

Smithsonian Institution

Washington, D. C., April 17 1896.

S. P. LANGLEY,  
SECRETARY.

Dear Mr. Huffaker:

In accordance with your verbal request for definite information concerning your future engagement at the Smithsonian Institution, I telegraphed to the Secretary on the 16th instant, apprising him that you had been offered a position which you felt that it would be necessary for you to accept, in case your engagement here <sup>not to be</sup> was continued beyond the time now provided for, that is, beyond the 1st of May, 1896. I am to-day in receipt of a communication from the secretary authorizing me to say that he would be glad to have you continue, under the present terms, for several months longer — to make this definite, I will say to September 1st, 1896.

Please advise me if you are prepared to continue your connection with the Institution to that time.

Very respectfully yours,

*N. G. Winlock*

Ass't. in Charge of Office.

Mr. E. C. Huffaker,  
Aid,  
Smithsonian Institution.

PIONEER

Cherokee Valley, Tenn.  
June 8, 1896 -  
My Darling Brother,  
I received your  
letter yesterday,  
and was glad in-  
deed to hear from  
you again.  
We are looking for-  
ward with great  
pleasure to seeing  
Carrie, Sue and the  
baby, and I am  
looking forward with  
still greater pleasure  
to seeing you.  
But your kind  
wishes for them  
to come, and the

wrote to you before  
we knew they were  
coming to the house  
and send them love  
and we thought you  
starting kind of  
wanted them to  
come. We are all  
anticipating a fine  
time together and  
here when you come  
— Oh, my! what do I  
want to see the baby  
but I want to see you  
the most.

Offie went to Greenville  
Friday. She is in a  
great way over her  
trip to Washington.  
If it were colder

weather I think  
it would be fine  
in, but if it is  
any notice there  
begin it is here  
I don't want to  
be there.

The hot weather  
was almost unbearable  
to me for me.  
I was regretting  
going for a while  
but am much  
better now.

I thank you  
very much for  
the package you  
sent me. I  
think it is  
a wicked scheme  
I would like to get  
it, but I can't.

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your telling me it  
 is better than  
 any other I take  
 it manfully but  
 I can't drink it  
 soda water, thank you  
 let us know what day  
 we shall look for  
 your Sunday letter  
 we wish that you  
 would come to  
 see us and spend  
 the summer with  
 us, but as you can't we  
 shall expect you with  
 out fail in August.  
 With much love all  
 I am as ever your  
 devoted sister Ada

Tuesday  
night

I send car ticket &  
regard in my package -  
Clucky City, Tenn.  
June 23<sup>d</sup> '96

My darling old man,

Your two  
letters of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> respectively  
received this afternoon. ~~And~~  
I read the one written last-  
first - Your letters are such  
a comfort to me for I have  
been so worried & a little  
nervous about our darling  
little boy, but I have good  
news for you my dear,  
Moreland is going to get  
all right now & I feel so  
sure. We had been  
trying to think of something  
to do for him, & the  
idea suddenly occurred  
to some of us this a.m.  
to try Walter's wife's breasts

In time, I had another  
thought of a lady who  
lives in the house you  
all used to live in  
that has a baby about  
5 months old & so  
Cousin Lily happened to  
come in about that time  
& offered to go over to inquire  
into the matter. She  
came back with the infor-  
mation that Mrs. Berger  
would let us try the baby  
to her breasts, so for us  
to come over soon after  
dinner. Ada & Bob was  
so excited about it, hoping  
the baby would take it, &  
in fact we were all highly  
delighted with the prospect,  
though I was rather afraid  
it would be a failure.  
Well, after dinner the

Mr Adams <sup>2</sup> & started me  
with Moreland, & as  
soon as Mrs Berquer  
took him he took  
her breast - as if he  
had been used to it  
all his life & nursed  
until he got a plenty,  
then he brought him  
home & he was good  
for sometime after which  
he went to sleep - Late  
this evening Mrs B. sent  
one for him again, &  
when he came home  
I got him to sleep  
before 5 o'clock & he  
had slept ever since -  
I think it will be  
very trying for him - She  
is a perfectly strong woman



and Bob says her  
milk can not help  
agreeing with our baby.

Would you glad dear  
that he will now receive  
proper nourishment even  
if he should have  
to resort to the bottle  
again after leaving her.

We are to send Billy  
over to her five times  
a day, and at night  
we will use "malted milk"  
which we are using now  
partly with his other  
milk. I told Mrs. B.  
I would compensate her  
for her trouble & kind  
ness. Won't it be a  
fine thing to have Billy  
get well for Jan. I  
started to wait a few

says to tell you of this  
 but I know you are  
 full of anxiety about  
 the poor little fellow  
 so I would not put it  
 off a single day but  
 do you enjoy the  
 thoughts of it with  
 me.

The reason  
 I am writing you  
 tonight is that in to-  
 morrow we are to have  
 company & there will  
 be so much to do & I  
 will only have time to  
 write you of how we  
 lay & getting along,  
 which will do before  
 closing this. Aunt  
 Addie came up from  
 Greenville today - is at

Cousin Elbert, I will  
spend tomorrow with  
us - I have not seen  
her yet - did not know  
she was here until the  
Dad's went up there  
this afternoon - I am  
glad I am feeling better  
I don't dare believe she  
comes - I feel like  
a load is lifted from  
my shoulders - But if  
this should it so be  
good it will be a very  
great disappointment  
to me, as well as to the  
rest of them - The  
Dad's & Bob are so rejoiced  
about it I am -

Dear, your letter was  
so good & kind & made  
me feel so much better

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But - you must not  
excuse yourself about  
my coming down here  
against my will, for  
you thought you were  
doing just the best &  
it may prove the very  
best - I sh. d. feel as  
much better - if  
God will only spare  
me little while & bring  
me to health & of  
strength I shall be  
so thankful - May  
He watch over us and  
keep our precious boy -

The baby's bowels are  
better this morning - Don  
gave him paregoric this  
today - Good night my  
own - will finish tomorrow  
Fondly your own mother

Copied

Washington D.C.

June 24 1896

My dear old girl:-

I received your short letter this am.  
(11) and was sorry to learn our dear  
baby was not better. I hope though he  
may soon begin improving. Be very care-  
ful dear about letting him catch fresh  
cold. His colds always hurt him. You  
do not say whether you have ice or not,  
nor whether you are using the peptonizing  
powders, nor whether his milk has soured  
any more, nor whether you have changed  
his milk, nor whether you are still sterilizing  
it. Anything that concerns Billy and you  
will interest me. While his bowels are  
bad it might be well to thin his milk again - but  
leave that to Robert, merely suggesting it. He  
knows better than we do what is best for him.

Do you have all the warm water you want?  
I should think your rubber bottle filled with

warm water at night - would make him sleep well. I have written to Robert asking him to keep a fire going night and day to keep water warm for you. Insist on it - and do not be afraid of giving trouble, we will make it all right - with Robert. I told Robert we would like to pay the cook - if she is any good - and you might suggest the matter to him. •

Kramer's baby has been very sick with inflammation of the bowels. Its actions were green, slimy and bloody. They had to use injections and had a hard time with it. But it is getting well now.

What was wrong about the nipples? I can send you others if you want them. I miss you so much. And since Mabel has got sick I am hardly fit to do any work. Fortunately, or unfortunately, there is very little to do. I should get through with my time better if I had more to do. It does not seem like the same place since you left. Effie and Jo went over to the Smithsonian to day and

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went up the monument. Effie was greatly taken with the Smithsonian, but not at all struck with the monument. Alice went through the Army and Navy building, having taken a notion while at the gallery to do some sightseeing for herself. She is taking lessons under a private teacher in Elocution and Physical culture, under a lady who comes every day to give her lessons. Her charges will be \$10 up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug. It is pretty steep but the best we could do. I will loan Alice the money and let her replace it after she begins teaching.

I am so worn out with anxiety about our baby that I am unfit for anything. We expressed the box this Mon. including the breast pumps. I hope they will go through safely. I know you are tired too dear and anxious. Keep up a brave heart and write me every day.

It looks like rain. I have had a short sleep and I must get my mail off as

soon as possible. See Loring that  
as soon as the milk comes in that it  
goes on to the ice at once. If  
you haven't ice send at once for some  
and keep it on hand. If you ~~do~~  
sterilize the milk, even if you are a  
bit sloppy, still put it on the ice, &  
keep it there so not let it stand and  
wait. If you are not sterilizing it,  
get fresh milk twice a day and keep  
on ice. Even if you are ster-  
ilizing it, I think it would be well  
to sterilize twice a day.

I hope Ada is better - tell her to  
write to me. I wish so much  
I could be with you. Write me  
every day how Harold is.

"What's this bill to me?"

"When your mother?"

Goodbye my loved one -  
God bless you and the baby -  
Sincerely,  
Ed.



Mr E. C. Huffer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington  
D. C.

Wednesday -

My darling,

I wish you could see our dear little boy. He has been over to Mrs Bergner all the morning & was over there just awhile ago to look after him. He was lying on the bed as quiet as you please & had not cried at all, but when went up to him & began talking, he seemed to become quiet & puckered up his little old mouth to cry. I nursed him for about an hour, got him to sleep & carried him to dinner. Mrs B. thinks she can do more for him if he

stay there all day  
where she can make  
time as soon as he  
needs it, & he will not  
say so much. Will  
keep him at night.

Told her on ~~what~~  
pay her to do this & to  
keep it a week - if after  
that time he should  
be improving we  
will keep it up longer.

Last night his the  
first time I have ever  
put baby to sleep & you  
don't sit with the  
girls. Ada was sleepy  
& came up to go to bed  
& I went down stairs  
where Robert & Deany  
were with the quilts.  
Wished for you dear.

The baby slept well  
until about noon  
when he got restless &  
cried for his milk - I  
had a talk with him  
an hour or two.

Don't do not know how  
strange I feel not having  
baby - look after both  
say it will be a good  
thing for me to leave  
the job, & get out  
a little - I will  
go on two or three  
times a day & see about  
the baby.

Aunt Annie, Miss Mary  
Hollinger & Rhoda & baby  
are spending the day  
with us - my had fixed  
chicken & ice cream.

cake for dinner & other  
things too - Aunt  
Addie has asked so good  
many questions about  
you. It is time  
for the mail or I  
must stop - Am so  
glad I will hear from  
you every day dear,

I will write every day  
about baby - don't let  
nobody worry about him, I  
think he will get along  
bright now - Bob thinks  
it a good thing -

Bob's new land friends  
Lionel & his dear  
Jessa, & his mamma send  
love in much love &  
as many kisses to her dear  
old man -

Truly yours  
W. B. Fishwick

Cheskey City, Tenn.

Jan 27 - 1896.

My darling, old man:

How  
sorry I did feel for you  
when Bob & I received  
your first distressing  
letter yesterday. Just when  
the next train came &  
brought your last letter  
telling that you had  
received my letter with  
the joyful news of our  
baby's good fortune, I  
felt better about you.

I know you must  
have suffered much  
until you received my  
letter & I was worried  
with myself for writing  
you such blue letters,  
but dear how could I

write very better than I  
was so distressed about  
the baby - I feel so  
unconcerned about the  
little fellow - was over  
there nearly all the

~~morning and afternoon~~  
much improved - He  
laughed & played while  
I was bathing & dressing  
him & without much  
trouble I packed him  
to sleep & he has taken  
a long good nap -

His bowels are better  
now, the color darker  
& more natural - We  
give him a little oil  
every morning & it is  
doing it half good.

I got Robert to grow  
yesterday afternoon to make

the baby<sup>2</sup> a professional  
call, as he has only seen  
him here at night, &  
could tell very little  
about him. He was  
delighted with the im-  
provement in the baby  
& thinks he is doing very  
well now - If Mrs. Burger  
can just hold out fat  
nursing the two babies, we  
will keep on this way  
as long as possible.

I am doing some  
sewing for her, she  
said she had to leave  
it & hadn't time to do  
it herself, so I proposed  
to help her. It is a calico  
dress for herself, & she  
is so pleased with my  
sewing, wants me to make



her a black satin  
dress - I am willing to  
pay for her if she  
will nurse the baby &  
give it its nourishment.

I will pay her some  
money too - But think  
I had better give her  
a dollar at the end of  
her first week which will  
be Tuesday - If little  
Mouland is benefited  
money is no consideration  
with us is it dear?

The poor little fellow  
would have hardly pulled  
through this summer if  
there had not been a  
change -

Mamma was  
about - as distressed as you  
were & wrote yesterday that  
if the baby grew worse

she would come back here  
 & help me nurse him  
 instead of going on home.  
 She had not heard  
 of our good fortune  
 I think either - I am  
 writing her today -

Of course we stopped  
 getting ice, for we have  
 not used cow's milk  
 this week & did not  
 need it to peptonize his  
 milk with. There is  
 such a relief in not  
 having all of that to do  
 & that baby getting on  
 better without it -

Aunt Addie left this  
 am. at 8 o'clock we  
 all went to the train  
 to see her off - she sent  
 her love to you - missed

Concerned about baby,  
so asked me to write  
her how he gets along -  
Saw Cal Reunite wife  
the first time this a.m.  
says he will be out to  
see the boy soon -

Ada has written Effie  
in this - Tell the girls  
to write to me - Don't  
forget them all - I appreciate  
Effie's concern about the  
baby - Ada said she was  
suborned on him - I did  
not read her letter - Write  
me all about yourself & my  
own old man, & what  
you all do, etc.

Will write every day -  
Baby Howland & his son  
- Miss & Papa - Love & love  
Love Howland Papa -

Your own loving  
Carrie Sue -

Nashville Tenn

909 South Summers St

July 14 1894

Dear Carrie

I am still here as you see & I dont know how long I may be here yet. Ida Belle & I have just come in from the Dr's office where we went to ask him about your coming here with the baby. He says come on at once. he thinks the Diet for the baby can be prepared here better. & he says you must if possible get a wet nurse for him. that we will attend to at once. & he says when you start get some Malted Milk to feed him on as its

easier to prepare on the  
Train. & he says you will  
have to quit giving him  
the Cream & so much sugar  
you need not tell Robt  
what I write, but this Dr  
makes a specialty of babies  
& if he cant do anything for  
the baby then I will think  
there is no chance just pack  
your trunk & put all of your  
things in it except what you  
can put in the valise & get  
a small Pillow & fix the  
baby comfortably & when  
you get to Chattanooga you  
will have to take a Bus to  
the other Depot where you get  
there stay there they have every  
convenience for you & the  
Chambermaid is very nice

she will wait on you & help  
you take care of the baby  
& help you on the Trivium &  
everything for 25<sup>cts</sup> just let  
her know you will pay her &  
she will do all you bid done  
& we will thank you here  
& be so glad to see you &  
have you with us. Now  
Carrie don't wait but come  
right on the sooner you come  
the better for the baby Ida Belle  
is very anxious for you to  
come they have a very  
pleasant house so cool &  
nice. & you can have every  
thing you need here I will  
in haste will write again

if anything you want to  
know this Dr says the  
baby will be better off but  
think there so come dont  
wait we are so ready  
about him all going  
in love, hoping to see  
you soon

Loveably  
Dorothy

or a thousand kisses  
for my sweet little baby

KANDLER & GAERTNER,  
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MAKERS,

Astronomical and Surveying Instruments,

415-417 DEARBORN STREET,

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13 1896

My Dear Mr. Pluffadee—

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. I had expected that the estimated weight of the frame would be heavier than you would be able to use. However I meant the two other single tubes included in the 45 lbs. The frame as you estimated it at 20 lbs I would be able to make within 39 lbs. if I use the tubing here in the Market. I have not heard from Mr. Mannesman yet but am waiting for an answer every day — I am sorry that the grey post were not as you expected, but I really did not see the punch mark in the paper and that that you referred to the sketch right over it, the diameter of which I tried to copy as near as possible. I have material here, perhaps with exception of the light steel tubes, which will enable me to give you almost anything you wish for, but I think it will be better to avoid mistakes to give the dimensions in inches or millimeters. I send you by to days mail a new cross-piece, which I hope will bear all the strain you have to put in to. It may be a little heavier on inside diameter as the first one, but I think you will be able to get a tight fit by putting some paper around.



In case you should wish some other  
pieces braced, which have to stand a great  
deal of strain, I think it will be best  
to make lap-joint bracing. The ordinary  
bracing weakens the material, to much  
on the joint and I think it will pay to  
spend a little more time on a good joint  
than have it shake and throw away the  
men. — I shall let you know about  
the new estimate as soon as I hear from  
Mr. Maurens.

With best regards to Mrs. Huffaker and  
family I remain very truly yours

Wm. J. L. J. L.

Monday 4. am.  
Ada got her just  
come - But about  
in to Ashville 4.30 am.  
Wola has a boy  
16 lbs. born at 4 am.  
at 3 o'clock.  
All of my  
well - I wish you  
7 years ago

copied

night  
& Folsom

Greenville, Tenn.

Sept 15 - 1876

My dear Husband;

We arrived  
here safely this morning  
and Aunt Addie sent the  
carriage to the depot to  
meet us. The baby did  
wonderfully all the way -  
Waked up his am. at  
4 o'clock drank his milk  
& after some coaxing  
on my part he finally  
went to sleep about 5 o'clock

and slept until we  
had to wake him to  
get him ready - Nellie  
came up & helped me  
get him ready & to the  
train, & we did manage  
not to get left - Hon  
spent a very pleasant  
day with Aunt Addie,  
Minnie & Hon - Ada  
Bob decided to wait till  
tomorrow to come home  
as Bob was to stay today  
she was not right  
well - Ada was at the  
telephone this afternoon  
talking with Ada Bob &  
she said Bob might go

on to Asheville tonight,  
which I hope he will do.  
Nola was about the  
same she said - no  
developments yet. I  
think Bob could easily  
learn now - I think he  
was pretty badly dis-  
appointed yesterday -

Last night he had very  
little to say & every now  
then it would be some  
thing about the trip,  
showing that he was  
thinking regretfully of

it, but tried not to show  
any regret. Cousin Elbert  
came down this a.m.  
on his way to Knoxville.  
He did not stop here.  
Saw Uncle Joe at Agton  
& he said you & Arthur  
got off early this a.m.  
I do hope your horse  
had a nice trip of it,  
dear & will feel repaid  
for it. Tomorrow is the  
great day & I know  
you will enjoy Bryan's  
speech to the full. I  
am so glad you could  
go. We missed your  
Cot's last night very much.

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Love, Billy & me" more  
than tonight, for we are  
at home in the little  
old room you were  
with us, in and you  
are not there to fill  
your place. I know little  
Moreland missed his  
dear papa almost as  
much as his mother did,  
but the time will be short  
that you are away, then  
you will come down here  
to be with us - I am glad  
you must. Aunt Addie

asked when you were  
coming so she could  
read up on politics  
to answer you back.  
She is very nice to us.  
Her cows are not Jersey  
but Holstein & from  
them she gets lots of milk.  
They have ice & milk so  
you will enjoy that.

Her dinner was fine  
today. She has everything  
fixed up so new & nice.  
New parlour & hall & stair  
way carpets, & the old  
parlour carpet in the  
sitting room. Just  
finished fixing them

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yesterday - It is cool  
& pleasant - makes me  
feel like I would like  
to stay here all the time  
if you were here with us.  
Mada & Minnie have  
gone to the purification  
meeting tonight. Aunt  
Addie & I are going in  
the morning & leave  
them to take care of  
Moreland. That was the  
plan arranged today.

Moreland has been pretty  
good today on the whole.



He cried a good deal to-  
night before going to sleep.  
You do not know how  
wise it is to be in a  
room large enough to  
let the baby sleep & I  
can sit in it & write  
or read. We are in the  
room over the sitting  
room. Ada has one  
bed while baby & I the  
other. Aunt Lizzie is  
quicker room upstairs.  
He is to come tonight  
for Knoxville. He could  
not come this morning  
to go to Asheville because  
he was needed here as

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a hand. Hurry up &  
come on & help me out.  
I am the only Democrat  
in the crowd & they are  
about to down me. I  
haven't had time to read  
up so say nothing much.  
I wish I was going to be  
with you tomorrow dear,  
I would have had a good  
time - you & your wife  
together summing around.  
I will write you again  
to Sullivan when I see I  
know you have returned.

Hope you are having  
a fine time. If Bob  
isn't with you why don't  
you stay in Point Rock  
a day then you can  
come on down here  
as soon as you get  
home - Write me as  
soon as you get back  
to Fullersden if you  
can write before -  
Your boy sends lots of  
love & kisses to Papa - He  
misses you tonight.

God by my dearest  
love, May God bless you -  
Your loving wife,  
Carrie Sue -

Brookhaven Miss  
Oct 3 1899

Dear Carrie

The Pictures came Thursday  
& I waited till today to write thinking  
we would get a letter which we did  
yesterday. I was so glad to get the baby  
Pictures it made me cry. He has changed  
a good deal of course but he is just as  
sweet as he was, & I believe better looking  
if he could be, but I am not the one  
to judge as I am the interested party  
Budd & Stella both think he is just as  
pretty as can be & they both said when they  
saw the pictures, that he was a beautiful  
child. & Mary takes a fit over him, says  
she is afraid she will never get to see  
him she thinks he is the sweetest thing  
in the world we think the one with  
side view is the best looking but  
seems to be in a better humor I'd that  
dress looks best in the picture

I recognized the dresses & told them  
all about them. They look mighty pretty  
both of them but oh we want to see you  
& Marenland so bad. Can't you come  
right away. We can make you very  
comfortable & I know we all  
would enjoy being together so much  
it makes me real sick to think of  
you & Marenland being so far away  
& with strangers. I don't know  
sometimes what to do with myself  
I get so blue & want to see you so  
bad. If you could come here  
I would go & live here & you & we  
could spend the balance of my days  
in visiting distance at least. I am  
not settled here & don't want to be if  
we stay here till you I will be very  
much surprised. I don't intend to  
live as we are now. its not pleasant  
already but as much so as I expected  
it could be. but we had to get a start &  
so did Bud & by coming together we  
could make ends meet better & as soon  
we can ~~we~~ we will pull out & go to ourselves

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We will send you the Papers, & let you see  
& read all about the Wedding. &c. You  
didn't say in your letter what Mr. Huffer  
was going to do where live, &c. I am very  
anxious to know, & I hope you can tell  
me in your next letter you are staying  
at Messrs. Fullen's, you might have  
divided your time either with us &  
while you are not settled it seems  
to be the good best time to visit us  
I do hope you will come & see us. If Mr.  
Huffer changes his business it might be better  
for us to go elsewhere to live. We hope  
he will change as his house don't treat  
him right, & he has a better business offered  
him that is with another house. You will  
still love Candy, she gets mighty tired being  
away from home so much. Mamma is mighty  
sweet & pretty now she thinks the baby is too  
sweet & she says ain't he cute, & when  
I told her he was my little boy & I love a him  
she said oh no I want you to love me

grandmama. I can love you little  
boys, you must love me the best. She  
is high selfish but a very good child  
being raised by herself with no other to  
play with she is better than the generality  
of children. Brad is getting ball headed  
he will be as ball as your uncle Ratt  
in a little while. Now if you don't come  
home soon we will all be so changed  
we will not look natural to you & you  
will not feel like you are with us I  
wish you could go to see Frank while  
you are so near him. You may get off  
so far you will not get to see him at  
all & he is very anxious to see you &  
Mare-Linda get also. Mr. Huffaker I want  
to see him <sup>often</sup> but I guess I will not  
have that pleasure till I go to your  
house again which will not be soon  
I fear. I wish I could go though. How  
is Fannie getting along with her great  
responsibility. I often think of her &  
wonder how she manages the children  
she has a great charge. I feel sorry for  
her. How is Alice getting along with the

school, & where is Effie teaching  
 now. Tell me all about all of them  
 I hope to see them some day. They never  
 did write to me in answer to my last  
 letter. I guess they were too busy to  
 write & then they were in trouble when  
 they received it. I have heard  
 nothing from Washburn only through  
 the papers. Sallie wrote to Mary once. I  
 wrote to you about Georgia Darn after  
 I came down, I guess she will write  
 to me next year. I don't know when  
 Kate is to ~~get~~ have her Picnic. I guess  
 pretty soon though. May will have a good  
 time in Jackson they say. Fitzhugh  
 has a fine Music Teacher from Europe  
 Mr Chambers has one also from Europe  
 & the folks down here say this one is the  
 best & they say in Jackson that one is  
 the best as its that of that & perhaps another  
 is the best. Josie Milbays is the Boston  
 one is Mrs McBrays daughter from here



Mrs. Fred Sherman's daughter is in  
Washington City going to school. Oscar  
Crashy is living there & she is with him  
did you ever see Oscar to know him  
Oscar & Fred are half brothers you  
know, Mrs. Sherman is a widow now. Mother  
Mamma & Bert have called to see me get  
Mr. (Mary & I) called to see Mrs. Wright who  
boards with Mrs. Bowen (Bert's mother) &  
she said she & Bert would call eight days  
over have returned several of our calls  
& have several more to return. When we  
came to you here we had to board for a  
week till the house could be finished & we  
went to Mrs. Capes thinking Mrs. & Mrs. Wright  
were there <sup>off Mrs. Bowdell's</sup> but they had gone the week before  
& Mrs. Bowen & the Baswells didn't like it  
because we didn't go there & they have been  
rather stiff with us. I went round to see  
them in a day or two after we came & told  
them we thought the Wrights were there was  
why we didn't go there to get board we knew  
they couldn't accommodate us. Mrs. Bowen  
& they said they would have been very  
glad to have had us as it was in the dull season.

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the Baswells are a peculiar people. Many old Maids & Mrs B is getting real childish. This is Sunday & I don't care to go to Church so will stay home & write a little more in this letter. Mary has just gone to Church she wears her last dress I made over a mile away. I have made her a very pretty white organ die dress with a ruffle of lace & she wears that with this dress & she had real nice, she was invited to sing in the Choir last Sunday & she felt very much more at home in the Church. They never have Choir practice but she is going to get Mrs McHaire the organist to have a practice & get up some new songs. She is to be the leader I believe as they have had no leader before. Stella sings in the Methodist Choir now. She says all of her friends were in that Choir. She thinks a great deal of Mrs McHaire, the Organist. I am

with the night will be... why I did  
not... our Cook... we  
... of a cook... help now  
... the work... Stella  
... she gets the  
... I get supper... Quakers  
... on... so early  
... to be  
... the supper... are  
... warm  
... so hard  
... so  
... make the... get  
... I am going to change  
... Try him on milk for  
... have Cold... which will  
... I will tell you in  
... this month if I  
... this month  
... Stella buys everything as she gets goods at  
... Cost. She is rather extravagant  
... we will not find  
... very ~~expensive~~ economical  
... she will tell all  
... Love to all & lots of kisses for my baby

TRILBY

Montgomery 7<sup>e</sup>  
Oct. 22 - 96

My dear Sister

I have waited much longer than I intended to answer your interesting letter, but I have been real busy and besides Missi has positively been nothing of interest to write.

We received dear little Osibigo's picture. I think it is just exactly like he was when he was right little. I can just see him now lying back of Mrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Martin's lap, regardless

of every one <sup>justly</sup>  
thinking his better.  
I think he looks just  
like you.  
Did you have a nice  
time in Greenville?  
Was it a Bryan badge  
that Billy had on?  
Politics is about all  
the people are talking  
about now. They have  
a Bryan Club there  
and they have speaking  
every Sat. night. I  
am afraid Bryan  
will never see the  
White House, isn't you?  
But - Ah I hope he  
will - I heard from  
Alice yesterday. She  
said one of the girls  
had just finished

painting an "Ingluun"  
scene, and that she  
has just come back  
from Lathry a walk  
out the Abrogdon "rodi".  
What she don't know  
how to spell is a "plung"  
isn't it?

London is going to school  
and learning fast. He  
is certainly a smart  
child and just as good  
as can be. Charley  
spoils Eutalie some  
what I think. He  
humors her to every-  
thing.

Charley has had Belle's  
picture enlarged. It  
is a large picture  
and looks very much  
like her. Capt. Billy

"Zoum de words jet or  
only make de sound"  
I must write some to  
Ada so will not write  
anymore to you this time  
but will write you a  
long letter next time  
I am always so glad  
to get your long nice  
letters and I hope you  
will write soon -  
With much love to you  
and all -

I am -

Your loving sister  
G. Adair.

I would love to see you -

TRILBY

Montgomery Va  
Oct - 22 - 1896.

Dear Ada -

I received your letter a couple of weeks since and was indeed glad to hear from you. I would have answered sooner but have had quite a lot to do, but as I am about through with sewing etc. I will try and write to you every week.

I heard from Alice yesterday. She said she had received a check for \$50.00 from Cousin





Since cool weather  
has come I am gain-  
ing in flesh. I weigh  
90 lbs now. For  
a while after I came  
I keep falling off  
until I only weighed  
87.

Chas. and Gordon are  
at school all day  
Lorry and Eulalia and  
I are by ourselves. We  
certainly have some  
quiet times and some-  
times I feel like  
if some of you were  
to come here I would  
talk you to death.  
I would be so glad  
to see you we would  
have fun to talk  
about wouldn't we?

It has been a long  
time since we were  
together hasn't it?  
You must come up  
to see us here this  
winter. Come up Xmas  
times and you will  
have some good old  
times, we will take  
dinner with all our  
neighbors and we will  
get all the cake and  
turkey you want. I have  
promised six families  
that I would go and  
take dinner with  
them soon, but I'll  
wait till you come  
and we will go

Brookhaven, Miss  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1896

Dear Carrie

Mary received your letter  
Sunday & we were so glad to hear  
from you & to hear the poor little  
baby is still suffering & still some  
thing new. I think she is what one  
might call a little job in one  
respect. I guess he is not among  
patients for her though, but Carrie  
I am going to give up something  
for his sore head, or you must  
try it even if Rob is there & the  
Doctors, old women know more  
about babies than all the Doctors  
I know. I don't think so  
but that all right he has a right

to his opinions & I can respect  
some of them but I never will  
agree with him about the Colic  
that passed & I guess he has  
forgotten the many nights we were  
kept awake nearly all nights  
just because he was refused  
to give the baby a little Opium  
& you don't know how I laughed  
when you was to me that Rob  
was giving him Asafoetida  
now you know what that means if  
its not spelled right) & Purgative  
but its not all right. its not just  
because Rob gave it, but Rob is  
the Dad its all right & I was glad  
when he did give it, but I was sorry  
I had to leave him just when I did  
I have always believed if I had  
been there to prepare his milk  
it would not have disagreed with

as it did but that's all  
passed & gone & it can't be  
re called. I am making the baby  
some short clothes & will send  
them as soon as finished that  
is if you are not coming soon  
but if you are coming I will  
keep them till you come & send  
the Express I wish you would  
give me the length of his dress  
from neck to bottom of bottom  
in front & length of his sleeve  
he is such a long baby I am afraid  
I will not get them right I hope you  
are coming & I will not have to  
send them. We are having a Prater  
ted meeting going on here & Mr  
Lipscomb from North West Corner

is here helping Mr Jones. He is an  
old friend of Stella's & took dinner  
with us yesterday. We had a swell  
dinner for him. Soup first & then  
stuffed Crabs with Salads Pickles  
& then next course the regular  
dinner Smothered Chickens, Rice  
Sweet & Irish Potatoes Macaroni  
corn bread & nice light Biscuits  
then next - Desert Peaches & Cream  
& nice white Cakes & then last  
Black Coffee. The preacher said  
he had never had such a dinner  
since he didn't know when we  
all spent a very pleasant afternoon  
Mrs Baswell called to see us. & it  
commenced to rain soon after she  
came in & it just poured down  
till almost night. Mr McManis & Stella  
went to Church last night in the rain  
Maima kept Mrs Company till sund

brill & smooth  
the length  
as soon as  
you meet  
this one one  
is waiting  
at night  
this one I  
stop shortly  
off you  
know I  
own corner  
with 100  
this is a  
only at  
I'll no  
well  
on  
Come home from the stores. This  
is a damp bad feeling morning & I  
feel so little like doing anything. We  
sent you the Papers which you will  
receive before you get this & you  
will see that, Kate's Picnic is over  
& she is the mother of a little boy  
Georgia wrote to me when the baby  
was a week old we received the  
Papers the same day Georgia has  
work & she's sick & keeps her  
she says she has to go to get through  
with her work at home so she can  
go up & visit on Kate. I think Mrs  
Covington ought to be the one to go  
to Kate. I have not answered Georgia's  
letter yet I must write to day & congratulate  
her on being grand ma she is a good



grandma if she wasn't so unwell  
all the time I would think she  
could say as old Mrs Birdsong  
did, "Daughter go to your daughter  
for your daughter's daughter has  
got a daughter. One Aunt Callie  
came up from New Orleans & spent  
a week in Washburn & went back  
they will all be in the City this  
winter. Cousin & Cousin will take care  
of Martins Place on the Coast, I am  
sorry I didn't know that you were going  
back to home I wanted to see you

I hope you will be  
well again in this life. She has  
been serious at the place. Spells &  
I told her King's & King's at hand  
many more dates. I know very little  
about English but I get a little  
from the Bible and the Bible is all

Ms. E. C. Huffaker,  
Greenville,  
Tenn.

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107 E. FRONT STREET,  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

JOHN W. McMASTER,  
Traveling Salesman,  
Brookhaven, Miss.

Brook. Miss Nov 4 - 1894.

My dear sister

I am tired after a whole day sitting crocheting and my eyes are worn out so you must excuse a short letter this time.

Mamma rec'd your interesting letter yesterday so glad to know the dear little old boy is well again I do hope you will have no more trouble with him at least I know he is the sweetest babe living now and the smartest too. Just the idea of him noticing what you put on your hats &c! We think that is wonderful. O! you will never know how much we want him down here. Please hurry up and come on.

Don't forget to send his measure and Mamma is waiting for it to

cut out his little dresses. She is  
busy helping Stella make a silk  
dress for a lady is why I am writing  
for her. I don't owe you a letter I  
dare say will save all my long letter  
till you write.

The ~~2d~~ S. H. (paper) of to day says  
Mr. Kinley is elected if that is  
true we are left and Tom Bryan  
feels pretty blue I guess but I have  
not given up hope yet I still say  
Halleluiah! for Bryan till I know  
the last news to be had. Tell  
Bro. Ed not to take it too hard  
after all he has done for him too.  
Tell him to come down here and  
let's all meet together. Tell the  
baby maid is 4 years old to morrow  
and will have her first party. She  
sent you my invitation I hope  
he got it. I must close and go over  
to see Mrs. Knight a minute.  
My love to Bro. Ed. Maria joins me  
in much love to you all.  
Yours in haste  
Mary



Master

Robert Moreland Huffaker

Chucky City  
Tenn

1892

1896

Come "play in our yard"  
On my birthday  
Mamie Redding

Thursday  
November Fifth  
from  
Tom to Dix

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Chicago, Ill.,

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1896

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Chesley City, Tenn.

TO KANDLER & GAERTNER, DR.,

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To Balance.

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\$ 6.00

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Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 97

Kandler & Gaertner

Heagheston, Miss.  
Dec. 5 - 1896.

Dear Sister: -

I received letters from  
you yesterday A.M. and I am  
looking for my letter with  
the fabric to make my dress  
by this eve. I hope it will  
come for we have seen so  
little of styles this winter we  
can't decide how to make my  
dress. Mrs. <sup>Ed</sup> Brown cut the tops  
to my dress skirt and basinet  
it together as the fabric would  
all suit and she made a suc-  
-cess of it, but mamma is bother-  
-ed about how to make my  
basinet or waist.

I have "given up the ghost"  
about getting my dress done  
for Kate to do any way so  
I can very well wait on you  
for suggestions (you see I  
still need you) in regard to  
the pattern, I shall use. I  
had thought of the large  
buttons for my dress but have  
seen none here. Why could not  
I send you some money by  
Kate and let you buy my  
buttons (1/2 doz) there? Write  
me how much you will need  
at once. Now send me a sam-  
ple of the shade of green velvet  
to use on my dress and the  
price of it there and I may  
send to you for it too.  
Sister I went to see Miss  
Mulliner about hats, trim-



orange &c. She said in St. L.  
they used Mercury Fringe and  
they were quite stylish, but  
the Ostrich tips were worn  
just as much, and she did  
not get the Mercury Fringe  
for this trade because they  
were too expensive. So you  
see I have seen nothing but  
little plumes. Mrs. Peyton  
has a very large brown velvet  
hat trimmed up on the side  
with a bandeau under the  
brim and is loaded down with  
tips. She also has a large  
black velvet trimmed with  
handsome tips that cost  
3.00 a piece. Miss Matthias

(The Milliners) and Mrs Alex -  
under both have large black  
velvet ones loaded down  
with plumes. They are all  
\$15.00 hats. You will see  
Kate and what will give  
you an idea of the hats  
down here. How much would  
it take to get my hat there  
trimmed in 4 turquoise wings  
two green and two black as  
you wrote I feel like you  
could suit me there so  
much better than I can  
suit myself. I know you  
have such good taste and  
as Kate is going you could  
send it by her and would  
not have express to pay.  
What could I get with  
\$6.00 I think perhaps more

would allow that much  
on my hat. Now it seems  
to me as you and Kati will  
be "right seeing" any way you  
could get me these little  
things without very much  
trouble I want some Ox blood  
gloves too and shall send you  
\$1.00 or \$1.25 for them too if you  
say so. I think they would be  
lovely to wear with my new  
dress I already have a pair  
of black kids ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) right over  
but want the Ox blood for a  
change now I can think of  
nothing more just here that  
I will need but what ever  
I think of I will write you later

Aunt Is - says till you the  
trip Geo & Kate have plan-  
ned from the first - is still  
the same. On the 10th at  
2.30 P.M. they go by way of  
N. C. to Washington to see  
you. They have today over in  
Atlanta 24 hours then they  
go to Washington as quick as  
the train can take them. I  
guess they will get there  
Thursday or Friday. I have  
decided for two or three  
reasons not to see Kate  
married but I expect if my  
dress was finished and my  
hat was fixed up I ought  
to be persuaded to go. The nearer  
the time comes the more I think  
of how she and her ma have  
treated me and I don't care to

Since my dress is cut  
I will send you a large  
sample of my dress. I don't  
know how much you would like  
it. I am glad you saw the boys  
and hope you will call on  
her. She was quite a good  
friend of mine. Give her my  
best love. Kate's cards  
were out yesterday and every  
one is talking about the  
coming event. Every body I  
meet want to know why I  
am not to "stand up" with  
Kate & her. I tell them I don't  
know for I don't.

Miss Cora Matthews died  
Tuesday and I went to her  
funeral yesterday eve. She  
was conscious till the last  
and was perfectly resigned

and said her mother & father  
and Pruit (her brother) had  
all come for her. The preach-  
er said she was a perfect  
Christian. Ed's wife (Adelle  
McMaster) is over at Lois  
and I cannot go to see her so  
I close. Write me just as  
soon as you can about all  
this business. I will write  
in answer to your long  
letter and tell you the news  
Mama is very busy sewing but  
will write you soon.

Give our love to  
Bro Ed and you all -

Mary R -

Everyone admires Hattie's imi-  
tations very much. She did not  
have near enough at last.

and was perfectly worn out  
from sickness till the last  
January yesterday we the  
friends and family in the  
room were in a great deal  
of pain for I don't  
know for I don't  
think I'll tell them I don't  
want to be "blamed" or  
worry about to know anything  
coming out. Every body  
is in talking about the  
new suit yesterday and every  
body here. I'll write  
you of course. For the only  
for the new quilt a good  
and hope you will call on  
some good you can the days  
on it.

Since my dress is cut I  
will send you a large  
sample of my dress. Don't  
think remind you of that old  
dress you used to wear of  
mine?

O. CHANUTE,  
CONSULTING ENGINEER,  
413 E. HURON ST.,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WOOD PRESERVING A SPECIALTY.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec 19 1896

E. C. Muffaker Esq  
Dear Sir.

I am now negotiating with  
a Railroad co for the erection of a wood pre-  
serving plant on its line, and this may soon  
eventuate in a contract.

Have you any experience in the erection of  
buildings and of <sup>moderately</sup> heavy machinery such as  
winding engines, pumps &c? I enclose a reprint  
from a newspaper which indicates what such  
a plant is like.

Please advise me as to what your own prospects  
are now, and whether you would like such  
a job. Bear in mind however that it is by  
no means certain.

Yours Truly  
O. Chanut



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WOOD PRESERVING A SPECIALTY.

CHICAGO, ILL., ..... 189.....

theory of soaring flight must take note of all the conditions, of which you have described but one. Lillienthal held that on a sunny day the air over a plain was constantly rising at an average trend of  $4^{\circ}$ , and that this was the principal reason for the soaring of birds, but he did not, so far as I know, give the other reasons.

I suppose you have seen that Prof Langley got another flight of his machine Nov 28. This time it seems to have been straight and 1500 yards. I am glad that he is making progress and hope he will yet build a full sized machine.

I am endeavoring to close the negotiations with the Railroad Co for a wood preserving contract, but it hesitates to incur fresh obligations because business has not revived as was expected after the election.

With best wishes to yourself for the new year, I remain.

Yours Truly,

O. Chanut

196 Beacon St.

Boston, Apr. 13 1897

Mr. E. C. Huffaker,

Chucky City, Green Co. Tenn.

Dear Sir: Yours of 10<sup>th</sup> just recd.

I shall be glad to have your article (to be mailed on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>) and from what I have read of your writings in the past few years I feel sure that it will be a help to experimenters.

There is so much increase in the interest in the subject of aeronautics at the present time that I have about decided to make the No. 3 Annual larger than No. 2, therefore if you should choose to make your article 6000 words instead of 4000, it will be all right. But, you will suit yourself about that.

In regard to drawings I think you had better send just as many as you find necessary

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to clearly illustrate your article. Then, if any of them seem to me superfluous, I will strike them out. Probably I shall not have to omit any of them.

As to scale, suit yourself, I will use my judgment in regard to the amount of reduction. Only, be sure, if you please, to put a foot rule or a fractional part thereof on every sheet ~~and~~ when it is at all needed and then the scale part will be provided for by the camera.

I send by this mail some sheets of paper like this upon which I am writing.

Yours very truly  
James Means.



Mr. E. C. Hubbaker  
Cherokee Hill  
Green Co. Tennessee

Montgomery Va  
May 3 1897

Dear uncle Ed

I thank you for  
my Bow and arrow I would  
like to see you and aunt  
earrre and more loud.  
I want to come down there  
When aunt ablice goes.  
She is going to stay with  
us about a week. I want  
to see her. I have to  
watch the cow off the  
R R and I can't go, we  
are well aunt Jeddie  
is making a new dress  
My pigs name is sandy. I hope  
you will answer my letter

James Gordon Hubbaker

Charles R. Rood  
June 26 87

Wm. C. Huffaker,  
Centenary College,  
Jackson  
La.



Prof. E. C. Huffaker,  
Jackson  
Centenary College. La.

After ten days return to  
**C. K. REMINE,**  
**Justice of the Peace,**  
15th District, Greene Co, Tenn.,  
Chucky City, Tenn.

Mr. J. K. P. Hall,  
City.

OFFICE OF  
C. K. REMINE,  
Justice of the Peace,  
15th District, Greene Co, Tenn.,

Chuckey City, Tenn. June 3 1897

Hon. J. P. Hall,  
Greenville Tenn

Dear Sir:

Any favors shown  
the bearer, Mrs. E. C. Kuffaker  
will be greatly appreciated  
by her host of friends  
of this place; Mrs. Kuffaker  
has been elected music  
teacher by your Board,  
and she is down to  
see the situation; so if  
the "Powers" are still kind  
enough to allow you and  
Tucker to remain on the  
Board, I hope you  
will give Mrs. Kuffaker  
all the information  
you can

Yours  
C. K. Remine.

Washington D.C.

July 1 1897

My Darling wish-wish:-

I have at last moved and am now rooming as well as boarding at Mrs Hammond's. I am glad of the change for I was growing tired of my stee room and of going back and forth to my meals. I have the upper back room, the one which I think Miss Nora used to occupy, the ~~one~~ opposite Mr Legu's old room. No one occupies that room now, so I have the entire floor to myself. I like the situation. It is cooler here than lower down, not so close, and away from the noise. I can look out in our little place on 8<sup>th</sup> St, and I like to do so and to think of the pleasant times we spent there, though it makes me sad to think those good times are over. I have been hoping to day to see you and the baby. I did not hear from you today, dear, and I missed your letter. For two days I have not had even a postcard from you. I can not realize that it has been but little more than 2 weeks since I saw you. It seems months. But



I must not allow myself to think too much about it, or I may become dissatisfied, and I do not want to do that. But I do miss my darlings so much and get so lonely without you.

We had a squally time at breakfast this morning. Mrs Hammond had been ironing and was out of sorts. The table was full when she came in and set down. Miss Maggie asked her if she would have some steak and the old woman fairly boiled over with rage. She called Miss Maggie a devil and asked what she meant by asking her to have meat. Then she knew she could hardly eat bread. - She is having her teeth fixed.

I felt sorry for the girls. When the old lady went out Miss Mary spoke very plainly about it; and said she was disgusted with her mother, as I think every one else was.

I will not write a long letter tonight as I must write home. I am sorry writing is such a task to me. But so it is and I can't help it. But always my darling please to write to you. And if I did not I would still want to write for I could not get on without your dear good letters. Suppose you have the baby's picture taken as soon as you can conveniently do so. Don't put it off. If you need more money, draw on the Geneva bank. Goodbye and may God bless you both -  
Yours truly Ed.

After... 5 ... days, return to

E. C. Huffaker  
Smithsonian Inst  
Washington D. C.

JUL 10 1897

Mr E. C. Huffaker

608 Fotherough St. Nashville  
Tennessee

9 P. M. 608 Fatherland  
Nashville, Tenn.  
July 9-1877.

My dear old man;

Your postal  
received this morning, and  
I would have written you  
today, but - I did not have  
time to write a letter, and  
had no postal to write one  
on. The baby has jettled  
a great deal today in account  
of the sty on his eye, which  
is about to a head now,  
and this morning my  
nurse got sick & had to go  
home for the balance of  
the day, so your old girl

has had rather a tough  
time of it. The baby has  
just gone to sleep & it  
is just striking 9 o'clock,  
a very unusual occur-  
rence for him - I shall  
not be surprised at any  
moment to hear him  
wake up - I am sitting  
just outside the door  
of our room in a little  
hallway which is between  
two rooms at the back  
of the house - I am alone  
just at present - Frank  
& J.B. have gone across  
the back alley to a friend's  
who have some friends  
visiting them. They wanted

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me to go but I knew the  
baby would be sleepy &  
fretful, so decided to stay  
at home - Besides I  
wanted to write to some  
body - The reason Frank  
& J.P. must tonight, was,  
that Uncle Robert & wife  
would be here tomorrow  
night at supper time,  
and this would be their  
only opportunity in some  
time and as the friends  
house is Frank's book it  
is just as well they keep  
in with him by being  
nice to his friends when  
they visit him.

I hear them coming in

now but I intend to  
keep on with my letter  
In I may not get a  
chance to write tomorrow.

I will get some postal  
cards tomorrow & when  
I can not write a letter  
I will write a postal,  
In if you are as anx-  
ious to hear from baby  
& me, as we are to hear  
from you, I know you  
will be glad to get some-  
thing from us every day.

I wrote you a miserable  
letter the other day dear,  
I was hurt - over the letter  
you had written me, &  
had about made up my  
mind to write you just as little

as I could about myself,  
 my feelings etc, hereafter,  
 but I can not do that  
 dear, for I am your brother  
 and if I can't pour  
 out my heart to my  
 husband, who should I  
 say anything to - I know  
 I provoked you into say-  
 ing what you did, but  
 I think there were some  
 very hard things in that  
 letter. You know very  
 well that I have never  
 intended going home with-  
 out your consent, though  
 I am continually taunted  
 with such as this "you  
 ought to go home to see  
 your mother", "It is your

husbands duty to let you  
go home once a year,"  
etc, etc,, A day or two ago  
when it was said, "I would  
go home if I were you  
this summer or know the  
reason why," I replied,  
"I am not going home this  
summer, I know my  
business better than any  
one else, and if it does  
not suit my folks they  
will have to not like it,  
and furthermore all that  
anybody can say will  
have no effect and if  
you <sup>try</sup> don't stop talking to  
me that way you will  
run me away from you  
all & I will never care  
whether I see any of you



any more or not. Some  
times dear I am real  
glad you did not come  
here this summer, and  
I do not know that I  
shall ever be glad that  
I came. If Frank was  
left to himself things  
would be different, but he  
is so under the influence  
of his wife's relatives he  
can not see how he is  
taken in. Frank is try-  
ing so hard to uphold  
his wife, thinks it is  
his duty to look after  
as doing everything, but  
with all that he is a good  
brother & does everything he  
can to make it pleasant

all around. The can not  
see that Ida Belle has never  
done anything for me since  
I have been here. She will  
not suggest going to the  
Centennial when I can go,  
and I have said a number  
of times I want to go. When  
I had a nurse - I said  
something to Frank about  
it, and he said that the  
reason I.B. did not say  
anything about going that  
was that it was the  
week he had to pay his rents  
& he really did not have  
the money for her to go or  
unless he drew some more.  
But several times that  
same week she put down two

paid her street-car both  
 ways & bought things for  
 herself to wear. And mind  
 you, the only expense she  
 is put to now in going to  
 the Centennial is car fare  
 for she has a season ticket  
 which is paid for. But  
 the thing of it is, I.B. &  
 her folks had been going -  
 so much when I had no  
 more & could not go, they  
 were all tired out, when  
 I got a nurse nobody wanted  
 to go any more until the  
 4th day nurse left me  
 just the day before the  
~~4th~~ & of course I had to  
 stay at home with the  
 baby as I have had to do  
 on all occasions. Tomorrow

will be the Childrens Carnival  
day. Forty five hundred  
children are to sing on  
the stage with the James  
Band to accompany them,  
and there will be day fire  
works, concerts etc, all day.

Artie is one of the children  
to sing and she & L.V. are  
going. I had planned  
to go out & spend a part  
of the day, but I will  
have to give it up since  
the nurse is sick. Besides  
the baby frets so with the  
stitch on his eye I don't  
want to leave him. I  
have not been out there  
but one night yet.

It is so hot nobody feels  
much like going, and this

Wuk J.B. has been busy  
cleaning up & getting  
ready for Uncle Roberts  
visit.

Saturday A.M.

The day woke up last  
night before I could  
finish. I will add a  
little more this morning.  
He slept badly again last  
night, rolling & tumbling  
all night - early. Frank  
says he thinks he must  
be sick as the warm  
weather is too much  
for the little fellow.  
Yesterday evening Cutie  
had him riding up  
& down the walk in his baggy.

When Frank & Mr Ford,  
(Frank's boss) came out in  
Mr Ford's buggy from  
the office, they took  
Moreland in with them  
to ride a short distance  
& he would hardly get  
out-at-all, cried when I  
took him from the buggy.  
He is a cute boy, loves his  
horses and all such things.  
Moreland still drinks his  
four bottles of milk a day.  
He is taking his second  
bottle today right now, lying  
on the pallet in our room.

It is 12 o'clock & nearly dinner  
time. Frank comes at 12:30  
& we have dinner at once, &  
he leaves about 1 o'clock.

I received a letter from  
Ada Bob yesterday - She said

Aaa told me to Charlie &  
 that Gordon was there having  
 a big time picking berries.  
 She wrote very little news.  
 said she wanted to see more -  
 and very much -

I failed to get a letter  
 from you this morning.  
 Dear & I missed it too.

Write every day dear & write  
 me good letters.

Baby sends love & kisses  
 to Papa. His sty is still  
 bad, but he has been  
 doing very well today, con-  
 sidering. With love

Your own  
 Irish milk.

M. L. HAWORTH,

GENERAL MERCHANT

Paint Rock, N. C., July 9, 1897

Mr E C Huffaker  
Washington D C  
Dear Ed:

I recd your letter  
of the 23rd and have  
been waiting since thinking  
I would hear from some  
law firm with copy of  
pat laws or If you have  
neglected it I wish you  
would see some good  
firm and have them send  
me the information needed  
and I may employ the  
firm.

Will Ed do you anticipate  
having your head cut  
off during this administration



M. S. HAWORTH

I see by today's paper  
the eldest senator is dead,  
Harris, of Tenn. was  
in Conn. in 49.

Ed write me a long  
letter and tell me some  
things and always glad  
to hear from you.  
Yours  
M. S. Hawthorn

I did  
not receive  
a letter from  
you today -  
I intended  
to write  
each time  
I saw  
the paper,

608 Fatherland St.

July 12 - 1897.

Nashville, Tenn.

My darling Husband:

I was  
somewhat disappointed when the  
carrier failed to bring me  
a letter from you this  
morning, but you have  
been so good about writing  
I have nothing to complain  
of, and I really get a letter  
from you at 2 P.M. which  
is just after this mailed.

I wrote you a postcard  
which was to have been mailed  
yesterday (Sunday) but Frank  
did not go down town even  
to get the mails, so I had no  
opportunity to send it be-  
fore today, you will receive

it at the same time. you  
do this - I wrote it Sat.  
right.

I do wish dear  
you could have been  
with us yesterday - Frank  
and I were in our glory.

We had our only music  
on the Pidding side, his  
wife who is one of the  
loveliest women I ever  
saw, his daughter Bessie  
her husband Will King.

You remember Bessie  
I kept up a correspon-  
dence a long time.

Well we all went to  
Church in the morning  
right near here, and after  
a nice dinner, we talked,  
sang & played on the piano  
until supper time, and

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just after supper uncle  
Robert left for Minneap-  
olis to attend a Convention  
of some kind, leaving  
his wife here until his  
return. Will & Bessie sat  
with us until bed time  
when they left for their  
boarding place. Will  
has a position in the  
Commerce building at  
the Centennial & his boarding  
place is near the grounds.  
Bessie came up from  
Atlanta Sat. night to stay  
with him until the Expt.  
closes. It is certainly  
a good feeling to be with  
our ~~own~~ kin people after  
having been among stran-  
gers so long, for it makes

no difference how nice  
other people are there is  
not the home feeling about  
them there is with your  
relations - Of course dear  
you are not in this at  
all - You know darling  
I would rather be with my  
old man whom I love so  
dearly than anybody else  
in the world - You & my  
mother & my baby are  
the ones who come first.  
What would I give to be  
with you this morning!  
And to think one month  
of the year has not gone  
by, quite, yet.

You have heard me speak  
of Kate Burdley enough to  
know who she is - She is

from N. C. & has been  
 in such bad health so  
 long. Well she is here  
 with her brother's wife, and  
 I am going to see her this  
 afternoon - She is my  
 cousin on mama's side of  
 the house - It is so nice  
 to see them all here.  
 Will tell you more of her  
 in my next -

It is a great deal cooler  
 here. Yesterday it rained in  
 the evening & the night  
 was so cool & pleasant.  
 Baby slept so well & seems  
 better there this morning.  
 He is asleep just now, &  
 is sounder asleep than I  
 have seen him in some  
 time. I think I have a very

good nurse now, & I will  
feel perfectly safe about  
leaving the baby with her  
when I want to go out.

We have planned to go to  
the Centennial tomorrow.  
They all think the baby  
very pretty & sweet, & say  
he looks like me. They  
haven't seen you yet - dear  
& don't know that he looks  
so much like you.

By the way you promised  
to have your picture taken,  
now won't you do it before  
your birthday? You do not  
know how much I do want  
your picture, & a good  
one too. The baby's eye is  
still bad & I don't know when  
I will get his taken. I want  
to have it done this week, & will

do so if it gets all right.  
He gets prettier all the time  
and tries very hard to talk.

You would love to see him  
when he wakes in the morning.  
He lies awake & coos & talks

In a long time before I  
take him up. He will <sup>say</sup> pop-pop  
pop. over & over, looks around  
for you when I ask if he  
wants to see papa - He may  
forget you in the four months  
but I believe he will soon  
learn who you are when he  
sees you.

After this separation  
dear we must never  
see each other again -

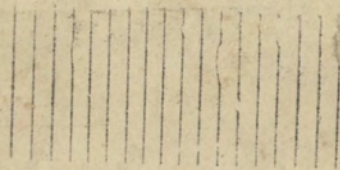
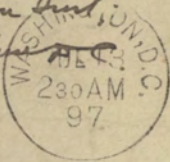
I am never going away  
from you again where  
I can not see you any  
more or less anyway - So there!  
I must stop now & write



a short letter to Mary.  
I hope to get a letter  
from you this aft.  
Write every day to us.  
Baby is awake now & sings  
sings with his mother to  
papa -  
your loving  
Wife

Senator Harris lies in  
state at the Capitol here  
today - I may go up there  
this aft to see him.  
He was dearly loved by  
all here - I have not  
been to any place in  
Nashville yet but to the  
stores & to one church -  
Will go some this week.

E. C. Huffaker  
Lynchburg on Ind.  
Washington



Mrs E. C. Huffaker

Nashville

608 Fotherland St.

Tennessee

Washington D.C.

July 12 1897

My Darling Wife:-

I received your dear good letter mailed on Saturday today and was sorry to hear of yours and the baby's troubles. I do hope the dear old boy is better of his skin. I would use the salve freely on it. Does he suffer much with those pimples that used to break out on his face so frequently? Put on the salve freely as soon as they appear. This cooler weather will be good for him and when he gets through cutting his teeth I hope he will be better and less fretful. Does he have any trouble with his bowels? Does he get sick and vomit - any more? Tell me all about how he is. I would hold myself ready to start back to East Tennessee at any time if he should get real sick where Robert can look after him. I received a letter from him this morning. He says there has been a good deal of flux and fever in his territory. No fever though immediately in or around Fallers. He still has 5 fever cases on hand. From the weather reports it seems to have been cooler in that section (East Tennessee above Knoxville than any

Where else in the United States. But it is not likely to be as hot any where as it has been. If the baby gets well of his sty and does not suffer too much from the heat I think you need not hurry home on his account. But be ready to go at once if he gets real sick. You might give him some of his Colomel, a small dose if he needs it. But as he drinks his 4 bottles of milk regularly and keeps a good appetite, I think he must on the whole be doing very well.

I could not but feel sorry for you to think how unkindly you have been treated. If C.B. says anything more I would hit her back and tell her it is because she insists on Frank sending her home whenever he wants to go that he has no more money. That while she is going home and having a good time we are longing by money in the bank and that we will have a home of our own when she has nothing. No doubt Frank's expenses are high this summer and it must take all he makes to keep things going. I read her and knew what kind of a woman she was before I had been with her 10 minutes. I did not like her from the start and I would not if I knew her all my life. I could not help contrasting you

with her all the time we were in Memphis together.  
I have the best old girlie in this world and I  
love her dearly. Misses every day I live. It  
is 4 weeks tomorrow since I lost you and  
the dear old baby. How long it seems. And how  
long before I can see you again. But I am  
making some money for you to and by the time  
I get through here I will have laid by enough  
to keep us going for a while and if nothing  
should turn up we will at least be safe for the  
winter and can be together, all of us Jackies,  
and not be worried to know where our bread and  
meat are coming from. And you I hope will  
be making something at Greenock, so that we  
may be able to keep our deposit at the bank  
untouched. I hope to make a deal with  
Chaunte after I leave here and we may then be  
able to keep our deposit growing. When it  
is large enough for us to build on and we get  
a home built as we would like, you will be glad  
then my sweetheart that I insisted so strongly on  
saving.

I showed Chaunte our article on Soaring  
and he expressed himself as being very greatly  
interested interested in it. I have not been  
very well today. Got up sick at the stomach and

after breakfast soured a little, and have felt  
squeamish all day. As a consequence I have  
not done much work. Some better now. On  
tomorrow I may go out to see Prof Cleveland Abbe.  
I believe I wrote you that he had invited me out  
to spend the day with him at the weather bureau  
office.

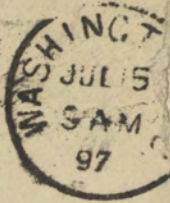
Robert says Gordon is having a good time. They ex-  
pect Anna and Gailand soon. Choose your own  
time, my darling about going back. I suppose  
by this time Uncle Robert and Aunt Mary are in  
Nashville. I wish I could see them.

If you mail your letters by 9 or 10 at night  
I think they will get here as soon as if you mail  
them earlier in the day, unless you mail them very early.  
One of your letters reached me the next day after it  
was written but it usually takes 2 days. If you mail  
a letter late say on Tuesday night - I will get it at  
11:30 on Thursday. and I will get it as soon as if you  
mail it early in the day. Find out how the trains run  
and mail your letters on the vestibule that passes Greene-  
ville about 2<sup>30</sup> o'clock. You will want to know any how be-  
fore you start home. If you need more money let us know.

Good bye my precious girl. Write love for  
my baby. Sincerely yours Ed.

After 2 days, return to

E. C. Huffaker  
Postoffice Post  
Washington D. C.



M<sup>rs</sup> E. C. Huffaker

608 Fotherland St.

Nashville

Tennessee

Washington D. C.

Ebbel House

July 14 1897

My Darling wife :-

I received your dear good letter and postal this am. and you may know I was glad to hear from you and the baby. You must not for a moment think I mind your liking to be with your folks or that I feel any jealousy on that account. The truer you are to them the truer you are likely to be to me. I think a woman who has cared to care anything for her homefolks is liable at any time to be caring for husband - and so with a man. The man who is good to his mother and sisters will be



good to his wife as well. I  
know you enjoyed being with  
Uncle Robert. We are glad the  
baby gets on so well and hope  
he may soon be well of his cly.  
Use the salve liberally and apply  
it frequently.

A few evenings ago as I was  
walking down 9<sup>th</sup> St, eating some  
large red plums I met a body  
leading a little boy not much  
larger than Moreland. When he  
saw the plums he raised a great  
cry and would not budge a  
step farther. I gave him all  
I had. How I should like to  
have met you and my baby  
instead.

Today the wall paper hangs

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have been papering my room  
and have everything so torn up  
that there is scarcely any living  
for them, but they will be  
through tomorrow and I will  
have a new and much more  
pleasant room than I have had.  
The paper is of a cheerful tint  
with a liberal sprinkling of  
red.

Some days ago I asked Mrs  
Hammond to make me some  
combread and after some delay  
she has been having it for me  
once or twice a day. And now  
the whole family, John, boarders  
and all will hardly eat any  
other sort. Mrs Hammond  
sets a very good table. Has good  
broiled steak twice a day, po-

tatoes, tomatoes, radishes, onions,  
fresh Raspberries and occasion-  
ally fine apple. I have some  
bread and chopped beef or steak  
for my lunch - usually throw a  
way a part of the bread, especially  
if it happens to be light bread.

By all means get you some pos-  
tals, so if you havent time for  
a letter you can drop me a  
card. I want to write to Callie  
Revine this evening so will  
not write more to you this  
time. Day after tomorrow and  
you and I will be 41 years  
old.

With love for both my darlings.

Fondly

Your husband.

NASHVILLE  
—TENN—  
JUL 17 8-PM '97

Mr E. C. Hulff  
Washington

Smithsonian }  
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WASHINGTON  
—D.C.—  
JUL 19 8-AM '97



Nashville, Tenn.

July, 17-1897

My precious Darling;

Your dear letter of 14<sup>th</sup> received this morning, and I was so glad to get it. It takes a letter a long time to get here. You wrote that the 14<sup>th</sup> mailed it the 15<sup>th</sup> it got here at 10 P.M. the 16<sup>th</sup> & I received at 8:30 a.m. the 17<sup>th</sup> -

I guess you have received my postal & letter & the book I sent you. I did not send the ties to you as they would have been washed & almost ruined in the letter paper. You can get you some there. Wonder how you look now anyway. Am glad

you have had your room  
papered & fixed up cheerfully  
& nicely - How I'd wish baby  
& I were there to share it with  
you - Did you say any-  
thing to Mr Perrine in your  
letter about me going back  
there to board awhile? I guess  
that is the only place I can  
go until I go to Greenville.  
I think now I will leave  
here next after this next  
week unless something  
prevents - That will put it  
to nearly or a doubt the  
first of August, and I will  
have stayed here six or seven  
weeks, long enough visit for  
this time I think - It is the  
Centennial year & they are having  
will have so much company  
among the different relations

that it would not be just  
right for us to make a  
more extended visit. If it  
were any other time I  
would stay here until the  
1st Sept. Want to stay in  
Fuller's about two weeks &  
then go on to Greenville  
to get settled & a little  
started before school opens.

Aunt Addie has said no more  
about me boarding there - I  
wonder what she will do about  
it? I answered her last letter.  
Has anything happened to Minnie  
yet? Had I ever written to you  
more you just writing a  
promised letter?

Uncle Robert is still away  
but will be back here next Wed.  
stay until Friday, when they



will leave for home.

We all intended going out to  
the Centennial this afternoon &  
stay to see the fireworks tonight  
but as usual Dr. will be disap-  
pointed. I intended leaving  
day with the nurse & cook,  
but the cook informed me  
this morning that she will  
not be at home tonight & I  
will not leave him with only  
the nurse. She is good at  
him, but I would not risk  
leaving her with him alone.

Dr. will wait & go out next  
week some. The little old  
boy is sitting on the bed  
with his book (Geography)  
palling it & looking at the  
pictures. Right before last  
he began saying "right right"  
& now says it on all occa-

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sions. He fusses in his own  
dialist; 7 days, Papa real  
often - I guess he will be  
talking good by the time  
you feel him again. I  
talk to him about Papa every  
day, & even get - he will al-  
most cry when I ask him if  
he wants to go to the river with  
Papa - I am going to take him  
to the river when I get back  
& see how he remembers, but  
how can I bear to go there  
without you. I will feel like  
you are dead dear, I know  
I shall miss you very very  
much - It makes the tears come  
now to think of it - I don't  
think I can stay at Fuller's  
long without you dear, but  
I must go to those girls while  
Anna & Garland are there. I  
wrote to Anna a few days ago  
asking when & how long she would

Is there so I could arrange  
to see her.

Did you make any kind  
of deal with Charito? I was  
hoping that visit would  
lead to something for you  
for the future. Oh! I do  
want not to be able to live to-  
gether when you leave Wash-  
ington. I can not bear to  
think of being separated  
any longer. You don't like  
it, do you dear. I did not  
write you yesterday because there  
was no way to mail your letter  
at the time I could write.

We all went over to see the  
Capitol yesterday afternoon. It is  
a beautiful place, but I find my-  
self comparing it with the Corcoran  
Lodge. I would rather see the Capitol at  
Washington, & the building here looks  
small & insignificant in comparison.  
This Capitol is beautifully situated.  
We also visited the Dutchess Park  
House, but we did not see the workings  
I want to go to the Vanderbilt grounds

before I leave<sup>3</sup> - I think I  
will go to the Centennial  
one or twice more & let that  
suffice. I will have run  
about all I care to - then  
out there. I may never  
come to Nashville again -  
I hope never again in the  
last summer time -

It is very warm here today.  
Pony's eyes is well, & he is  
very well today altogether.  
Slept well last night. He  
is standing the summer pe-  
rmanently well. I believe  
that Castoria is a good med-  
icine for babies. He is al-  
ways better after having  
taken Castoria a day or  
two. I give him a tea spoon  
ful every two hours, when  
I think he needs it. It-

Keeps his bowels regulated  
& while it is soothing there  
are no opiates in it. He  
is taking his second bottle.  
Will go Monday to have  
his picture taken.

It looks so much like  
rain today I hardly think  
they will go to the Outland  
this afternoon.

I kind of hope to get an-  
other letter from you  
at 2 o'clock, as I did not  
get one yesterday.

Ben came before today.  
He is playing snuttly this  
morning. I Good by my  
darling, may God watch  
over & keep thee.

Yours ever loving  
Wife

Washington D.C.  
Aug 1 1897

My Darling:

I will write you only a short letter this evening as I want to get a letter off to Charley and I must get my letters in the office by 10:30 and it is now 9:45.

I doubt if I can do it, but I will try to get yours off anyway. This has been a lovely

... still further to the time when I will be with you again, not soon to be separated again & hope. How I ever lived alone before I married you is more than I can make out. We ought to have married long before we did - and would if you had given me proper encouragement.

After leaving the substitution I came down  
to the Avenue and around to 15<sup>th</sup> opposite the  
Leasing building. Here I went into a res-  
taurant and had a plate of rice pudding with  
cream and a <sup>hot</sup> boiled roasting eel with butter.

I felt considerably better after filling myself  
up in this way. We have no supper on Sun-  
day, so at

My Maama Mrs. Sherman dropped in from  
the clouds this evening and stayed a little while.  
She thought the boys picture fine as well as yours and  
sent you with her love. She recently lost one of  
her children, one of the boys 13 years old. of scar-  
let fever.

Goodbye my darling, now, God  
bless and keep you - Foreverly your husband -  
P.S. I attended Church at Mt. Zion today, Sacramento service.

After ten days return to  
**C. K. REMINE,**  
**Justice of the Peace,**  
15th District, Greene Co, Tenn.,  
Chuckey City, Tenn.



Prof. E. C. Huffaker,  
Smithsonian Institute  
Washington  
D. C.





Chucky City, Tenn., Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

Dear Mr. Kuffard

Both your letters received in due time: your delay in writing sooner is fully explained when you say that you took a young lady to hear Senator Daniel Speer.

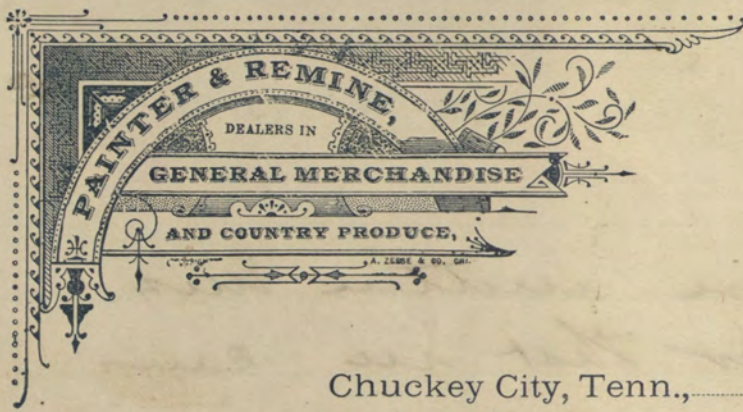
I am glad you are succeeding so admirably in your work, and when you return to Chucky City in your flying-machine, I believe your friends here will not think you a crank.

I am also glad that you are getting acquainted with the Populists; After

you have returned from  
 the Klondike, and after  
 Bryan has accepted the  
 Populistic nomination for  
 Governor of Neb. and been  
 defeated, I think you will  
 be disgusted not only with  
 the Populists but also with  
 any party that would fuse  
 with them.

We have had one letter  
 from Mrs. Hufferd saying  
 that she would be here  
 the last of this July, but  
 we have had nothing  
 from her for some two  
 weeks.

Mr. D. R. Thomas, Chestowne  
 died Friday night last. He  
 had been sick with  
 fever for exactly two  
 weeks and was unconscious  
 for the last ten days.  
 He was attended by



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Sir, Hufferaker, Howell,  
Steward of Jonesboro, and  
others. On Thursday last his  
condition was somewhat  
improved and for a  
little while he was  
conscious, but on Friday  
morning while Dr Hufferaker  
and Howell were present  
he had a severe chill  
after which he gradually  
sank till he died.

We have lost a man that  
was a benefit to the  
people.

Reba has been very poorly  
all summer till last week  
she is now able to be

x  
about.

We have written Mrs  
Kuffaker that we can  
keep her while she wishes  
to stay with us.

I am sorry you did not  
get to see Uncle John or  
Brownlow; not so much  
on your acct. but  
because I know that  
Uncle John would have  
been pleased to see you,  
like Pryles and Robt.  
Messams are the only  
Alaska Cranks we have  
at this place. However, I  
don't believe they will  
start before the summer  
ices are away.

The question of a  
Constitutional Convention is  
interesting the people here



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Just now, the election takes place next Thursday. Democrats Republicans and Populists alike are almost unanimously against the measure.

But we fear that the Democrats and Pops of Middle and West Tenn. will favor it.

Quite a number of our people have been going to the Mountains the past few days. The berries there are fine and we have put up quite a quantity. In regard to

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the recent Congressional  
legislation, I don't know  
what the general effect  
will be but I do  
know that it is of  
practical benefit to  
our section.

Since the passage of the  
new Tariff law the management  
of the Pyrites of Iron mines  
in Carter County Tennessee has  
employed a force of 600 men  
to work in the mines and  
half as many more extending  
the Railroad to the mines.

Embrville is going to double  
their forces and best of  
all a distillery is  
being erected within 8  
miles of this place with a  
capacity to use 60000 of



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compar day, however this  
latter is a democratic  
move

Hogs, Cattle, sheep, corn  
and wheat have all  
increased in price, though  
I give credit to only a  
part of this to the tariff.

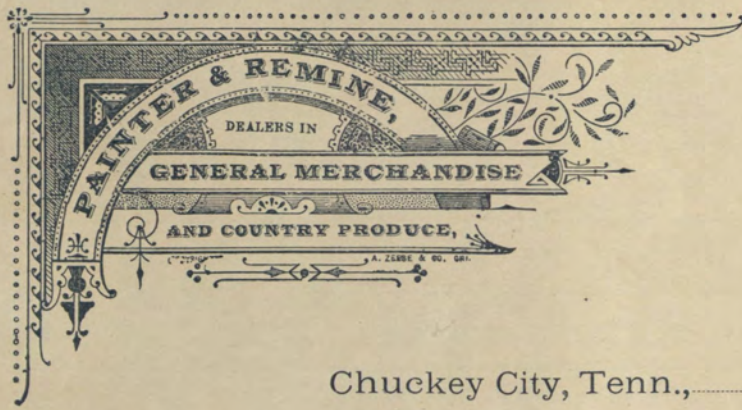
So whatever theories may  
be advanced against the  
measure, we are highly  
pleas'd with its practical  
effects so far as it  
relates to this section.

Brownlow is at home  
for ten days and should  
think that Washington  
seems somewhat desultory

I am now enjoying the full  
honors and emoluments of  
the Post Office at Clucky City  
and am well pleased with  
the work.

I feel that I am destined to  
handle the mail here for 15  
or 20 years, or until God  
dees fit to chastise the  
the American people with  
another Democratic Administration.  
Mr. & Mrs. Birdwell were very  
kind to show me all the  
 workings of the office that  
I desired to know, though  
they left the impression on  
me that the Money Order  
Business was such a  
"Scare-devil" that a fellow  
had to be born again before  
he could manage it, but  
"it's just as easy God knows"





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The health of this immediate community is just as usual.

J. Henry Earnest is just as you left him — ten minutes ahead of a bit with the chance of being overtaken. Russell bothers me for cloth, mules, tacks and wire to keep his flying-machines going.

Currier is the best up — the last to bed — and eats everything in sight.

Write to me,

James  
O'Rourke.

After... 5... days, return to

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My Darling Wish-wish:

I was greatly relieved today to get your postal and to know you were again safely back at Fullers. I did not know where you were and the weather at Norfolk was getting so fearfully warm that I was uneasy about the baby. You got away just in time. On yesterday the temperature went up to  $100^{\circ}$ , about  $12^{\circ}$  hotter than it was at Fullers, and I guess it felt pretty warm there. The weather bureau states that the weather in the Mississippi valley and the Gulf states is the hottest on record. I hope the baby is already better. The trip home was probably enough to make him fretful. I think it would perhaps be well enough to employ Ella Belle to take care of him, at least while the hot weather continues. Have her take him to the river early in the morning and in the cool of the evening, always protecting him from the hot sun. Go with her the first trip and see if the old boy remembers the place. How I should like to be along. Have her sit by and fan him while

he is asleep. Write me a full account of him. How are his ears? Does he still have the breaking out on his face? How is his digestion? Does he have a good appetite? What does he eat? Is he as strong as he used to be? Does he enjoy getting out and notice things as he used to? I think from your last accounts of him that he is doing pretty well, considering the weather, and that if he is not right - well now it will be only temporary. If he does not get on well have Robert look after him. I feel so much easier now that you are so near and within reach of Robert.

Get Ella Belle to help you so that you will have more time to see Anna. I wish so much that I could see you all again. I get so hungry to see you that I feel like throwing up my job and selling out off a foot for fellers, without waiting for a train. But of course I have no thought of doing so foolish a thing. I stay away from you, not because I like it, but because there is bread and meat in it for you and our precious Maeboud. After a while we will all be together again and would we be all the happier, all of us, for our long

separation. I do not believe the more lives who  
is fonder of his wife and baby than I am. I  
sit and think how sweet it would be to spend  
the evening at Mullins. We would take the baby,  
and go up to Roberts' and see the folks there. You  
would get behind when we started and Macdonald  
and I would get a head of you and while we waited  
I would show him the cow and the pigs, and then  
you would stop at Donnelly's and we would have  
to wait again, while I would show Macdonald the  
moon and have him tell me what the sheep and  
the bumble bee said. And finally we would get started  
for good and jog on slowly and have a sweet  
time together, and in the end we would get to  
Roberts and have music, while the baby played  
about the room and we all talked. Then  
we would go home and up to our little room,  
and then I would play with the baby and  
when he was asleep we would go to bed and  
sleep the sleep of the just. That is after we  
got to sleep. But we would have some few  
things to talk about first, would we my precious?

I can't help but have a strong affection for  
the room you live in and the bed you sleep in.  
They are not like other beds and rooms. These  
are my own for instance, as dull and uninter-  
esting as could well be imagined, and I get dread-  
fully lonesome sometimes.

Old Gil when is your birthday. I know it is  
in this month and toward the latter part, perhaps  
about the 20<sup>th</sup>, but to save my soul I can't re-  
member the exact date. I have looked through  
your Bible but I see you have been careful to  
make no record of when you were born.

Give my love to Anna and the girls. Some the  
boys received their fishing nets. Some glad you  
got the bows for them. It makes me blue to  
think of you all there together and me away  
and "alone in a great city." I would not give the  
country for all your cities.

I send you an  
announcement of Warner Fishbein's death which  
I received from Corra. Poor Corra is the only one  
left. I want to write to her in a day or two.  
I am so glad to have you so close to me again. Write  
me about everything - lovingly your devoted husband.

Chickering City, Tenn.  
July, 8- '97.

My Darling; I would give  
anything in this world,  
almost, to see you right  
now. We went out to Robert's  
this afternoon and stayed  
until 5:30 o'clock. Bob brought  
us home, and the baby has  
just gone to sleep. I can  
not make up my mind  
to go to sleep until I have  
shown written to my dear  
old man - I received one  
of the sweetest letters from  
him this afternoon &  
have ever read - so loving  
& true. Of course I know you  
are lonely without us, & want  
to be left with us and I feel

for you, but I don't  
think you say it.

I thought of you all  
the afternoon & evening  
& wished for you to be  
with us all. Anna said  
tell you she was so sorry  
you could not be here, &  
Robert said tonight he  
wished you could be with  
us knowing how you would  
enjoy the boys & all.

Bro had music tonight  
& Bob seemed to be in his  
glory singing for Anna.

The day has been  
rather all day, & Anna  
& Erie have been ad-  
miring him so much.  
He was in a good humor  
most of the time & would  
laugh & play with them.  
Ada thinks Rowland has



Changed a good deal -  
His hair is longer &  
he is a little thinner  
is all I can see.

I am glad you spoke  
of my getting Ella Belle.  
I had already spoken  
to her & she came this  
afternoon in the first  
time. It will be better  
for the baby to have her  
to take him out, and I  
can enjoy being with Anna  
& the other so much more.  
I will try to make the  
expenses as light as  
possible. I intended  
telling you in this letter  
if you wrote anything  
about it, that I had spoken

to Ella Belle & if you did  
not appear, I would de-  
miss her at once. But  
I am glad I had done  
the right thing. I will  
have her take him to the  
river plain & out every  
day when not too warm.

Yesterday afternoon I  
took the baby down to the  
creek & on down to the  
old mill where the  
water falls over the  
dam continually where  
you hear the buzz of the  
saw as it works its way  
into the logs. We looked  
for the white deer but  
none were in sight. I  
behind the baby remem-  
bered where he was for when  
I told him all the gate  
that we were going to the  
river his face brightened

instantly. He looked  
 down that way. He was  
 delighted to go down  
 there once more. I  
 thought of you & how  
 many times you had  
 trooped those paths  
 with the babies in your  
 arms. Showing him  
 the ducks, corn, frogs, &  
 making him tell what  
 the sheep & bundle bee  
 said. Now you'd hear  
 if we are in Greeneville  
 we will come up here  
 just to take the little  
 old fellow to the river  
 & I will go along with  
 you too too.

Today I received a

note from Cousin  
Mag saying she would  
be glad to have me  
spend the day with her  
tomorrow, & I replied  
that I would be delighted  
to do so. Mrs. Boyles  
with Cousin Lilly, &  
the dinner is really  
in Mrs. B. All of Bob's  
folks, & Cousin Lilly  
are invited, I don't know  
who else. I will take the  
baby of course & Ella  
Belle will go along to take  
care of him. Cousin's  
Lilly & Joe have invited  
me to come & spend the  
day with them. Will  
go next week sometime  
I guess. They all are  
very nice to me since  
my return. They seem  
to feel that I am lonely

here without you - I ap-  
 preciate it very much.  
 It seems so strange  
 without you with your  
 kisses & your every where  
 & all the time.

In a letter from Frank  
 today he said that on  
 Tuesday I.M. was so  
 overcome by the heat  
 they thought for awhile  
 she would die. said they  
 were badly frightened.  
 She has not been well  
 for several days - weeks.  
 I received a small  
 box from mama today  
 with a wrapper for  
 myself and a pair of  
 nice shoes for the baby.

The shoes are too large  
for him now, but he  
will grow to them. My  
wrapper is very pretty.  
Mama said she thought  
I was able to buy all  
the wrappers I needed but  
that I had so little time.  
In sewing she thought  
she would make me  
one. She intended to  
get it to me in Nashville  
while my Redding kin  
were there, but she got sick  
& that delayed it. It  
is prettier than any  
of my wrappers & looks  
so nice on me. I know  
you would like it. If  
I can remember, I will send  
you a sample of it.

My tooth is aching so  
I will have to go to bed - will  
finish tomorrow. God night  
my beloved - God bless you.



until mail time - Baby  
has been very well 4-  
day, & having Ella Belle  
helped her very little  
trouble to me in any -

We are still at Cousin  
Elberts - Mrs Broyles is  
here, Anna, & Jim, Alice,  
Galland, Gordon, Ada  
& Bob; Misses was very  
nice. All have asked  
about you. Cousin Lilly  
& Joe are here too.

Can not write more  
now - Write to me  
very day dear. I do  
want to see you more  
than I can tell. All well -

Your loving  
Aunt



Saturday -

My dear old man,

This is certainly a diary letter. You will be disappointed today, not to receive a letter from me but it was not my fault dear. I took your letter which I had begun the night before, up to Cousins Elberts yesterday, and when I got ready to mail it, it was raining so the time slipped by before I could get it to the P.O. and I could not get it mailed yesterday.

I received your dear good letter yesterday at 3 P.M. and was glad indeed to get it. I am so glad you are preparing

In the examination  
of the Civil Service. I feel  
sure that you will make  
a ~~good~~ <sup>high</sup> grade but I would  
not leave anything undone  
to accomplish it, if you  
want the position. Of course  
you will be all right in  
mathematics, but I would en-  
quire a little of that to make  
sure of any ticklish points.

Will you stand the exam-  
ination here or in Tenn.?

Will your position be in  
Washington or somewhere else?  
Don't forget to answer these  
questions for I shall be so  
anxious to know - I do hope  
you can get something  
so we can live together. We  
must not be separated  
any longer than Oct. for  
I just can not stand it.

I will keep my own  
 Counsel about this matter.  
 It will do no good to tell  
 it until you are sure  
 of it. I wish the ex-  
 was in Sept. instead so  
 we could know sooner.  
 But - we will wait. In the  
 meantime dear I would  
 be trying for something  
 else, if I saw you. I asked  
 to receive the appointment.

Baby is improving all  
 the time. It rained very  
 very hard yesterday and  
 last night & today has  
 been very cool & pleasant.

This is Negro day and a  
 big excursion passed through  
 going to Johnson City loaded

down with the dusky land  
dawn also & dunes -

All well here & send  
love. Garland & Gordon  
hope to return you about  
their nets. I will write

again tomorrow. Baby  
wants love & kisses to Papa.  
This morning I said, "Come  
in Papa & take baby to the  
river to see the ducks" &  
the little fellow pointed  
that way & cried to go.

Good by my darling  
old man. May God bless  
you & us until we meet  
again -

Yours lovingly  
Carrie Sue.