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Stevenson Castle Lane

Dear John

I have not any thing of ^{importance} to say but I will try and say some thing will say in yester day. Anne Eliza Ellison is down here at Mary Jane Hannars, she is going to stay until we go up. We are going up the 23 of this month a Monday week. With uncle Ginton were not going to wait until the school is out. Miss Cope is going to move to Dayton as soon as school is out. There is such a nice large Seminary there with an acre of ground for a yard. Each girl has a little garden of her own. ~~She is~~ going to have 40 boarders. The trustees govern the school. They have two large carriages and carry little white they Cope and take all of the girls out riding. I don't know whether Father will send me back to Miss Cope or not. I would rather come back than go any place else. Aunt Jane is not going any place this summer but to Big Sandy. I am coming over to stay a week or two with you when I come home. Then you must come home and stay a week or two with us how you got your little Spynolds yet. Mary Anne sends her love to you. do ever see any thing of pretty Martha now days.

Yours. As usual Belle

mean

Maysville Jan. 20th 1851.

Miss Ellen Means.

I am in the city of Maysville in excellent health and I hope this epistle will find you enjoying the same blessing. I like to stay here very well considering; and if you were only here my heart would be at perfect rest then. I see but few of the female sex here and those I do see do not attract my attention as much as you do. It is my desire for you to give my best regards to Aunt Seby and Elias & Aunt Fanny and your friend will be greatly obliged; also to Eliza Nichols and Susan and to Louisa Kennels and old Aunt Betty. I do earnestly desire to know whether your mind remains unchanged since I last was in your presence, if so I do exceedingly desire you to write me a few lines and express your true opinion hoping that when I do hear from you that it will make me feel happy beyond expression. It is my intention now (if nothing happens) to come to your place in the Spring and that I will once more have the pleasure of beholding thee in full bloom. Christmas week I went to your place to see you, but was disappointed in ^{not} finding you there, you were in Cincinnati and I wish to know how you enjoyed yourself. I hope you had an elegant visit.

~~Last~~ Last Sunday night I visited the Baptist church and there was a large assembly & if you had have been there I would have had much happier time, next Sunday there will be

two or three baptized here and I intend to go next Sunday.
 No news at present that would interest you. When you
 write to me just direct your letters to Sam Seaton. at
 Maysville Ky. then I will get them certain, write soon
 as time will permit. I will look for you a letter until
 I receive one, As it is growing late I shall have to bring
 my letter to a close, hoping that you will feel pleased
 to get this letter,

Yours until death.

Edmund
 + Seaton.

(Moenus equus fatigatur)

{ Written by }
 { the Author }

Maria Ellen Moenus
 care of Hugh Moenus.
 Eastburg.
 Ky.

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Mr. John Means, Son
Care of Mr. Hugh Means,
Birmingham
(Mouth of Big Sandy) Greenup Co. W. Va.

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Coxe Hall Jan 28 1857

Dear Brother

We arrived safely here the next morning after we left home the boat laid at Frankling Island taking on pig iron till about one o'clock. There was a great many passengers on board. There was a missionary and his wife on board from Africa I suppose you know them. We were married at Mardetta in church. Mr. J. Good was also on the boat. He said that he was going to attend the commercial college that he had been advised to do so by you. Will was in a Saturday morning. Anne will John Luther Ellison and my self all spent the day at Uncle Jintons. Last Saturday, John Clutter, wants to get in to school at the Commercial College for the money they paid for Dr. he forgot the receipt and wrote home for it. If he dont get it soon he is going to take a trip to New Orleans. Dr. is down there he is an engineer of a railway mill. Grand mother has not gone up to Manchester yet but she is looking for Uncle Will down

Some time this week if Fancie Sinton goes
up before he comes down Grandmother
will go that far with him.
How does Harry Rodgers and his bride come
on. Have you heard from Miss Leary
since she left. Mother said that
your ^{trunk} came home with all kinds of cakes
in it I don't see where you had the
chance to get so much ~~unless~~ ^{unless} you just
took your trunk out to the table and
helped your self for I don't think that
Miss Martha would give you so much
as that to bring home the sugar tell has
run. I must stop. please tell me where to
direct your letter to I will put this one
in the care of uncle Hugh I suppose you
will get it. does Miss Henderson get along
Miss Coxe is sick and the Doc does
as the old nicks. Mary Anne is well and
doing well and sends her very best love
to you. your girl is not here this
year. When did you hear from home
well said he had not had any letter
from home since he has been here
but he wrote to mother and expected
to get an ~~answer~~ ^{answer} some time before
the close of the session write soon to
your sister Bell.

Union F. Landing Feb 5th

1851

Dear John

I wanted have went to Sandy to see you last Saturday but there was so much ice the boats could not run. Esther and Tom goes to school in part of the old mill to Miss Davison the other part of the mill is hauled down to build a new stone house. I received a letter from William and he had tooth ache yet he went back. Mary Ann & Isabella wrote to they both wished to know if you was gone to Buena Vista. Mepharland is at Ohio. Him & Black was a Sunday. Your Father & I will go up to Sandy this if we can if we do we will let you know. & you must come in. I received a letter from Mary Anna Ellison they was all well. Her & her Mother sent their love to you.

Your Affectionate Mother

J Means

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Mr John Means

Buena Vista

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Mr John Means

Box of Mr John Means
Care of Mr Means Buena Vista Annex

H. J.

Union Landing

[1851]

Dear John

I have sent the linen for 3 shirts and
some blue nap that you could take some if
you felt like getting sick we are making garden
for Lambert is a planting a little of every thing
your father is well and in good spirits He rode up to Boston
yesterday Charley Kelly was married last Monday
to some Widow 76 years old the young couple rode out
to this residence yesterday I will look for you
home in 5 or 6 weeks Your Affectionate Mother

Sarah Means

Dear John

I have said the same for I like and
 above the fact that you could take some of
 your lot to this getting out we are making good
 for harvest in a pleasing a little of every thing
 for winter is well and in good spirit the cold is so strong
 getting clearing of hills was cleared last morning
 to some extent to find the young could make use
 to this winter's getting of birds but for the
 have in 2 or 3 weeks. Your affectionate brother

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Cincinnati Feb. 15th 1851

Dear Brother

But a short time has elapsed since the reception of your long expected letter and I suppose your long silence must be attributed to the sudden change in your business followed by many engagements, and as this is the state of things today of course you must be pardoned.

I presume ere this you have become quite settled in your new & mild home and I have no doubt but your presence will have an extremely civilizing effect on the natives.

Though to day is Saturday it is not hailed with pleasure by the "Purveyors of Vice & Hell" for being so very disagreeable it is impossible to think of relinquishing out but I shall endeavor to while away the time by answering your letter & so the I received previous to it. I have just finished one to Will for he intends to remain in College Hill until next Saturday and during a week's time we have so much to relate to each other on various subjects that I am obliged to write to him as he is to me.

Yesterday afternoon Bell & myself had a call from

Mr John Means -
East 4th St. P.O.
Cincinnati



Long Uncle William & Uncle Simon. Miss Cove
keeps the parlor, they both entered into a
conversation with her, the former giving
an interesting account (as he thought) of his
school days. But it was only now & then when
listening attentively, you could hear a sentence
which was from Mr. Brown & then a laugh
which we could not help from joining in
though it was not very ^{not} ^{very} ^{entertaining}, but nevertheless
we were very glad to see him. Uncle Simon
had just returned from Union St. Sunday
& of course I was very happy to see him. I
scarcely know what is going on in the city for I
have not been out of the house but once this week
& indeed I feel almost languid for the want
of fresh air & exercise. Fine ~~we~~ dance now & then
but that is not like walking out in in the
open air. I received a letter from Cousin Lizzie
Carter a few days since, her husband is still ^{here}
& as I heard a young gentleman say, that
he talks constantly about her & he is going
home next week. I saw Aunt Jane last
Wednesday, she was in excellent health & had had
a call from Mr. Huston & Aunt Ward, of course
she was very much pleased to see her old acquaintances
as they styled themselves.
We have but very few of our old girls here this season
that is boarders, Miss Julia Dinsmore is still here
and is as jovial as ever; if you remember this

the fat one & possesses much influence over the
her school-fellows. Mary Andrews is also still here
& rooms with Nell & me, but we have some
very lovely young ladies here now. We have
Glorious ~~times~~ ^{here} this session, for Miss Cove
is not so strict as formerly, will even consent
now & then to allow us to go out with a young
gentleman, I had a very nice little talk from
one this evening; he wished me to correspond
with him as he is going to leave the city but
I politely & firmly declined. Do you not think I
did exactly right? Well I'll tell you what I did
do. I pledged a natty for him which was of course
very charming.

You said you had a "mind to marry" in fact I do
should not think it a disadvantage, for you find
some one to cheer you in those "lonely old woods" well
I shall do all in my power for you & perhaps I
may induce some fair & bright creature to share
her lot with yours, would you not be infinitely obliging
to me should I prove so fortunate? Our German
teacher says we are doing "japonais" (but I do not
think we are coming out of line. - I could write
you a much longer letter had I room, now.
Dear John think not that you cannot write
me any thing interesting, no matter if you do
not have much news, any thing from you
will be exceedingly interesting & welcome. I wish
I cannot say more than I am your devoted & affectionate
Sister Mary A. Means.

Quincy, Mass. N.Y. Feb 20th 1857

Mr. Saml Means Sir

Kind answers to questions asked
last week:

From Jan 1/53 to Jan 1/54 - 210 Clearing Days, 1506 Tons
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Yours &c
S. Means

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Mr. John Brown
Early Fork Post Office
Brownsville, Kansas

My dear Brother,
I received your kind and
valuable letter last evening, and was very
glad to hear from you. Received one
from Rev. Mary Anne Ellison and Lie, this week
Uncle Will was down but went home today
Will was in to day, he is busy preparing for
the exhibition. He and his roommates are
going to debate. He brought his roommates
speech in today to day to get Joe Willson to
correct it. He is going to take Mary Anne
and I out to hear them speak. Mary
will said that he saw uncle Hugh this
morning. I was down at uncle Linton's
a heads day. They were all with heads.
day was with ^{heads} day so we had holiday
Mary Anne and I spent the day at Mr.
Harry Hannay's. Andrew Jack was there. He went
down to Pickering that day. Mary Anne Hanna
is taking mud lessons of the same teacher we do.

Cincinnati March 8. 1851

Mary Anne

To day is Sunday as a matter of course I have
been to church & but as I did not have any
things very funny there I want to tell you what
it was. do you have any preaching at
the furnace, and do you attend. What has
become of Uncle John Pettib. Sullivan
Dinsmore has the maps. Should that
big fat girl if you remember. I expect
all of the boarders that haven't had
them will have them. ^{They are the only ones that have}
Mary Anne and Sue Adams. Mary
Anne has been getting her teeth
plugged. You said that you had
good eating at the furnace that is
more than we have here. Miss Cox, all
ways not to put but one spoonful
of Syllis or what ever it is, on our plates
or it will over load our stomachs.
We have apples and dried apples and
peaches mixed together for dessert and
at supper we have sweet cakes or soaked
crackers. did you get Mary Anne's letter, she
wrote to you a great long letter and directed
it to East fork 129. He received the one you
wrote to us both. Will says he wants you
to write to him. Jane Kimball is to be here
this month I wish you would come down
and see her sing. she is going to sing in

the theatre. She runs off and on the stage
the ladies at the hotel have all got to
rising in to the breakfast table in the morn.
they say they have got the long knives
run. I must stop now and let Mary Anne
write a line or two. Write to me soon. From
your affectionate sister Bell
Dear John

Bell has written quite a long letter
for her, for she generally writes only a page or half.
I presume you have received my letter long
in this and I have been impatiently expecting
an answer for the last three or four weeks. I
judging you by myself selecting pictures. I
wonder if I shall proceed is another subject.
I received a letter from my friend Nora a few
days since. Their session was drawing very near
to a close. much added much to the list of the
Mary Jane. They will be at home about the
time you go home, as you must certainly call & see
them. Mr & Mrs Henry Rodgers were home about
a week since, at the Bapnist house. I should have
gone to see them had I known they were here.
Uncle John B. was down last week & was out for
us. Miss Core is in a very good humor at present.
but I cannot say how long it will continue. I suppose
you spent much of your time this delightful weather
riding about over the hills. I shall have to stop now & wish
my German, write to me soon. Your sister Mary Anne

April 1851

Dear John

Want you to send me three boxes
of McCalister's all healing ointment a rake to use in the garden
and the little paving you were to get made to take
out boxes You must come in Saturday if you
do not I will think you are mean your friend
E Means

Mr. John Means

Orange, N.C.



Mr John Mann
East York
Penna Yuba Furnace
Kentucky

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I have been to see General Tom Thumb
heard him sing and ~~see~~ his dance and
dressed in different ways, once like Napoleon
and other distinguished men, I saw all the people
he had the diamond ring on ^{the} ~~that~~ ^{finger}
Queen of England give him on his wife's hand
and two that some persons give him on
his left he is 19 years old and weighs 18 lbs
Joe Seales is married to Miss Lonsdale
Cincinnati Apr 9, 1857

My Dear Brother
I received your kind and
pleasant letter yesterday evening. I was
just going to write to you just thought
that you had forgotten me so I thought
I would write and refresh your memory
I was glad to hear that you had
such a nice time visiting around among
your friends. I was down at Uncle Sinters
a little while this evening Aunt
Jane said she was very much obliged
to you for your love and sends hers
in return. Mary Anne Edlison is down
at Uncle Sinters she intends staying
there ~~at~~ afterwards Jerry Lind comes
he will be here early a Sunday morning
I am going to morrow to see Tom Thumb

with uncle Linton and Mary Anne
and Ned if Miss Coxe will let me
go. Lis Ellison is at Mary Anne's. Henry
is talking of going to Europe
to the world's fair. Uncle Williams and
Mr Campbelt. Store house burnt down
to the ground last night. The stores
all fell to pieces. The one that Mr
Woodrow keeps. There is nothing else here
but when you can never look out ~~that~~
What you don't see the firemen saying
there was a fire here the other morning
before day late two men fell in and got
burnt up. The girls are all listening what
kind of does the new boarders will have
there is not one pretty nose in school
I believe I didn't tell you about the
new boarders. Well there is two of them
one is 16 and the other 14. They are from
Grays Island Virginia. They are to leave
while this sailing for Cincinnati. They
are going ~~to~~ ^{with} us. Have
you seen Mary Anne and Will
since they went home. I wish you
would persuade Mother to come down
with Mary Anne. General Scott is in
town. Miss Coxe was invited to Mr
Mansfield to see him but she did go
Hannah still is writing a note to my Jim
and, being to staying at her uncle's house

a week from to-morrow is good Friday and
Sunday. Esther so we will have Friday &
Monday holiday. Julia Dinwiddie &
Sue Adams are going home but I
expect to spend mine in the city of
Cincinnati. I met Miss Wood and Miss
Goudwrick in the street the other day.
Aunt Jane called on them and invited
them to her house for dinner last Thursday
and Miss Goudwrick invited her down
to her house to get letters with. She told
her to bring down a page any time
she wanted to and get it all for
they churn every day. Has Henry Rodges
and his family gone to house keeping yet
I expect that the Hanging Rock
people will see you a little of Henry & Ann
Miss Martha Rams down. Mary Anne
Ellison says to tell you she wants you
to get a piece wife so she can come to see
you. Mr and Aunt Jane were discussing
over your future welfare. Mary & I wished
you would get a nice wife. Aunt Jane
said you ought to have a good one
but she did not think you wanted
one very bad. I must bring my letter
to a close. You must excuse the long writing
for I had to write a letter to my
give my love to every body. I am yours
as usual. Sent

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 May 9th 1887

Greenwich Ap²² 1857
 H. Meunier & Co

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Mr. Wm Bell

Messrs H. Means and Co.
 PORTSMOUTH, May 12th 1851

Bought of J. L. M'VEY & CO.,
 Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, Pure Wines and Brandies,
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2	Large Caster Oil	95 ^c	1.80
2	" Godfrey's Cordial	37 ^{1/2}	75
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2	" Spts Turpentine	50	1.00
2	" Black Ink	50	1.00
1	Quart Dr & Bot		35
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		Box & Drayage	25
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We were out of the large size Caster Oil and
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May 12th 1861

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1 " " 2 do do

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Portsmouth May 19th 1851
H. Means

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Chg to Acct
Mr Means Sir

there has been no Round Crown
black wood in the market for
some time ~~the~~ sent 1 doz Sgr C
in place also 2 doz R.C. Pearl
as the box was not full I took
the liberty of sending a sample
of some of our summer goods
marked with papers so as to
distinguish them we have a fine
stock of Caps and fine hats

Yours — D. Wolfard

D. Wolfson
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Ein. 7 May 19/31

Mr John Meard
Care of Brita Furnace

for Mr. Richards

Union Landing May 20th 1857

Mr John Meard

Dear Sir

Dr L. Pringle called here to day and requested me to inform you that your name had been used as one of the Managers of a Pic Nic Party to meet at Mr A. Cole's on the 28th inst - It was thought that you resided at Ohio Furnace and he was desirous to wait on you, but your residence being rather to far, he requested that I write you on the subject, fearing that you might not exactly understand the matter should you see your name used on the tickets of invitation without your previous knowledge - The hour of meeting is nine o'clock in the morning at Mr Cole's and then to adjourn to some pond or Lake near for the purpose of spending the day in such amusements as may be selected - Your fellow managers are Dr John Pringle - B. W. Sparks - E. W. Paulk on the part of the gentlemen, and Miss Emily Cole - Lucy Powell - Helen Nicholls - and Ann Cole on the part of the ladies -

Your Father's family are all well - No particular news to write you -

Write much respect H^o

Sam Richards

Portsmouth, May 20 1851
Messrs Messrs & Co

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4 M & D Gun Caps	62 1/2	2 50
2 Reams Mech Capapp Paper	75	1 50
2 " Small " "	60	1 20
1 Pat Lever Clock		6 00
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Dr Wm May
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May 21 1857. Cincinnati

Dear John

I received your kind and welcome letter a few days ago but have not had time to answer it before now. I was down at uncle Sinton's the other day Aunt Jane has had the influx fever she had it very badly although she did not go to bed with it & she would not give up. She said to her ^{girl} Rose to you & tell you that she would try and get you plum and a good one too for she thinks you deserve one. How does your little Sybil come on you must feed it plenty and keep it fat I should like to have seen the little pig legs running after it. I expect you keep them waiting on you a ll of the time. I expect the people thought you was running mad when they saw your corn taxing through the dining room so fast. I am coming over to stay a week or two with you when I come home school will be getting in fine weeks and two or three days and I know one that will not be sorry



Mr. John - Kansas
Crested Wren
Bismarck, Kansas
Wm.

I hope that the ladies will not get so excited
next big meeting. at least I hope they will
not ~~be~~ ^{be} quite so high. Mary Anne said
that Mr. Figer was going away from the
farm and that you was going to
be manager. Oh it is so warm here
that we nearly die. I don't know what we will
do in June. Aunt Jane received a letter
from ~~my~~ Mary to other day. her boy is dead
it was buried in last Saturday. I think
Will has not been in ^{but once} since ~~he~~ we came
from home but I expect he will be in
next Saturday. he is going to take Mary Anne
and myself up to College Hill & going day
he ~~for~~ ^{as} go home. The day they had
current phis & were they good to eat out
there. and of course that is a great indulgence
but it ~~would~~ ^{did} not take much in the first
place to get us to go. May 24. we went
yesterday a great egg. he had two large
omnivorous full. Long and Ben Frank he
went in the Ben Frank in because it was
the largest one and the nicest one and had
four horses in it and the other had but
two. he went out in the morning about 8
o'clock and come back in the evening
about 6. he had a ~~a~~ ^a lightful time. he
wandered about over the hills all forenoon
and about half past two we eat our dinner

Mary Anne received a letter from Will the
other day. I don't know whether he will come
in to day or not. I don't know. I will have to stop give my love
to Aunt Esther and Aunt Mary.

from your affectionate Sister. Beattie Means

Mary Anne sends her love and says that
Jenny Begg is coming around next Friday afternoon
for Phil & myself. We go there & stay until Monday
M. & I were there last Saturday and she looks and
acts as pretty as ever. She spends much of her time
on College Hill. I received a letter from Mrs. Dodge
this evening I think she & Mary Jane cannot
fell out for they are longer room together. I would
fell out this place only it is study house and Mrs.
Dodge positively forbids other visiting at this house. She
is already looking very suspicious of me for I am obliged
to write on my book with the other children.
Yours and much love Mary J. Means.

Recd. H. Means & Co. Portsmouth, June 3 1851

Bought of **D. N. MURRAY,**

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN

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✓ 1 Bx. Williams Axes.	13 00
✓ 1 dz 14" Basd. Files	6 00
✓ 1/4 " 14" 1/2 Round do	575 144
1/4 " 12 " " "	450 113
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Charged

D. A. Murray
Box B.O. 64
June 18/81



Mr. John Quincy
Cincinnati
May 1

Cincinnati June 5th 1851

Dear John

I received your kind long letter
and welcome letter. I shall wait till the
1st of June. but I don't know whether
we'll wait until the very last day or
not nor I don't know whether we will
stop at Manchester or go on home
if we stop at Manchester Will. will stop
with us. and if we don't stop at Manchester
I don't expect Will will go with us and
if he don't, I don't know how we are to get
home. but I will find out and write
to you when we will be home. I received
a letter from mother the other day. she
said Sarah and Sam had just come
up from the river and Jane had falling

in the river and got our horse. she said she
was not going down to the river to get dressed
any more. I was at a party last evening at
Mr. Thompsons. all of my boxers boarders
were there, as had I see cream and straw
dresses and every thing else. There was good
but he did not just sit and look at them
but — you can easily guess what he
did, as enjoyed ourselves finely, but as
were obliged to return home at 11. but
we did not get in until about after
the time. My little Andrews went home
today. There will not be many girls here
the next week. and I want to be off too
Aunt Jane is most, well she goes out
riding every evening and takes Ned and
Anne with her and sometimes Uncle
Clinton. Andrew Jack Allison is
in town. Mary Anne and Ellen Emms
were out to see Mary Anne and I
on last Monday. School will be out
in three weeks and two days. I will
write to you again and tell you when
will be home and if we stop at
Manchester could not you arrange
it so as to meet us there, if we stop there.

I will write and let you know —
I think you and George were young
Managers. neither of you there and
not know anything about it until
the day before. I think it is very funny to
have people Managers when they do not
know any thing about it. I fear it
would be bad management. Have
you got your little Sydney yet —
I am going over to stay a week or two
with you when I go home and
when you come over home to see me
you must take me to see Mary &
write soon as you get this letter and
I will get your answer ^{before} ~~as soon as~~ I go home
From Your Affectionate Sister
Betty

Meigs & Co. *Portsmouth, June 9 1851*

Bought of **D. N. MURRAY,**

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE.

6 Sledges	82 1/2	15	12 30
1/2 Gr. Pack Boards	4 00	2 00	14 30

Charged

D. A. Munay
Bito 14.37

June 10th 1857

PORTSMOUTH, *June 9th* 1851
Messrs H. Means & Co.

Bought of **J. L. M'VEY & CO.,**
Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, Pure Wines and Brandies,
NO. 53 COMMERCIAL ROW, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

1 doz	Mustard		\$ 1 00
1/2 doz	Bulls Parsenhead	8	4 00
2 "	Liverwort & Sage	8	16 00
1/2 "	Maro Tonic Tann	8	4 00
2 lb	Flour Sulphur	6	.12 1/2
1 doz	Opodeldore		7 1/2
	Box of Salvarsan		3 75
			\$ 26.25

J. L. McVey Jr
Bills 26.21

June 10/57

London June 10th 1857

A. Mearns & Co

Bot of J. W. Mearns

x 11/2	Supper	@ 50¢	✓	46¢
x 2	Do	1.25-	✓	2.50
x 3	Worsteds Supper	2.00 (1/2 doz m.)	✓	1.33
x 2	Cordery Pants	2.00		4.00
x 2	Cordery	1.00	✓	2.00
x 4	Strip Jeans	1.75-		7.00
x 1	Fancy Cassimer	2.00		2.00
x 5	Cassimer & Cassimer	2.50		12.50
x 4	Cassimer Pants	1.50	✓	6.00
x 9	Do	2.70	✓	24.30
x 7	Vests - - -	87½	✓	6.12
x 6	Do	1.25-	✓	7.50
x 3	Do	1.50	✓	4.50
x 3	Blk Shawls	2.00	✓	6.00
x 2	Mode Do	2.50	✓	5.00
x 2	" Do	2.00	✓	4.00
x 3	Floured Do	3.25-	✓	9.75
x 5	Plaid Do	1.00	✓	5.00
x 3	Do Pants	1.50		4.50
x 6	Do Jeans	30¢		.87
x 7	Do Pants	80		5.60
x 4	Blk Silk Cravats	1.00	✓	4.00
x 5	" " "	.80	✓	4.00
x 1 1/2	Doz Gingham	2.00	✓	2.66
x 3	flat Ties	2.90		.72
x 1	" " "	345-		28
x 1	Monkey Sackets			2.00
x 3/4	Doz Gloves	7.00	✓	5.25
x 2 1/2	" Do	10.00	✓	1.66
x 2 1/2	Do Mitts	6.00	✓	3.50

145.00

Con & Co

Wilmington
Cincinnati June 24 1851

Dear John

Sam arrived safe home on Sunday afternoon, we did not expect to start up until the 25th. But he thought we might as well start Saturday as Monday. The boat was very much crowded. There were five or six in the state room. The floor was lined with beds and some had to sleep out on the yards and on top of the boat we had two casks of Cholera on the boat one was a man on deck and the other a lady in the cabin they have got the ^{only} ~~last~~ great dose, but they are that is building it. We taking deck and cannot finish it. The flag is very fast from the night before. Had one of Sarah's ~~brother~~ ~~brother~~ died this morning with it. ~~John's~~ ~~brother~~ ~~brother~~ died with it the other day. The ~~boat~~ and yard looks like they always did only paid only a little worse. I think Father and Mother have given out this time. John and Aunt Linton are going up to Sunday in two weeks. We are going to have some hands for dinner to day. John & Sam are as good as sure to show and come over we will look for you

would see you a coming. George Sparke has been sick. I have not seen him since. I have been home. Will will not be home until December. Old Miss Grooms is going to be with London & art. and this end of the winter by the fact of the Union Hill. I hope you will excuse this writing. I know you will do so when you consider why it is from. Uncle John will preach down here next Sunday or I don't know. They have big meetings down there. You must be there and learn down. and I will go home with you. From your affectionate Sister Beattie

Dear John I had just written a head of ships for P. M. to get. I have just received Bella and Mary Ann Combs. I think that they are of good girls to come home on Sunday. The store is such and well. I have just received a letter from the printer Mary Ann is writing to Will. I have just to tell you that she wants to see you. Mary Ann that I believe the very good and stay at home with you. Esther

Dear John As I have finished. I will write a line if merely for you to say you received a letter from all three of us. There is not anything very new going on. The tree house is burned into a milk house which makes an excellent one. That was in Cincinnati and came up as far as Manchester with us. Miss Ellen Lewis left for rising here the day we left for home in high spirits for Mr. Shier had been rather attentive to her and saw her on the boat. We will look for you over soon. Yours In affection

St. Means No Portsmouth Jan 24/57

Bot of Davis Smith No

1 Cask 18 Bacon Shoulders	858	@ $6\frac{3}{4}$	59.98
2 Bbls Sugar	$\frac{246}{220}$	466 @ $6\frac{1}{2}$	30.79
1 Bx Tobacco	139	" 25 ^c	34.75

Grays

.25

Ch^d to a/c

\$ 125.77

JOSEPH C. BUTLER.

P. L. BROWN.

HENRY H. STOUT.

Cincinnati, July 31, 1851

Messrs H. Means & Co.

Bought of JOSEPH C. BUTLER & Co.

WHOLESALE GROCERS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AND DEALERS IN PIG IRON,
CORNER MAIN AND COLUMBIA STREETS,

1	Bbl. 25 Rice	²³⁵ 18 214	@ 4 1/2	\$10 01
1	" 25 Crushed Sugar	²⁰³ 20 183	" 9 1/2	17 13
4	" 18 St. Sugar	⁹⁷⁷ 72 905	" 6 1/2	59 82
4	Bags Rio Coffee	151	" 10	65-10
3	Batts Hancock White Coffee	280	" 25	70 00
4	dz. Brown		" 1 1/2	6 00
2	Bbls Molasses	^{87 1/2} 4 83 1/2	" 34	28 39
1	" 50 Syrup	39	" 8	3 62
		drag		60
				\$261.17

Dr. C. Batter 1/0

Paid 26.17

July 3/37

speeches written before hand in order to spare a little.
I shall probably be at home during that time.

Female College Commencement will take place
next week, and two graduates be made.

The first of June day night there will be a public
debate of the Philomathean Society in the Chapel of
St Andrew's College when there will be some good
speaking. For they have got the 100 club of fellows
to follow when speaking that you ever heard of. ~~For~~
in hearing them the first time you would think that
all the devils in hell were broken loose in time of
famine. But hold! as they are we have one Burnell
who is a thunderbolt for noise when he debates the
hell things like a tin kettle. And they frequently
have to discontinue operations in the other hall until he
gets through. I tell you we have glorious times in
Burnell Hall and in returning from College there is
nothing which I will more regret than my separation
from the society. Let me inform you that you
have got totally into the spirit of college life - for if
I am not mistaken you blighted all else than the
text book, but it is none of my business - they mean for
himself &c.

I have just received a letter from Mary Anne who does
appear to be enjoying much to the new place. Both
write soon if not sooner and don't be offended
at Campbell's. I give him my
M. M. M.

College Hall July 5th 1851
Dear John

In the natural course of events it
becomes necessary for men and women to do something for
the good of one's country. Take this opportunity to
avail myself of this glorious privilege by writing to the
of the present is vacation to the
huffers in the cause of education at James College and
the students of the school are most profoundly scared on
College Hill just at this time making it as dull as the
devil. But tomorrow will be Sunday and I am in
hopes that in the enjoyment of its sanctified privileges the
tediousness of a lonely vacation may be dissipated.
On a week ago from last Monday the series were given
two weeks vacation - extending until the 14th Tuesday after
the 4th of July. On the 4th of June evening five of us took
the back street for Hamilton about 16 miles north of this place,
and arrived there about dark we immediately proceeded
five miles further on and remained during the night with
one of our classmates on the next morning we took
a carriage for the Miami University at Oxford 10 miles distant
arrived there my good time looked about the town all day
and at night witnessed the graduating exercises of the
class in the Grand Auditorium. The performance was
only tolerably good. The night of our first night's lodging

at the best looking hotel we could find and a most
infernal poor looking one at that. ^{the} sleeping
was peculiarly interesting and will doubtless be remembered
a long time by four individuals. On the next morning
we took our places in the grove to hear what might
be going on. At 10 O'clock an address was made
before the Gradolphian Society by the Rev. Dr. Rice of Cinth.
He was followed by another man who conferred the A.C.
diplomas, and ended us with the poorest kind of a speech.
In the afternoon the Venerable Doc. Bishop of Norwich College
opened the exercises with a most speech and was followed
by somebody else, the biggest kind of a bore - for his talk
was nothing but the biography of ~~the~~ which I cannot recall
not have been of this sort of manufacture. At the same
evening at 8 O'clock we added our delight before the
Union Literary Society by Dr. Fisher of the 2d Presbyterian Church
Cinth. It was most certainly one of the most elegant and
appropriate literary efforts to which I have ever listened.
The next day was Thursday and commencement day. At
12 O'clock the exercises began with Latin Oration, of course
and by one of the grandest looking chaps that ever went
clear through with the rips and down the rough & tumble
of College life. He was followed by 10 others, among whom
was the Dialectician a poor declaimer and worse writer.
Putting all things together it seems that the performance is beaten
at Farmers College on almost every public performance, and should
necessarily at commencement.
Left Oxford on Thursday, returned to College Hill on the

Monday following, which occurred in the meantime. I pray
let you turn at some other time. When I got back
here I found the College almost deserted, all having
gone home to break the 4th. But the work passed off
very well because each remaining student is a team of
himself.

I am rooming alone in the 2d story of this Old Academy
and boarding with a Mrs. Prince who also has two or three
families from Cinth boarding with her. And among these
Dick, Otis and family. The boarding is a little better
than is generally obtained in the neighborhood of a
College. There are two other students rooming in this
Academy. And it is but a short distance west to the College
so that I am perfectly free and easy. I wish, though
perhaps they come a customary thing with the Senior
Class in any institution. The Girls on College Hill
are ripe for fun and mischief and anything else - and com-
munication very free. So that there is scarcely
anything wanting to make a senior happy. And in fact
I have never been so much reconciled to College life
as during this session. I am certain I never before had so
much fun. There are nine of us members of the Senior
Class four Philomatheans and five Burrows. We are now
looking up subjects for Commencement and will write
on them next month. Commencement will take place
on the last Thursday in Sept. And the Senior Class will
have the two preceding weeks for the remainder of our four
weeks vacation. But it is our intention to have all

Cincinnati, *July 5th* 1851.

Messrs A Means & Co

Bought of MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG,
CABINET WAREHOUSES, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
COLUMBIA STREET, BETWEEN MAIN AND SYCAMORE.

1	Iron safe	4
1	Wal Dining Table	5-
1	high Post Bedstead	5-
1	Trunk	2 25
		<u>\$ 16-25</u>

Mitchell & Plummer

Box 16. 25

July 5/57

Landing July 12/57

Dr. Meant

I find Esther Sick when
I came in - though better than she had been
through the night - but last night and the
night before she was much worse and
I fear will have a bad time.

I have no information from your Father
Can't leave Home until C is better

A. W. Meant

Bacon is here

Portsmouth July 22nd 1851

A. Means & Co

Box of Waller & Robinson

10 B4 Horn
Drayp

32.00
25
\$ 32.25

A. Means & Co

Box of Davis Smith & Co

2 Casks of D. Shoulder 1821st C 44

129.47
25
\$ 129.72

A. Means & Co

Box of Williams & Co

12 Bund 1/2 in Square	197	{ 389 C 4 1/2	17.50
2 " 1/2 " Round	192		
2 " 3/4 " "	195	" 4	7.80
1 " 2 1/4 + 1/8	96	3 1/2	3.36
4 " Horse Shoe	463	3 3/4	17.37
12 Bar 1 in Square	329	3	9.87
12 " 2 1/4 + 1/8	152	3	19.56
			\$ 75.46

Wangy Rock July 24th 1851

St. Means No. *Cincinnati July 26th 1851*
 Bought of Joseph C. Butler No.

41 Bgs Copper 145-15	@ 10 ^c	44.50
41 Bx 1 st Candle 140	10	17.00
1 Bl 50 Vinegar 40 Gal	8	3.78
1/2 Chert G. H. Lead 50	50	30.50
Drayage		1.20
		<u>\$ 115.98</u>

B. J. Landis Aug 9th 1837

W. J. Evans

I send you the 3 last Nos
of Mount Register - Little Hugh died, on Thursday
Evening - W. J. Evans will not be up for some
days

Yours

J. W. Evans

Mr. Alfred M. Ward
Care of Mrs. Mary M. Ward
Bent

Manchester Aug 18th 1857

Dear Sir
Yours of yesterday
is to hand. The children
are both well & John appears
to be perfectly satisfied.
I am just in from road
making. It is the opinion
of all the Directors & of the
Engineer also that the road
can be made a great deal
cheaper on the Williamson Hollow
than on the Bentonville rd.
There is not much doubt but
that it will take the Williams Hollow
to the Bingham School House &
the Cabin Creek road from
there to Bentonville.
Old man Cunningham is dead.

Yours in haste

John Ellison

Wm. H. Keane & Co.
 Portsmouth, O. *Augt 21st* 1851

Bought of **J. L. M'VEY & CO.,**
 Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye-Stuffs, Pure Wines and Brandies,
 NO. 53, COMMERCIAL ROW, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

✓ 4	℥	Pain Killer	2 1/2	800
✓ 4	"	Batemans Drops	3 1/2	150
✓ 6	"	Wells Vermifuge	150	900
✓ 4	"	Sp. Peppermint	25	100
✓ 4	"	" Camanion	25	100
✓ 6	"	Godfrey's Cordial	35	210
✓ 6	"	Castor Oil	90	540
✓ 1	"	Bulls Parsaponilla		800
✓ 3	"	Wells Pills	2 1/2	600
✓ 3	"	Boys Matches	50	100
✓ 1	"	Paint Brush	00000	100
		Boy & Drayage	37	

Charged

\$ 44.77

Dr. L. M. Vey, Co

Bills 44. $\frac{117}{100}$

Aug. 21/51

Georgetown, Aug. 21 1851.

John Means.

My dear sir:

It has been so very long since I have heard from you that I venture to transmit you a letter. I am located in Georgetown practicing law. Lawyers are plenty here as they are in most of places, and business with a young lawyer is consequently small. I have only been set up about three months, and do not and did not expect to be swamped with business for a few years. It requires patience a degree of patience too, which I confess I do not possess to wait for a respectable practice, and several times it has entered my mind to go at something else, where I could be actively engaged even if I did not make much money. For I never expect, in fact I don't wish, very ardently to be rich, but only to enjoy a competent portion of the good things of this

life. And I have some notion of
looking for a school somewhere and
of teaching about two years. And if you
know of any place where I could
be accommodated in this respect
I should be glad if you would let
me know, although I would wish
you to say nothing about this, as
if it should get out down here
that I talk of quitting the practice
of law, it would injure me in my
calling. I make a good many so-
cietal calls on the ladies in this
place in the first city and enjoy my-
self exceedingly; in fact I have not
had the times for several months, ever
since I cultivated the acquaintance
and company of the ladies. You need
not think, however, that I am
"sucked in" for I am just as cool &
calculating as ever and withall improved
in judgement. I like this place very
well and would nail myself down
here, if I was only paying expenses
which I have not done yet, al-
though after spending the time and

money which I have spent, I think I am
entitled to a little more of the measure
of unwrighteousness than I now get.
My correspondence has, with my classmates
almost entirely ceased. Occasionally I write
to and receive a letter from Curtis; he
is the only one. Most of this letter is
taken up with myself. I hope - if you
have leisure to reply - that yours will
be taken up with yourself. As for Keith
Patrick and some more I have not
heard from since I left Marietta.
Be so kind as to reply, and believe
me to be

Very respectfully, Yours

L. J. Martin

Mr W. Meane & Co Portsmouth, August 25 1851

Bought of **D. N. MURRAY,**

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE.

2 doz Curr. S. Shovels.	375	750
1/2 " Stail Grain do	1200	200
1 " Carpenter Pencils		25
3 " Seal do	25	75
1 gr. Sand. Paper.		20
2 Reams Wrapping Paper. Ea 1/2. 62		275
1/2 doz Waffle Irons		000

drayage 12 1/2 13.50

Charged

Gents We have no waffle Irons on hand. Now but
will forward them to you tomorrow or next day
D N Murray & Co

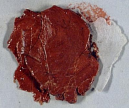
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Seps 8/51

F. H. M. 809

Mr. John Means -
Care of John Singer -
Barnwell, S.C. -
S.C. -

Benny 18
Minnie 5
Lo More 13



Union 3 Landing Aug 28 1851

Dear John

Received your welcome letter -
yesterday morning and was quite glad to hear
from you. Uncle James has gone to
Louisiana. Mrs. Black has some letters -
I got a letter from Mary, A. E. Higns. The grand
- Chester Francis are all well. Aunt Jane
Christian was better. She said the last letter
heard from her. Aunt Mary talked of going
down to the city. I don't know what she can do
Willie has not come home yet. It is two
weeks from yesterday Miss Coxe school
commences. Father has said nothing about
sending me there or any place else. Mary &
and I expect to go up to the brook to stay with
Aunt Jane as ^{Wife} ~~Wife~~ Uncle James is gone.
She wants us to, she says. Come down & stay a while after
noon that Wednesday after your letter. I will let you

Know when will come home. May I
send her love to you. Mine included
Yours as usual. Hello

As ever soon

F. L. BROWN.

HENRY H. STOUT.

Cincinnati, August 26th 1851

Mr. H. Meier

Bought of **JOSEPH C. BUTLER & Co.**

WHOLESALE GROCERS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AND DEALERS IN PIG IRON,
CORNER MAIN AND COLUMBIA STREETS,

41	13 1/2 c	Sugar	871	@ 6 1/2	57 61
1	" 1 1/4	Lard oil	42	gal " 70	30 65
				drag	40
					<u>88 66</u>

Pro C. Butter ¹⁰
Bilw 88. 66
100

Cent^d Sept 8/
51

Wm H Means & Co *Portsmouth, August 28 1851*

Bought of **D. N. MURRAY,**

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE.

2. Waffle Irons

2/5

1 50

Chd

D. A. Munnings
Bill Waple Surg

\$1.50

2
Cent Sept 8/51

Cincinnati, September 3rd 1851

Meigs, Hugh Meiser & Co

John D. Jones,
Michael Jones,
Geo. W. Jones,
L. P. Swift,
W. B. Johnson,
Caleb Jones, Philadelphia.

Bought of J. D. & C. JONES & CO.,
IMPORTERS OF AND
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN DRY GOODS,
19, PEARL STREET.

✓ 1	✓ 1	Washed Delain	33 ² 14	4 69
✓ 1	✓ 1	Plain	35 18	6 30
✓ 2	✓ 1	Fancy	34 ² 18 ³	12 10
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blue	33 ² 20	6 10
✓ 2	✓ 1	Plain Gingham	33 ² 62 20	12 40
✓ 1	✓ 1	Domus	41 ³ 12 ²	5 22
✓ 1	✓ 1	Flaid	41 ¹ 12 ²	5 15
✓ 2	✓ 1	"	47 20	15 40
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	40 20	10 20
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blk Capimur	28 120	33 60
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blue Galmur	22 ³ 65	14 79
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blk	24 75	18 93
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	23 ¹ 70	16 28
✓ 1	✓ 1	Red Print	30 70	3 50
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blk	363 9	3 31
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blue	27 ² 10	2 15
✓ 2	✓ 1	" for "	71 ¹ 9	6 41
✓ 1	✓ 1	Fancy	32 ¹ 52	1 44
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	33 ³ 7	2 29
✓ 6	✓ 1	"	229 82	19 41
✓ 3	✓ 1	"	103 ³ 92	9 85
✓ 5	✓ 1	"	180 10	18 20
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	324 102	3 54
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	30 11	3 30
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	30 12 ²	3 45
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blue Shuty chuk	57 102	5 38
✓ 1	✓ 1	upon -	53 ³ 10	5 34
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	53 12 ²	6 63
✓ 1	✓ 1	Red Flannel	24 28	6 72
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	25 35	8 45
✓ 1	✓ 1	Yellow	25 ¹ 28	7 04
✓ 1	✓ 1	Spot	25 ¹ 28	7 04
✓ 1	✓ 1	Chad Drill	33 92	3 14
✓ 2	✓ 1	Brown	27 ³ 31 ¹ 58 ³ 82	4 99
✓ 1	✓ 1	Wool Bagging	29 19	5 51
✓ 1	✓ 1	Heavy Shirting	45 ² 8	3 64
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	41 ¹ 92	3 94
✓ 3	✓ 1	Brown Muslin	113 53	6 57
✓ 1	✓ 1	Blue Heavy	75 ³ 63	57 04
✓ 1	✓ 1	Black	373 52	22 04
✓ 3	✓ 1	"	90 ¹ 7	6 32
✓ 3	✓ 1	"	113 9	10 17
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	32 10	3 20
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	35 12 ²	4 31
✓ 2	✓ 1	fine Brown	22 ¹ 64 ² 10	6 43
✓ 2	✓ 1	"	1 ⁴ 66 ² 82	5 65
✓ 1	✓ 1	Canton Flannel	45 ² 92	4 38
✓ 1	✓ 1	Jacquard Diaper	35 20	9 60
✓ 1	✓ 1	Madale Mill	31 35	10 85
✓ 1	✓ 1	Brown Drill	20 ³ 92	2 92
✓ 1	✓ 1	Amind Cloth	36 36 ²	13 14
✓ 1	✓ 1	Linsing	42 ³ 20	8 55
✓ 2	✓ 1	"	2.5 ² 67 ² 18 ³	12 66
✓ 1	✓ 1	Crack	11 ¹ 8	90
✓ 1	✓ 1	"	13 11	1 43
✓ 1	✓ 1	Ry Lany	43 ² 31	13 49
			478 92	

		Appt brot forward	8478 92	
✓ 1	fr	Crisk Lin	13 40	5 20
✓ 1	"	"	13 50	6 50
✓ 2	"	Col ^d Cambric	7 1/2 7	5 37
✓ 1	"	Chute	12 12 1/2	1 50
✓ 1	"	"	12 22 1/2	2 70
✓ 1	"	Plain	12 25	3 00
✓ 1	"	"	12 20	2 40
✓ 1	"	"	12 12 1/2	1 50
✓ 1	"	Jaconet	20 25	5 00
✓ 1	"	"	20 20	4 00
✓ 1	"	fig Luster	27 37 1/2	10 30
✓ 1	"	"	28 25	7 00
✓ 1	"	Blk	29 40	11 80
✓ 1	dog	Gum Suspenders	300 250	5 50
✓ 1	"	"	200	2 00
✓ 2 1/2	"	Whe & Cal Shools	12 1/2	3 00
✓ 8	"	"	45	3 60
✓ 1	"	Whe & Cal " "	120 + 200	3 30
✓ 1	"	Whe		1 50
✓ 1	"	Infants	110, 125 + 163	3 98
✓ 1	"	Riding Glove		3 00
✓ 1	"	Flay Skf		90
✓ 1	"	L C		1 75
✓ 1/2	"	Rdy Combs	2 100, 131, 131	8 50
✓ 1/2	"	"	145	88
✓ 1	"	"	2 37 1/2 + 75	1 18
✓ 1	"	Line	1 37 50 40 + 100	2 78
✓ 2	"	Drammer	100	2 00
✓ 1	"	Shaving Soap	25 + 40	65
✓ 1/2	"	Carpenter Sack	2 75 + 50 100	5 33
✓ 4 1/2	"	Whe Thread	50	2 00
✓ 2 1/2	"	ap	62	1 25
✓ 2	"	Cat	90 110	2 00
✓ 1/2	"	Stab Sewing	700	3 50
✓ 1	"	Brush Coafes		13
✓ 1	fr	Silk Skf	2 275, 275, 350	12 75
✓ 3	fr	Gain Lin & Cloth	131 75 1/2	4 56
✓ 1	fr	Silk Skf		1 75
✓ 2	-	Damask & Corns	65	1 30
✓ 2	Box	Cable Cord	12 1/2	25
✓ 1	fr	Pin	50 55 + 60	1 65
✓ 1	fr	Short Things Buttons		1 00
✓ 1	"	" (Pearl)	57 65, 65	1 80
✓ 1	"	"	1 75	75
✓ 1	"	"		75
✓ 1	"	Crab		2 00
		Box		1 50

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Cincinnati, *September 30th* 1851*Mr. A. Mears & Co.***Bought of JOSEPH C. BUTLER & Co.**WHOLESALE GROCERS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AND DEALERS IN PIG IRON,
CORNER MAIN AND COLUMBIA STREETS,

✓ 1	Bell Waffling Iron	23	@ 20	\$ 4 60
6	" Candle Wick	20	" 20	4 00
5	" Batting	52	" 12	1 24
6	Bell Carpet Chain	20	" 18	3 60
4	Bagg Rio Cofa	645	" 10	64 50
2	Bloss Sugar	423	" 6 1/2	27 99
2	Batts Hancock's Co. Tobacco	182	" 25	45 50

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75
\$ 157 18

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Bought of COMSTOCK, WILLCOX & CO.,

No. 14 Pearl Street.

✓	12 1/2	Mens	Kip	Boots	2	24
✓	12 "	"	Calf	"	3	36
✓	6 "	"	Kip	Program	108 1/3	65
✓	15 "	Youths	Kip	"	42 1/2	9 38
✓	15 "	Boys	"	"	83 1/3	12 50
✓	12 "	Wom	Kid	Slips	55	6 60
✓	12 "	"	"	"	70	8 40
✓	12 "	Chil	Cold	Boots	20	2 40
✓	12 "	"	Lea	"	25	3
✓	9 "	"	"	"	37 1/2	3 37
✓	14 "	"	Goats	"	45	6 30
						\$176 95

H. Meane & Co.
Comstock Wilcox & Co.
Biv #176. 95th

Encl Sept 8/51

Miss Hugh Means & Co Portsmouth, Sept 5 1851

Bought of **D. N. MURRAY,**

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE.

✓	6 Setts Knives & forks No 1	45	2 70
✓	4 " do " do " 2c	75	5 00
✓	1 " do " do " 3c	87	87
✓	3 " do " do " 4c	130	3 90
✓	1 doz 12 Keyd Loco Locks		75
✓	1 Brass " " "		25
✓	1/2 doz No 1 Pocket Knives	500	2 50
✓	1/2 " " 2 do do	425	2 12
✓	1/2 " " 3 do do	425	2 13
✓	1/2 " " 4 do do	550	2 75
✓	1/2 " " 5 do do	1300	6 50
✓	1/4 " " 6 do do	1000	2 50
✓	2 Setts Table Plated Spoons	300	6 00
✓	1/2 doz Britt Table do	800	4 00
✓	1/2 " " Jew do	300	1 50
✓	1 " Whale Bonez 75-87 100		2 62
✓	2 doz Pins w 60 75 & 87 1/2		4 15
✓	10 Gro Hooks & Eyes	12 1/2	1 25
✓	2 Reams Wrapp Paper w 62 1/2 & 75		3 75
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U. J. Landis Sept. 1851

Dear John -
I received here on Thursday
last by Mr. McPherson's letter after a very
respectable trip - found things at U. J. L.
admirable - a little more than anywhere
else - I had not been there more than
half an hour when Riley Strigell passed
by on his way to the Opera House - I hailed
him and sent word of my arrival to you
but as it may be possible that he died
on the road I'll let you know whether
you want to or no by letter -

If I knew the way to your place
other than by the mouth I would
ride over - but I must beg leave to
be excused from going that way -
I shall leave for Erie in 10 days
two weeks, and would like to see you
before that time if possible -
I have not seen the girl yet, but intend
making him a visit between meals soon
Attended church yesterday - and took
tea at Uncle Jim's - Johnny was sick
and Jimmy was playing the devil in the

Miss M. Means 100

Port of W. J. Nicholas

20 th	Carpet Sham	25	\$ 5.00
20 th	20 th Hair	5	1.00
			\$ 6.00

Walter Long Ry
Sept 25/81

Wm W. F.

Fin Luby at the Finney

Mr. L. Nichols,

Bills 600

Sept. 27/51

inclined to think his motive in coming to me
was that he might get hold of Capital. A very
wise consideration to be sure but I don't like
the idea of being bought. But I shall
say nothing more of the matter until
something definite can be relied upon.
I hope you wait either until Lupton
speaks of it first - so that will do for him.

The annual fair at the Mechanics
Institute is now being held and there are a
good many wonderful things to be seen.
The chiming of bells for the Catholic Cathe-
dral makes lots of music being played upon
after the style of a piano. Further down
towards very well in it. There is a
specimen of humankind there which was
executed for the annual fair but was too
large and unwieldy for transportation being
about 6 by 5 feet in size. It represents St
George's fight with the dragon and is indeed
a splendid affair - executed by a Mr Williams.
Many other things too numerous to
mention - I am anxiously awaiting a
rise in the river. What I regret to see
somewhat. - Don't suppose that I have forgotten
how to write for this pen is as sharp as a needle
and runs just which ever way it wishes.
Bottle's health is changing my head very rapidly
give my love to all the women I know and remember
me to Uncle Hugh yours Wm. W. Means.

Walnut St. House Cont. Oct. 17th 51
Dear John I have not as yet received yours of
my inst. and indeed can't think of the time
that I did hear from you directly it has been
so long ago. But feeling ashamed of the
that you'll I sent you some two months ago,
and possessed of an unaccountable ^{desire} to talk with
you though I don't know exactly what about,
I wrote to my pen and paper hoping that the
result would be materially injurious to the
health of either of us. I presume that
this immaterial state of the feelings may be
traced to the fact of our not coming together
during my last trip home when I did
in reality wish to communicate with you
or what to me appeared as matter of some im-
portance. But that is done with and I can
only say now that I would be most de-
glad to see you - But since you spring
into the position of the late Mr. Dr. Lupton
it would be inconvenient perhaps impossible
for you to leave - I think you are aware
of my business at the present time. It
is to attend Commercial College and dancing
School - I don't know which would first be
important. If the cost of the thing be

considered the book-keeping would suit No. 1
But taking into view the fun of the
of the thing I'd learn to and give the
preference to Mons. Ernest - a confounded
lamey little punchman. I find the city
a little dull now and then - I get
tired of visiting the old women and little
children - Jack Street although good
looking and almost as old myself - is
yet too young for my inclination - But
hold on - there goes on a band of music - And
this Sunday evening to boot its awful and
grates horribly on my feelings, I'll swear it does.
But when did I leave off - with
Jack Street who is something of a bore -
not much too big to play marbles and means a
Paradi - Doc Wilson who stays at
Steph Matthy & Co's is a first rate fellow and
some puntings. he sings well and don't
make any extraordinary pretensions to get
himself up in the world - is industrious
liberal and not extravagant neither can he
very well afford to be. I don't like the
looks of his smooth faced brother Jim the
architect, who looks engaged at Jerry's. I
am acquainted with a few more young fellows
but find them about as green as people who
live in the country only occasionally being
the "elephant". The girls in this city are

very generally very ugly - Philadelphia beats them
altogether in that line indeed it would
be hard to find a city that wouldn't Manila
except - I have made the acquaintance of
a few through the instrumentality of Jack Street
who is in the habit of making nightly calls
on different acquaintances of the female tribe -
He is very regular and goes the rounds with
out the least show of partiality - not visiting one
time until all have been gotten through -
Jack is very pleasant talks to them about the
weather - about Princeton - about something else,
and then winds up by asking them to play
and then takes the hat and goes out backwards
looking all the while as important as though
he had done something - as in truth he did play
the devil - The College Hill girls are
very fond of talking like the devil and being
buzzed at the same time which I used to
do in a quiet way until very late evening -
They are good looking too - But this is
nonsense - and what results? I wonder
if managing a Buena Vista Terrace is nonsense
going to Commercial College is the next
thing to it - I said Sampson W. H.
here a month ago. He spoke as though he
would like to have me engage with him
in an enterprise to make money -
The plan appears pretty good but I am

Nov 19, 1851

Cousin John

I am going to take the liberty
to scratch a few lines to you & I won't be at all
surprised if the next mail brings my letter back
with the mistakes all corrected. & the bluffed words
marked out. But I am going to write on
matters of importance. So pay strict attention. I
don't suppose you will be surprised as you have heard
of the wonderful event in my life that is to take place
next 23rd of Dec. I want to solicit your presence
& as you have not said as I wish - I don't think
you will have the heart to refuse. I have
written twice ^{to my dear} asking her to officiate as bridesmaid but
have received no answer. I do not know whether she
intends to accept of the invitation or not.

I was to the city last week left all the
folks well & happy & ^{is} ~~the~~ time now. Will be home
next week. Aunt Mary met Grandmother there I left
them coming on old times. I saw Billy he will
be stop here on his way home. They say that I
Ellen & myself are going to make a match. I do not know
how much truth is in it but I saw him with her
one evening at a tea party at Dr. Wood's house. He

seem as my mother has been sick
for a few days but is better. Some of the friends
here have insinuated that you have been so
long in the Kansas region that you have turned
hermit so we never see you - or hear from
but I want you to correct this mistake by
showing a glance of your countenance a few days or longer
this winter & if you will forgive me for writing
to you I will just go to bed - "Good night"
Your Affectionate Son Mary A. Ellison

Manchester Nov 14th 1855

Cousin John

I wrote to you some time ago
gave you an invitation to my wedding but have
received no notice if you will come or not I
do not know if you are coming or waiting for a
formal invitation or what but I think the thing
most likely thing is that my letter has been
uncarried by mail anyway I shall take the
liberty to write again Mr Moore asks
you through me to officiate as ^{one of his} ~~your own~~
one of his attendants. I hope you will accept
of the invitation. Mary Anne & Kit are
to be my bridesmaids. V. & C. I want
you to be sure and come I should be very
much disappointed if you ~~do~~ do not but
I know you will (that is if you have
not turned your back altogether)

Anne means wants to know who I am
writing to says tell you she wants to see
you & she still keeps your card

Mother & Grandmother send their love—
say they will look for you ~~to be~~ to be
here on the 2^d ~~2nd~~ ^{2nd} Mother has been quite
sick & is now much better. I was afraid
she would interfere in my arrangements
but we will get her cure up I guess—
My love to Uncle Hugh tell him I should
like for him to come too —

I remain your Aff Coz

Mary A. Ellison

Manchester Dec. 4th 1851—

Please place this sheet about
4 inches it is 100-100 lines
as it appears to be

Mr John Henry



Mr & Mrs Wm Ellison
will be at Home
Tuesday eve - 7. O'clock
Dec 23rd 1851

had all assembled, and he heard by the
Hemlockville stage that Mr Moore was sick
with the measles and Mr Brainard was
still in Cincinnati. Determining not to let
this mar our bright anticipations we
hurried down stairs, and after being
laughed at some little by the people,
supper was announced ^{or about 8} and the way we
devoured the ice cream & good things was
about right. The kids laughed talked
and looked charming, and we spent a
glorious evening. The first wedding
ever I was at without groom, preacher or
groomsmen.

Mary Anne received a letter from him
yesterday stating that he would be up about
the first of this week, and they will then
be married. Aunt Jane Linton wrote for
them to come down directly afterwards and
she would make a party for them; she also
sent me a pressing invitation, but I shall
have to go home as soon as the river opens.
Aunt Rachel and Aunt Helena also intended

making her a party. We are going out
to Jane Pirkers wedding next Thursday.
I received a letter from Will last mail;
he appeared very much disappointed
because you did not get it ~~sure~~ ^{any}. I think
you might go get one of the Cincinnati papers.
Mrs Cropper died yesterday and was buried
to day. She has been sick for a long time.
Emily Anne sends her love and says she will
write a line.

Continuation of the wedding in the next
letter.

Yours truly

Mary Anne

P.S. ~~Withought~~ I have written two or three
times I will scratch a line and you don't
know how disappointed I was when I found
you would not get here - but you must not
"give it up so" but come yet - I think it
about time. & if Mr Moore ~~can~~ ^{ever} get well
to get back again & we are married & I even
have a house of my own I have and cousin
I would rather have visit me than a few

[1851?]

Winn & Landing July 30

Dear John

I am glad to write to you that the sick people are better. Mr Richards can walk to the store and all about the place he intends going up ^{a great horse} ~~the~~ now and staying with his sister until he gets ~~quite~~ well. Tom is nursing every place, and eating every thing he can lay his hands on. One is the only sick one about the house now. Three of the Parsons have died since you was here. Riley is ^{now} sick with it now and all of the rest of the family. They don't think one of his sisters will live any time.

We have got a very handsome piano made of rose wood. It sounds beautiful.

Mr Blake is dead. He ~~was~~ ^{now} buried yesterday. (they took him down and buried him beside his wife). Mr Catherson was here for dinner. They all send their love to you and are all well.

Yours in haste Belle Means

Mr John Means

Belle Means
Winn & Landing
July 30