are coming.

Charlie has nothing to do yet. We will
talk over every thing when you
come. And the time will not be
long now. I have been baking some
cookies for you to take back with
you. You see I think of your going back.
I don't like to though. Mrs. Will George has
a little daughter. Hoping to get a letter in
the morning saying you will come soon. I will say
good bye — Your friend T. H. X.



Aurora Nov 16th 92

Dear Friend,

I wish I had better
to answer yours. But never mind I
have some that are not very old so will
read them. And will write a few words
to you before going to bed. I have been
sitting in my room this evening doing
a little mending. And a good deal of
thinking about you. Among other things
I have been wondering if I would get
a letter in the morning and hoping
I would. I have been thinking perhaps
one week from tonight you would
be here. And how much nicer that
will be than writing. Don't you think so?

This has been a long week so far it
seems a long time since Saturday.
I have been getting a letter so often
that three days seems a long time.
I will send you a good night—and
finish this some other time. Thursday.
It is raining so hard this evening I will
not think of going to prayer meeting.
I would have to go alone if I went
for Charlie went to Decatur this
morning. Is you see I am all alone.
I do wish you were here. It was
awfully lonesome taking my cup
of chocolate and bread and butter
on the kitchen table tonight. Shep
does not come home to tea. I
thought of one other night when
we had grapes for supper and took
them on the kitchen table. Do you
remember—? I have wondered
quite a little why I have not

heard from you. I wanted to so
much. But feel sure I will get a
letter Saturday. If you are well it is
all right. If you are not you have
promised to come here and let
me take care of you. Haven't you—?
So I will wait if the time does seem
long. I have thought of a good many
reasons why you have not written. But
you will tell me, I know. It seems a
little strange that I should be writing
you so often when the clock is
striking seven. I would liked
very much to have mailed this so
that you could have it in the
morning but it is so very stormy
I think it will have to be your
Saturday letter. I must go down
now and fix the fire. Wish you
were here to go with me.
It has been a pleasant evening with

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know I could easily stow myself away somewhere and not interfere with your plans a particle. I don't like to think that you are putting off any of your plans just because you think I may possibly come out for Thanksgiving. I will enclose you my invitation to the Y. M. C. A. dinner. I would be glad to know what Charlie's plans are and I would help him in any way I can. The last three lines of your Sunday's letter were very good to me —. I will answer your other letter tonight.

Dr. Gilbert had a friend here from Jamestown last Sunday and at seven o'clock four of the other boys & we four were all sitting around the room debating where we would all go to church. Five of us finally went down to the First Baptist church, the others didn't go to church at all.

Chicago 11-18-92

Dear Friend:-

The letter you wrote Sunday I received Tuesday morning. The letter you wrote Thursday I received Wednesday morning. The papers I received Thursday morning. I thank you very much for them all. I confess I was not looking for the letter I received Wednesday as I had just received one the day before so I was very pleasantly surprised. Your letter of Sunday was all right. Only don't write when you are so tired and hurried, wait till you are rested and have more time and I will wait as patiently as I can for your letters. I am very sorry

you got so tired, I think I ought to be there to take a little better care of you, don't you? You did all right about my letter of a week ago, I suppose I ought to write to Charlie sometimes too, don't you think so? What will it cost to fix the kitchen as Mr. Lemon wants you to? I will be glad to talk about that or anything else you want to talk about when I come out. I would have liked to come out last Saturday very much — (Prof Hoall failed to materialize for this hour so I have come over to write to you till time for the next lecture.) I am glad Charlie cared enough about my coming to speak about it. Mother was in here last Wednesday. I went to the depot at nine o'clock to meet her and stayed with her till she went out at one o'clock. She did

not say anything about my being home for Thanksgiving and I did not either. Since that writing to you I have thought that I better stay here for Thanksgiving and come to Aurora the Friday night following (only just a week from now —) as I assist Prof Bailey in his clinic Fridays and could not very well afford to loose that work. My sub-classes are being called about this time & I am afraid I should miss some of them also. So I don't know what to do about it. The closer it gets to Thanksgiving the more I want to come and if I could only come out Wednesday night how much longer a visit that would make —. But go ahead — and make all your arrangements just as if I was not coming till Friday night for you

But never mind it won't be long now — till I will come out. You can see by my letter that I can't make up my mind till just before I come, so you must leave me out of your calculations and go ahead with your plans. I almost forgot to tell you that I have been sleeping in the mighty you made me all this week and every time I have put it on or taken it off I have thought of you —. I have not been sleeping very soundly for some time but have tossed around a good deal and every time I would wake up and turn over my mighty would remind me of you. And I have thought of you a good many other times besides. Yes, I have been feeling very well much better than you have I fear. If you don't send for me I am afraid I will have to come out any way. Good night —. Your friend, C.E.B. I

2.

I didn't want to go to the Baptist Church I only went because the other boys wanted to go there. Now about that laundry, I believe you have some of mine now. I don't see what you want with any more of it. If I remember rightly you didn't do as you said you would about it a couple of times. But perhaps my mind is rather foggy on the laundry question. Yes, I will try to make my visit a nice visit, I wish I might come out Wednesday night but I don't know whether to or not. If I am able and decide to come I will try to get a letter to you Wednesday morning. As I have not shaved my whiskers off yet but I think you will like them better than you did the last time. Before I forget I want to ask you

what you paid for that berry dish you got in there last summer. Did you see some square shaped dishes that time and how did you like them? Did you see some quite the shape of the one you bought? If that had some of this chaste work on - and how did you like them? You remember last summer you told me about a man coming around selling a set of three knives, I think for seventy five cents. but I don't remember that point, and I said I thought they could not have been very good stuff. What were they like and what were they to be used for? Please describe them as well as you can. Now don't forget to answer these questions in your next letter. Didnt Mrs. H. Edith & Pess want you to go to the city with them?

I would like to help you shop sometime. So, I am not trying to pay you back or anything of the kind. I do try not to have you disappointed Saturday mornings though. The boys have been playing cards a good deal lately and when they are doing that or there are some in there talking I can't very well write. At one time I was afraid you would not get your usual letter tomorrow morning but you will now. I am sorry you looked for a letter the first of this week & were disappointed. And when I read your letter saying Charlie was going to Decatur I thought how nice if I could only get a letter to you every morning while he was gone. And then I thought how much nicer if I could only stay with you while he was gone. But as it has turned out you haven't had either have you?

Young Men's Christian Association,
AURORA, ILLINOIS.

Mr. E. E. Bouslough.

Dear Sir:

*The pleasure of your company
is requested at one o'clock Thursday, Nov. 24th,
at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian
Association, at which time the ladies' committee
will serve a Thanksgiving dinner to members
of the Association who are away from home.*

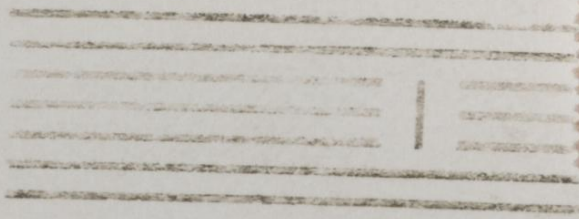
*Kindly reply at your earliest convenience,
and oblige, Yours respectfully,*

MRS. A. G. COPELAND.

MISS HATTIE A. STEPHENS.

A. G. COPELAND,

General Secretary.



Nov 19, 1892

Mrs. R. M. Harrison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
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I wish I could make you promise, just
bring yourself —. As they did not
want me to go with them this time.

I wish we could shop together sometime.

I too thought how nice it would be to
get a letter every morning while Charlie
was away. I am so glad you thought

of it even if I did not get the letters,

Yes. I wish you could have been here

all the time. I am sorry you have

not been sleeping well. I guess you want

to sleep in your old bed. Don't you —?

It will be all ready for you. Monday 11.00

I had to leave my letter right here as

Shep came in, I am glad I had

not quite finished. For ever I have

received your letter of yesterday. Yes

surely I can decide about your coming

in just one minute. And am so glad

you asked me to, Come Wednesday

night. Don't forget I shall look for you

Thank you for this nice letter, Charlie has

18. I have been very thoughtful about it
but I thought I should mention it
all. You are always so good to me
I hope I can be of some use to you
in some way. I am ever your
affectionate friend, Edith

Aurora Nov 20th 92

Dear Friend,

Edith took dinner

with us today and staid till five

o'clock. After she had gone I thought

I would write to you, But before I

had I written the first line the bell

rang so I put every thing away and

went to the door. It was Mrs Stephens

She had come to stay till church

time and then go to church with me.

So I am just home from church. And

will try and answer your nice letter

I guess waiting so long made it all

the nicer I thank you for it. I should

certainly have been very disappointed had

had I not received it. I don't think
I will get so tired any more. I wish
you could be here I would be so glad
to have you take care of me. I have
needed care some of the time I
assure you. Yes, I wish you would
write to Charlie occasionally. He has
said he would write to you. But
has never got at it. I smiled when
I read that your mother had said
nothing about your ^{going} coming home
to Thanksgiving. But as I read on
my countenance changed. What
shall I say about it. I know well
enough what I would like. Why do
you put so much stress on my plans
you aren't going to interfere at all.
If I wasn't afraid I should interfere
with some of your plans I should
send for you to come just as soon

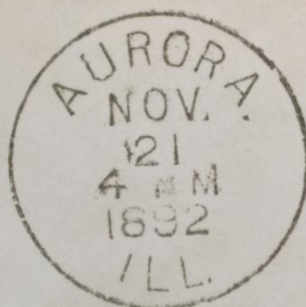
as ever you could. Do you think you
would come then? You know how
much I would like to have you —
So I will leave it all with you. I
have forgotten what the last three
lines of last Sunday's letter were.
We will talk every thing over when
you come. Yes. On the whole I think
you had better come out ^{anytime}, your mind
is all together too foggy to study.
Never mind don't try to exercise it too
much on the laundry question. Just
bring your soiled clothes along &
I will try and set you right.
You know my descriptive powers
are deficient. So I will not attempt
to describe the articles you mention.
But I can see what you are thinking
about all the same. Now please don't
bring any of those things. Will you —

not yet returned. So I sat in the big chair
and read your letter. The only reason I
did not write for you — was because I knew
you could not spare the time. I wanted to
I have finished washing I know Charlie
will think I ought not to have done it alone
and perhaps you will. But it was not large
I will not have time to answer your
letter. But will talk it over when you

Comme, Do you recognize this paper, it is a
piece you gave me the last morning you
went away, I don't think Mrs. H. or any
one will think much about your being
here they will take it for granted you are
having a little vacation. I think it will be
so nice, since it won't be but a short time now.
So Good bye — till Wednesday night.

R. M. H.

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Mr. E. E. Boushough.
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Chicago.

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that I have heard for many a day. Four of us went to the First Presbyterian church this morning and Miss Electa Sifford sang, and such singing I wish you could have heard it. She has one of the finest voices I ever heard. Dr. Barrows preached a splendid sermon too. I enclose a few lines from an article in today's paper, evidently the author thinks much as I do about some things. Perhaps you have heard me express somewhat similar ideas before. The boys have both gone away this afternoon so I am improving the opportunity to finish your letter so you can have it in the morning. I am sorry you didn't get a letter Thursday when you wanted one so much. Yes, I am well, you must not worry about that. You may

1. There never was a woman in the world worth anything who didn't want a home of her own, and I just want to tell the scoffers one thing, and that is that Bab's house pleases her.

2. A real woman as naturally wants a home of her own as she does a man to rule her.

She knows in her heart of hearts that she is the monarch in the home and she also knows in her heart of hearts that this rule over her would amount to nothing if it were not the very bond of love.

Chicago 11-20-92

Dear Friend:-

I received your nice letter this morning and I thank you for it very much. I am going to write to you a little before I go to bed. I stayed at home all day today and studied quite a good deal. This evening our landlady gave us a small bowl of pecans. Her brother in Texas had sent a bag full to her little boy. She let us have a flat iron and hammer and some salt and Ketchum. cracked them. Then we sat around the table eating them & chatting. Then Ketchum went to the society

meeting ^{2nd} of Gilbert soon want to
bed. I studied awhile & then I
thought I would write to you a
little. Now to your letter. I am
very sorry you did not have a letter
to answer when you began your
letter to me last Wednesday, but
I think my last letter that you
have received by this time will tell
you why. You say you were
mending in the evening. Don't
you think it would be better for
your eyes if you would mend
in the daytime instead of at
night? I am afraid if I were
there I shouldn't like to have you
mending at night. Yes, you got
your letter Saturday morning
didn't you. Yes, I think it would
be very nice to be with you next
Wednesday night, very much
nicer than writing. Yes, I guess

it has been a long week for you, I
think it would have been nice if I
could have sent you a letter for every
day that Charlie was going to be gone.
(Why didn't you send for me if
you wanted me to be with you
while Charlie was gone? You
know I would be only too glad to
come, I wouldn't have let you
get lonesome. I am sorry you
were lonesome though, I know
very well what that is. Yes, I
remember the evening we ate our
supper of grapes on the kitchen
table, I thought it was very nice.
You won't have to get lunch for
me to eat when I come out this
time for I haven't a very ravenous
appetite. But it is quite late
now & I must say goodnight —
Sunday P.M. I heard the
grandest music this morning

be sure if I were not I would
come right out to Aurora. I often
think of Charlie when he was sick
last summer. If I got sick you
know I wouldn't wait don't you
but would come right out I could
get to Aurora in an hour & a half
you know. I do most of my
writing to you after seven o'clock.
but I know what the seven means
and I will tell you what it means
when I come out. I am glad you
did not go down in the storm
to mail your letter, please take
care of yourself — I can wait
a little for your letters. Yes, I
wish I had been there to help
you fix the fire, perhaps I will
be a week from that time. What
do you suppose Shuf & Mrs. Welch
and the rest would think if I came
out Wednesday night & stayed till
Monday? Wouldn't they wonder

how I could take so much time
from my studies? I want to come
out Wednesday night ever so much
but I don't know what to do about
it, I can hardly make up my
mind whether to come Wednesday
night or wait till Friday night.
Can't you decide for me — ^{my} if
let me know by Wednesday noon?
Do please — so that I won't have
to think any more about it but
just come when you say. Yes
we have lots of things to talk
over when I come out. You must
not forget any of them because
I haven't made any note of them
and will be sure to forget about
them all as I usually do. I would
have liked to help you make the
socks but you will let me help
you all I can won't you — ? It
won't be very long now. I will look
for your next letter. Good bye —
Your friend E. E. B.

Nov. 21, 1892



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
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Things are just about the same as when you left. It seems a week since you went away. I suppose you have not had much time to think about it. But I believe when you are lying on your little bed tonight your thoughts will turn to Anna and your visit. And perhaps you would like a good night. I would I know. I didn't say to you to write as soon as you could conveniently but you know how glad I will be to get a letter. I have felt sorry a good many times today when I thought how you went off without eating any breakfast. You made some very graceful moves this morning when you were trying to keep from falling. If I had been there I would have held you up, as I did yesterday. I don't feel as though I shall sleep much. But I will try after bidding you good night. I can't help but wish you were here with your friend
R.M. X

78. I forgot to say that I got my back of
folding to day. It is quite nice & well done
it to you when you come out with him
I have my name on the cover. But I wanted
like so much to have your name on the fly
leaf in your own hand. I have often I wish
in it once in a while. Write your name
the way "quite enough" & write with your pen
in ink only. Good night again — R.M. X

Aurora Nov 29-92

Dear Friend,

It was a very sober
individual who turned away from
the window this morning, and took
up the duties of the day. I didn't want
you to go one bit. We had had such a
nice visit I think a little the nicest
of any we have had. And I feel
thankful for it. But it wasn't quite
long enough. Charlie did not
get home till nearly noon. He was
feeling jolly when he did come
and that made me feel better.

This afternoon I went down to Mrs Stephens to have her show me about some knitting. I took the medicine to her, and she was very glad to get it, and thought you were very kind and thoughtful. She fixed it and took a dose while I was there. Mr Stephens came in and she told him about it. And he too seemed very much pleased. I told her you said you hoped it would help her but comparatively speaking you were working in the dark. As you should talk the case over with her in order to get the best results. She said if she had the opportunity she would tell you every thing she knew it was the right way. If she had known I was going to write to you tonight, I am sure she would have sent a nice message to you. But I did not tell her.

On my way home I stopped at Mrs Welch's and she wanted me to wait until the snuffins were baked. So that I might have some to take home for Ted. So I did. Charlie has gone to Mr Kendalls for the evening, I suppose he told you he had been invited. So I am alone writing to you —. The picture is not turned towards the wall now. And I do like it so much now that I can't see your face. But I shall have to put one of them away. It would do to have too many of them for other folks to see. Will it —? Though I would like it very much. This afternoon's Express says "Dr Bouslough returned to Chicago today after a weeks stay in this city." The Manhattan store was closed today by the sheriff. Charlie fixed the cistern this afternoon.

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Mr. E. E. Bouslogh.
Hahnemann College.
Chicago.
Ill.

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Wm. L. Key.



minutes, and I was only just a few minutes late for the first lecture. I am glad I came in on the early train because all I have missed now is Friday's work & a lecture Saturday morning, perhaps I can make that up. I opened the lovely box you put up for me and lunched off of that and then lay down for an hour this noon as I was sleepy and very lonesome. Mrs Lane remarked at the table tonight that it didn't agree with me to go home because I didn't talk or say anything for a week afterwards. But I will get down to business as soon as I can & then I won't be quite so lonesome. Yes, I did think of what you wrote on the paper in the top of the box & I will think of it every time I open the box till the raisins are all gone, & they will last a long time. I see that my sheet is full so I will have to write good night instead of saying it this time. Your friend E. E. B. —

E. E. B. — I didn't mean to say it but we did have a nice time I said I would. I am sorry I forgot to address some envelopes for you so I remembered I had forgotten to address the envelope.

Chicago 11-28-92

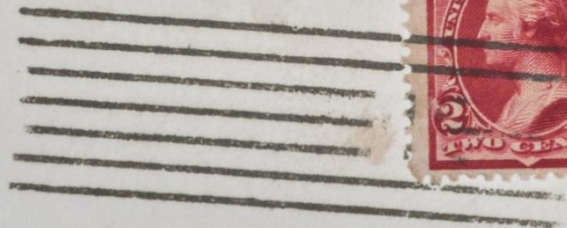
Dear Friend:-

I think you would like to hear from me so I will write you a little bit tonight. We had but two or three minutes to spare when we got to the train this morning. (Ask Charlie about the street car tickets, tell him I will get even with him some time.) I took the first empty seat in the train, took out my book and read all the way in. I really ought to have read the whole book & a journal or two besides while I was out there but never mind this time.

My reading made the ride seem very much shorter than usual and not nearly so lonesome. I hurried right over to the Rialto building, which is the first building south of the board of trade, to the office of the Commission men on whom I had my draft. As I turned down the corridor I passed a man whom I thought was Mr. Warner but I didn't recognize him quick enough and when I got to the office I found it locked. I didn't know what to do then but thought I would wait half an hour and then if nobody came I would go on down to the college. In about fifteen minutes Mr. Wilbur the other member of the firm came. I had

only seen him once before and that only for a few minutes but I recognized him and when he turned into the office I was sure. Before I got through Mr. Warner came in. He chatted a few minutes about my affairs, and Mr. Warner expressed a very kindly interest in my success. Mr. Wilbur gave me the money this time so I did not have to go to the bank. Then I hurried down to the college. As I passed Seigel C. & Co. I saw they were having a book sale so I went in and bought Little Dorrit by Dickens for twenty eight cents. I had been wanting the book for some time and it was exceptionally good binding and print for the money. I took the elevated then and came down in seven

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of and long looked forward to visit
I has been made and here I am back
at work again. This has been a very
short week for me and I have tried
to make it a profitable one. Hanton
& Griffith went home today to be
gone till after the holidays. Some
others are going soon. I will have to
stay here and try to make up for my
phenomenal dullness by hard work.
I think I shall come out for the
holidays though. So you didn't want
me to go didn't you —? and it was
not quite long enough wasn't it —?
No I don't think it was either but I
dare say Mr. Burrows thinks a week
is a long time. Yes we did have a
nice visit didn't we —? and I
have felt so much better ever since,
the good of my visit still remains.
You say Charlie felt jolly when
he came home last week, did he

get a job? I think you went down
to Mrs Stevens to take her the powders
instead of to learn the knitting wasn't
that it? I do hope it will do her
good & I believe it will & if it does
I shall be satisfied. Edith invited
me to call before I went back and I
really intended to do so but it didn't
get done. If you have a good chance
you will tell her I really intended
to won't you? No, Charlie didn't tell
me he was invited to Mr Kendalls, I
didn't talk to him much alone, you
know I wanted to be with you
so much, and I was too wasn't I —?
I am glad you like the picture
a little better but I guess you will
have to put one away. I sent one
to Mother yesterday, the other folks
at home haven't seen me you know
since I have grown these whiskers.
What do you think Dr Ricker will

Dec 3, 1892

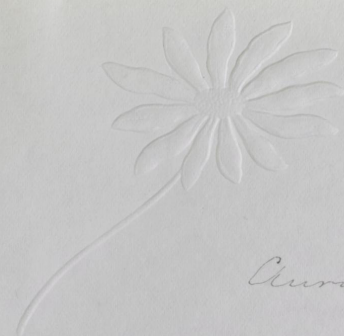


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think of having you work every minute while you were here. It was not much for Charlie to do alone. Yes. I think your appetite was better this time than it has been some other times. No I know you were afraid Charlie would see you if you should look back. I didn't mean you were awkward. If I had been there would have held you up. I saw you wave your hand —. I was watching every move. I will remember about the douche. And do as you suggest. Charlie is out collecting post sent for me this afternoon. I wish you were here. Do you think you would have to go to — you know it is Saturday night I shouldn't want you to any way. My room was so sunny and pleasant when I commenced my letter. but



Aurora Dec 30, 92

Dear Friend

I don't feel inclined to work this afternoon. I have been reading your nice letter again. So thought I would commence this to you and if I was not interrupted would finish it and mail it this evening. As I have to go down town. My first letter to you was written Monday night but I made a mistake in the date. Yes — I received your letter Tuesday morning. before I had a chance to mail mine. I fear you will be more lonely if so



many of the students go home
Don't say it is because of your illness
you will have to stay and work. I know
it is because you want to be so
thorough. Yes, of course you will
come out for the holidays. But I
am afraid I shan't see quite so
much of you then as I did this
time. I know your folks will not
consent to your spending all
your time in Aurora. But I may
expect quite a little of it - may I not?
I don't see where Mr. Burton got his
information. It wasn't a week. I wish
it had been. I am so glad you are
feeling better after your visit. I
think I do. Only I don't like to have
you go back. Charlie did not

get a job. I wish he might though.
Ms. I went on purpose to have Miss
Stephens show me about the
knitting. But I was very glad to
take the medicine to her. She has
been having the headache severely
since and she told me she had
been taking liver pills. I told her
she must not take ~~off~~ our medicine
if she was taking any thing else
and expect it to do her any good.
Yes - I did have the most of
your time. After you have gone
I always think I wish I hadn't
kept you so close. But when
you are here I just don't want
to let you go. I don't think Dr.
Ricker reads the Express. I couldn't

it is getting quite dark
now. Charlie did not know
that I got a letter from you
this morning. I went to
the social at Mrs Dubrock's
last night. Charlie went to
Edith's she entertained
Camp Mystery. Mrs Burnell
said some strange things
to me last night about
Mrs Page and Mr Harvey
Did you hear any thing
when you were out. I
had heard some things
before but thought I
would not mention them
to any one. I hear that the
committee think favorably

of some one who has been
preaching at Hyde Park
I can't think of his name
It is too dark for me to write
more at this time. I must
tell you though — I am
feeling very well and my
cough is most gone

Please take good care of your-
self — And don't study too
hard. I will write you as
often as I have a chance.

So good by — your friend

B. M. H.

P.S. you will please address
the envelope and return it

I find I can't get the envelope
in so unimpaired —

B. M. H.

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12-9-92

Dec 4, 1892



Mr. E. C. Benselough.
Hahnemann College.
Chicago
300 Ill.

CHICAGO
DEC 5
7:00AM
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F.MAIL

CHICAGO
DEC 5
10:00AM
#2
F.MAIL

About it, I am not sick but I still
feel that uncomfortable bad way.
I will tell you as well as I can —

First at times, not very often three or
four times a day. I have that dizzy
feeling lasting only a few minutes.
Head does not ache but the top feels
heavy. My stomach and bowels
feel bloated. ordinary clothing
feels tight. Sometimes I think
it is all stomach trouble again.

I feel sure it extends to the bowels.
It is more on the right side. It feels
more like a weight pressing down all the
time than any thing I can compare
it to. Now — if you have any thing you
can give me after such a poor description
of my feelings, I shall think you have a
greater head than I have ever thought.
Please don't think I am a bit sick I am
not, only uncomfortable. I have thought it
was due to gas entirely. I was so glad to hear
from you even though I did not get a letter. Will
I hear from you Saturday —? Edith is coming to
dinner. Charlie wanted me to write to you for some
time.

I will let him know that for me.
I had two bath pills yesterday. And I
was more to fill. I forgot to get the iron
front of my back just this morning.
I have not been on my feet
so much since Sunday. I have been in
all your time I feel but now I have not
felt as it would be satisfactory to you. I will try
and write you a letter before long —
Yours friend M.H.H.

Aurora Dec 7th 92

Dear Frances

I have just finished
reading your letter to Charlie.
It was a splendid letter and the
advice most timely. I feel sure
it will be helpful to him. And
thank you for writing. I have
not had time to talk it over with
him as he was just ready to
go down town when he got it.
I will have to tell you about that
letter. I was watching the
postman, and when he



came up & went to the door to take the mail. There was a postal and two letters. I knew your writing and supposed of course it was for me. I glanced at it hastily and put it out of sight. The postal was for Charlie so I took it & showed it to him. He was in the cellar fixing a basket for me. After a little while I thought I would have a chance to read my letter. And think of the disappointment it was not mine. For a few minutes I was exercised to know how I should dispose of it without

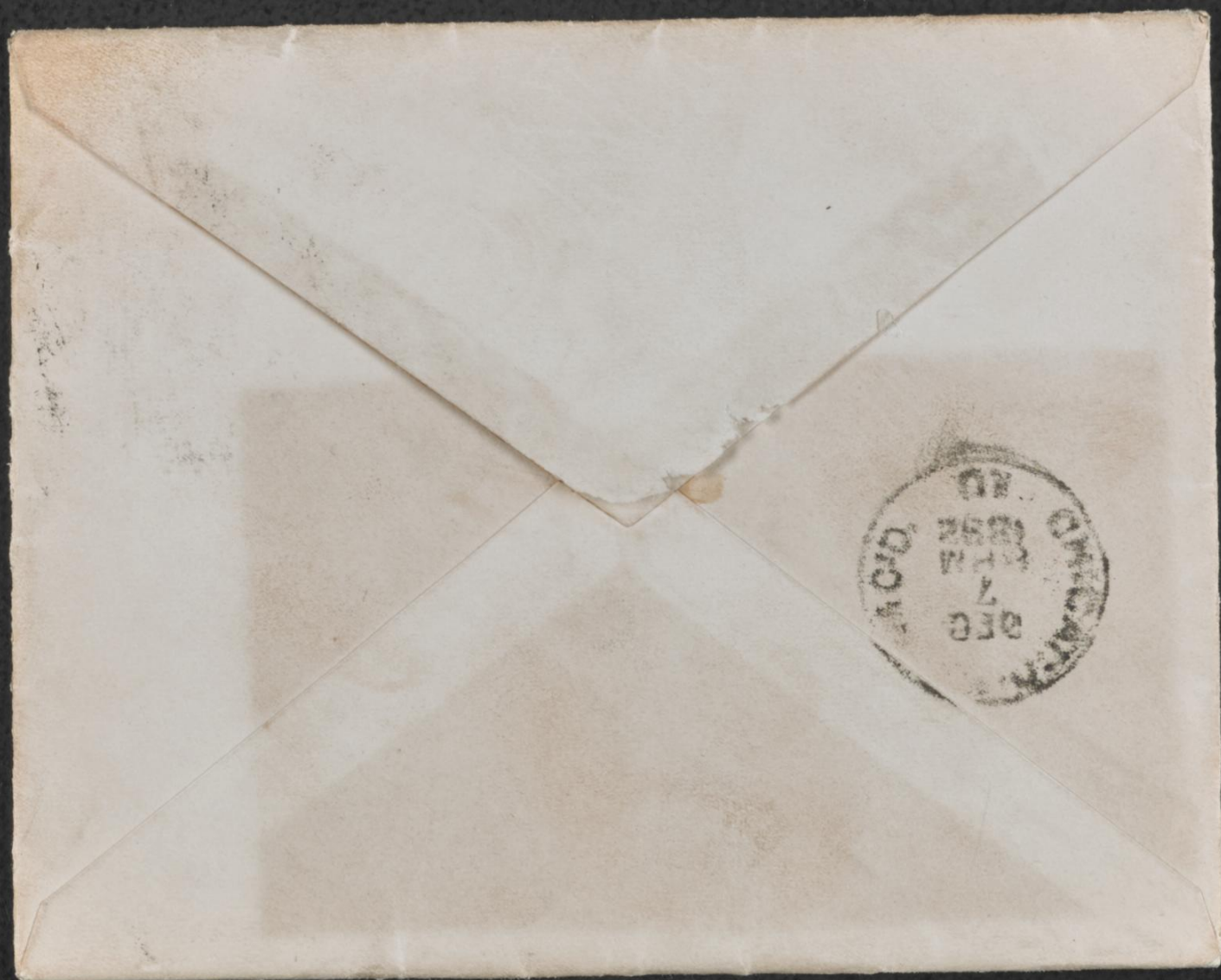
exciting his suspicion. I finally made up my mind I would just drop it in the letter box he would be sure and see it the first time he went out. So I did. He went out in a little while to wash off the steps. He just shouted, "Well you are a lulu Aunt you!" Here's a letter for me you did not get. I had nothing to say. I haven't been feeling a bit well since Sunday morning. I felt dizzy when I first got up, and felt badly all day. I know you will think me stupid when I tell you I would have written and told you before only I was at a loss how to describe my feelings and thought I would feel better without saying anything.

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12-9-92 Dec 7, 92



Dr. C. C. Bouslogh
Hahnemann Med
Chicago
Illinois.

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SS, SATURDAY, DEC. 3

BROKE INTO OFFICE

Wyoming's Governor-Elect, Ap-
prehending Fraud,

TAKES HIS SEAT VIA THE WINDOW,

And Calls on the People by Proclamation to Indorse Him—Both Parties Afraid of Sinuosity and Ready for Anything—Cleveland Alleged to Favor an Extra Session—Prospect for Two Legislatures in Kansas—Nebraska Fusion.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 3.—Yesterday Governor-Elect Osborn went to the state house and on being refused admission to the executive rooms broke in through a window and is holding the fort. The state vote is not yet canvassed, and Acting Governor Barber told Osborn that he would not surrender the office until the official canvass was made. Governor Warren has been elected senator, and that is why Barber is acting governor, according to law, but there was a doubt as to when and how the governor-elect should take his office. Governor-elect Osborn charges that the Republicans are holding back the official count to rob him of his office and has taken this way of asserting his rights.

Ready to Resort to Arms.

Republicans on the other hand assert that Osborn is party to a scheme to seat enough Democrats in the legislature to make sure the election of a Democratic United States senator. Excitement is running high and trouble may ensue. A great many people are disposed to make light of the affair, but there are thousands in the state who are willing to resort to arms to circumvent the Republicans. With the latter Warren's place is not the only thing at stake. The cattlemen who raided into Johnson county and killed a couple of alleged thieves last April are to be tried the first week in January. It is charged that Acting Governor Barber was to be kept in place to pardon them if they were convicted.

Osborn Issues a Proclamation.

Osborn has issued the following proclamation: "In obedience to the constitution

Chicago 12-8-92

Dear Friend:

Your letter of the 7th at hand. I will get this off in the mail tonight so you can take the medicine tomorrow morning. What I would give you is there so I will tell you what it is and how to take it. In the closet you will find one of ^{the} large bottles marked China. Put a small powder in a couple of swallows of water as hot as you can drink comfortably and after it is dissolved drink it. Take such a dose five times a day, for two days unless you are

decidedly better. I feel sure
this will help you. I wish
you had written me earlier.

I am sorry you have not been
feeling well but I am glad
you have told me about it
for now I think I can help
you. I don't feel at all like
writing tonight — so I guess
you will have to excuse me
this time. Tomorrow I will
try to write a better letter for
you for Saturday morning.

I will say just one thing more,
I think it was very good of
you to write me three such nice
letters since you got one from
me. They have done me lots of
good & I thank you for them.
I will answer them all
tomorrow — Goodnight —

Your friend
E. E. J.

Dec 9, 92



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,
393 Downer Place,
Aurora,
Ills.

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you forwarded came to hand all right, thank you for it. Yes, I will think about coming, I do think about it a good deal. And when I come if you will just get the envelopes I will address them. In your letter of Dec 3^d you think it is because I want to be so thorough that I stay when so many of the students in my class are going home for a few weeks, no, it is because there are a good many who learn faster and easier than I do so I have to work harder to make it up. As I can't spend all the holidays in Aurora, I will have to visit Shabbona & Lomax also but I will have some time for Aurora. I think I can stop a little as I go through to Shabbona, & I will try to give you as much of the week as I can. I am sorry Mrs. Stephens took the liver pills, I will talk it over with you when I come out if you will remind me of it. But never mind let this prescription go, sometime when I can go over the case thoroughly & impress on her mind what she must and what she must not do perhaps I can help her. I don't have much show this way. I judge she took the pills because her bowels were sluggish.

Chicago 12-9-92
Dear Friend:-

As I read your letter dated Nov-30th when you tell about receiving the first one I wrote since I came back it seems a long time since I was out but the days have been quite full and each one has passed quickly. I wish I could have helped you when you washed Tuesday & also when you ironed Wednesday. You must have been tired by the time Mr & Mrs Stephens left. Did you tell "Uncle James" about the offer you had in regard to seeing an oculist? And what did he think about it? What

do you suppose. Charlie thinks about your getting so many letters & if not letting him read one of them? I am glad I had written so you could read as much as you did to him. Do you remember how surprised he was when I gave him my key at the church the night I went home with Mrs. Greenfield & Mrs. Stevens? No, there was no taffy about it I did have such a nice time, if you had read it a couple of times on each page it would not have been too much. You speak about my having a book to read on the train & thinking I might come out oftener that way. Yes I suppose I might come out oftener that way but somehow it seems to break into my work quite a little every time I leave the city. I thought if I got out once a month, at the time I bought my twenty five ride ticket, I would be very fortunate. I believe I

have averaged a little better than that haven't I? I would have made arrangements to come out tonight though if you had written me that you were sick & asked me to come out & give you some medicine. Perhaps you will get over it quickly now though. Right here let me say before I forget it, if that China don't make you better you will find some pills in one of the little bottles in the lowest drawer marked T. J. take two of those five times a day that is after you have tried the China you know. If you don't find any T. J. pills let me know & I will send you some right away. I might have let you keep house alone a little while while I helped Charlie bring the things from the Winslow house. Why didn't you let me, I would have been real glad to do it. You didn't let me fix the sash on anything. The letters

In that case she should have taken an injection instead. Did you have a nice time at Dubrock's? No, I did not hear anything about Mrs. Page & Mr. Haavig, you will tell me about it when I come out, won't you? Yes, I was asked by one of the Com. to look that man at Hyde Park up but I have been too busy so far. One of the letters you forwarded was about a man down near Salisbury. Yes, I will take care of myself, do danger of my studying too hard. When I got your letter of Dec. 7th I thought it was Charlie's writing as soon as I caught a glimpse of it. I thought he had answered my letter in a hurry and I thought he must want some medicine. I wrote to him partly so he wouldn't mind so much your getting so many letters. Didn't you feel a little guilty reading his letter when you wouldn't let him read yours? That was a good one on you wasn't it? But you got out of it nicely. I am sorry you ^{were} disappointed though, I have written this letter close to help make it up. I think I answered most of this letter last night and it is nearly mail time so I must close. I have written this letter somewhat in pieces but I guess you can get it all. You will make allowance won't you —

for the boys have interrupted me a
good deal. I wish I were there to say
goodnight — instead of writing it.
Time is up Goodnight —

Your friend
E. E. Douslongh

Dec 9, 1892



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well. But I will not impose on you
that if you know. — I shall
look for a letter in the morning
I wish I could look for you —
instead. If the medicine does not
have the desired effect I will
let you know. — I don't believe
I will write you as often next
week. Perhaps it will be better not
to, I can't close without telling you
how much I would like to see you
even if you don't write. I think I
will have to take a car and mail
this letter. Hoping you are not
sick I will say good bye —
your friend
R.M.H.

Aurora Dec 9th. 92

Dear Friend

Why don't you feel
like writing. I wish I could know
Aren't you feeling well? I am
afraid not. I know well enough
something is not quite right. You
will tell me. Want you —? If you are
not well I can't send you medicine.
But if you will only come here I
will take such good care of you —
that you will get better, soon. I am
I am writing oftener than you
would like to have me or think
best. I have thought lots about it
today, I thought if you weren't feeling

well perhaps you would like to
hear from me in the morning
I have looked for a letter a good
many mornings. I thank you
for writing last night. I found
the medicine and have taken
it as you directed. I feel sure
it will do me good as you always
hit the right remedy for me.
I have just put the last stitches
in a nightgown for you and you
are to christen it when you
come out. I am sure the color
will not run in this one. But
I pricked my finger and there
is a tiny drop of blood on it.
You won't mind will you —?

Mr Haarmig was at prayer meeting
last night. He came in after
the meeting had commenced.
He gave us a nice talk as
usual. It did seem good to

hear him once more.

Mr Maller is the man the
committee are after. And they
are bound to have him if he
will come. They are getting the
signatures of as many as want
him to send to him. It seems
some one has written to him not
to come to Aurora. You told
me not to vote for him as I
have not signed the paper. Mr
Hanna told Charlie yesterday
that he had talked with you
about Mr Maller. And you said
"he would fill the church". Charlie
will write to you soon and tell
you what he is doing. No one
knew the writing on the last
envelope I am sure. I shall
always know how to get just
a word from you. That is by
telling you I am not feeling

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12-10-92

Dec 9, 92



Mr. E. E. Boushough.
Krahnemann College.
Chicago.

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you for making this one & I will
be glad to christen it when I come
out. I am sorry you pricked your
finger. I would make it well if I
were there. Yes, I will mind about
the blood, but I will only think more
of the mighty that's all. I wonder how
long Mr. Haarrig is going to stay in
Aurora. Yes, I know Mr. Miller is
the man they are after and they will
get him too. I felt months ago that
that was the way the whole thing would
end up. I don't know who could have
written Mr. Miller not to come unless
it were some of Mr. Haarrig's personal
friends. I will take back what I said
to you & Charlie about not voting for
Mr. Miller because it won't do any
good they will get him any how now.
You & Charlie would like him I know.
I told you that Sunday night about
my talk with Mr. Hanna didn't I?
I did tell him Mr. Miller would fill
the church & I told him a good many
other things too, at the same time I told
him I wouldn't work to get him here. But
they are going to get him now & he will do

Chicago 12-10-92

Dear Friend:-

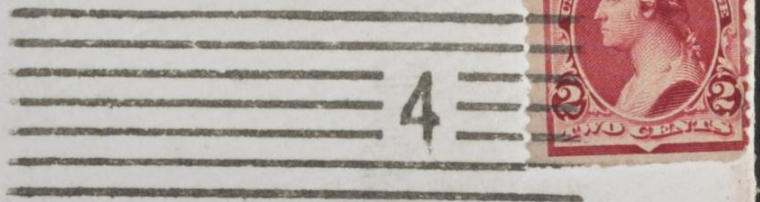
I was up town this
afternoon to settle a little business
for sister Mary & I am afraid I
did not settle it quite satisfactorily
but I did the best I could. I feel
quite tired & my head aches a
little. The boys have gone to the
society meeting and I feel lonesome
& a little homesick. I would like
very much to be with you, I think
you could rest me very nicely. I
am going to write a little bit to
you & then go to bed. I received
your nice letter this morning, I
was looking for it too though I

could hardly see how I could expect another one this week. I shouldn't have written that I didn't feel like writing that night for I know you have been worrying about it a little. But you mustn't do it for you know I can't get sick even if I wanted to. It was only that I had had a long full day & I was tired & I couldn't think quick that was all, I was all right the next morning. Yes, I know you would take good care of me if I was not well, and I would like to have you take care of me for a couple of days just now even if I am well. I was very sorry to see you write as you did about writing to me so often. No, you have not written too often, you can't write too often to me, I am always glad to get your letters. The boys

make fun of me getting so many letters in a fine handwriting, but that's nothing, never mind the boys they won't hurt anything. You have been disturbing yourself needlessly about the matter I am sure. Yes, I was glad to get your letter this morning even though I was well. I am sorry you looked for a letter so many mornings & I did not get one, but you know it isn't always the nicest thing to write letters with three around the table and sometimes more in the room. You wouldn't like to have so many around when you were writing to me would you? I hope the medicine will help you, I feel sure it will. If it don't my last letter tells you what to do. I thought you were not to make any more nighties for me. But I can't scold

all that I said he would too. I will be glad to hear from Charlie. Yes, some one did know the address on the last letter too, for "Trachy" Brown told me as soon as I got inside the hospital that there was another letter for me in the same handwriting too, but I guess he judged more from the envelope than from anything else. So you see if I do address some envelopes for you they will see through it just the same. Yes, you do know how to get a line from me, and I should think by this time you would know how to get me too. I don't know hardly what to make of you, in one letter you write that you are going to write to me as often as you can and in the next you say you are not going to write as often as you have been doing. But I guess it is only because you are not feeling very well and would like to see me.

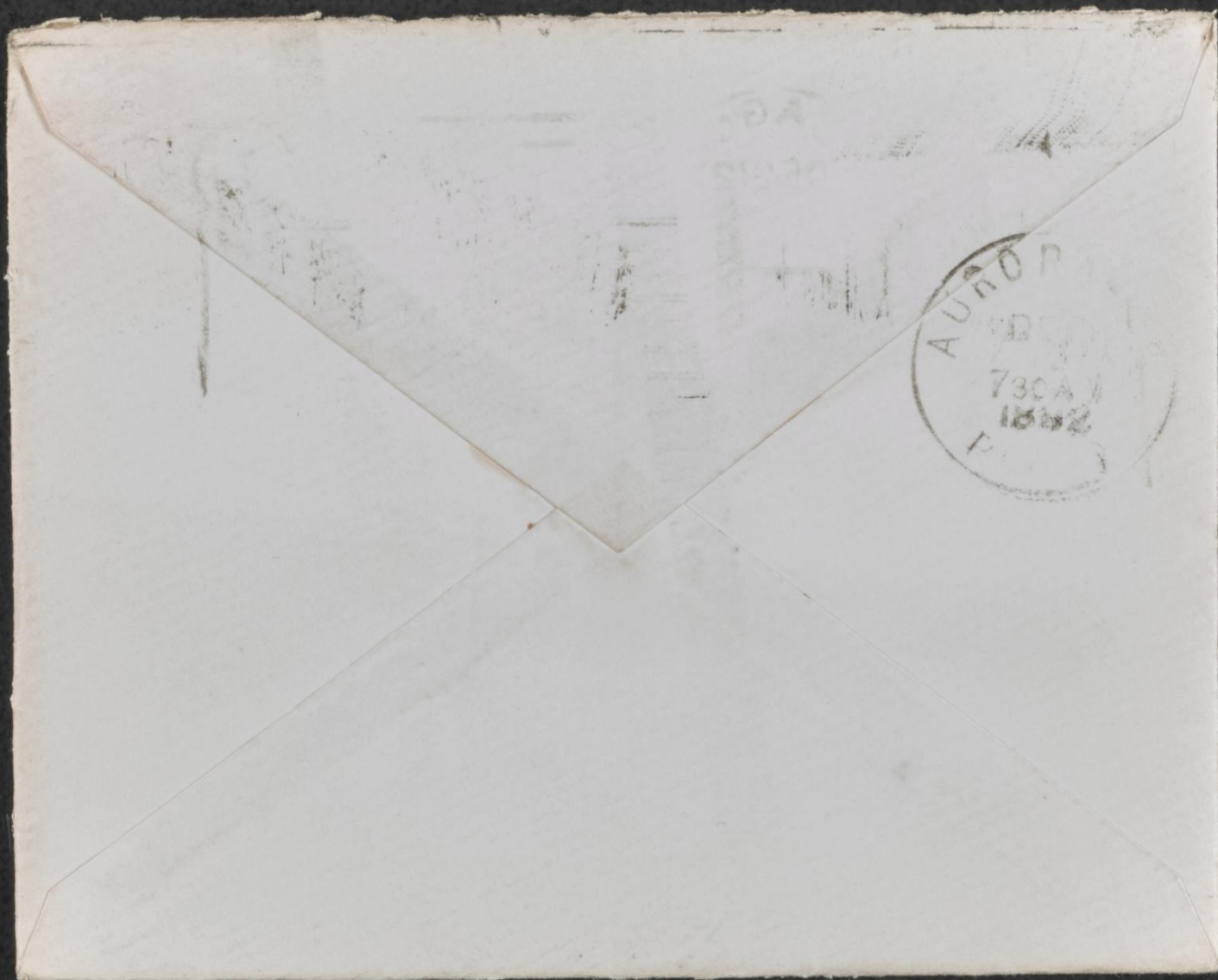
I will take it that way any how. You used to be satisfied with one letter a week and now you often get two a week and yet you are not satisfied. Well — it won't be many days now till I will come out. Don't you think I have made out a pretty long letter this time? Yours was only one double sheet and that wasn't clear full. I forgot to tell you I didn't buy anything up town today but some socks, I was all out. What do you have to pay for your ice wool in Aurora? But I must say goodnight now —. Sunday night:— I have just returned from hearing Dr. Gumsaulus. I heard Dr. Barrows this morning. Somehow I got sleepy in both services today. Rose, Spraulding & Stafford were over here all afternoon & the room was full of smoke, so I had no chance to write & I have only a few minutes now till the mail closes. I have thought a good deal of you today & wished I were there with you —. Goodnight
Your friends E.E.B.



Dec 12, 1892

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little things that had to be done & wanted you myself, isn't that a good reason? I am so glad you are planning to give a little time here during the holidays I am thinking about it too. yes, I had quite a pleasant time at Subrocks. Mrs Davill tell you all about everything when you come. No I did not feel a bit guilty reading Charlie's letter. I asked him to read it to me. That is the way I do too him. And he wanted me to read it and I was only too glad to hear from you to think about it. I have been thinking how hard it must be for you to write when there are so many around. And I will say don't do so any more I will wait patiently a whole week or longer — if you don't have a chance to write when you are alone. I mean it — for I know just how I feel about it. So I think the letter I got this morning

Monday when I forgot to examine one of your questions
last night. I went to 1845 for her. I was in her days ago
the Boston office last week 14th. I was going to spend
the morning with the dentist. Don't you see
me? I will think of you. And perhaps it will not
hurt so much. I see this envelope is in envelope
from before the end. But you must be kind, and
I do so much want to send very little that
you will excuse it. I know. Gracely —
your friend & wife

Churora Dec 12 - 92

Dear Friend.

Charlie has gone to see Arthur Hawley this evening. I sent my regrets for I would so much rather stay at home and answer your two nice letters. I thank you for them and want to ask your forgiveness the first thing I do for writing as I did. And in justice to myself I am going to say I did not mean it quite so bad as it sounded. I was feeling so miserable all last week and I did so much want to hear from you say nothing about seeing you. that I was blue and I fear it seemed to

you unreasonable. Please — overlook it —
wont you? It seems a long long time
to me too since you were out, & I
did not say a word to Uncle James
about the kind offer you made me
If I had I know he would have
said I was foolish not to accept it —
You know the reason I never have dont
you —? Charlie has never seen but
that one letter. And you know I
read the most of that one to him he
did not know but I read it all.
He may have seemed surprised about
the key. Yet he has always known that
you kept the key and was to come in
any time you should come to Ansonia
and not find us home. He thinks
it perfectly right I know. I know
well enough how it must break into
your work to leave the city. If I
did not know it so well, I should
ask you to come oftener. I feel like it

so many times. And when I read your
letter I wished I had, I did want to see
you so much — Saturday. I went to
bed very early Saturday night and
just think I listened for you and
dreamed about your coming. And
it seemed so real that before I went
down stairs Sunday morning I
looked into your room. But the bed
had not been disturbed. I felt disappoint-
ed. It does me so much good to know
you would come if I should send for
you. That makes it all right — I will
not send for you oftener than you
think best because I know it interferes
with your work. And I must not
do that. The medicine helped me
very much I am feeling quite like
my self again though I have to
be careful what I eat. I did not
have to take Bry. Now dont worry
because you did not help do all the

was one of the best ones you have sent me
even if you did score me just a little.
When I read it I did wish I had been
there when you were feeling tired and
a little homesick. I think about that
time I was wishing so much you were
here. I would have been so happy to
have been with you — Don't you think
so? Well — I am glad you aren't sick.
Truly I thought — perhaps I had been
writing oftener than you cared to
have me because of the boys notice-
ing it. Now, may I write this just
one tonight? Please tell me if you
would rather I would write less often.
I want you to tell me just as you feel.
Won't you? Mr Haavig leaves the middle
of this week for Boston. You need
not take back any thing you said
about our voting for Mr Miller. Mrs
Page told Charlie yesterday that Mr
Miller should not come to Anrova.
I don't believe he will now — though
I did at first. Mr + Mrs Butphen

have decided not to take their letters just yet. Jus you told me about your talk with Grandma Mrs Page gave Charlie to understand that she had in her possession the letter written to Mr Miller from Annora. The old lady is pretty sharp and they will have to get up early if they outwit her. Charlie signed the paper and thought I had ought too. But he has changed his mind now and wishes he could get his name off. I have been washing today and feel tired. Besides have hurried so as to get through before Charlie gets home. I send you some shabbily written letters but it seems as though I always am hurried one way or an other.

Mrs Phillips has been down today she enjoyed after you. And said her stomach had not troubled her since Thanksgiving when you gave her the medicine. I bought 12 Tavelles today they are beauties. Gave .08cts for th. Charlie addressed two envelopes the other day and intended to destroy the one I am going to use this time I thought you would rather I would use it. Excuse this writing. And accept my thanks for the medicine Your friend
B.H.H.

✓ Dec 13, 1892
12-16-92.



Dr. E. E. Bouslough
Lehnemann Mee
Chicago
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me to get one and when I get so many more than you do it seems as if I was getting more than my share. I don't like to have it so unfair. How don't you understand it — ? (What made Charlie change his mind? If things are as you write I don't like the way Mrs Page is acting and I have a mind to write to Mr. Miller myself. I didn't want Mr. Miller to come to Aurora but I like to see things done on the square. I know personally of some work from Mrs Page's hands that I consider off the square. I don't want to see any more of it. So your letters are not shabbily written at all, I wish you didn't have to hurry so though. I am glad Mrs. Phillips is as well as she has been, she is very welcome to the medicine you know. Can't we christen the bus somehow when I come? I bought a couple of boxes of ice wool for you but I am afraid I didn't get it much cheaper than you could there. I would go to the dentist for you if I could. I want to thank you once more for your nice letter, it did me lots of good and if I were only there — I would pray you well for it. And just think — one week from this time I hope to be sitting with you in the big chair, won't that be nice? Then I can go to Shattoua some time the next day. Good bye till then —. Your friend E.E.B.

75. Last Sunday as I put away my coat I found this note in the pocket where you had been reading it. I don't think I ever thought you would be so kind as to send me a note saying so. I just saw so many of it. So good think you can find them — I don't want to

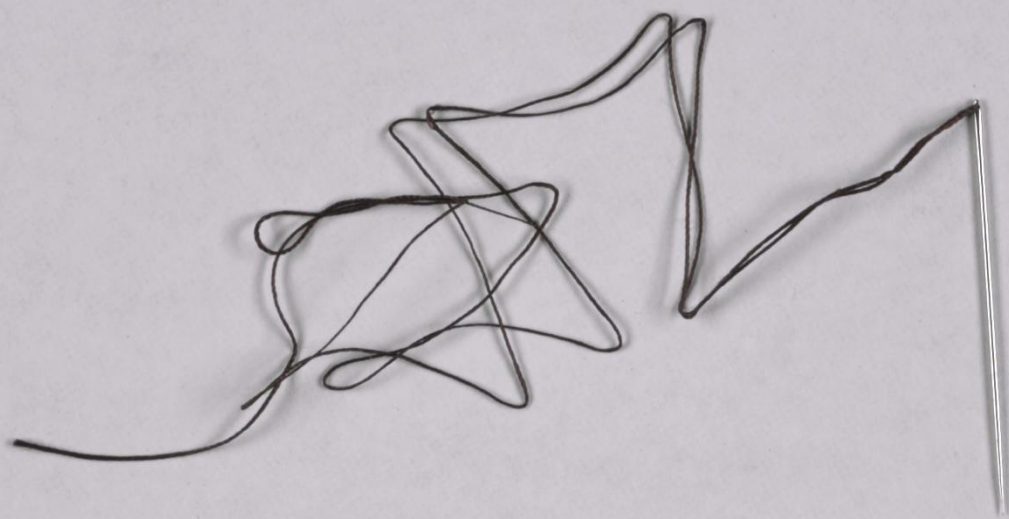
Chicago 12-16-92

Dear Friend: —

I was afraid I was not going to have a chance to write to you tonight but now I am ^{if} I will write as much as I can till mail time. I received your nice letter Wednesday. I was waiting for it ^{if} I was glad to get it ^{if} I thank you for it. I am glad you cared enough to write to me but why didn't you go to Mrs. Hawley's? She wanted very much to have you there I am sure. There — never mind, I haven't anything to forgive, it was all right, I know you were feeling miserable and if you had only

written for me to come out I would have done so. Those same letters did me lots of good so don't think about it any more. No, I don't believe I do know the reason why you have never accepted my offer about your eyes, I wish you had. Yes, it does break into my work some to leave the city, but perhaps I can arrange to come a little oftener after the holidays. Yes, I wish you had sent for me too. I am sorry you were disappointed but next time we will have it all right won't we? You will tell me all about your dream about me won't you? when I come. I am so glad you are feeling better. Is Charlie feeling real well & strong? Yes, that is a very good reason I think so I won't say any more about it. But if you have anything I can do when

I come again I will be glad to do it. I didn't mean to scare you in my letter, did it really seem so? Yes I wish you had been here when I was homesome, I know I would have been all right then in a little while. Yes, I think we could have managed somehow to have a real nice time together. Now mind the boys, I don't care a snap for them or the girls either. You can't write too often for me, your letters always do me good and I am always glad to get them. The only thing about it is simply this, I don't think it is fair for you to write so many more letters than you receive, if I could write a letter for every one you do it would be all right but I can't very well write as often as that. I think it is just as nice & good for you to get a letter as it is for



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Dec 17, 1892



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