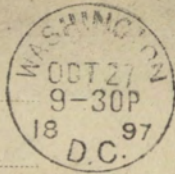


After days, return to



Mrs E. C. Huff

Green

Tennessee

read you
provincial ideas abt
of capes. Just lister at
a seal skin plush lined with colored silk and trimmed on the out
side with braid and jet and fur. Costing about \$5 or less!!!!!!!
My Darling Girl! - A cape like that would be choddy from top
to bottom.

my have the
shreyton
Oct 27 1897

I enjoyed your letter so much today.
It it takes so little paper and ink for you to
say a lot of nice things. And the nice things
you say are sweeter than any one else could say.
I have thought of you a great many times to-
day and wished for 4 o'clock to come, so that
I could get out and look at some capes. When
at last I did get out it was wet and dark and
sloppy. But we no wise deterred by such obsta-
cles I come down 7 the street and struck the Ac-
lume fair and square and crossing the little
park where the Hancock statue stands (you know I
have always had a fancy for taking a stroll through
any park that comes in my way, just as you make
use of any spilloon you may happen to see idle)
and soon found myself in the second floor at Kams,
looking at capes. From there I went to Saks; from
Saks to the Bon Marche; from the Bon Marche to Bonms;

in Bourne to our Landings to
the Palais Royal. I had been to Woodward and Lott's
early this morning. I missed you very much and
needed you as much almost as I missed you. Pick-
ing choice of something that would please you is not
such an easy matter. I rather like some of the
brown coffees better than the black ones, but both
kinds are very pretty, and as the blacks are more
to your liking I may get you one of them. - or
I may not. I see our tastes do not agree entirely.
You like a seal skin plush and all day I have
been refusing to look at them or to price them.
I like the cloth coffees better and I don't know
but I will follow my own taste and get one
of that kind. I have had a jolly good time look-
ing at things and so far it has cost me nothing
as I have not been called upon to lay out any
money. I want to suit both you and myself,
and on that account I am inclined to have my
own way as I don't want to be always wishing

wishing I had selected something else. - while you I
know will be only too glad to get anything. There
are some very pretty ones of all kinds on sale,

Might you not have been mistaken in thinking
the baby had cut his eye and stomach teeth? This is
the time at which they should appear - and his jaw
teeth are not due for a long while yet. I guess
he is teething. Eggs ought to be cooked just enough
to render the white solid, while the yellow runs ea-
sily. They are perhaps better boiled than poached. So
long as Muskond eats eggs he does not need much
meat; but beefsteak ought to be good for him. If you
could have his steak cooked with tallow (and) instead of
lard it would be all the better. Greasy has a tendency
to loosen the bowels, especially if there is much fat in it.
But it ought not to hurt him unless he eats too much
of it. Coke and candy and things of that sort will do him
more harm than anything else. What sort of bread do
you give him? Light bread ought to be better for him
than biscuit. How do you do to add a little milk
to his food? You may give him
like

It may be two or three months before I hear from
my examination, and possibly several months
before I receive an appointment. So that there is
a probability I may be with you at Greenville for
quite a while. You are getting a good music class
and by leaving no stone unturned you may succeed
in making quite a little pile of money for us. And
"Money makes the ^{for to} more go." The prospect of be-
ing with you again for a while in Greenville is a
very cheerful one to me. Yes we will hook up the baby's
stockings, both of them and fill them with oranges and
rattles and things and play old Santa Claus and Chris-
Cringle for the first time in our lives. And when the
baby is provided for ~~us~~ we will look out for no 1
and no 2, and have a good time together - Yes it will
be like getting married over again. It is just about
3 years now since I made my first trip to Hazelhurst,
and saw you for the first time in 6 years. That was
a delightful time wasn't it - The evening we first walked down
to Sweet Georgias. I thought I had seen as fine a
go our

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MORGAN INN,

C. G. ARMITAGE, PROP.

Greeneville, Tenn., Oct. 28 - 1897.

My darling old Man;

I feel tonight
as if I would rather see you
than any body else in the
world. It will be such a
restful feeling when you
are here - Now I am as rest-
less as can be - Unless I am
writing to you I can not be
still. I can not settle down
to anything else long at a
time. If I did not have
my teaching to do I don't
believe I could stand it.

It is now about 7:30 P. M.
Baby is down on the floor
playing with his big blocks

marble you gave him. He
throws it down as if it was
a rubber ball & laughs at
the noise it makes. He
takes a delight in rolling his
ball & marble under the
bed, table or bureau to have
me get down on the floor to
reach for it. Oh, this boy
is getting to be a "howly" terror.
When he does it like a thing
he just squeals out until
he gets to do what he does like.

I wish you could see him
manipulate (that's a good word)
his carriage. He can turn it
around as good as I can
holding on to the upper part
of the handles too. He turns it
around & if he wants to push
it through a doorway he can
guide it perfectly, never hitting
the sides of the doorway. The loco

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to play with the poker, & if I
try to take it from him, he
will run away off with it,
and laugh.

Well, I have at last
got him to sleep, after nearly
two hours rocking & singing.

I feel all worn out. I got
to singing "Home sweet Home" to-
night, & it may be as well
due to think how long it had
been since I had seen my
home - you have never been away
more than a year or so from
your home & you know nothing
of the feeling that when you
go back everything will be so
changed it will never be the

same. The only thing I don't
to regret about my married
life is that I don't had to
break up all home ties & live
among strangers so long.

I feel sometimes that I am
living another life, that it
is not me, but some one
else, & that some day I will
go back to be the same
Carrie Redding. But I know
that can never be & I do not
wish it, but I will be so glad
when the day comes I can
go home to my people for
awhile.

Pardon me for
mentioning the above dear, but
it all comes over me some
times & you are the only
one I can go to with my
heart aches. I do not blame
you dear for anything, for
you are the best husband in

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The world is are going to let
me go to my people sometime
before a great while. The Lord
has been good to spare them
all to us these three years, but
they won't be here always, &
must go to see my mother.

It is more than I can bear
sometimes, & some way tonight
I am too full of it to write
anything else, so I will stop
now & finish tomorrow. The
tears will come when I think
of mama, & Mary, & Bud. They
all want to see me so much,
I am too blue to write more.

Good night dear

(over)

Lovingly Carrie Sue.

Friday Noon.

My Darling -

I see that I wrote a very blue letter last night, but I feel better about it today.

Everything will be all right when you come home.

Mordland seems better today than usual, & is now out in the hall with Florence learning to ride the brown ladder. It amuses him very much.

Bob phoned me this morning that the baby is better & I will not go up there today.

I will write to them tomorrow.

I feel very sorry for him about his baby - I do hope they will pull it through. Other babies have been so delicate and got strong & well, & I hope this one will.

You are certainly having

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a great time fitting me out
with a cloak or cape. I wish
Dora were there to go around with.
It is equal to our chase
after Chess for Bro. Kennedy.
I am going to send you
the pictures of some capes
I like the style of very much
& let you compare them with
those you are looking at.
These cuts are from a cata-
logue of Stern's & Bros. of Chicago
who send out some very pretty
& reasonable capes. I will
put a cross mark at the ones
I like, & you will find the de-
scription below with the corresponding
number. You will notice that

the Capes with the two box plaits
in the back are the most stylish.

You must remember the
prayer of the Duke in getting
me a cape - I see in this
catalogue that the cloth capes
~~are~~ cost as much or more
than the seal plush ones.

I have seen some of his \$10.
plush capes & they are beauti-
ful - Still I like the cloth ones
too - you can do as you like
about it - I will like anything
you select that is nice. What
have you decided about the
dress? In all of your
letters about capes & dresses
you have never mentioned the
prices of any - You asked what
colors I liked best, whether light
or dark brown, etc. I don't know
which I like best - Black always
seemed to me to be the best. For one

when they could afford only
 one Cape a season. But
 you are there & can see the
 Colored ones, so you can see
 your own judgement. I paid
 \$14⁰⁰ for the Cape I had when
 I was married. You remember
 it don't you? A dark blue one,
 very long, which did such good
 service just before Moreland
 came - I must stop to
 get this off today - Hope to
 hear from you today - I
 don't know to reach this
 afternoon. It is turning
 real cold here now. It rained
 some last night & the wind
 blowing now. I hope it will
 freeze out the yellow fever soon.

God by my own dear
 loved one - No woman ever loved her
 husband any more than I do mine
 Your own
 Wish wish.

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MORGAN INN,

GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE.
C. G. ARMITAGE, PROP.

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Washington

Smithsonian.

H. C.

OFFICE OF
MORGAN INN,

C. G. ARMITAGE, Prop'r.

Greeneville, Tenn., Nov. 5-1897.

My dear Husband:

You are
a nice one I must say.
You write a whole letter
of two double sheets of paper
without saying me word of
wanting to see your wife &
baby, I don't believe you
even mentioned the baby,
then take up a page & a
half telling about the China-
man & his wife as if I care
whether they ever see each
other or not. But of course
they see each other every day
& I see him. I am
not a China woman, nor a
woman or washer woman, to be

left in "jurrin" parts for
25 years, and I am going
to kick just as much as I
please until you do come
home, & hereafter when you
make a man, I go with you.

Moulayd is in his glory
now. There is a small
basket of kindling wood in
the room & he is busy as
can be taking each piece
out, piling them on the
chair, then putting them
back. He does enjoy playing
by himself, & is better con-
tented alone than with other
children. When he gets all
the sticks in the basket he
takes it up by the handle, &
walks across the room to another
spot, sits down & takes them all
out again. Every now & then
he brings me some sticks, &
piles them in my lap, & laughs
aloud when he gets through.

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You will hardly recognize the same baby in Moreland, but I think too he has not changed so very much. He has been so well the last few days.

I did not go to Church tonight, & I am at home with baby. I felt too tired to sing, & with a cold I hardly thought it best to go out tonight besides I do not like to leave the baby every night. I know the choir were put out when I did not get there, for they can not sing their anthems without me. But I thought Home Missions began at home, &

my baby is my first
consideration.

The young lady I wrote
you of last night who
had been hurt by the
train is much better
today, & this afternoon
they put her in a cot
& four men carried her
to her uncle's, Mr French,
where she had started
last night. I hope she
will get well.

I found Cousin's Nat,
and Lizzie at Aunt Addie's
this morning. Cousin May
will come down tomorrow
morning & Cousin Elbert,
perhaps Bob, Sunday, so
there will be quite a crowd
of them. Cousin Lizzie
said they thought Bob's
baby was better now, but
they don't know how long.
The matted milk will give out

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Dear Mr. Earnest has
a little girl 3 or four days
old - Nick & Eleanor were here
yesterday, & he told me of it,
seemed to be very proud of
it. Its name is Mary
Eleanor. He invited me to
come & see it & I sent
Mrs Earnest word that I was
coming to see it the first
time I was in Cherokee City.

Moulard looks so pretty
tonight, I wish you could see
him. His cheeks are rosy &
he has a smile on his face,
& is so busy -

I will send my measure
to you, ^{tomorrow} next week you can

select me a dress. I think
for \$10. or \$12. you can get me
a real nice dress. If you
can find a green one that
you think I will like I
would prefer it. I like the
idea of a silk lined
jackets. I hope it will be
braided prettily, & I hope
the jackets are not the Eton
style. However I shall be
sure to like anything you
send me almost. For you
have an eye for beauty
& for nice things.

I will write more tomorrow.
It is getting pretty late &
I must get baby to bed.

Good night dear,
May God bless you -

Fondly Carrie Sue

Washington D.C.
Smithsonian Inst.
Nov 6 1897

My Darling wife:-

The days are slipping away. This is the 6th of November and before we know it December will be here, and the 19th and Christmas, and we will all be together again. You and me and "Billy." Some how I always liked to think of Moreland as "Billy." But we must not get in the way of calling him Billy for the name could never seem so nice to others as to us. I think of him and of you so often. How different my life has been since you two came into it. And now you are both well. And both as sweet as you can be. I am thinking, old girl, that when we see each other again we will have some fine old times. We will be new to each other and it will be just as if we were getting married again.

I met with a little accident this evening in a collision with a bicycle on The Avenue. Before I knew anything was

going wrong or that a bicycle was near, "bim", and I was mixed up with one of them. But not for long. A negro boy was riding it - and he did not stop to ask any questions, never turned his head, and perhaps never knew he had struck me. But he tore the cork off my leg just above the ankle and it hurt considerably for a while. The pedal struck me. If I had had hold of the negro I think I would have made it hot for him, but there was no getting at him. It was nothing serious, and I was only staggered a little.

Send me your measure and let me get you the dark suit, if you think that will suit your majesty. If not I will get something else. But the dark grey suits I think are perhaps the nicest I have seen for the money. But I will look round a little further. When I hear from you.

Speaking of oysters - speaking o' gems - I have oyster soup almost whenever I want it - at my restaurant. It is true the oysters are not very numerous in the soup, but they

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Greenville, Tenn.

My dear Husband, Nov. 7-1877.

I did not write you last night because I was so tired when baby finally went to sleep, and have not so much sleep lately. I thought I had better not sit up any longer. I am just home from school and shall not have much time to write today.

I made a mistake yesterday about my number of pupils. The four new ones this week will only make 17 instead of 18, because I only had 13 before these.

It is getting real cold here. The wind is blowing hard, & it was raining this morning.

I wish you could see our dear little old boy today. When I got home Florence was sitting in the rocking chair reading, while Moulton had some of his little old worn out shoes, playing with

them. He would put them
in a row on the chair & he
would then jump one place
to another in the room. He
laughed when he saw me
but did not stop his playing.
He looks so well, has such
good color & is lively all
the time. One of the men
in the house told me this
morning that he had never
seen such a change in a
child - since he is well he
plays with him & is jolly,
but before now he would just
cry when anybody came
about him. Took time
up to aunt Aggie's yesterday to
see Cousin Lizzie. She said he
looked so much better than
he did a month ago.

I guess Moreland & Dwell go to
Chester City Friday & stay until
Monday morning.

I think you had better just

get me the dress at Perry's
you looked at if you think
it will suit me. I don't want
a dress of this kind to cost
over \$12. or \$15. & if the dark
green look finer than the green
by all means get it.

I will send the baby's shoes
to you by tomorrow's mail, if
not today, & you can get them
exchanged, & send with the
dress. Suppose you send him
some little woolen stockings.

I have no idea I can get what
we want here. You might get
two pairs of tolerably nice ones
for everyday wear & one or two
pairs of nice ones for dress
occasions. How would you like
there to go around with your
getting our things.

If you
will find a wider shoe & get
them buttoned in ahead of lace,
I think No. 4 will fit baby.
His instep is high & he has a
flat foot. 4 1/2 would be sure to

fit him & I would get that as
possible. Get stockings a
little large to allow for shrink
age. 3 pairs will be enough. How
you priced any little blue &
green ^{cloaks?} ~~capas?~~ Those with the
white Angora fur are pretty, but
I don't know how much they
are worth.

The wind still blows & is
cold. There is dinner, so
I must go. It would be
nice to have you here now.
Five weeks will go by then
you will be here won't you
dear? Baby sends kisses
to papa. With love,

Ever your loving wife,

Carrie Sue.

I send my measure on sep-
arate sheet - or you can
show it to the clerk & they
can make any alterations
necessary according to the
measurement.

Washington D. C.
Nov. 10 1897

My Dear wife:-

I hardly know just what to get for Mabel. I found a cap or hood this evening at Bowen's that I think I will get, at 75 cts. There is a nice white lamb's wool cloak there at \$3.50 that would be nice, and white-rides down cloaks for 2.50, all very warm. There is also a nice ^{light} blue side down at the Bon Marche at \$4, and nice cloth cloaks at \$4 and \$5. I wish you were to help me decide. There is also a pretty dark brown heavy cloth cloak trimmed with black Angora hair at \$4 that is very nice. The lamb skin is perhaps the prettiest, but the blue is almost as nice. I will make up my mind about them tomorrow and perhaps send them to you at Fullers by tomorrow night's express. They ought I think to reach you by Saturday. You

had perhaps better write me what kind of cloak would
suit Cleveland best, in case I should be delayed in
getting the things off.

I hope you can persuade Ada out of the
notion of her trip to California. Tell her I think
she ought not to undertake it. It would wear me out
and I know it would her. Though if everything
has been decided on, you had best say nothing
as I would not want her to go feeling that we
were all opposed to it. How I wish I could
be there with you while you are there. We would go
to the river and call on Mrs. Ernest and let Cleveland see
the new baby, though it is much he would care to
look at it. And we would stroll up the river to the
old squaw's log where we three sat one Sunday morn-
ing and throw stones into the river. And then back
to Helen's and up to Cousin Albert's and down
to Callie's for dinner and then out to Robert's for
the night. I am glad the baby is looking so

well and I hope you will not lose any more time in having his picture taken. Have the artist take two or three shots at him. Perhaps he can take him coughing, just at the instant when you find him and look at him when playing hide and seek.

Try one laughing and one quiet.

I am delighted to hear how well you are getting on with your music class. You will soon be making so much that I will not have to work any more.

Think of it: To gether we are making $\$88.33 + 112.50 = 125.88$

a month. If we could only keep that up for 5 or 6 years we would get there. Whoop it up, old girl, and run your class up to 20.

The Secretary has been very nice lately. We are at work every day in the same room and work out a good many problems together. He does not like it when I find he is wrong and I don't like it when he finds that I am wrong - both which things happen right often. Sometimes I could bite my tongue off with

operations over some of my stupid blunders. When I first strike a new subject I make a good many, but I improve marvelously as I understand it better.

When I was at College and the University - it invariably happened that for 6 weeks after we took up a new study I was by all odds the poorest in the class; and when we completed the book, I was by all odds the best. That is the sort of a hair pin your old man is.

I hear from Chaunte a few days ago, and want to write him soon. He expressed himself as much gratified to hear that my time had been extended. Some good on his account, as he feels in a measure responsible for me, having recommended me. My darling, how I would love to have you here with me. With you and the baby I would be content to stay here a good long while. But it often seems a very dull place without you -

Ever yours lovingly

Ed.

Chucky City, Tenn.

Nov. 13 - 1897.

My darling Husband.

Moreland &

I came up yesterday on
the local, on time, and Ada
Pat was at the train. It
seemed like getting home
again, and I was real
glad to come. When we got
to the house Ada had little
Helen Gladys in her arms.

I can see a great change
in the baby. She has grown
some, is whiter a good deal,
& her hair is "fiery" red. They
say it is little Lottie. She seems
to be doing pretty well which
is good news to us all.

I received your good
letter on about two hours after
I reached here. I felt so
sorry for you I could hardly

Keep the tears back while
reading your letter.

There you were by your
love sold in a big City
when you do not take a
City, and would have given
anything to have come
with baby & see us here
yesterday. There you are
rushing around worrying
over getting your wife &
baby's things off to them
because you knew it
would be a pleasure to me
to receive them here.

Poor old man! If I had
you would show you my
appreciation of your love
kindness to me.

We have all guessed on
the baby's cloak. The Ada
guessed it is pale blue
& I guess it is the brown.
The package did not come

This morning much to
 our disappointment, but
 it may go down in the
 vestibule today & come
 up tonight on the 7:30 train.
 I hope it will come.

Miss Lily & I are
 a part of Miss Earnest's
 the baby this after-
 noon so I can not write
 more now - will write
 a long letter tonight &
 get it to you tomorrow
 to tell you about every-
 thing. Cousin Maggie is here
 now & Cousin Lily will be
 after me pretty soon. Ada
 will keep Moulton for me.
 She did not want to go -


This is a poor Sunday
 letter for you, but I will
 do better tomorrow.

With love from your
 baby is well today & is enjoying Carrie's
 visit.

Washington D.C.

Nov 14 1897

My Dear wife:-

I received your short letter today and got ^{to} the end of it - in a very little while and like Olive Twist  wanted more. And like poor little Oliver I did not get any more. But you had but little time for writing so I thought nothing of it; beyond a natural wish that it had not ended so suddenly. I know you are having a jolly good time and I can hardly wait till tomorrow to hear about it - all. You do not know how glad I was to hear that Robert's baby was improving again. I do hope it will grow well and strong. I am surprised that it is red headed; but it must get that from its great grand mother, ~~an one~~ on the Huffaker side of the home. My Grand-mother Huffaker was a Brouder and still she herself

have red hair, some of the Raudses did. Her
great grandmother perhaps. Some of the Hoffmans,
though not of our line had red hair. The Repley's
all had dark hair. Robert has reddish beard, but
I do not see that it follows from that that the ba-
by should have red hair. It is curious how
children's hair comes to be red. Take the Howorths.
Half the children's hair ~~was~~ is dark as mine or yours,
and the other half fiery red; yet both their parents
had dark hair. Uncle Howorth had a ^{very} slight touch
of red in his beard.

This has been a rainy Sunday. For want of any
thing else to do I went over to the postoffice and spent
an hour looking at the birds and fishes and spon-
ges and corals and the like; things I never grow
tired looking at as often as I have seen them.
It somehow does me good and makes a better
man of me to spend my time in that way. I
never cared so much for plants, but animals

I never grow tired of. When Aristotle gets older
I want to teach him everything I know about
birds and insects and fishes and quadrupeds; where
they live, what they eat, how long they live, what
they do. And get him picture books of animals. I
remember when I was a boy my father on com-
ing home from Knoxville told me he some very new
getting me a book full of pictures of lions and
tigers and Elephants, with accounts of them, and to-
day I am sorry he did not. I do not want
ever to push our baby and have him study hard
before he is ready for it. I want him to play and
fish and work a little. But he must have enough
to keep his mind employed - something to do,
though in the end it may have been best for me.
Often the things we think are hardships are the
best things that could happen to us. Like the storms
that make the oak strong and vigorous, and
hardships work to our good in the end. It is for

this reason the sons of rich men usually do so little good.

How I wish I could see my Soling this night! By the time this reaches you, you will be back in Greeneville and at work again. I wish I could have you had gone to Aunt Addie's to board. But whenever you are I should love to be with you, as I expect to be in but little more than a month more. This is another one of those blessings in disguise, this separation, though I must say the disguise seems to be ^{so} perfect that one would never suspect it was a blessing at all. When we do get together again old girl there will be no separating us will there? We will stay with each other like two sweet hearts. Sometime this week I will get my babies picture. How I long to see him again.

With my best love
Yours fondly

Ed.

Washington D.C.

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Nov 17 1897

My Dear Wash-wish:-

I feel so lonely to-night, - having had no letter from you now for 2 days. I suppose on Monday you were unable to get a letter off on account of the rain and the funeral while your letter of yesterday has probably been delayed - so that I will likely get two from you on tomorrow. You do not know how much I miss your dear letters when you fail to write.

I did not write myself on yesterday as I had a headache and was in poor shape for writing. How glad I shall be when I get home again. I am getting to be a regular baby about going home. This is an abominable sort of a life for a man to be leading. If I had some one to play chess with me it would not be so bad. I might go out of an even-

ing and call on Miss Munroe, but I haven't the necessary energy to get up and go. She dropped in to see me this morning to say "howdy," and was very nice. But my days of gallantry I think are over. My whole heart is set on you and the baby and so I have no great desire for society any more. Still such as falls in my way at the Institution I enjoy. The man Fowler from New York who is working with me is a fine fellow. and it is a real treat to hear him talk. Then the ornithologists, Mr Ridgeway and Mr Lucas, of whom I see a good deal, are as fine men as I ever met. Mr Ridgeway wants me to go to Florida with him in February, away down on the lower coast, beyond civilization, to make a study of the birds. He says the Institution ought to send me, pay me a salary and all expenses, and that the knowledge I would gain would be of great value. I think so myself but I have no idea the Institution will think as we do. So that is out of the question. There there are some very

Hogbehurst Mass,
Nov. 21. 97.

My dear Cog. Mary:-

Your letter was received a few days since, but haven't had a chance to write you till now. It doesn't seem to me that you were up here last week. I didn't see you just minutes.

I can't blame you for going back when you did, after having made such a long visit.

Never mind, I am still good with you. You might have stayed over Sunday anyway, and then

I would have had a chance
to see you a little while.
I was so busy those two
days, I couldn't see
straight, and I surely did
get tired of it. But any-
way, I got three prizes,
and came very near get-
ting four, so I feel
some what repaid. Wouldn't
you? Yes, I didn't ex-
pect any prizes because
my flowers were not
quite open enough, and
you may know I was
surprised. I guess you
saw in the paper, the
names of the prize-winners,
but as I promised to
write them, I'll do so.

Mrs Paul Folk - 1st prize
 for best collection ^(12 plants) - I
 came very near getting this
 one. I tied with her, but
 my flowers were not quite
 open - Mrs. Granberry, 2nd
 prize - an collection - 12
 plants - Miss Ellis - best
 single stem - Miss C -
 best specimen plant -
 Miss A - best floral design -
 Mrs. Granberry - best white -
 " " cut blooms -
 " " cut roses -
 Miss Cole Miller - best yellow -
 Mrs. H. E. Derry - best pink -
 Now don't you think I
 did well for my first
 year? I want to do
wonders next year, but

very likely, I'll love the
most flowers there -
Did you tell that young
what I said? I was
only joking, and hope you
didn't. You won't think
for me anyway. May
left Thursday for school
and we heard from her
today, and she is at
Lanesick, she is much
deed. Aunt Mary & Coz.
Ade are still sick. Coz.
Sallie sent no word yester-
day that they were
mighty sick, and I got
in ^{the} buggy after dinner,
and went rushing out
there, to see what was
the matter, and when

I drove up to the gate,
the first thing I saw, was
Aunt M. going out the
back gate, with a pan of
ashes, or chips, or some-
thing of the kind. I just
hollered. She is right
sick, but she won't stay
in the house or take
any medicine. I am
going out there to-mor-
row night, and spend
the night. Fidda has
been real sick all of
the week, and she looks
mighty bad. Well, I
won't stop now, so I
can get this off this
evening. Shuck up and
come back again and

Washington D.C.
Nov 21 1897

My dear wife:-

...ing I received the baby's
...ing your dear good letter.
... as sweet as can be and
... a hundred times since his
At first it did not seem to
... time, but like his Mashvidco
... picture
... likeness grows. Now his Mashvidco pic-
... ure looks as much like him as it can. I have
... a whole bureau full of pictures now, 1 of yours
... and 3 of the baby's. I went up this afternoon
... and spent some time at the art gallery. It
... is a treat to go there, and I think I shall be
... in an hour every Sunday there as long as I
... remain - but my Sundays are getting to be
... few in number. The exhibits are arranged
... with great taste, and the building is of mean-
... ble and very handsome. Altogether it is
... a much more attractive place than the
... I love to think of the
... re had together at the old

gallery. I looked a long while at the
picture of the "fun and fight," in which
the boy with the mark comes in to the
kitchen and frightens his little sister and
comes near getting a beating for it. I fear
his mother. And the p.
which an old Lark with
in and takes supper with
ily. And the group of
deu perishing from the
Egypt. And at some of the our scenes.
Some of these were so fine that I could
imagine myself out in the woods a-
mong the poplars and beeches. The stal-
lary is elegantly arranged and dec-
orated with fig leaves. For my part
I like that which is clad in flowing robes
very much better than the nude. I find
a nude statue of a woman strikes me
as little as a naked ballet girl, whose
legs are so much in the ascendency
of her brows that - the

to disgust me.

I have very pleasant recollections of all
you wrote me in connection with our
courtship and wedding trip, and of
many of which you did not write. Do

you you seem scarcely
on the day I first met
day morning in Jackson
you and Cora be-
ing. How little any one
that I would end by

you! You need not distress yourself
doubting because I married you last. It
was largely chance that kept me from
courting you then, and I remember dis-
tinctly how strong the feeling was with me
one day at Millwood to love you and
it was with a considerable effort that I
kept it under, and I have ever since had
the same conception of you I formed that
day, as of a woman who could love
with a depth of feeling and self sacrifice
beyond almost all other women.

And afterwards, how near I
by night and day of having

wife. And now it is all a sweet reality. I never thought I ever dreamed it could be. A large part of the pleasure of my life has been bound up with you. and it is

dear, that I owe the
our precious boy. How
I how we love him and
in some of it,

days seem very long
from you two. and

I grow more and more impatient as the
time of our reunion comes nearer. His
is the old boy's birthday, and you are
now in your new home with a lot
of children for him to play with.

I was up at the Hammonds' this evening.
They have a fine ^{new} mahogany piano, I've seen
and Bond, which has a fine tone as I ever
listened to. But Birdie could not get any
music out of the finest ~~instrument~~ instrument
we

Yours lovingly Ed.

After.....days, return to



Mr E. C. Huffaker

Greenville

Tennessee

Cremerville, Tenn.

Nov. 27. 1897.

My Darling,

It has come
to be so natural for me
to write you every night,
that without hardly know-
ing what I am doing, I
have pen ink & paper
before me. I do not think
I could go to sleep without
first writing to you.

I have been right busy
tonight & am not through
yet. I gave baby a good
bat. night bath & he very
soon went sound asleep.
I think he has not turned
over since I put him

in bed. He slept awhile
this afternoon, & tonight
he played around until
9 o'clock. Notice such
a difference in Moreland
in fact the one we had
in mind is many other
children. He is lively,
jabbars all the time while
playing and seems to
enjoy life more than
the son did. You will
be delighted with the
little fellow. This evening
I had to go down to the
church to practice for
singing tomorrow and
when I came home
I bought baby a few
apples & oranges. I opened
the bag & put it on the floor

After days, return to



Wm E. C. Huffak

Greenville

Tennessee

Washington D.C.
Nov 28 1897

My Darling Girl:-

I received a dear good letter from you today, but have not received the one yet I should have had on yesterday.

I have been thinking of what I wrote you on yesterday and that you might misunderstand it and think I was not anxious for you to go with me to Vermont, in case I should be sent there. All I said, dear, had reference to the baby, and if you and Doty and Robert think it will ~~not~~ be a risky move to take him you do not know how glad I shall be to take you along. The journey is such a long one that I have not the heart for it unless I have you and the baby along. Still as I said last night I would undergo any amount of privations if the baby's welfare demanded it. I hardly see though that we would be running any very great risks in taking him. It is cold in Vermont but their houses are warm and cold weather

seems to agree with him. I am get-
ting anxious to hear from Mr Paveal a-
gain, and like you I will be disappoint-
ed now if I do not get the appoint-
ment at Hfhusbury. Even if it does
not pay so well it has the great ad-
vantage of being permanent and it will
any way support us and allow us to lay
by a little.

You do not know how I long for us all
to be together again. Yes we will play that
we are newly married folks, even if you come
here and that we are on our bridal tour,
and everything will be new to us and
untried and we will be afraid of each
other and shy and bashful like newly
married people are. And little by little
we will get used to each other, and
learn more about each other, in what
respects we are alike and in what we

differ, and all about how we are made. And we will be around over town like we used to do, and be regular lovers and have a good time and not go home till morning. It won't be long now until we will renew all those old experiences..

I was thinking to day of the long walk we had one evening, the longest we ever took, when night caught us around near the Band O depot and of how glad we were to get on to the Avenue again. It may be that Congress will be in session when you come and we will take the baby up to the Capital. I shall be glad when this uncertainty is over and we know definitely what we are going to do.

I was out beyond the monument this P.M. at the fish ponds, which you have never seen, and which are very beautiful, and on the river where some Germans were fishing for black bass. I wondered if it were wrong to fish on Sunday and decided that there was no

great fun in it. Not so much as in
bicycle riding, though I do not know
that there is much harm in that.

Then I come around to the Art. Gallery
and spent an hour and more there.
There were great crowds coming and going
all the while.

I sent you by yesterday's mail two
salties for Cousin Minnie and a sack of
mushes for ~~the~~ Macloud, which are to
be left in the net. I should like to see him
when he gets them. Tell Cousin Minnie I
could not find just what I wanted and so
the salties cost but 10 cents each & bought
two for her. The postage was 8 cents, of
which we will pay 4 cents, leaving
Minnie owing you 24 cts.

I saw a chuckle overcoat down
on the Avenue that I think I getting. But
will likely wait until you come.

Goodnight my darlings -

Sincerely yours
E. C. H.

After.....days, return to

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Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville
Tennessee

Washington D. C.
Nov 29 1897

My Dear Carrie Sue:-

I received your Friday's letter today and your yesterday's letter is still unaccounted for. The mails are running irregularly and our letters seem to be delayed both ways.

Was a little disappointed way in not hearing from Mr. Ravenel. Of course the longer he delays the better it will be for us, provided I get a position. As for as he is himself concerned I am pretty sure of having his recommendation - in fact I suppose he has already recommended my appointment. But the man who really has the appointing power is the Commissioner, a Mr. Price of Ohio. The only fear I have is that politics may come in and cut some figure. It is supposed that under the Civil Service rules it does not but in reality - it does, at least to some extent, as the Commissioner has choice among the three highest on the eligible list. The question is can any republican get on the eligible list.

I received a letter from Anna today.
They are getting ready to move to Dan-
ville where Mr. Babcock has been stationed,
she says she does not want to leave Rich-
mond but that Mr. Babcock and Golow
are anxious to go. She has not been
well lately. She says she wrote you some
time ago but has had no letter from you.
She did not give me her new address, but
if you will write to Manchester, box 27,
I suppose your letter will be forward-
ed to her. She is anxious for me
to come by and see them on my
way home - but there is no telling
now which way I will go when I
start out again.

I have wished for you so much
today. I have not had much to do and
have felt a little blue; I suppose
an account of hearing nothing from
the fish commission.

When I awoke this morning it was raining steadily, with a gentle roar on the tin roofs that was very pleasant to hear. I wished for you and if you had been here I don't know whether we would have got up at all or not. We would have just stayed in bed and talked and had a good time. Likely the baby would have waked up and wanted to roll round over us like he used to do, and we would have had him talk for us and kiss us and I don't know what could have been more pleasant.

I wonder if the time ever will roll by that still separates us. I mean to get me an almanac and see if time has not actually stopped, and instead of the days

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There is absolutely nothing going on in
this dull old town. I see a paper now
and then and get interested in the gen-
eral news, but I can't stir up any in-
terest in local affairs and don't care
whether the Ealington line runs cable cars
or sticks to their old horse cars from
now till doomsday. I learned that
one of the employes from the Museum
who has been dismissed by Lacey has
been sipping him up the back in
one of the papers, but I did not get to
see it. I don't doubt though Lacey
deserved it all, no matter what he
may have said.

I wonder if the lady got his net of mar-
bles today and what he is doing now,
fast asleep most likely. God bless him and
his dear mother

Yours truly

E. D.

Thursday Nov.

My dear Ed.

This is the loveliest
day you ever saw. If
you were here you would
go up on the hills &
have a good time to-
gether watching the moun-
tains, and you would feel
inspired to make love to me
as if we were sweethearts
again. I would
be glad to hear that
you have decided to stay
in Washington, then you
could come here to stay to-
morrow. We would stay here
the first week, but I would
be teaching still, then we
would take Christmas dinner
with Aunt Addie, & go on

to Fuller's to spend the
next week. After that
we would all three take
the train for Washington.

I think it would be a
wise this time to make
a change in our route
by going by Asheville.

But all this is mere
speculation. You may
have decided to go off
to Put in Bay. If the
train is on time today
I will see you
before reaching this.

About the day since long
this week end. It seems
like months since you wrote
me of your affair. I must
I seem to have been upset
& unsettled a long time.

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I have come home from school to dinner. The baby & Mary have been out with Aunt Addie since I went to school, & have just come home. Mary said he sat in Aunt Addie's lap a long time & played with the Checkers. Wonder what you will think of him when you see him.

He looks so pretty today. His cheeks are rosy & he is so jolly. I wish I did not have to teach this afternoon or I could take him down town to see the Christmas things. The stores are full of them now.

(over)

Well, I have just read
your letter of today & am
not surprised at its contents.
Poor old man! You have
had a time of it this week.
Just one wanting you then
the other. I should know
what to do yet. I may get
a letter from your brother
now saying you have re-
considered & will stay there.
But you may feel sure
dear that, anything you
decide on it will be all
right with me. I am
willing to go anywhere
with you - and perhaps so
it is best that you do
not stay there. You
have not attracted me
liked staying there & you

might have regretted
 it. Any way you
 will be there sooner.
 Tomorrow & Monday
 will have the pupils
 & Parents assemble
 here - have a short
 Recital & announce to
 them my intentions -
 I would I could do this
 tomorrow, but on account
 of my collections - I can
 collect nothing until
 I get home. I will
 write my last letter
 to you tonight & to-
 morrow - You will
 write as long as you
 stay here.
 Yours truly
 George Davis

634c. In reply to Letter No.

U. S. COMMISSION OF FISH AND FISHERIES,

JOHN J. BRICE,
COMMISSIONER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, 1897.

Mr. E. C. Hoffaker,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Commissioner wires that you will be appointed. You
can arrange to take oath as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

W. A. Ravenel
Acting Commissioner.

Saturday, 9 P.M.

Greenville, Tenn.
Dec. 4-1897.

My dear Husband,

When I began reading your letter this afternoon and found that we were not to go to Vermont, my heart sank within me, & I could hardly keep the tears back.

I think the disappointment was greater that was not to go to Washington. But when I thought a moment I could see that it was the best thing for us for many reasons, provided you set the other

appointment at Put-
in-Bay. The St. Jorawburg
appointment would have
so much more expense
in traveling, and we would
have been so far away from
both yours & my people
that if anything had
happened to them, or
us, none of us could
have gone to the others.

While in Ohio it is not
more than half as far,
and while it may not
be half as nice or large
a place, I imagine
it will be cheaper to
board. I would suggest
dear, that as soon as
you know of your ap-
pointment, you get the

name of some one in
 the place where you
 expect to go, & ask
 them all about every-
 thing, the people, the
 accommodations for
 living, the climate etc.

I should think Mr
 Parnall could give you
 the names of some of
 the parties there.

If it is possible dear
 I want to go on with you.
 We have been separated
 for six long months
 & to think of undergoing
 another ride of it is
 almost more than I can
 bear. If you are not
 to go to the place until
 after Christmas, you have

in a few weeks in
which to learn all you
will want to know about
Put-in-Bay. It seems
to me that I have heard
something of this island
as being a great resort
of snake-kind, but I can
not think what.

Of course it will be
very cold there & damp,
and it may not be just
the thing for us to go,
but I believe I want
to go anyway - We can
dress as warmly as
necessary, & there will
be no necessity of our
exposing ourselves to
the cold, I mean daily
one, because you might

how to be out to attend
 to your fish - I can
 not bear the thought
 of staying here alone
 until spring & I just
 can not do it - I must
 go with you. Baby
 & I can try it for a
 while, & then if we find
 it will not do we can
 put out for East Tenn.
 or for Miss. until spring.
 Just think old man
 there will be only three
 months of cold weather
 up there, Jan. Feby. &
 March.

Hurrah! for my old
 man - Slaves highest
 out of the three highest.
 I am real proud of

you, & now if you
can just get old
Langley down on that
problem, you will
have done a good thing
for yourself. If he
does find that he is
wrong & you are right
will admit it, he
will be a good to let
you go away from
there. Suppose he
were to take to you a
gain & offer you a
good salary, would you
give up the other &
take that? If I did,
if I were you I would
make him give you
the place as long as

you wanted it.
Fifty hundred a year
would be better than
\$600- What do you say?
But- I don't suppose
there is any likelihood
of such a thing happening.
If we could only settle
somewhere, & feel that
we have a sure thing
for an indefinite period
I would like it - I would
love to live in Washington
again - But I will be glad
to live anywhere with
my old man -

I hope Mr. Parnall
has heard me. This from
Mr. Price, & you know
about everything, and
will sit your letter

tomorrow telling me
about it. If baby
& I go on with you, you
can stay here until the
15th to get your full
salary up to 1st Jan.
but if it should be
that I'm not to go, I
hope you will decide to
come home sooner so we
can be together a little
while. It will be very hard
for me to give you a letter
only a week or two. I am
going with you if possible.
The only thing we will con-
sider is the baby.

He is about over his
croup, but it continues
damp, & I do not allow
him outside of the front

on back doors. It is raining hard now, & the wind howling around the house - just such a night as I would love to have you with me.

Yes, we will enjoy your home coming very much, & we will be smothered again, get married & go through all those delightful experiences of the first days - Will you go by to see Anna now, since she has moved? And do you still think of stopping at Charlie's?

Now old man, be sure to fix yourself up nicely before you come Washington, & let these people

Here see in themselves
that I am the finest
husband in the town.

They will have more
respect for us if we
appear well - so please
do not neglect anything.

You know now that
you are coming here
whether you go any-
where else or not, so get
yourself in shape so
that at the last mo-
ment you will not be
rushed - You know how
you had to leave Washing-
ton before, in such a
hurry you could get your-
self nothing, & last your
trip - You don't mind me
talking to you this way, do

you wear? If I did not
know how indecent
you are as to your ap-
pearance at the very
times you should pay
the most attention to
your dress, I would not
say anything.

Look at Mr. Ripley, no-
body thinks anything much
of him, he goes around
looking as rough & dirty
as a tramp almost some-
times. I believe you will
understand me in this, &
do as I ask you for
my sake as well as your
own - especially if I
should have to remain
here longer. I am
thinking now of how nice

I want to look when
you come home.
I am so glad you stood
so high in your grade.
Can't you find out what
you got anyway beyond
what it took to pass.
I would like to know.

Be sure to tell me how
you and Langley come
out on the problem. I am
betting on a certain old
man whose wish wish comes
true more than he does here.
I wish you were to be here to-
morrow.

I must go to bed
Yours lovingly
Carrie Lee.

I have not heard from them
at Fuller's in a long time. You
was had later news than I.

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Mrs E. C. Hillaker,

Washington

Southwestern.

H.C.

Sunday

Greeneville, Tenn.
Dec. 5-1897.

My Darling:

I have just eaten
dinner & am hardly
able to think, have had
so much. Woodland
is at my feet on the
floor playing with some
apples & he & Mary are
having a great time.

Baby is all right now,
is entirely well of his
cough & his cold only
shows by his nose.

It is real cold here
today, & I will not
take him out even over
at Aunt Addie's. Just

after church I ran
over there a few mo-
ments while Greenland
was asleep. Aunt A.
said she wanted us
to take Christmas dinner
with her. I thanked her
& told her I did not
know whether you
had promised Bob to
be there that day or
not, & Aunt A. said
I was going to write
to all back up there to
come down here. That
will be nice, & we can
go up there the next
day & stay several days.
Don't on home a big
time eating turkey din-
ners etc, & be together.

too. If I just knew
we would not be separa-
ted again after Christ-
mas, I would feel hap-
pier. - We must go
on together if possible.

I can not stay here
by myself. I hope to
get your letter today
so that you will here
again from
Mr. Rowland -

God by my Lord
on - May God guide
us & bless us.

Lovingly yours
W. J. J.

Sunday

Washington D.C.

Dec. 5th 1897

My Dear wish-wish:-

I have spent the day going to the post office and reading Mary Crockett's ^{auto} biography. I have been more successful with my reading than in my trips to the post office. For I am nearly a third through my book and I have not success at all at the post office. I was especially anxious to hear from you today and to learn something of how the baby is. For you are going to get to Ohio will likely depend very much on whether or he is in shape for the trip, as I do hope he will be, for it will be a grievous disappointment to me if I have to go on alone. I am wondering what you are doing and how you are going to manage about your music class. If you think the baby is not well enough to go, you will want to hold on to your class a while longer. While if he is you will have to arrange to give it up. I wish I was there to talk matters over with you. We could decide so much better than. But you will have to rest as best you can. The whole matter stands this way: If Doctor thinks the trip ~~will~~ and the climate on an island on Lake Erie will not hurt him, then get ready to go. If he thinks it will, or if he hesitates some is nothing left us but to let you wait and come on later.

For we must give up our own pleasures whenever
his welfare is concerned. I hope you will
arrange in any case to go to Fullens on next Sat-
urday, the 11th, provided the baby is able to go and there is
no danger at Fullens, so that I can see you all
at the same time. For I will have to go on at
Leith by the morning of the 16th. Let me
know by Friday and again on Saturday, whether
I am to come to Fullens or Greenock. I have a
great delay here until the 12th so that so that day
comes on Sunday, I hope to get away on Sat-
urday night and reach Fullens on the Vestibule.
If I don't get off - that is if I am detained until
Sunday I will start on the first train I can
board.

Isn't it nice to think that one week from this
very minute we will all be together again at
Roberts, with plenty of comfort, sauce and sweet
milk. I know I will not myself get and not
be able to get any further. Then we will have pop-
corn and sit by a big fire and then have music
- just one week from this minute you understand
and then we will have a fire all ourselves and
we can realize how nice it is to be together again.
And the long separation will be over, even if it is only
for a few days, and we will show our ourselves to
the enjoyment of each others society, and then we
will go to bed. How long it seems since I
slept with a woman. I have lived an old

Robert's life has not been as virtuous as Deana has
self. But all things have an end and all things
come to him who waits. and the end does not seem
far off now: Do you remember we will go to
sleep at all next Sunday night? I never try to go
to sleep before midnight, and if we go to bed at
9 we will have 3 hours to talk in before getting
sleepy even, and by that time we may get in such
a way talking that there will be no stopping us. and
we may keep awake all night. How I can think of
more dismal things than that of waking you? But
I do not get up until after 5 and getting up be-
fore day will be enough with me. How I wish I
could have spent 2 weeks at least with you at home-
side and fallow. I had something we had out as to
how we would play at being bride and groom and
thought that would be end to the enjoyment we would
get out of it. But now I don't know. A bride and
groom are supposed to be in no hurry time is not an
item to be considered. They are out for a good time and
don't care whether time flies or drags. we can't
carry out many plans in 4 days. I guess we will
visit a little, and I will take a hunt with Robert
and have a game or two of chess and spend a good
part of the time eating. Have your trunks packed and
ready to go, so that we will not be hurried at the last,
we will take both your trunks, and leave out every
thing you can, especially what is heavy, and every
thing we can possibly have behind, and store at Aunt

Books & Papers. I want to take my mathematics
books, my table of logarithms & the like, but not
the Smithsonian reports, and our Bibles and one or
two books on fisheries, which I will bring along. And
an Chessman - and the keys. Put in my pocket
noted instruments too. But, make the books as light
as possible.

If we all get up there together we will have some
fine times when spring opens, boat riding and taking
an occasional ~~trip~~ trip on a steamer, but will
be within about 50 miles of Souda Bay, which
is a great city, and I imagine we can see
its electric lights across the water from the island.
The whole distance is frozen over in winter and
slaking an sleighing quite a great sport. I don't
doubt we are going to like it. If a letter
comes to me from Mr. Stenham - open and read it.

I must get this off to the post office. I may
still get a letter but I doubt it.

Go with my own precious darling
from loving husband D

WASH

Mrs E. C. Huffa

Greeneville

Tennessee

P.S. J's address is Cedar Springs Va.
Ames " Manville Va.

P.P.S. My picture was too bad, so I decided not to send it. Washington D.C. Dec 6 1897

My Dear Wishwish:-

I have just finished a letter to Mr Stranahan, the Superintendent of the station at Put Run Bay and will only write you a short letter this time, as two letters of my length wholoves at one sitting use me up.

I got your good letter this morning and was delighted to hear the baby was getting better, as I am anxious to take you along with me to Ohio - provided you want to go. I hope to hear in a day or two what you and Dr Fox decide upon. In any case, if it is safe to take Aloulaud to Chucky City, I want you to go up on next Saturday, or Friday if you like, and let us all be together there. But very careful about his catching fresh cold. Keep him warm and dry. I know you woud let him out in the rain but it will pay just now to look closely after his naps - Kins and "all that sort of thing". This P.M. I went round to Woodward and Lethbros and found one of the cutest little gowns for him you ever saw. I think he woud kick out of it - in a hurry. I also got him a pair of mittens and looked at some cloaks. I will get some

thing for him in a day or two and then he will be fixed
for traveling. You asked about my underclothing and
could not imagine what I could be wearing. I am afraid
dear, if you had seen me lately when undressed and ready
for bed you would have wondered what I meant by
sleeping with nothing at all on. At any rate you would
have seen sights you never saw in the days before we
were married. I have just drawn a picture of myself in the
act of hopping into bed which will give you a better idea of my
underwear than any thing I might write you would do. You
might burn it when you get through - or you might show it
to Mr. Piper and take it down and let Mr. Armitage see it. But do
as you like with it. But I am all right now, and having
today laid in a comfortable suit of underwear. I saw an
overcoat this evening which I think I shall get. It is
a Chickilla and will cost me \$15. But I will need some-
thing good and thick I had better get it. When we
get up you'd see a real time in and ^{give} teach drawing lessons at
night if I could get up a class of young ladies? What do you
think of it? The picture I send you would I think take
with them. It seems as if this week never will roll
by. But Monday is gone already and Tuesday will be here
tomorrow. Won't it be nice when we are together once more.
We will have some good times and we won't go home till morn-
ing, will we darling? I know our baby must be the sweetest
baby in the world. God bless him and his precious mother. I rather
liked his spirit in not doing what you told him. But we will break him
of that in good time. So roughly Ed.

Greenville, Tenn.
Dec. 6. 1897.

My darling old man:

The days
are going by, each one
making the time shorter
when we will see each
other. In less than a
week now we will be togeth-
er, & Oh! what a happy
meeting it will be.

One week from last night
you will be with me, &
we are not to be separated
again I hope. I have not
got a chance to see Mr.
Foy yet - was too busy all
day to go to see him, &
I will go to his house to-

tomorrow morning before
going to school & write
you what he says. The
lives in a house just
four or five doors down
here. I wrote to Bob
today to call me up to-
morrow morning to talk
with me about the ad-
visability of taking the
baby to Fullers next Sat.
or Monday, & about our
trip north. I will report
what I tell you before seal-
ing my letter tomorrow.

I think you had better
arrange to come on here
Sunday on Vestibule, &
stay until Monday for
the local to go to Fullers,
then I, there is no danger

Morland & I will go with
you, & if there is, you
can go in alone & see
them & return here
Wednesday so we can
leave Thursday - I will
go to Fullin if possible
for I want to see them
all very much before
leaving - and of course
you must go - I want
you to - and I am sorry
you will not get to see
them at Charlie's, & Anna's,
but your time is too short
for all that.

They don't know about
it at Aunt Addie's yet,
I have not had time to
go over there today, & when
I was there at noon yester-

day I had not heard it
from you. I know they
will keep anything I
will want to learn.

The hard problem is
about my class. I don't
know how to tell them
or show, but I must
do it in a day or two.

I have thought of giving
a private recital just
to the ones most interested,
the Board, the teachers,
the patrons of the music
& a few others, & take that
time to explain to them
the situation of affairs.

If I do this it will
have to be on Saturday
afternoon or Tuesday of
next week. more likely on

Saturday, so I will not
be reached next week.

If I go to Fullers Sunday
I should be compelled to
come back here on Wed-
nesday & start from
here. Will be here here
on the 8:am (Cross Junction)
train or wait for the ves-
tibule which will come
here about twelve o'clock.

Do you know which one
makes best connection
at Chattanooga? I think
if we go on the 8 o'clock
train it would be time
lost, for we would likely
have to wait in Knoxville
for the vestibule.

I had a new pupil
added to my class today

which now makes 18.
Some of the pupils are
going to hate our jelly to
give me up & I will
them, but I would hate
it just as bad or worse
the longer I remained
so I had as well give up
now as anytime. This
makes twice will. How

gives up a good music
class to go with you, &
as the children used to
say "and you are nobody's
great-grand mother either",
a fact I am very glad of
for if you were your
would not be my husband.

I look forward to my
life from next Sunday on,
as a very different existence

to what it has been the
 last six months. It
 will be different to both
 of us indeed. It would
 be hard indeed for me
 to give you a gain for
 so long. I calculate
 on nothing else but going
 on with you for I feel
 pretty sure that Mr Fox
 + Bob will both say we
 can go -

Good night dear
 me

Your loving wish wish.
 Moreland must to sleep early
 tonight & is fast asleep
 now - He is so well but -
 has everything his way. I shall
 be glad when I do not have to
 beg away from him all day.
 He cries for me so much.

Tuesday At school.

Dear Ed.

Well I had a talk
with Bob this morning
on the phone. He said
he thought there would be
no danger of whooping
cough or diphtheria. That
they did not hear any
sight near them. He
wanted to know when I
was coming up. I told
him that if I came I
did not think I could
go until Monday, what
I guessed you would
wait until then to go. That
would be time know in

a day or two - I told an
a letter afraid to take
Newland his time, but
by staying pretty close
to Bob, it might be
all right - Bob said
he did not know anything
of the climate on the island,
but that he hardly
thought it would be
Newland - that sometimes
these islands are pretty
well elevated & the damp-
ness would not be so great.
Mr. Fox said he knew
nothing of it - But he
said it was not likely
to be very damp in cold
winter as the dampness
would be dried out by the
extreme cold - He said

it would not hurt
 the baby as much as
 it would the one who
 had to be exposed to
 the weather. He asked
 about the baby's general
 health & said he hardly
 thought it would hurt.
 But said if the
 baby could stand the
 changes in the weather
 of East Town, he thought
 he could stand almost
 anything. So my dear
 I consider it about a
 decided matter that we
 are to go, so I am going
 to make all my prepa-
 rations that way.
 I do hope dear you
 will set you on good

some & heavy over coat,
& a thick heavy suit
of clothes. You are the
one who will be exposed
& should be dressed the
warmest. How are your
socks & shoes? I think
you ought to have woollen
socks & good ones -

Baby is right now
in one of the children's
wooden houses riding,
but he is not enjoying
so very much. He is well
today & as well as ever.

I am going by the
P.O. on my way back to
school to get your letter.
The train leaves today at
12 o'clock - Yours
Catherine Sue -

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Mr E. C. Hughes
Washington
Southman

W. C.

Greenville, Tenn.
Dec, 8-1877.

My dear Ed,

It seems there
is really nothing for
me to write about tonight,
as I answered the letter
I received from you
today, but I am so
accustomed to writing
you every night I began
this from force of habit.

It seems hard for
us to get settled in our
business matters. The
agony was not over was
it dear? Consider
what you have decided
to do after seeing me

General. I wish it was
so I could sleep until
tomorrow at 12 o'clock,
other I will not have
those hours of suspense,
and uncertainty!

Sometimes I think you
have decided to accept
Caigley's offer. Because
it is a better salary
perhaps better climate
& all those sort o' things,
and then I think you
have decided on Port-au-
-Bay because you have
been sworn in & accepted
the place. Still I think
dear, it would not be al-
together dishonorable to
give it up if you wanted
to, and there are other op-

pleasants who want the
place & are ready to
be appointed. There is
one thing my dear old
wooden man, you can
count on - Your wife and
baby are going with you
it makes no difference
where - You said if you
decided to remain in B -
you would come home
for two weeks & we would
then decide what we
would do, which means
there is a doubt about
it. No dear, I think if
you go back I must go
with you. I have made
up my mind to go with
you, & it will be very
hard to give it up. I

believe you will want me
to go on. Well, I hope
I will hear tomorrow
any way - I went over
to the school this aft-
ernoon & told Prof. [unclear]
not to take any steps
in the matter until
I told him to again,
I told him there was
a possibility of me re-
maining here until
Christmas, & that would
give him time to get
another teacher. He seemed
greatly relieved at the
prospect, & said he
hoped they would not have
to give me up this season,
but I let him understand
that it would very likely

Is no longer than
Christmas.

Man says he guesses
now you will agree
with him on the Civil
Service rules a little
better than you did,
since you have been
put in to the service.

Aunt Addie went with
me this afternoon to re-
turn a few calls - I wanted
to make all my calls be-
fore leaving of home
time.

Howland has been very
sweet - today & tonight.

About an hour before
we went to sleep I barked
him & he called for the
"peace" so I pleased him

good, & he laid down
in my arms & sung &
talked himself to sleep.

I do hope he will be
this will show you
come - He is sleeping
soundly now, & I must
follow suit. It seems

to be impossible for
me ever to get to bed
before eleven o'clock
every night - When I
stop writing to you I
can get to bed earlier.

I get up about 6 o'clock
& get very little sleep -

May God bless & direct
you in this decision.

Truly your
Wishwisk

Handwritten text on a piece of aged, torn paper, possibly a fragment of a letter or document. The text is written in cursive and includes the name "Mrs. C. C. ...".



thing handsome
for you & we
you would
appreciate it if it
only a little
from having
wanted to send
and something
looked around
and a Ball & Whistle
Bouncing Ball for
Moreland & a Gimble

Work Basket for
some we couldn't
find something
Ed but Mary is
to write him the
Annual letter &
to tell him all
everything. I hope
moreland will
the little knife
& Spoon. Teach
to eat with it at once.

I am writing on (name)
the Paper Mr Mc got
her in Wesson we
are sending you
a box of Home Papers
but we
will send
them any way. Dave
was married
to Miss Garcia
of Durrant
he is very happy
write soon I am
sorry for anything getting
way off to the Count to the



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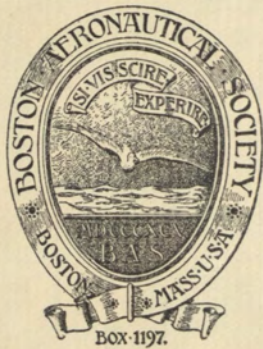


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Feb 7 '98

Dear Sir,

Your assessment (*)
is due and we trust you
will feel like renewing your
associate membership for
1898 and helping the cause
of the neglected science by
the small contribution
necessary.

Respectfully
Admiral
Trues.

Brockham, Miss
Mar. 30 /-98

My dear Sister:-

Mamma is so busy she can't write you so I guess I had better take this time to write in answer to your last long letter to me. ~~Monday~~ I wrote Mrs. Ed and was going to send him some little clippings that I know he would relish but we had such "redder" (it rained so hard) I did not get it off and that ere Stella had so much sorrow on hand and no nurse that I had to go over there and keep the boy till yesterday ere I came home to Cali to mail my letter and now it is old but to show him I wrote it I shall enclose it in this. It is still gloomy and cold and I am glad because it may help to kill out for the yellow ~~fever~~ fever this summer, and then I am not in love.

with a warm weather and never
will be. Am indeed glad baby is
well again I am always uneasy when
you say he is ill. The little fellow surely
has a correct idea of putting the wires
in the "Get Car" windows. You are
learning how to draw well since the baby
has put you to practicing. Actually I can't
keep on the lines I am so nervous and
blind I think I shall have to stop ever
trying to write decent letters, but
you can excuse your old feeble sis - if no
one else can. I don't know what is to
ever become of me. I will just
have to go to Washington to see
you. I know the trip will benefit me
and then getting with you and my sisters
no more will make me feel like
my old self again. I think we could revive
our old songs duets solos &c. and O!
what a good time we would have. I
just must go but you might come out
here and stay a few months then I could
go back with you. If I was there I could

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keep Moreland for you while you are out
with Bro. Ed out to lots of places &
I should love to do all I could to help
you. I know 'tis hard for you to try to
smile and the baby wanting you!

Hurry up and go to house keeping. Then
as you say M. will have some room to
romp and play. I am so glad Bro. Ed
wants me to come I shall enjoy being
with him more than ever now since he is
my brother. O! if I was only rich I would
go up there and set you up right in
your house keeping.

Yes they do talk about that down here
and the Company is out drilling every
night and they say they are going to
fight but they are a lot of "kids" and
whenever the command is given "go" they
will run the other way and cry for
mama. But the latest news is no war.
which we are glad to hear.

Did I ever tell you Jim Smith and his
wife (Marion Wilson she used to be)
had separated? Well it happened a year

ago

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I suppose. She told him she was quit-
ting him because she did not love
him (a very good reason don't you think?)
She was here on a visit to Mrs Halson
(Nannie Bussier's Aunt) a few weeks
ago and I saw her a few minutes but
she told me nothing of Jim. He lives
near Mr Youngs away down in the
country west of Hazelhurst. You know
Mr Y. married Miss Sallie Nelson and
you know about where she lives. Jim
went over to Capt. Hargraves to a party
one night and Carrie told me he was
very gay and he told her he was going to
get a divorce this Spring. I hope he will
for I never did like his wife anyway. She
is no good. Another night he called on
Carrie but she gave him to understand
she did not like a married man
visiting her as long as he had no
divorce. but I guess she will not object

after he is a divorced man. Enough of Jim.
 I want that list of things I wrote you of
 and hope to scrape up \$2.00 at an early
 date to send. You can just wait till I do.
 \$1 are scarce articles in this house
 now but when I lay my hands on some
 I shall dispatch them to you instantly.
 I have not been able to make money since
 you left me and you know very well how
 I made that and all about it. I can't
 teach school if I starve I can't I am not
 physically able and I have not yet found
 anything else I could do.

Zula is to get off in two weeks from
 to day and poor girl! I feel deeply for her.
 She is unhappy and unhealthy and
 she is not having much in her
 trouzon. Mrs Helms is making every
 thing and she cuts out and makes
 them just any way she don't seem to
 care how or what she does or gets.

Her dress has come from Louisville and it is right pretty. Hermetta over shade of blue not very light. It is trimmed in light yellow. Her hat, dress, gloves, all cost \$25.00. The hat is on the road not come yet. Julia is a sweet girl but O! how she lets her own suppose over her. I could tell you lots if I was with you.

What are you going to have for Easter? Mamma has her dress nearly done but I don't think I will have anything unless it is a little lambs I had and did not make all last summer. I have dressed very little ever since I came to Brook.

Buds boy had on the little sacker you sent him yesterday. He wears it every day and O! how black it is. If I was you I would never give him or any body Stella has anything to do with anything again. Send what you have to give, to me I will appreciate any thing if it only cost a cent. Excuse writing and write soon to

Yours lovingly,

Love to both & his baby from Mary R -

LEWISVILLE
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Mrs E. C. Huffaker

812 G. St. N.W.

Washington

D.C.

Mr. Bell gave me a note
to send you for me: he said
you could write when you
write to me. And the price
of the music

Greenville, Ten

April 24/88

Dear Carrie,

I acknowledge the
reception of your two letters,
and will attempt to answer
immediately, as it is so hard
for me to answer a letter
after putting it off from
time to time. I am one
of those procrastinators about
letter writing — but oh! I
do love to get letters from
dear ones, and do enjoy
reading their letters. So

much. Well war seems to
be the Topic of the day here,
and it looks very warlike.
When we see trains loaded
with troops passing. Company
K. of Greenville got orders
to day to leave. Mr. S. O.
Harold sent his son off
last night, to keep him
from going to war. Frank
is the only child, he belongs
to Company K. and they
have been expecting orders
any day. It was reported
yesterday that they had
orders, and Frank's Mother
fainted three times on
the strength of him going,
so his father started him
to Indiana to his relatives.

I suppose you have heard
that Cousin Nat Ripley, &
wife had gone home. They
came here last Tuesday. This
day week, Cairin Figgins brother
wife & Tillie B. came down with
them. Minnie, & I and the
baby went up on Tuesday
and staid until Saturday.
I came up on Friday it
was the week of the commence-
ment. It seemed so changed
at Cousin Eberts. Agnes Brown
said that Miss Arnold was to
play for them at the close of
the school, — but she has
declined. Mr. Boek binder has
for the past three sundays
been organist at the M. E.
church. It seems as though

it is ^a new organ, what a
change in the music,

Well since I began my
letter, Company K. has gone,
got orders to go to Knoxville,
to join others. It seemed as
most every body went to the
train to see them off. Arnold
Reave, is captain, Grace is
looking very healthy at this
time, and also Pal Frowlee
or Mrs. Dugge I should of said.
I am anxious to get Mortlands
picture, I imagine he has
changed considerably, we have
one of the baby's for you, I have
been at Dave to send it on
but he seems to be so absorbed
on the war question, he dont
do much but read the papers,

Ada, Hufferaker let me see her
Sweethearts picture - but I could
not find out any thing from
her, or Ada Bob.

We are having wet rainy
weather, and it has been such
a cold rain, have to have a
big fire. Another Haworth &
D. S. came from the Depot they
said that there was so many
over there, and so many
women. Both of Patten Rivers
boys left. The Negroes are make
-ing up a company, they have
sixty. We still have our company
she wants to stay till the mid-
-dle of May. Agnes request me
to say to you, that she wanted
one of Morelands pictures,
I have not been out but very

on account of bad weather,
I hope by the next time I write
I will have more news. I hope
you will not wait so long to
answer. I am always anxious
to hear from you. I have not
decided what I will do about my
visit, I know it would be a delight-
ful trip and I would enjoy
it. I wish you could visit us
this summer, I would enjoy
a visit from you.

Well I will close for this
time kiss Moreland for
me, give my ^{best} wishes to Ed,
I hope he is enjoying good
health, all join in love
to you, write soon.

Ever your affectionate
Aunt

A. E. Ripley

Mrs Huffacer

Please Give me the name of the
piece of music I Liked so well
I lost the name you did give me
My regards to you ^{and Robt}
4/22-98 Robert G B Webb

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Hyattsville, Md., April 27th 1898

My dear sir,

Yours to hand, the dimensions of Room
upper front Room 14 x 14 ft. Above 8 x 6. There are in the
House 16 windows without the Kitchen, size measured from
the inside Case are 5 ft 6 in x 2 ft 8 in. Hall 5 ft 3 in
width, and 9 ft from front door to steps, from the steps
to kitchen door 14 ft x 2 ft 8 in width. The above is the
information desired, I think.

I can not engage the word you desired to be furnished to-
morrow, as the party from whom I will get it lives in
the County, and can not see him or send word to
him. to get it here by that time, you will have to get
some little word here unless you can do better or unless
I can get you a card. The key can be gotten at any time
called for.

Yours Respect
Arthur Carr,

The Constitution,
ATLANTA, GA.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.
MRS. WILLIAM KING, EDITOR.

May 4, 1898.

Dear Cousin Carrie:

Berta has just gotten off to-day at 12 o'clock, and expects to communicate with you when she reaches Baltimore. - I spent the morning with her, and was so glad to help her get off. I just know she will enjoy her trip as much as any one could, and I sincerely hope you can be together a great deal.

I did not intentionally stop our slow correspondence, after seeing you last summer.

but intended writing you and
addressing it to Chucky Coity,
but heard that you had moved
to some place - Green-something
and did not have your address.
Now, I did not get your ad-
dress, nor did I know that you
had gone back to Washington
D.C. until I went to Experiment
on a visit about a month
ago, and learned there your
address, ^{was} 812 I. St. N.W. - so
I hope you will forgive me
and I will forgive you for
not writing to me when I
all this long time.

Now I write very hurriedly
to-day to tell you that Mother
and Clayton are in Washington
at the "Bancroft" corner of 18th
and H. St., and I would like

so much if you would go and see them
Mother left here Monday the 2^d May, and
will be in Washington until next Sunday
night unless persuaded to stay longer.
I would like for you to meet Mother & see
my boy whom you have never seen, and
also to meet Hill's sister Mrs Howard who
lives at the Bancroft. - Mother will be
at the Mother's Congress a great deal of her
time, and should you go you might run
upon her there. I would for Mother &
Clayton to see you very much. -

Berta will not be in Washington until next
week, and she will communicate with you.
Clayton came to Nashville towards the last
of my visit there, and you had gone, I
regretted so much. -

How is Moreland? I hope his health is
better, and that he doesn't cry for you
like he did. I don't believe he was well
all last summer. - How is Ida Bell, and
what was her operation? write me and
tell me about it, if you know. -

I told Berta this morning that I would
not write you, but after I got home I felt
rested so I concluded a letter from me
would reach you about as soon as she
could write you, so I won't tell you all
the news, and leave the most important
news for her to tell you. - she will tell you

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
JUL 14
9-PM
1898



Edward C. Huffaker Esq
Smithsonian Institution
City

A S S I G N M E N T.

WHEREAS I, Edward Chalmers Huffaker of Washington, in the District of Columbia am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States for my new and useful improvement in R A N G E F I N D E R S,

which invention is fully described in the specification pertaining to said application, which I have signed under oath this 30th day of June 1898.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid, the receipt of which I acknowledge, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto JAMES MILTON FRENCH, of Parisburg, County of Giles and State of Virginia an undivided one-half (1/2) part of all my right, title and interest in and to the said improvement and the Letters Patent therefor when granted. The same to be held and enjoyed by the said JAMES MILTON FRENCH his heirs and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made. And I request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the patent in accordance with this assignment.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of June 1898.

Edward Chalmers Huffaker

Sealed and delivered in presence of

Solon C. Kemou

Acknowledged before me by the said Edward Chalmers Huffaker this 30th day of June 1898.

Solon C. Kemou

Notary Public,



Mrs. Mary E. Cornell
invites you to the marriage of her daughter,

Carrie,

to

Mr. William Benjamin Ballard,
on Wednesday evening, October the fifth,
eighteen hundred and ninety eight,

at eight o'clock,

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church,

Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Huffman

AGENCY FOR

The Singer Manufacturing Company's
 Sewing Machines.

No. 529 Church Street,

Nashville, Oct 15 1898

Dear Nana

Your letter from Knoxville came promptly to hand, glad that you got safely & that I don't even if you were delayed that no harm was done ^{and} you had an opportunity to see Knoxville which was worth something.

Your second letter (from Washington) came today & it put you through easily. Glad to hear from you & of your safe arrival at Sister's

Now Mama dont imagine
that you can do every-
thing that is to be done
& work yourself down.
Aunt Sister is better
since your arrival &
No doubt she is, please
keep us advised as to
her condition, & when
you are ready to start
back dont fail to come
this way, if Sister is with
you so much the better
we have soon for you all
Frank goes to Atlanta Ga
next Thursday, having
abandoned the idea of
going to Jackson first
Mr Brown is still in
Jackson & will stick it out

AGENCY FOR

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Nashville,

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We had a big frost this morning & it extended down in Miss the beginning of the End is ten

Mary is well & continues to improve, she seems to be thoroughly satisfied & happy.

Ma Ma's baby is better though not entirely well they all enjoyed your letter very much - write again soon

Give our love to Sister & Ed & Miss Boby for his Uncle

Your afft son Frank

Audrey Cary Lane -
Oct 24 1898.

My Precious Brother,

I received your dear
sweet letter yesterday, and I found
you would have been amused
if you could have seen and
heard us as I read it. I was
so anxious to hear the news
that I didn't take time to read
it myself first, but read it aloud
for the benefit of the rest, and
when we found out that the
new baby was a boy (!) we
were disappointed to least nearly
and such long gasps as we
did have about it and "the-shucks!"
and "now isn't that bad!" etc, etc,
was enough to have made me
think that your new baby's name

A joy was a national calamity,
and if you could have heard
us cheer when we came to the
last of the letter and found
that the joy was a girl you
would have missed that it
was a presidential election,
and we had just heard that
the Republican had carried
everything. And, my darling old
father, I was just tickled to
death when you said her
name was "Ada" - I can't begin
to tell you how proud I am
of my little name-ake, and
how much I appreciate your
naming her for me.
I hope that the little
daughter Ada will be sweet

SPRINGFIELD
OCT
1855
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Prof. E. C. Huffaker,
Smithsonian Institution
Washington City
D. C.

V^a

Spring Valley V^a

OCT 25 1898

Dear Ed:

Your card received
Well I guess I will congratulate
you and Curry Sue. There is nothing
like having a girl in the family
and also a boy. A girl to wash
the dishes and a boy to wipe
em. There's nothing like it.

I re-choose you'll name it Charlie.
We are all well. Our school is
going along very nicely. We
have unusually good news
here. The people are all very
to us. I have no news in
particular I believe.

I wish you would state the
30th 31st 32nd and 33^d in Lyman Hall's
Algebra for me if you have
a book of that kind - Page 246
Art. 269.

Love to all

Your aff brother

C. W. HUFFAKER.

OCT 25 1898

Never mind the price
Ed. I have all but two
I think I can get them.

don't Enclure says
you all howdy
And to kiss the little
Cousin for you



Methodist Pub. House,
Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 21, 1898.

Prof. E. C. Hoffaker,

Dear Sir,

I fear the problem sent you
is insoluble. It
was sent me by Prof.
Vawter. I have not
had time to devote to
it. He said it was
a famous problem;
but he should have
said infamous. Work
on it at your leisure.
I will do the same.

Yours truly,

B. N. Price

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Inclosed you will find my draft on the Treasurer of the United
States, at Washington, for ^{\$} 83 ⁰³

..... Dollars, being the amount of your account rendered.

Salary for Jan'y '99 less 30¢ paid for M. C.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM W. KARR,
Disbursing Clerk.

me, though, to write
to you. Ada is sew-
ing on her new dress
this morning. I think
her dress is just
lovely - but not prettier
than mine. Our
Singing School closed
out last night,
and instead of
turning out the
full fledged night
ingale that I an-
ticipated, I developed
into a second class
screach owl. Mr.
Dukes, the teacher,

That you were
now a rank republi-
can - I believe that
is what - Barrie I
wrote to Uncle Joe -
Of course you cant
be a Democrat any-
longer tho', for you
know you said that
the Democrat came
in power that is
they didnt do some-
thing great you would
leave the party, I suppose
the whole family are
Republicans now but
Charley - I noticed

in the paper last
week that Sam
Black had killed
a man named
Cole there in Brit^{ain}
He shot him in
a saloon. I get the
Brit^{ain} Courier every
week from Prof Letey
I havent time to write
any more for I have to
get dinner. You must
write to me soon
I do love to get your letters
with a whole bundle
of love from you I am
your devoted little
Edith

Lancaster, Va.
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Greene County Bank

Greeneville, Tenn., FEB 21 1899 189

Kentucky Litho. Co. Louisville

E. C. Huffaker Esq
 Chuckey City Tenn
 Dear Sir:

Enclose your canceled note for \$25⁰⁰
 I overlooked or rather forgot your request when I went
 to write up the new certificate and drew it all in one
 \$400⁰⁰. Hope this will not inconvenience you any. Fulley
 intended to draw them as you instructed.

Ctf. deposit	450 ⁰⁰
Int	4.50
Old note	454.50
	25.00
	429.50
new ctf.	400
Revenue on new ctf.	29.50
	\$29.50

The first time you are in
 Greeneville please come in &
 endorse the old ctf. & lay
 away for you as per your in-
 structions the \$29.50 also new
 due you. ctf. Yours W. H. Armitage

(P.O.) Otnockey, Big Tennessee
May 29/99

Dear Bruce:-

Your kind letter in
regard to stove received. Many thanks
to you for the discount you allow me
on stove. You may ship me the
Leader cook stove advertised on pg 18
in catalogue. Please ship with stove
4 joints & 1 elbow. Enclosed find
(\$ 4.00) Eleven Dollars. Send me bill
and if there is a difference I will send
you balance. Freight stove to me
Pullers, Tenn. Both ways tell you
to tell the girls that we are looking for
them up every day. Love is all.

Kindly

C. W. Huffaker.

June 13 1899.

Dear Sister

I hear that you are completely under the
the molic grubbs, etc about my not writing you.

Well I guess you have got a kick coming
to you on that score - so just kick away
till you are satisfied; I won't kick back. Facts are
mama has been writing you so regularly - and
I know she tells you of us all - ^{and} as I have been
so very closely engaged with my work at mof
I felt that you would excuse me ^{and} my neglect in
writing you. But you didn't.

Frank & Belle spent the past 5 days with me
leaving yesterday noon for Hazlehurst & Westons
Spick - of course I enjoyed very much their
visit and mighty sorry that they had to leave
us. but They left.

Frank is looking well. so far but a little bit
grey. - He is as cheery in his disposition as

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413 E. HURON ST.,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



E. C. Muffaker
Chucky City
Tennessee

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WOOD PRESERVING A SPECIALTY.

CHICAGO, ILL.

July 24 1899

Dear Mr. Buffaker.

What with a trip to Denver, continued
absence at Mt. Vernon to start my new plant,
and severe illness since, I have been unable
to acknowledge sooner your letter of 4th inst, or
to send you a remittance. I now enclose
\$100. to cover two months.

I am pleased that you have obtained good
stability with surfaces as broad as 1 ^{to 3,}
few birds do as well, the owls ^{proportioned,} being, I
believe, 1 to 4, while the Buzzards are 1 to 6
and the Albatross 1 to 10. I fancy it all
depends upon the velocity of the winds that have
to be encountered: the greater the speed, the
less is the permissible travel of the center of pressure,
if equilibrium is to be easily re-established.

As to the conclusions which you have drawn
from these recent experiments, I comment on
them as follows:

1st. That a plane surface with ^{such} a small curvature
as results from bagging is superior in the matter of

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Stability to the curved surface with rigid front."

This is very attractive, and I wish it were true. Unfortunately, my experiments, as well as those of Lilienthal & Hargrave tell the other way. See Hargrave's remarks on the subject, as well as those of Breary in Reports Ser. 2 of St Britain. He claimed that artificial flight would never be accomplished with textile surfaces, because of the unavoidable fluttering in wind gusts.

"2^d That a broad surface carrying a light weight, is as stable as a narrow one with heavy weight, at least for light winds."

I think this is true for light winds. Please try the same surfaces in 20 miles winds and give me the results.

"3^d That a model with single surface 18" x 54" is really better than 3 superposed surfaces, each having an area of 9" x 54", and that the single surface may be made much lighter than the double surface of same area."

Here you are quite in error. Both theory and the experience with just said machines prove the contrary. You can test this by comparing the weight of our 5 surfaced model, with that of a model of same area. if you have one. Deducting of course the ^{weight of} collision frame.

Yours Truly O. Chanut

Chucky City ^{Prof. E. C. Huffaker}
~~Smithsonian Institution~~
Tennessee, ~~Washington~~
~~DC~~

Warrington Tenn. Aug. 16 - 99

Prof. E. C. Hufferden

Dear Sir

Some time ago

Dr. R. N. Price wrote you
for me concerning some
Relicts found in a house near
Halston River in Grainger Co. Tenn.
The Dr. advised me on yesterday
to write you again, and ask you
to look after them for me. I did
intend to ship them per. ex. direct
to the Curator of the Smithsonian
Institute, but he advised me to
write you, requesting that you
take charge of them. If you will
look after them for me, I will send

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them direct to you. They belong to
a poor but worthy lady and I
am only working for her. Dr. P.
thinks that they are valuable objects
and we want to get all out of
them we can. Please notify
me at once if you will interest
yourself in placing them where
they would be likely to command
the best price. I live near your
old homestead N. E. of Morris town.
I remember your father & family
very well. I have been a teacher
in the Public Schools of this Co.
for over 20 years. Please write
me at once. You shall have pay
for your trouble if we succeed in selling
them.

I am only interested in the
 matter on account of the lady.
 She is not educated, she knows
 nothing about getting her Relicts
 before the public. I will say
 that I have been communicating
 with Gen. G. O. Thompson at
 Nashville Tenn. He is said to be
 good authority on Pre-historic
 Relicts, but he did not offer
 enough for them, only \$500.
 The lady, Mrs. Nol was not willing
 to let them go at that price until
 she could investigate further.

Very Truly
 Rev. W. C. Williams
 Morristown
 Tenn.

OFFICE OF

The Singer Manufacturing Company

All Communications for this Office
should be addressed to
THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Nashville, Tenn.

September 21/99.

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Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Chucky City, Tenn.

Dear Brother:-

I am just in receipt of your long and interesting letter of 19th inst., and to show that I fully appreciate the very full explanation you have given me regarding several points over which I had begun to grow anxious, I am going to take the time and answer you tonight.

Now in the first place, in refference to little Mary Ada, I want to say for both Idabelle and myself that we had no other idea but to abide wholly by your wishes in regard to seperating her from Moreland, and we feel that you have decided wisely, and for the best; still we are disappointed, as we so much wanted to take the dear little thing and love her and care for her, for her own sake as well as her Mother.

Next I will tell you how we felt in reference to Mama & Mary; from the newspaper reports we could see that this type of fever was prevalent in a large portion of the state and of Ky, and naturally after losing Sister, and Mama having been exposed, we were anxious, and had she left Chucky City neighborhood, to come here, we would for a period, have still been anxious; now if Mama gets sick I want you to let me know with the least possible delay, and also notify Bud; poor Bud, this death was a sad blow to him, for the reason that he did not appreciate that there was danger until I repeated your Telegram that Sister was dying; it was different with me for I knew there was danger, if I didn't know that it was immediate.

In regard to your turning the Baby over to Mama on conditions named, will say that, as to the conditions we cannot object and of course I will say nothing on that point, but on the point of her having charge of Mary Ada, I think you have done a nice thing for the Grandmother, as well as the child; it will give Mama something to do, and it will take her mind off her other trouble, or in other words it will operate as a healing balm to her torn and bleeding heart; now I appreciate what you are doing for her in this, and I say now, if she wants to stay up near you, it will be best for her to do so, if when she wants to visit me, you will not oppose her in bringing the Baby with her; now Ed in all this talk about the little Baby dont you think that we dont think of, and love the big baby (Moreland), for we do love him, anf if I had thought there ever would be any chance of getting him, would have asked for him, but I understand that he is his father's boy, and I knew that was out of the question entirely.

Say to Mama for me that I stand ready to do whatever she wants to do, but must insist on hearing a little oftener of or from her for a while yet, at least until all danger is past.

On the subject of the welfare of the Baby, I want to add that where that is concerned, other interests must be set aside, and whatever may be our rather, none of us must forget the little motherless helpless babe, I am satisfied Mama feels as I do on this, and she will act accordingly.

I had a nice letter from Cousin Charlie Redding of Crystal Springs Miss, yesterday in answer to my letter telling him of Sister's death, from which I quote the following:-

"I do not know how to express my great surprise and sorrow at the death of dear Carrie, it was really a great shock; wife and I have reverted to the sad fact, nearly every evening, as we sit on our gallery after business hours, and strange as it seems, in nearly every instance while talking of other matters, and in a lull in the conversation we found our minds at the same time, on the sad event; wife would say, "Poor Carrie" and I, poor orphan. We trust she is with Her Sainted father, and and mine, -sisters- and numberless kindred, in the eternal City; do you ever think of the inducements to us to live Pure Christian lives? think of the number gone on, 'tis much larger than are on earth with us, let us all strive to meet one another up there."

Cousin Charlie is much older than I am, and I fear much more of a Christian, he is a good man and loves us all, and I believe was particularly fond of Sister; Mama will tell you all about him.

Accept my deep sympathy in your bereavement Ed, of course we all feel Sister's death keenly, but after all you will miss her the most of all, and your distress will be the most constant, but you can have the consolation of knowing that she is in Heaven as surely as there is a place of that kind, and she is now beyond all earthly sorrows, and bodily pain; I am glad to know that she was ready to go, and felt no uneasiness as to the future; let us all look in the direction she has gone, and as countless kindred have gone before, and try to do as Cousin Charlie says, "meet one another up there".

All join me in love to you all, and with a kiss for the Babies I will close, and go to bed.

Tell Mama and Mary to write us in full; we had a letter from Mama today but it seems to have been written before yours.

We are all well as usual. Would be glad to hear from you often.

Your brother

Frank

Jackson La Oct 14/99

My Dear Haffaker.

I returned

recently from New

Took to first hand of your
Misfortune which has con-
ferred your life with a
Cruel -

Let a friend of old offer
his best felt sympathy and
while he was so near tears
from the

was not yet commenced
to heal, he would ask
that in the privacy of
your grief you would let
him come if only to say

that time alone must
be the such a loss as
his -

That strength and Cour-
age may come to you
to bear up bravely and to
hope that lifes sunshine
may yet be yours, is the
sincere wish of

Yours and faithful friend

My Dear wife begs to
include me in this little
message of sympathy
Lovingly
Lovingly

I will be here up to Nov 1st
after which I expect to be
in St. Louis

H. M. LIPPINCOTT,
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