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Austin? Arthur?, Tenn.
March 29th 1882

Dear Ed,

Your kind letter came yesterday and for fear I postpone as you did I will answer today. I don't think I could deny you a reasonable request, and yet as I read over your letter I find it impossible to write that letter. For your sake I would gladly extend my invitation to the girls, and will do so if I can through you. You forget or did not think of the impropriety of or me writing to B.W.I.P on any subject whatever. You remember we were once young and given to each other – that his idolized sister was resolved we should marry. Now Ed, if I were to write that letter he would no doubt think it a pretext to open a correspondence with him and would certainly give him a contempt for me. You remember he came to see me the very day your uncle John left after we were engaged. I was too much his friend to want him to

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even commit himself, so I told him first opportunity I was engaged. He said he came open to convictions and now I would never know what they were. So there the matter rested, and now for me, (while his heart is fresh bleeding over one so dear) to write to him on any subject would be highly improper. You think “perhaps Aunt Sallie would marry again, I had never thought of that.” Well, you needn't think it yet, nor would I want any one else to think so. I will do this, however, if you wish me to: I will write to you that Willie spoke to me of the invitation, will send the father a message through you – a cordial invitation to them to spend the summer with us. I think I could do that without being misunderstood. I am glad you are having a good time at College – wish you great success. You asked how I liked, “your mother.” Well, I always liked her, but I think that bag she beat so unmercifully has a forgiving heart. Seriously, I cannot say I like the style of that article as that of “Wenona.” Somehow in some of your pieces you, like Mark Twain, mix up the sublime

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and rediculus [sic] in such a way that I am at a loss to know just where the true sentiment comes in. It is like separating [sic] the walnut and the hull – there is so much hull; but then the walnut is very good when you get it. I like “Wenona” and the Mediterranean if that is the way your critic said spell it. You will make a writer of some note I hope.



Gib came down and stayed with me two weeks while he put his land in oats and clover. He is nearly as strong as before his sickness. The small pox is very near his house, but I think they have stopped its spreading now. Only two deaths and about 20 cases. It is in the hills back of Cannons. I fear Gib will never marry – he is too choice – not too choice either, but he wants an intelligent matter-of-fact-girl, given to industry, and there are not many such girls about here. We have had two frosts lately fear the peaches are injured.

All send love to you and the family when you see them. If you think my message through you would accomplish anything I am at your service.

Lovingly your aunt
Sallie

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Home? Tenn.
Feb 6 (18)80

Mr. Edward

Dear Sir

I believe when I saw you last I said something about writing and at the time supposed I would do so promptly. But it is wonderfull [sic] how time flies when it has an old man on its back and how swiftly it passes those stations where it is supposed this same old man is to stop to write letters. I wonder why it is that men as they grow old especially old Bachy loose [sic] their youthful inclination to write letters. I used to frequently write letters with "Energy" in them but that was when "Energy" was in the inside and not on the out. I have written many letters from Energy but not many to it. Indeed I do not remember to

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have written these but once before and that was to send back 5 or 6\$ to pay Hermes for speeches. I did not make it for other delinquencies. By the way I believe you went in at the other end of the building. In "my day" all most all (illegible) were Hermesians. I do not remember having made but one Speech but that was such a superb affair that I thought it might have to carry me not only through the collegiate course but a good way out into afterlife beside. The more – however thought otherwise and being backed by the Society I was overruled and came out – in debt – as aforesaid. Oh Yes! I do remember having taken a part in a debate and of not only taking over part but also part of the part of another man. He on the floor



was a poor speaker but awfully deliberate, speaking slow, making long pauses, and walking back and forth as old players are want to do some times in actual life.

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After speaking for some time in this deliberate stile [sic] he walked back some distance. I had for some time been experiencing an unusual sensation about the pit of its stomach as if I wanted to say something and moved by this unwound excitement I bounded into the arena some 8 ft in front of "Mr President." I soon perceived by the loud smiles of the members that something was wrong. Looking back I saw the defacto speaker at the door 8 ft in my rear holding up his notes to a light and preparing with his "energy of position" to come at Mr. President with great force. At the pause line he turned and at first looked me severely but gradually a sense of most deliberate disgust spilled all over his countenance and he "deliberately" took his seat – I offered apologies but the member kept on deliberately sliding his notes down in his vest pocket. I don't hope ever to be so successfull in debate again. I most effecually [effectually] silenced my opponent – and avenged the members from the stupor in which the deliberate Speeches had placed them to one of intense enthusiasm. I don't know whether I was fined for this or whether the amusement was taken as an offset to the impropriety. over

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Well if I don't hurry up I shall not have room to write you any thing at all. Haworth's family have had a serious time with Typhoid Fever. They have all had it except the old folks, Camelia and Howard. Mark first too it and had just gotten so he could walk around when Lottie, Archer, Flora & Lillie all took it and were all down at the same time. They are all up to now, but the old folks are complaining they think it is from waiting on the others however and that they are not likely to leave the fever as persons of their age surely do. There has been a good deal of this fever through the country this last fall & winter. I have a headache today myself and some symptoms but I guess I am too old for typhoid to attack me. This is one advantage age has over your fellows. We are all however subject to the mining fever Devonshire? Ripley thought he had a zinc mine Spent 75\$ getting out & hauling to the depot. And then learned it was simply a good article of limestone. His success has set the balance of us looking round lest we should live all our days in a gold mine and die without knowing it. I send you a sample of one and you are to write me what it is. It is found in a bed of slate part of which is very red. Samples of Pyrites is fools [sic] gold have been found in same bed. If it is Pyrite as I suppose it is iron or coke lay nearby. Write soon. Jo Hensley?

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Denton's Valley
Dec. 14th 1883



My dear brother.

I had the pleasure of seeing my dear little sister Effie this morning, and of also receiving a much welcomed letter from you. Thank you for the solution of those problems. I can understand them. Your letter contains news. I will just tell you what I think. I once liked W. B. but no more. He may want to build up that friendship again but cannot succeed. I will have nothing to do with a man who nurses me a while and again makes me his foot stool. He will nurse me but once. He will cast me off but once

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We can know no man at first sight. He must be tried. I have weighed W. B. in my mind. I will say nothing of Miss Lucy. The less I say of her the better. I would say nothing good about her. I never want to see or speak of her again. I can't like Miss Mattie again. She might as well wrong me. While M & L are most to blame no doubt; M is M. must have her share. She out not to be so easily influenced. I am afraid she never loved you any too well. Ed let them go never make up! Never! They are beating on their own strings. Their music will die away, and the sound of their beating upon their strings will be as the sound of a broken bell

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And they will have beaten away their own strings. Their meafans [malfeasance?] will return to their own bosoms. M & L are not getting away with you; but they are, unconsciously doing it. getting away with themselves. My hand and heart Ed in all your troubles. Be cheerful, remembering that the farther away you push your former friends, the nearer you draw others to you. Nothing will be lost. Seek you another sweetheart, there are others as noble, and I will come cheerfully to see you in your married days, and bless your children The wind is howling through the tree tops, whistling through the key hole, and it cold, but comfortably seated before a pleasant

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fire. I hardly think I will go home Christmas. My school will be so near out I think I had best stay. I may though change my mind. I got a very kind letter from aunt Ada a few days ago. It was so kind I just wish you could see and read it. I answered it kindly in return. Last Saturday we killed seven squirrels.

I am very sorry for Bob; he is in a bad fix isn't he. He will have to do his own getting out though. Organ at home. Well Ed. I am going to write to you right often; don't get sick of me please. If I crowd you; let me know.

Write soon to your true brother.



Chas.
Direct to Abingdon

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Envelope

Wallaces Switch, Va
Aug. 28
Mr. Edwardy C. Huffaker
Mt. Sterling, KY

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Walnut Grove
Aug. 26, 1884

Mr. Huffaker,

I received your interesting letter & am glad to hear you are so pleasantly situated & hope you will continue to enjoy you're your new Ky home. We have not had any more picnics, especially such an agreeable one, but are having a number of Sunday

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School conventions, which are quite pleasant. The next one will be at Bristol & Baker's Chapel. "I think most of us will go to "Baker's Chapel." I expect I will be so confined with school duties, will not have time to keep up a correspondence with you this winter, but will be glad to see you next summer.

Yours truly,

E. F. Preston

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Nora Terry wants me to send this note to you for her so I will write some too and send with it.

I have gotten almost well now, but I would have been so glad for you to have come down Friday, as you said you might have done if it had not been the night of the contest for the Debaters medal as it is I'd not suppose you will come home until after commencement, but that will not be long.

I suppose you and Mr.
C. M. Bishop had a fine time.

Did you find out his motive in telling you Mira Price was in love with you? Did he tell you where the girls were going to spend their summer?

I heard Charlie ask him if he was going to teach next session, and he said he wanted to get a school over home and teach, so he could be at home. I thought from that they were thinking of keeping house again. He said if his influence had anything to do in keeping the girls from M.W.C. next session that they would never be back here anymore. He certainly has a strong opinion of the college this year as any one could well have. You and he had talked it all over I know because he was so firm in his belief about it. Mary May was over here Sunday but I did not see her. I was sick. I gave her your letter. I know you now (right edge) have been glad if you had have come down (top of page) as you would have gotten to chat her or a long time. I am not very well posted with college here but I guess a letter heavy (left edge) laden with news will be on hand from Mary May before long. I believe she generally knows we [right side of previous page] bring the picture of the college down.

[Top of page] Most of the girls have finished their compositions and some have handed them in. Nora Terry is perfectly delighted with hers, I do not see how she can well help being. I read it and thought it was beautiful and wish it had been written for me, but then I know I will like mine just as well and perhaps better you do not know how glad I am about my composition. Pa is not coming home before next Monday so if you have it finished this week you can send it any day.

I am mad at Mira Foster. I do not think I will ever be in a good humor with her. She seemed to think she is still my boss

And I intend to show her she is not. I would rather you would comment, if you don't care. I will tell you why another time. I will have to close. Write very soon. Lovingly, Anna

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Church Hill
Aug 24th 1884

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

I really do not know that it is or is not my time to write. Considering thought that you are in a country strange to you, and may perhaps for a while be a little lonely or lost, I will with pleasure write. Well I suppose you know by this time what the state of Kentucky does really [be?]

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What think you of the blue grass region? Have they any thing but grass up there? Do the people up there eat grass? If so, are you by this time becoming some what stomicated? Are there biting dogs in that country? If so, are their tails in firm? Did you ever think a dogs tail or any other crittlers said tail was infirm like old age? I have no craving to be old. I never fancied the idea of being like a dogs tail or any other said tail. Did you know a tail could talk? You have certainly heard the tale of the ass and the horse. More might be said about the tail, but I have other things about which to write.

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My sweetheart is still alive, and as sweet as ever. She is a kind that does not fade. It is strange that a man will face twenty years of his life without seeing a girl he can love and then all at once come upon one that he will always love, and will never love another. There is an expression "True to your first love." If my belief is correct I would make the expression run thus: "True to your love." I would have minimal [sic] about it. Deliver me from living bachelor! And I have said: marry would I not except for love; so if I fail on one see my condition. Another page wasteth for something else. So over [you go?]

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Hear from home very well. Ma seems to be very proud of her cow, and also of the hog. I don't think ma & pa ever had much faith in my ever going much good for myself or any body else; but you see I am not carried about by their belief. I do my own rooting. I hope some day I may agreeably disappoint them. As soon as I bought the cow she turned right around and had a big câf [calf]. She's a bully cow, and bless you, a bull caf (likely). It is much better, I think, to have that money making home folks happy that have it sleeping in my pocket. Don't you think so. Hog cholera is raging in this country.

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No 6 531 Foster to Gordon Sept 24 1884

No 9 306 Richmond & [Karr?] Coal Lumber Co. to J J [Gordon?]



Beginning at a berth near Morris Creek on the back line of a tract of 26 acres belonging to the said J. J. Gordon thence _____ with

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My Dear Brother,

Your letter was gladly received of this morning and I will answer now.

We received a sad letter from the Bend this morning. We have no Aunt Sallie now. She has gone to a long sweet rest at last. She died at two o'clock Saturday morning. Aunt Nan wrote us the particulars, we will send you the letter as soon as Pa comes home and reads it.

She had not been

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much worse than usual, until Thursday night when she took suddenly bad.

To me her parting was such a resigned and beautiful one that it makes me want to be good.

There were no "chilly waters" for her to cross and she will never suffer any more. She wanted Aunt Joe to take the twins, and left the boys with "God & their friends." Aunt Carrie will take Bob and Aunt Nan the other two. Gibbie is their guardian.

Pa has not come home from conf. yet. He does not know she is dead.

Prof. Price said conf.

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would close last night – so I guess Pa will be at home today. I have no conference news to tell you now, but perhaps will have before I seal this.

Effie commenced teaching again Monday. I taught for her three weeks, and wanted to teach longer, for she still looked as feeble, but she would go, and has been getting on very well, says she can teach as well as she ever did. She is boarding for the time near the school house and as it has been raining this week, they let her have a horse to ride. If she does not over task her strength – we think the exercise will be good for her, and she was



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so impatient to get back.

I have entirely recovered now, and guess I will have to go off to teach next Saturday, but will not know until Pa comes home. I am right anxious to go to my school and be making some thing again.

Ed you have no idea how happy we all were to receive those nice mattresses warm blankets etc. I never saw Sara more delighted hardly, nor Pa in better humor or spirits. But if I had been the one that gave them, I would have been the happiest of all, first to know I made all the hearts so light and

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Effie is at home this evening. She looks much better than she did Monday.

Miss [Gernie?] was married last night. I will not begin teaching before Saturday week, on account of the large boys having to stay at home to work. Ma has given conf. news again. Anna

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Church Hill
March 28th '85

My dear brother,

Received your letter on yesterday before A picture was found in it. I hardly know how to interpret it. It is evident you did not intend it as a likeness of me for it bears no resemblance in the least. You may have meant it for yourself. Surely you haven't [sic] gotten that way since you went to KY. Do you need any help Edd. If you have

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come to that I'll go a nickle [nickel] on you. Now I'll guess it. You have married, and that's your idea of a married man. Edd it dont [sic] look like you used to and I don't [sic] believe you meant it for yourself. I guess you saw some tramp walking through the street and drew his picture as he went along. I got a letter from home a few days ago. The folks at Emory say you are married. Of course that's not true, as I do not believe it. If you are married tell your wife she's got a little bud-in-law in this heat, with big pop black eyes, long nose, wrinkled face, gray hairs, big ears, a cat fish



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mouth. Tell her I look just like a monkey. Mabe [sic] though she never saw a monkey. If she never, Edd you take her to the next show. I want her to know just how I look so she will be prepared to see me. Edd I never want it said that I scared your wife to death. My school will close out in two weeks. I will not get home before [corn?] If then. I went to church today. I go to church very little. If ever I am not as good a boy as I ought to be since how its right hard to live right. I am glad my school is so near out perhaps I can get a little rest.

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in the teaching (illegible) would do me a great deal of good (illegible). This is a foolish letter. Please excuse.

Write soon
Your jolly bud
[Chas. Huffaker?]

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Copies of testimonials from Professor C. E Hoss

To whom it may concern:

Hearing that Mr. R. O. Huffaker who has been for some years a pupil in this school, and who graduated in the regular A. B. course in 1885, is, or will be, an applicant for a position as teacher, I take great pleasure in saying that he is a young man of exemplary morals and good scholarship. In fact, for one of his

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years he has made remarkable advancement in knowledge. I ought to add that I think Mr. H. may be so duly trusted to do his whole duty in any position he may receive.

E E Hoss
President E. & HC [Emory and Henry College]
June 23 1885

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Copy of Testimonials of Prof. James A. Davis

To whom it may concern:

Learning that Mr. R. O. Huffaker is an applicant for a situation as teacher, I take great pleasure in saying that he is a worthy young man and well aligned for the position he seeks. He graduated here in the Regular course with last years [sic] class, which is sufficient evidence of his scholarships. When he acquires the [mgm site?] experience, I see no reason why he should

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not make a first class teacher.

Very Respectfully
James A. Davis
Professor of Nat. Science
Emory and Henry College
June 23 1885

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Sayre Female Institute

H. B. McClellan, A.M.
Principal

Lexington Ky Sept. 13, 1885

Dear Prof.

I received your letter two or three weeks ago, but I have been getting ready to go to school for two or three weeks. I did not know where I was going till a day or two before I came here. Papa gave me my choice between Louisville, Lexington, Belle Wood and Shelbyville, and I chose Lexington for Mary and Georgia Hamilton, Mary and Hattie Owings, and Lilly Samuels were coming. We all came down to Sayre last Friday on the train. All of the girls (and boys) came down to the train to tell Lillian and I goodbye. Miss De Graffenreid expected me to go there and did not find out better till I was gone. I like

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Major and Mrs. McClellan very much. We have 30 boarders in the boarding department and about 200 in the school. There is a large gymnasium here and also an infirmary in which delightful place I have been yesterday and today. The day I came down, a week ago last Friday I took cold on the train and have been suffering terribly with neuralgia ever since. I have written to Mamie twice saying I was coming home. All the girls like Prof. Graffenreid very much and also Miss Barbour, but they say Prof. is stricter than you were, and they don't like that part of it. Miss Fannie and Lizzie both left for Texas a week or two ago where they are going to teach. People said that they could not get along with Miss

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Mary. Papa is up in [Breathill?] preaching. Mr. Converse from Louisville is with him. They are all well at home. Marshall Julie and Grace are all going to the college. Lucy is not going yet as her eyes are injured in some way perhaps from study so late at night last year. Papa does not know what to do about her. He is thinking of taking her off and having them examined. Lucy is very much disappointed that she cannot go to school and she is afraid that she will get behind in her studies. Lillian and I room together with three other girls. They are all very nice but Lil and I hope to be moved to a smaller room soon and it will be much more agreeable. Well I must close. Lillian wishes to be remembered.

Your little friend
Mary Guerrant

Direct your letters to Sayre Institute Lexington if you wish to write to poor little me and pass away the time (illegible)

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Mt. Sterling, KY
Nov. 21st 85

Mr. E. C. Huffaker,

My dear brother:

This is a lovely morning. I have been out in the sunshine exercising. Went up to the levee and laid me in a lot of stamps, and by the way I stopped under a hickory nut tree, and such hickory nuts you never did see. They are ahead of [chestnuts]. I never cared much for hickory nuts because it was too tedious a process to get out the kernel; but these have no such drawbacks.



Well, my school is three months out, and no tears are running

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down this chicks cheeks on account there of. This is equivalent to six months last year. I now begin to feel easy on the subject. A school week always seems over when three days are gone and it is the same way with months. The nearer I come to one close of school the happier I get. You [judge?] From this that I am not enjoying myself very well. Well the truth is Ed I am getting as fat as an old bear, and as full of life as a fat pig. Ed I am thinking of our shop. As we can't go into the business next summer I think I had better teach a short school next fall and then get in with some good workman and work in wood awhile. I think it would be best for me to understand these things before going into business. I tell you we can make more

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money at that than teaching school and I know I would like it much better. I don't think we need fear about pa and ma. We will be able to give them all they need I think. We'll not let them suffer again if we can help it. In the last letter Ma wrote me she their boarder had left and she said she intended to spend the rest of their days in ease. God bless her she needs rest, and she shall have it. Next summer we will try and make them some presents wont we? If at any time you see that they [need?] money, let me know and I will send them some. Bob seems to be well pleased. Bob seems to have a great amount of activity about him. He talks of joining the show. That will break into our machine shop arrangement wont it?

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How do you spend your Saturdays? Do you ever hunt any, or fish? or do live near a river? Let's go to White Top next summer and fish for trout . . . speak of Mac B. I am afraid he will not succeed very [letter torn] wouldn't . . . he would . . . much where he is and doing . . . he does. I have always thought a great deal of Mac and hoped he would do well. Too much pride wont [sic] do. People wont [sic] think any less of you for saving all you can, and if they should what of that – you know you are doing right. A heart full of love.

Your brother Chas.

Solve this please

A vinter [sic] draws a certain quantity of wine out of a full vessel that holds 256 gallons and then fills the vessel with water, draws off the same number of gal. as before and so on for four draughts, when there were only 81 gal. of pure wine left. How much wine did he draw out each time? Ans. 64, 48, 36, 27

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Virginia Emory
Emory Virginia
December 26th 1883

My very dear Bobbie,

I was so glad for your letter and think (illegible)gladly stay.(illegible) I think (illegible) till (illegible)Christmas the (illegible) of church Thursday night. It was a nice tree and I got lots of nice presents. I got a pearl handled key knife, a china cup and saucer, a silk handkerchief in cambric, a package of oranges and candy, a scrap album

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R. Ohio Huffaker

a beautiful toothbrush, a pair of kid gloves, and the prettiest red plush photograph album I ever saw.

I am very fond of them all.

I hope you are having a happy Christmas. I wish I could be with you, and have a long talk. I like all the people in (illegible). They are (illegible) people. If they were not, I would not like them. I would rather board in a private family than at a hotel. I would feel more at home.

I am glad you like to teach and that you like the people at Mendota. I expect they are plain people or you would not like them.

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Bobbie, I always thought that you and I had dispositions more alike than any of the other children.

Are you reading much? I have ordered me "Little Dorritt" and "Heroes and Hero Worship" by Carlyle. I love so much to read that I think it is right for me to spend some of my money for books. I would rather have nice books than fine clothes.

I have not seen many magazines since I came down. I have been reading the last number of Harper's today.

There are two good stories in it, "East Angels" and "Indian Summer." Indian Summer is by N. D. Howells. I like that style of novels very much – the development

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of character.

There have been a good many church people in town. Two came here for supper. There are five saloons in town, so you may know it's a wild place. I don't want you to ever even taste whiskey honey, for it makes man a beast.

I heard from Ed the same time I got your letter. I think that he is a good boy.

I have not heard from Charlie or home for some time.

now you must write very soon to your

loving sister Effie

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Emory Virginia
Feb. 29th 83?

Dear _____

This . . . not . . . Feb. but I . . . think . . . would answer for it. March comes in like a lion, and I suppose will go out like a lamb. I am smoking. Any pipe is cob, and I find it a gob, with ever so much poking to keep the thing a smoking. I am a

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poet same . . . what of a . . . fellow as some other kind of . . . fellow, as . . . wagon spoke . . . have several . . . and expected to . . . today, but . . . a postal . . . in this morning . . . stating that he would likely not come home before the last of the week. He is in Bristol today. Well, your R.R is progressing I suppose won't you rejoice when you hear the train toot for Mendota? I guess when I come to

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see you I will have to do as . . . does and go win a job. It will go right hard with me. We received a letter from Ed a few days ago. He sent money to pay rent. We have been talking of getting a carpet for the parlor but somehow we can't get up an agreement. Pa won't listen my spending my money for a Brussels carpet, and wait on the rest of them for my pay. He told one that I worked

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hard for my money and that I must keep it. He said if I should do that he would feel like leaving home. Also I must [take?] his advise [sic] and do without the Brussels.

Bob I have shaved off my moustache. They were getting rather to silky for me, and you know that I do not care to have silk about my person. Well, ma is going to write some.

Goodbye
Your aff [affectionate] brother
Chas

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Catlettsburg [KY]
Sept. 11, 1886

Kind friend,

After "waiting and watching" so long with a yearning heart at last my desires are gratified to a great extent by the reception of your last favor of a recent date.

I had indeed given it out ever coming. I thought likely my little friend had to [sic] many sweethearts to write to and that he was tired or reading long uninteresting letters. Ned as I told you at the beginning of our correspondence you must not

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expect anything of me.

Indeed it is not wise to scan the pages of ancient history and turn to buried centuries and place them up on the record of today. Its [sic] not wise to call your attention to the writings of Byron, Shakespeare, Burns and others as fully renowned & extract there inflaming lines of poetry and eloquent words that would well the heart of Adamant or provoke the sympathies of a Christabell.

I know too, that other girls of more affluence, with less intelligence and beauty, yet I can quietly turn the key that unlocks the bosom to all honest heart. As I assure you that there are none that can be a truer or will be a truer friend to you. And with the pact

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"I'm stanch'd to my friends in woe" on (illegible) True as the [magick?] to the steal & etc.

Well to our former style of corresponding (& you will excuse what I have been saying for I've been letting my heart take the lead of my head.)

I'm having a nice school, getting along well with all of my students, and the most of them are advancing well in their studies. I will be glad when it is over; but I'm not anxious to quit receiving the money though it be little. I think a great deal of some of my students; but I do not like my situation, too many idlers sitting around the Spring (just the boys of the neighborhood that are too old for the free school and besides that their to [sic]

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lazy for anything, much less school.

Well we had so many meetings in this part of the "moral vineyard" that it is all I can hear of. I do get tired of hearing of so much meeting and especially when there are schools going on. Well we [have?] only had 6 weeks now day and night. I had to stop my school one week. They carried in on one week in my school house and moved 2 miles east, now they [are] having a bigger time than ever 2 miles north. Well I believe in preparing for eternity, if I did not think I was prepared, I would be trying too, now sun. You must excuse this badly written & composted letter. No you must not flatter me, for you know my circumstances, and I would not be flattered by you or anyone for the world. I think I have seen my share of trouble without being flirted with.

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Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Jackson, La.

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Catlettsburg
Oct. 14, 1886

My dear little friend,

I hope you'll excuse me for answering your letter so soon; but we have been having such a big time here going to associations that I just wanted to tell you all about it. I first attended one at Sevierville this week here on Alden branch. Well you may guess I put on all the airs I knew how trying to make some young man fall in love with me. And my greatest fear is I failed. But I had some spies out to see and hear all they could, and they reported that there

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were several fair compliments past [sic] on me, so I feel a little encouraged whether they were faults [false] or true. I must confess we all have the "bitter with the sweet" for they were nearly all old men that fancied my appearance (excepting one & he was a young physician) & I believe I like him pretty well. He seems to think so much of my little girls I could not keep of liking him some. I guess you'll think me rather fast beginning to think of the young men & also talking about them too, well let me tell you right here I mean to marry some of these days & get me a nice little home of my own & I am going to be as happy as I possibly can be. "Life is what we make it," & I am going to make mine as agreeable as possible & who can blame me.

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Would not my husband do so? Yes indeed and I have the same right. There is one thing I will never be guilty of that is putting myself in the way or young men or pushing myself on them in any way. Altho [sic] I mean to marry someday, I've got to be wooded not to woo myself. And besides that I'm not in any hurry. Of course I see some young men that I would like to admire, but there are a great many others that I would not look at. But I'm going to wait until "the right one" along then all will be well. Now what do you think of what I have said? I can guess. Well I know she's a fast one or she is loving someone & now if you guess this you will be missing it, for if it was my disposition to be fast I would control myself better or try "awful" hard. Well maybe I had better

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tell you why I have written this. Some certain nice little fellow proposed! You see I've been studying some about it, altho [sic] I rejected him now I feel the utmost confidence in you or I would not have told you this. So now do not betray me. For I would not have any one here to think that I had ever given a young man a



moment to flatter me. If I can say honestly that he pushes himself on me neither rightly for I would not think of marrying him for the world simply because I could not love him & and he also asked me to marry him not saying anything about loving me or asking me to love him and you better believe I'll be far from marrying any one if they were as rich as Jay Gould that did not ask my love and love me also. Well I will not give any more of my "ups and downs" I fear you will get disgusted at what I all ready written, but I would not trust this to any friend I have here so I thought I could rely on you. I am exceedingly thankful for your friendship.

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Indeed I can say I have always felt an interest in your well fair [welfare] and your (illegible) way and sounded sweet to my ears, and the sight of you was nearly all I could bear. I was so happy. I can say I never was as glad to see anyone as I was you last summer. Indeed I could have leaped with joy, so overwhelmed with joy. I envy the girl that claims you. Oh! I know you'll select a beauty & darling one, for as I know there was never a more worthy young man [breathe?] than you are & I know it will take a worthy young lady to "catch you." & my honest opinion is she will always be happy and never regret her trouble of winning you. Oh! Yes some pretty young girl of the south will claim you as her prize before (illegible) old ugly Mollie Maples gets to see you. Well I guess I'm not "one of the favored few." So, I'll have to give up to "fates decree." All this it weighs my heart. Yes, I am your true friend and will be. It matters not who claims you as her lifes [sic] partner. As ever, Mollie M
Please send me one of your photos.

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Excuse bad writing for I am in haste, do not laugh at my poorly composed letter. I am (illegible) written true

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Between (86-87)
To Prof. Huffaker from Cora & other legal pad pages
Bob (Nov. 13/87) Date?

Dear little M-----

know is very great. She has an affectionate heart. She has my tender sympathies; as have you both.

The postals sent from Mr. McMaster, sent from Jackson and Canton, Miss., I took the liberty to read. I opened the papers sent by your brother Frank. We anxiously await a letter from you. I trust we will soon have you with us once again.



We miss you both more . . .
[paragraph missing]

I am
your true and loving
Cora L. Fishburn

[This must be Carrie Sue. I know (Mary Ada said) that Carrie Sue was Coras [sic] bridesmaid when she married Ed, but didn't know it was this thick.

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Sunday

Millwood Inst.
Jackson Louisiana
November 21 – 1886

My very dear friend

I little (illegible) my first missive to (illegible) would be penned under . . . sad circumstances! And what can I say in this hour of sadness, to comfort! At such moments the heart craves sympathy, and yet words - written words seem empty and cold. My own heart is deeply grieved for whatever gives you sorrow brings me pain. I did not realize how dearly

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I have learned to love you, until yesterday. I returned to Millwood and found you gone, and called away by so sad an accident too! that makes it so hard! Your poor brother! It is your only comfort to know he is now in a better world.

Our hearts would be utterly crushed when our dear ones are taken did we not know, [that] hereafter we will meet them in heaven. I can say nothing that will comfort, but unto Him who hath said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," I commend you.

This Sabbath

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is gloomy and rainy; none of us went to church. Miss Maggie misses both you and Miss Marie, but I can assure you I miss you far more than anyone else at Millwood. Dear Little (illegible) I know is very great. She has an affectionate heart. She has my tenderest sympathies; as . . . you both.

The postals from Mr. McMaster, sent from Jackson and Canton Miss. I took the liberty to read. I opened the papers sent by your brother Frank. We anxiously await a letter from you. I trust we will soon have you with us once again. We miss you both more

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I . . . few line . . . for yourself and Miss Marie.

I am
Your true and loving
Cora L. Fishburn

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Sayre Female Institute
H.B.McClellan, A.M.
Principal
Lexington KY Oct. 15th 1886
Thursday night,

My dear brother

I really am almost (letter torn) attempt to answer . . . letter. You see my emotions are so great and varied on one (illegible) by so great and famous an author that I tremble and pause in awe upon attempting it.

You are writing so often to do you think I could bear up under such a strain as would be imposed on my soon weak intellect! I doubt it!! Perhaps I could stand it for a short time but after that "Where! Oh where would I be?" I had a very severe cold last week and went home last Wednesday and stayed till Monday.

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I had a perfectly lovely time at home and had so much company that Papa (illegible) decided that it would (illegible) for me not to come (illegible) it dreadful? (Illegible) had a reason (illegible) and a course I sang in it. (Illegible) broken [Science?] I cannot go home [anymore?] for Thanksgiving for I received these



(illegible) upon (illegible) wanting (illegible) tomorrow night one of the (illegible) 20 miles. Now I may say one 8 and on 11. I think they are perfect [geese?] to write so far just to see me. But of course I don't tell them so it is certainly very nice of them. Tomorrow night I will spend with (illegible) in the country and

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she [has] invited (illegible) my friends out so it will be very pleasant...never fear that I will be the Miss...(illegible)...has given up all hope of ever being smart. (Illegible) my studies away now (illegible) yesterday (illegible) Richmond now attending Synod. Julie has been unwell since I last wrote you but is well again. I have the very loveliest riding habit and outfit you ever saw. Whip and all. You should see me ride. I dazzle the town as I pass by!!

The examinations are going on now, and instead of studying, I am writing letters. I have already written four but I have only one examination tomorrow and there is no

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use studying for (illegible) I do not know (illegible) I do not know (illegible) scrapes your [heroine?] could get in you know (illegible)no angel at school and have no experience (illegible) a little scrape. I (illegible) girls and [leaped?] back & the back part of the Chapel in the dark during study hall and ate cake the whole time and then got to giggling and of course down pounced the teacher on us.

Oh! but we were not sorry.

Please (illegible) and finish your work. I anxious to see it. If you were only here now, you could find full scope for your genius. There is a Japanese show here now and a prize is awarded for a best composition on fans. I do not feel equal to attempt it. Now Goodbye Write real soon

(on side of letter)

Truly your (illegible)

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Envelope
Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Jackson, Louisiana

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October 11th 1886

My Dear Friend:

Yours received some time ago and contents very highly enjoyed. I just returned from Baltimore a few days ago. Went to have an operation performed on my eyes as they have been very sore all summer and seemed to be getting worse all the time. They have improved some but not very much since I came home. We have all been having quite a gay time this summer going on excursions and picnics. A large party went to

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the top of the mountain yesterday for chestnuts and had a jolly good time but didn't get one chestnut. I was sorry I had to miss it but was afraid to join them on account of my eyes being so sore and had to spend a lonesome old time at home all to myself. Quite a crowd of the Harrisonburg bicycle boys came down, and met them at New Market and some of them came out and spent the night with us. Expect I will have to give up going to school for this winter. I hate to lose any time but it cannot

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be helped. Guess I will have to stay dumb all the rest of my days. Willie's sweetheart is visiting here now. She is nice and . . . a daisy "but the cows don't know it" he says. I enjoyed the description of your trip to Louisiana very much, but you must have missed the mountain scenery that you saw in Virginia and Tennessee that you have been accustomed to, for I don't think any scenery is so pretty without mountains. Well I think three pages of my nonsense is enough for this time.

Yours & C.
Annie M.

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Waynesville O [Ohio?]
July 18, 1887

Prof. E. C. Huffaker:

Your letter was received on the 4th inst. The day had been spent quietly at home and I witnessed the procession from the window. I did not care to go up



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P. S. Whose Calculus and Analytical Geometry do you prefer? The query seems abrupt but in my [unclear] will explain. C.L.F.

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to the public square where the declaration was read and the speeches made so my cousins and I contented ourselves at home. The summer is passing oh so rapidly. I envy the fleeting moments. Perhaps I am being a little spoiled. You know I am just wicked enough to enjoy being bored. My cousins

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family is small only five including myself. Fannie May is a winsome girl of sweet sixteen and by the by she is very anxious to attend Millwood next session. Her mother is quite willing that she should go South with me, but Dr. May is rather opposed to sending her so far from home. My cousin

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Sam May, the son and heir, is at once a source of annoyance and of many pleasant hours: he is a great tease and delights in plaguing me. We read, drive and go boating together. On the Miami last Monday a party of young people went pearling. The river was low but we found

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only one mussel and it contained no pearl but we spent several pleasant hours down by the river. I have found but few quiet moments to study and to read. I am enjoying Aurora Leigh. You are doubtless surprised that I have not before read this beautiful new poem of Mrs. Browning's Many of the thoughts are

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but the expression of one's own heart. Who is it that smites, "He is the true artist or poet that gives back our own ideals and our own thoughts? I have quoted from memory and I have clothed the thought of another in my own words. You will pardon the mistake and can perhaps give me the correct quotation.

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It has been but two days since I decided to return to Millwood. And indeed at one time it seemed very probable that I should not return. Sometime / may tell you about it. Some very amusing incidents have come under my observation since I have been in Ohio. We have planned to visit Fort Ancient



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next week. It is a relic of great interest, left by that ancient people, the Mound Builders. Have you suffered from the "heat wave"? The mercury now stands at 104° in the shade! We hope for a change tomorrow. This mission is rather disconnected, but the members of the family all sit hear [sic] talking and I have sustained my part in the conversation.

Respectfully
Cora L. Fishburn

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Prof. Huffaker

I shall be pleased to accompany you to the concert this evening at the Town Hall.

Respectfully
Cora L. Fishburn

Millwood
Oct. 21 1887

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Montgomery Va.
Sept. 11th 89

Dear Bob,

Sunday seems to be my day of writing letters. Well the better the day the better the deed. By the time you receive this letter you will be in the school room teaching the young ideas to school. I hope you will like your school and your new home.

We had our picknick [sic] on yesterday and a nice time we had too. There were a good many out, young and old.

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We played snap awhile and just outer[ought to?]seen the gals snapping me the[y] just kept me running (illegible) Well today I am stiff and sore as I wish to be.

We also had a game of Base Ball. I wish you could have been with us. I have not heard from home since you left except through this postal of yours. Well Bob you know I haven't much to write this time as it has been so short a line since I saw you, so good bye

Your aff brother
Chas.

Now write to me,
I got your postal

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Sinking Springs
Jan. 1888

My dear cousin

I am going to be a good little girl this time and answer your letter immediately. This is a lonely rainy Sunday night – uncle Keenan, aunt Nan, and coz Fannie have been here all day. The first company we have had for some time. Lonnie and Kate are

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both away from home now and I get right lonesome sometimes. If I had to live this way all the time I would soon be so grumbly and cross no one could live with me in any peace.

Cousin Ed why didn't you tell me about that report when you came here? It hurt me to think you ever said anything about it. I thought you, if no one else would have told me when you knew I never heard it.

I tell you now my dear cousin, home to me is not as happy as it once was.

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Envelope
Prof E. C. Huffaker
Centenary College



Jackson La.

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Montgomery Va.
Jan. 14 – 1888

Dear Ed,

Within the last day or so I have rec. two long letters from you. Ed I certainly congratulate you on your good luck or success as you like. This seems to be a prosperous year with you. It does me good to hear of your being so cheerful. I love to see people enjoy themselves, especially my own folk.

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We have had some dark rainy days. This though is a bright sunny day. Looks somewhat like spring. We have had but little winter this season.

I dont know what kind of a school Bob has. If he dont make his average I dont know why. Maybe I will go over and see him when my own school is out and see what he is doing. I will be out Monday week. This has been a short five months to me. I will not teach any longer.

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Now about the store:

The lease is \$180.00/100 per year.

“ tax & license \$60.00/100 “ “.

Total expense on store 240.00/100 “ “.

Mr. Gammon says we will clear at least \$1000.00/100 “ “.

P.O. pays \$100.00/100 “ “.

Of course my board and a few other expenses must be counted in. We can rent the part of the house not used for the store from 8 to 10 dollars per month. Mr. Riddle will continue to farm. One of his sons and I will run the store. I am confident that we can make money if I can get a start.

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Mr. Gammon says I can stay in the store a month or so before we buy so as to get acquainted with the people, price of goods, & c. I do not know whether Aunt Ada will help me any or not if she don't and I see

that with a hundred more dollars than I have I can go into it can you loan me so much. I dont owe a cent in the world could soon pay your back. You will need your money I know.

Much love, Good bye. Chas

P.S. Let me hear from you before my school closes. CWH

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how it is to after a [man? woman?] marries. You don't know how much I think of you Bob. I hated to see you leave that morning. I had the blues all that day. Well I am getting along nicely in the store. We will not go into the business until the 1st of April as Mr. G. wants that much time to settle up his (illegible). I got that \$3.00 you sent me. Thank you for it. I will need a little more in three or four weeks but dont you stint [sic] yourself in the least. If you cant spare it you mustn't. When I get to making money I will

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Montgomery Va.
March 18- 1888

Dear Ed,

You dont know how glad I was to get your letter this morning. I dont know how many times I have thought of writing to you, but for some reason I have refrained from writing any letters to anyone, even ma. Ed I dont know how to express my appreciation of your kindness. I always did think more of you than

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P.S. I have an order of yours for \$20.00. I will keep it for you and when you want it call on me and I will have it cashed and send you the money. C.W.H.

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anybody else in the world anyway. We were just thinking of letting loose of a fat [thing?] all for the want of about two hundred dollars \$200.00. We have been in the business ten days, and you never saw such a place to sell goods and you guess I can sell them, I can also buy them. I have sent eggs, hides, poultry to W. M. Davis Bristol Tenn several times and made on them every time. I like the business finely. If you will

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send me an order for \$200.00 it will make me about a halver. I wouldn't ask you for it if I didn't know it was a good thing. I will pay you up as fast as I can. I tried to get some money from Aunt Ada & Gib but they were both so poor they couldn't spare it. Outside of a mans [sic] brothers & sisters his kin folk are the last to help him. I had some money of my own, and what you let me have will do me. So I wont [sic] owe any one but you.

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Thanking you Ed from the depth of my heart for your kindness. I will say no more about business as it is Sunday. I am glad you are having so nice a time. I know I will be proud of your little wife. Wish I could be at your wedding but you know I cant [sic]. I will come down home in the summer and see you. Home folks are proud of our success in getting the store at Montgomery.

Heart full of love
Your aff brother
CWH

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Claim of 387 070
W. Hart - July 31 1888

Logarithm Sliding Scale

What is claimed as new is -

1. In a slide rule the combination of two concentrically connected and independently moveable disks arranged in the same plane, a circle on each disk being filled with a logarithm with scales and one or more extensions thereof of regularity increasing (illegible) value, the scales of the separate disks having the same relative division of value, substantiating as and for the purpose set forth.
2. In a slide-rule, the combination of two concentrically connected and independently moveable disks arranged in the same plane, etc.

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Slide rule -



Mr. Hart has a prior patent, dated Jan/Jun 15, 1878
No 199,289

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Limestone, Tenn
August 19 – 1888

Dear Robert,

If you could know how much you have been missed and how often you have been spoken of since you left, it might not be good for your vanity. So I shall not tell you any more than that the house has something of a deserted air, and we all move about as if something were needed to infuse new life into us.

On yesterday I met up with a beef man from whom I purchased a bone

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which has been doing good service ever since, and which in a measure silences the ennui consequent for your absence [sic]. Pa has been in great spirits since for o'clock [sic] this evening, at which time it came up such a drenching rain as has not been known in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, namely the old colored [auntie?] Who lives next door to Mrs. Collins. It lasted for more than two hours, pouring down steadily the whole time. We will need no more rain for a while to come.

Cora was not so well yesterday; had a high fever, but no chill. Today

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day however she has been much better, being up all day, having no chill but little fever. She walked down to the creek this evening. She says give you her love and say she misses you very much, as in fact we all do.

A Mr. Walker preached over at the M. E. Church today; I did not go. I spent a portion (a small portion, but a portion) of the day reading the Bible. Another small portion I devoted to "Grande Pointe" and a third small portion to the History of Lincoln.

Cora received a letter today from Sam Way, saying that he was greatly disappointed in not seeing you; but

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that he did not receive her letter in time. Last night we heard from James Fort; the Seamens are going to send Warren to Princeton to school; he will board with us. Miss Maggie Boyless is going to Jonesboro. I think her father regrets that we did not arrange to have her go with us.

I believe I am out of [soap?], and as you owe me a letter anyway, I shall close. The household is fast going to sleep, and it behooves me to get to bed.

Let us hear from you, and let us know how you spent the day in Chattanooga.

All send love
Your brother
Ed

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Limestone, Tenn
Aug 29 1888

My dear Robert

Yours with remittance come duly to hand, I ordered your book Price \$1.00. Will send catalogue.

Edward left yesterday morning. I cannot see that Cora is improving except as to her appetite.

Effie went to Bibles last Saturday so you see we are few in numbering form. It does not take much to do us. We have had drenching rains. Melons are starting afresh and the Potatoes are getting a good start. We are having plenty of beans.

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I believe we have no news from any quarter since you left. Yes Bud Casper who was running Pence's engine was killed by an explosion of the engine.

Cooke is to be assisted by Cox in the school they open the 10th Sep. [George?] has been [laying? Hoping?] for a banners class, but I think will fail. Charlie write cheerfully and hopefully. Effies PO is Putes Hill, Greene Co.



I want to take a run up to Johnson City in a few days.

[Slaughter?] has brought back an interest in Gilliespies store and has rented the Hotel. I do not know what will become of the Capt. Your ma is making apple butter. Says she will write you some.

Goodbye the Lord bless you
Your father

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Princeton West Va.
Sept. 2d 1888

My very dear old partner:

Your letter forwarded from Limestone reached me last night, & I was indeed glad to hear from you. So many sad changes you will find on your return to Jackson. Poor Mrs. Noraworthy and poor Annabelle! She has had her cup of sorrow poured out almost to the full. I have written her, but not since Mrs. Richardson's death. You must go to see her dear, & give her my tenderest love and sympathy. We (you & I) have spent some sad, trying hours at that house: and Carra & Daisy have too.

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I wish my dear friend I could see you for awhile. First I would put my arms about you & tell you that to Cora Huffaker you are as dear, as truly loved by her, as you were by Cora Fishburn: the change is in name only. You have opened your heart, telling me the position in which you are placed, and have asked my advice. You are fully persuaded that I seek your good only: you know me well enough for that, and darling, I am going to tell you just what I think is best for you, now & in the future. I have prayed for you dear, prayed that I might not smile [write?] – advising you wrong. & I shall pray on dear until you are satisfied & decided. And, now, remember I love you. I don't think you ought to resign your position at Millwood, even if you gave [Miss] Maggie one

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month's time to secure another teacher. You did not in so many words promise to teach the whole session but it was understood. What if she should give you one month's time to another position, because she had found one that could fill you place for less salary! And then dear, dear friend that is not all. It would do you more harm than it would anyone else. The people in Jackson have their standard of honor & duty, and if a person fails to meet that they withdraw their friendship & good opinion. You have the esteem and respect



of all the town's people, and the warm friendship of many; you say you care for all this, can you then afford willfully to forfeit it! Look at Dr. Adams, how everyone censured him. God bless you my dear old partner, & help you as I cannot: remember all I have written comes from the heart of a true friend.

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We are busy getting to housekeeping. Mr. H. & I went to Bluefield to a large establishment furniture, etc. He gave me the money, the amt. I could spend & let me make all selections. I thought you would like to be in a good fat place once so I put your little picture I always carry in my purse between two XX's[twenties]; dont understand that I only had \$40.00, but I tricked you away with plenty for once. Merzle ordered from Cin. [Cincinnati] a handsome bedroom set for me; it is to be my bridal present: that accts for the non appearance of his gift on June 7th. It has not yet been rec'd; will write full description when it comes. The carpet for my room is lovely. For the room that Joe will occupy a handsome ash set bureau (style of that of mothers) wash stand, towel rack, table, rocking chair, half doz. straight chairs, & bedstead: waiting on the

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floor of that room. Oil cloth for the hall pretty attractive colors, matting on dining room floor, the extension table is oiled black walnut, a walnut safe for the dishes. Oh! I wish you could see my cute little dinner set, complete to the soup tureens & ladle, the pepper and salt colored little bottles, & the butter plates. The glassware I bought was lovely so could not get a great amt. My glass water pitcher is unique about 15 in. in height and except at the base not larger than the (illegible) that match perfectly as the [vines?] ground on. Woe be unto the one that breaks that pitcher!!! I'm afraid I'd get the broomstick after them! I shall use Mary's spoons, Louis, or Mrs. Rush's napkin rings, one of the butter knives, every day, and the berry spoons & after dinner coffee spoons whenever opportunity offers. Mer. Zle. is having a large bed of strawberries

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put out now. We shall keep a cow & that means 4 gals. of milk a day. I'm not going to bother with chickens; at least not now. Wish you could see my 2 doz. glasses of jelly Effie made for us to begin with. We can get beef easily, also honey, and as long as they last - vegetables. Oh! Yes, shall burn coal except in the kitchen stove. Aunt Rose is to send Warren Seaman to us for the winter. He will be with us in two weeks. Isn't it strange how things change round! To think I am married keeping house, and Warren is to be one of my family. They are very anxious to have him come. Of course she is sending on acct. Of the school. "Cast

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thy bread upon the waters and it shall return to thee after many days." And how gladly will I do now for one of dear Aunt Rose's children, she did for me "many days" gone by. So there will be at least four of us. I say at least for Joe wants a room-mate but I don't know yet how that will be. It is so cool here I am now at 2 p.m. sitting by a fire on the hearth, have on my blue muffler, and the immortal white shawl thrown loosely around me. We are spending a few days until the furniture comes & we get things straight, with Cousin John & Cousin Frank Kennedy! They are

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elegant cultured people & have a lovely home, the M. E. parsonage. I'm quite in love with them hope they will be sent back next year. What you wrote me of Oscar Andrews has haunted me ever since. If it is true, which I doubt, Dr. A is the only one who knows it for Mary wrote me in her last how well he was doing in Chicago. Do keep me posted. I should never know from the family, they would not mention it to the nearest relative were it true. Write me all about the Macks etc. etc. Where they live, & what they have. Write just how you like the new teacher, & all about the improvements. The carriage door, but where is the carriage? [Dr.?)

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Tom's I suppose. Love to all my old friends, to Mrs. Rush & to Miss Maggie. I shall write her when everything is in order in my home. I wrote this all together perhaps part should have [been?] sub rosa but you may burn it all. Mr. H sends love. Fondly
Cora L. H.

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Princeton W. Va.
Sept 9th 1888

Dear Robert,

It was quite a treat for all of us to get your letter of very recent date, and in order to forward the praiseworthy undertaking of keeping up a regular correspondence I will write at once. In order that you may fully realize how much credit is now due me for even undertaking a letter, you must consider the nearly Herculean labor in which I am now engaged. Morning dawns each day and the sun's silver disk

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rolls up from behind the mountain top to find me in bed. In bed it is true but thinking what I shall do during the day. Seven o'clock comes and finds me with a chicken leg in my mouth, hurrying through with my breakfast in order to being with labors of the day. By ten o'clock I am fairly at work digging up the red earth for the strawberry bed, buying cattle, inquiring after figs, preparing to have my furniture hauled, changing fences, laying out new ones, platting calculations and what not. We have not yet moved but are still at Cousin John Kennedy's spending our time very pleasantly. Cousin John and

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Joella are up right and dog playing chess. The plasterers now only lack the finishing coat of plaster of Paris. I think we will get in one day this week.

Cora stood her trip better than I expected, but has not been quite so well since. She is just now beginning to recuperate.

We got most of our furniture at Bluefield, which I want to bring over from Ingleside tomorrow. I ordered a fine set for Cora from Cincinnati as I told you I thought I would do. I ordered stoves from Burone who gave me a discount of 33 1/3 per cent.

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When we get set up and in running order I will write you all about it. Warren Seaman will be here from New York on Friday.

I must close now from lack of time. Find time to write to me soon; Cora always speaks very kindly of you.

Kindly
Ed

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Oct-14-1888
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
My dear Brother:

This is a quiet Sabbath evening. Father and Mother have ridden over to Mrs. McKowens leaving Fannie and I to help keep house. We are seated in the parlor. Fannie is writing to her brother and I now attempt to answer your good letter received while in Wilson. Fannie and I went to church this morning, heard Mr. Penn preach. Mrs. Wadsworth was out. The first time



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I have seen her in quite a while. Prof Mac strolled in all by himself looking very lonely. The carpenters are at work on the church at last. Miss Maggie has spruced up old Millwood wonderfully. There is some talk of Miss Redding having a Christmas concert, but it may all end in talk, she and Mittie Keller are going to New Orleans next week. Tell Co [Cora] that Belle Robertson has sailed for Liverpool, they have kept it a dead secret, we found it out through Cousin Ettie, she wrote to Fanny and said that Aunt Mary wrote to her

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about it; some folks love a secret. We are having quite cool weather now, hope it will last. I know you must enjoy the snow. How I should love to take a peep into your dear, cosey [sic] little home this evening. Tell us all about it, have you a large yard, and are you in the business part of town? And so you like housekeeping! In my imagination I can see you at the head of the table acting the "old man", and Cora pouring the tea, etc, as nice as you please. Fannie received a letter from Marie Redding last evening, she sent her best love to you

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and Co, she thinks a great deal of you. I heard this morning that she is coming back to Millwood. Miss Redding says she only wants her to come back to help her out with the singing at the concert. Irene sends her best love to you and Co. Irene's health is not at all good now, she has a dreadful cough. I think she studies too hard.

Fannie sends much love and a kiss to you and Co. Write soon. With much love to you both
I am your little sister
Carra C. Fishburn

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Princeton, W. Va
Oct. 20 1888

Dear Brother:

This is a quiet Sabbath; Warren and Jo have returned from church, Jo is getting dinner, Cora is dozing in a chair near the fire, and I have just got out my paper and pen to write to you. The days are slipping away



rapidly, with many joys, and many sorrows. To nurse a sick wife back to health will sadden the life of most men. Sometimes I think Cora improves; again I fancy she

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she [sic] is growing weaker. On the whole I think she is improving. Since we moved into our own home she certainly has improved in strength and she coughs much less. While we were at Kennedy's she chilled a great deal, and she had a number of chills since we came here. Her last chill yesterday morning was after an interval of ten days. I am doing all I can to make her happy and comfortable.

Jo and I do most of the cooking and get on beautifully. Cora occasionally cooks a meal and succeeds admirably. The pains in her chest and side have disappeared.

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You may imagine from my letter that my thoughts are all on one subject – my wife's health. But I often think of the days you and I spent together last summer, and grow a little sad to think that we saw so little of each other. But you know how matters stood and that it could not have been otherwise.

I am glad you are thinking of writing and not only wish you success but believe you will attain it. You asked me to write you something on the light in which a non active fraternity man comes at last to look upon fraternities, and especially upon his own fraternity. I think

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most men look back upon their lives as active members with feelings of tender melancholy, just as they look back upon all pleasant associations and ties which they realize are severed forever; and often with a shrug of the shoulders at the realization of the enthusiasm of those days. He smiles sadly as he realizes more and more clearly that fraternity men are little different from other men; that they cheat and defraud their neighbors, and follow crooked devices, and turn out to be great scoundrels, just as often as those who have never allied themselves with a fraternity. If he is of a cynical turn of mind he

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will not fail to note that his fraternity has done very little for him in life, not knowing nor caring whether he succeeds or fails. The fraternities usually have some device, some peculiar turn to a final letter perhaps, [by?] which any member may be able to recognize his fellow; young members seldom write their names without the sacred sign attached; they write them upon the hotel registers and in their books, and look for the device in the names of others; but in time the young member becomes an old member and he forgets



to add the significant turn, ceases to think of fraternity matters as he registers his name. The ties formed in the club

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rooms are strong but not the strongest in life. Worldly ambition, the cares of business, the love of wife and children are more absorbing in their nature than any recollection of club life, however pleasant. For most men the recollection of active fraternity life are very pleasant; and a club man meets a club man with a warm grip of the hand, and an invitation to take dinner. Perhaps club men are not so fond of their fraternities as they sometimes imagine themselves to be; they smile at the mention

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of a clubmates [sic] name and go on about their business; they take the fraternity magazine, glance over its pages but find no time to read it. The Greek fraternities serve their purpose in the colleges and universities, but this charm does not follow men into active life; they are sects to young men, rather than to befuddle aged and old men. Most men of course think of their chapters fondly; much depends upon your temperament; but for the most part one might say in reference to them. "One touch of nature makes

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the whole world kin; that all, with one accord, follow after new born gauds and forgets the things that were." This is not quoted correctly; I think it is from "As You Like It" or "King John." The quote begins "Time my Lord hath a wallet at his back into which he puts alms for oblivion."

I think your subject is a good one. Perhaps the poets I have given you may be of some little service. I see no reason why you should not become a fine writer; you are a better writer than myself, and you know I never did anything. Write us soon. Write again Cora; she enjoys your letters very much. She sends her best love.

Aff Ed

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P.S.

We are thinking of making mother a xmas present of a new cooking stove. We can get a \$22 stove from Bruce K. at Knoxville for say \$15. Can you go \$2.50 with the rest of us. Ed

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Limestone, TN
Oct. 26 1888

My dear Robert,

I will take time to drop you a line. It has been very rainy here for several weeks past. I haven't finished digging potatoes – crop rather poor. I have sold our cow. She was not likely to do any more good as a milker and I let her off to the beef market. She will pay me about 18 dollars. We expect to move soon, we don't yet know what property we will occupy. Our money hasn't come to hand yet. I can't hear from the treasurer, J. P. Davis, and my check has to come from him. The money is in the Asheville bank.

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I have ordered Xenophone for you. I suppose you got your Algebra. I have had a pretty severe cold this fall, am perhaps, some better. The election is on hand. I think the chances are about half and half and many (illegible) to Harrison. If he carries Indiana I think he will be elected. Cleveland's friends, however, seem very confident they will. It will neither make or break us. Mr. Lyon is here and teaching. I have not seen him. School is not large. (Illegible name beginning with L) Bryan marries a Mr. Caldwell on the 31. Mathen has been elected to the legislation in Florida.

I believe I can think of nothing else that is new.

Write soon

Most affectionately
Your father

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October 29, 1888

Mr. Huffaker

Dear Cora,



I got your letter on Saturday I believe and am very much obliged. I am sorry child that you are as poorly. I would give all my old shoes if only you could only get well and strong. But my dear child don't give up – live if you can. Life is sweet to us all. I do hope this letter may find you in good spirits and better health.

I was at Wilson yesterday and found his and her little boy better. She has had a hard time of it. Dr. [Singletary?] was afraid of diphtheria but she missed it I

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believe. (Name illegible) is nervous and hard to nurse. I reckon she is a little like your daddy in that respect. Your Ma is very anxious to get home. I may go for her on Wednesday. You know she don't to Wilson for the love of the thing. (Name illegible) is a carpenter but his kitchen leaks like a sieve and the cracks are an inch wide on all sides it may not leak in the bottom from (illegible) water but the cracks in the floor are wide enough for anything. It's a shame and he the mayor of the town too. (Illegible) has talked about it till she has got tired. Your ma told me if I saw (name illegible) to tell her she never wanted to get home so bad in all her life, Jullie Williams is there soon. She likes (name illegible) and Almerson, too. I hope she'll

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(illegible) gets well. Carra is suffering from Neuralgia in her tooth and face – poor child is in bed. She had a time at Wilson, but I believe she enjoyed it. I brought her home on Thursday.

Last Friday Miss May and some other portions of Millwood went to the fair at Baton Rouge and I believe enjoyed it. Hannie went with the Kellers. You know she had a good time.

Our fair opens tomorrow I believe. I want to go one day. Mr. Jones is to be there, and I'd like very much to meet him. I am very partial to the old man. He writes me he has another grand daughter.

Dr. (name illegible) told me the other day

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that conference would meet at Vicksburg instead of Jackson. God I am glad of it. The country who is like to bear the expense of it.

I have receipt for registered letters I sent to you.



I gathered sweet potatoes today. (illegible) so I made a crop of potatoes for me. My sheet is about full. Write when you are able. Remember (illegible) and the use of the household. My very best love to you my dear baby and may you yet be a good strong healthy woman.

Your father
Thos. Fishburn

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Envelope
Limestone Nov. 12 1888
Mr. Robt. O Huffaker
Eagle Farms Tennessee

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Limestone Tenn
Nov 12 1888

My dear Robert

As the old saying is we have met the enemy and they are ours. A big victory! President and both houses of Congress Republicans. This however increases the responsibility by so much. Any blunders now will rest solidly in the Republican party. Blains of course will be secretary of state and we will have perhaps the most brilliant peace Administration the country has ever known.

I look for unprecedented prosperity in this coal and iron belt.

In 20 years from today you would scarcely know E Tennessee. (illegible) with Va. manufacturing

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establishments and numerous railroads with its fine climate and water will make it the most delightful part of the South, if not indeed of the whole Country. It will be a great place to move to but not to move from. There will be a general cleaning out of offices, especially Post Offices. Miss Mattie, it is understood will have to go. I do not think Charlie will have to vacate. There is at M nobody to take his place, and besides that I do not think anyone could ask for his removal.

The little children are at their Aunt C's and we, your mother and I are keeping house by ourselves. The first time in our lives.

We are a little lonesome – the nights are long, but upon the whole we are doing very well. We have enough to eat and money

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enough for present wants. We hope to get moved this week. The old [squire?] is not out yet. On Saturday night the Republicans had a big rally. Davi Walker was chief commencier. He is adamant you know, but he could not forgo the farm/farm. Cleveland's friends are badly cut up, especially the Gillispies and Dr. Duncan. The children were all well when we heard from them last. Babcock is now at conference. We are much pleased with bro Weaver our new PE also with Mitchell the PC.

I found a boy skinning a large coon a few days ago. It looked so nice I bought it, price 10 cts. Bought it and had it cooked, and we all pronounced it first rate. I mean to try me a rabbit occasionally, they are as cheap

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as any other fresh meat.

I have my coal laid in. Our flour is now costing us \$5.60 per barrel – other eatables not so high. I think after we get moved, given good health we may have a pleasant winter. Effie will be at home Christmas. We are not looking for Jollie.

I am teaching the little girls. No other news that I can think of. Your mother joins in love

Devotedly
Your father
JNS Huffaker

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Limestone Tennessee
Dec 4/88

Dear Bob,



If my letter tones of sadness, you will know the reason. Last Friday morning the sad news of sister Cora's death reached me. I took the first train and reached the Bend just as they were getting home from the funeral. I met them returning home. Sister had been buried [sic], the funeral services were over but I had the consolation of knowing I had

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done my duty. I made time as fast as I could but was a little too late not too late though to comfort Ed.

Pa, Ed & I returned together on y last nights trains.

Ed will start to Princeton on Friday morning train. Ma will go with him. I will return to Montgomery Saturday or Sunday.

I wish I could see you Bob. We are going to move tomorrow. Please excuse a brief letter.

A heart full of love
from your aff [affectionate] brother
C W Huffaker

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December 10, 1888
Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Dear Edward,

I address you as Edward because you address me as Father and I can truly say you . . . This great affliction has come upon us all. I don't think I ever felt so sorry for a man as I do for you. I believe you loved Cora with all your heart. You are well aware how much Mary and Carson loved her. And I loved her too. And oh how proud I was of her. We all feel and deeply feel her loss. As I'm Father I can

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truly say she was a dutiful[sic] daughter. She was all that a father or mother could ask. And then what a kind loving sister she was a noble girl; and I thank God that he gave me such a daughter. She is gone, and we hope to a better world. Poor girl she had much to contend with in this life; but for all that she enjoyed life very much. And right now let me say she enjoyed her married life very much though it was so short.



Oh how my heart grieves for you. Six short months was all that the Lord vouchsafed to you in your married life and then the angels came and carried her to the skies let

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us think. "The Angels have come for me this time." And "I love you Ed. I love you Ed." are words that a loving husband would never forget but cherish them in his heart to his dying day. And then the last smile she gave was to you, the man to whom she had given her heart and hand. I have no doubt it will ever be a pleasant remembrance to you when Cora married you she gave you all that a woman could and that was from her heart. When she went with you to your home, it was with the same spirit that Ruth went with Naomi and she proved that by being willing to be buried in Tennessee. Your people were her people. I did think she

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would be buried by the side of Mary Lizzie the sister she loved so much. (Illegible) I have imagined Christ (illegible) somewhere in the promised land. I sometimes picture them together. They loved each other dearly and if they can get together in the spirit land, they will certainly do so. Two noble daughters they were too - a man never had (illegible). My daughters were too frail, but how they did enjoy life; and how pleasant they tried to make it for (illegible). I hope the world was made better by their lives for they both... (no continuation)

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Limestone Tn
Dec. 14 1888

My dear Robt

Your letter came to hand yesterday. We are well as such your Ma writes that they had a pleasant journey and that his health is good. Effie will be at home on the 22nd. Dr. Denieux is sending us a box of oranges, we look for them every day. We are pleased with our move. This property costs us \$66.50 a year rents payable at the end of every two months. We think we have made a fine exchange. George will soon close his school of short hand. Miss Mathes is going to Nashville to run for librarian when the Legislature meets. (Name begins with Ly) Strain wants the P.C. I do not know who also. Some people mention your pa in [correlation?] with it.

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A new church is to take the place of the old brick right away to stand between the parsonage and Academy. Mrs. Collins is not at all well. Our apples are used up. Plenty in market at 10 cents a dozen. Wednesday night we had a fine snow. I am writing up Bob Livingston and Possum Creek. It is a nice pastime. The little girls make splendid housekeepers. I am taking the Holston again and Bob each sends me the Richmond.

We have plenty of vegetables of all kinds. We would be glad to have you with us at Christmas, want to see you boy, but do not want you to waste your money. School I think is doing very well. Lottie and [A_w] Mathes were with us this week. We are not expecting any company during the holidays. Write soon.
affectionately your father

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Princeton, W. Va.
Dec 15 1888

Dear Robert

It was a comfort to me to get your letter while at Limestone and I have been slow about answering. Indeed it is only with an effort that I succeed in doing anything since I lost her who was dearer to me than all else besides on earth. I have been teaching now for one week which seems an age almost, and will teach one week more before xmas. Jo has been in the school room again and seems to be quite popular with

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the students. Six more months I think will end my days as a school teacher, and shall not mind how soon the 1st day of June comes; alas it will remind me of another 1st of June when I was eager to see one more week roll away.

I have been doing some work in mathematics and reading Laine's literature [symbol] "Hard Times" by Dickens. Warren and I have first finished a stable for our cow, and none too soon either, as we have just passed through a severe spell of weather, snow and ice, and are threatened with another. This has been the cloudiest, windiest, dreariest Sunday I ever spent in my life.

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Mother and Jo have just returned from a call on the Kennedys, bringing with them a basket of apples. Kennedy's flock have been boycotting him on account of the stand he took in the recent election; he is a good man and very kind, but he is very impudent, and is never long out of a difficulty of some kind.

I spent a few days with them at home where they are very comfortably situated in their new home, and in my judgement far better located. I never liked the Mathes property. Alice and Ida have improved wonderfully both in physical affiance [sic] and in manners

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since I last saw them.

Charlie was down, reaching the Bend soon after we returned from the funeral. I never knew him so full of life, nor in such a high spirits; my judgement is that he had been making a good thing of it at Montgomery. I suggested a contract which he accepted and which he and Riddle have since signed, by which Charlie is sure of \$35 per month.

Cora always spoke so kindly of you; often saying, "I love Bob Huffaker;" "I believe Bob saved my life last summer;" "If Brother Bob ever needs any help, I am ready to do everything I can for him.

Write to me when you can, Mother will stay with us until after xmas.
Kindly Ed

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Home
Dec 21 – 1888

My dear dear brother:

Mother received your most welcome letter this eve. I have been thinking, and wanting to write you all the week but have been busy with school duties. Today was the last school day in the year of 1888, and I am glad the year is almost gone; it seems like everything awful has happened this year; and yet, I think I have never spent a happier or a sadder year in my life.

I look back now and

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See how happy we all were last Spring. Co often said, "we will never be together again like we are now, "how little we knew what was before us."



Mr. Miller brought Vie down this evening to spend Christmas, she improves very slowly, hope the change will benefit her. She has Cora's room. I don't mean to be selfish, but you cannot imagine how it hurts me to see anyone use her room. Dear, darling sister, how long I could have been with her if only for a short while. I cannot go to her for advice now, but I do try to do as I think she would wish. I never go in the parlor, or sit

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Down to the piano but I think of the darling sister that was so kind to me.

I did not succeed in getting any white japonicas but will gather some moss and evergreens tomorrow and send them to be layed [sic] upon our darling's grave.

We will have nine days holiday. The college boys give a concert tonight for the benefit of the College. Millwood has lost quite a number of scholars since Mrs Rush left. Mother received a very kind letter from Mrs Rush a few days ago. Mrs Jones' health is not very good in Baton Rouge

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she is a dear good little woman, and I fear she is not long for this world. Mother sends much love says she will write to you soon; hardly and hour passes but what we speak of you. Dear brother, you cannot know how deeply we feel for you in this our great affliction. Write as often as you can, we look forward from day to day to the coming of your letters, they are a great comfort.

Fannie and all send love.
God bless you dear brother.
Your little sister
Carra

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Written copy of above letter

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S. W. Virginia Institute
January 13, 1889

My very Dear Friend,



I guess you have thought ere this that your sister has gotten back into the old channel again. I haven't though. I have a very plausible excuse and I am sure you will agree with me. I unexpectedly went home and spent Xmas. I had a delightful time, but wished for you very often. I received some very pretty presents. I had

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two photograph albums given me and your picture is one of the most prominent ones in my album that I have with me. A friend gave me a beautiful plush folding mirror. Joel gave me a lovely little pocket book a pearl handled knife and five dollars in money.

Miss Clara Worley came back to school with me and stayed two nights. She and Mr. Webb have entirely quit and I think she is somewhat in my "row" without a sweetheart. Pa came to see me last Sunday and his being here prevented my writing to you. I don't have time to write during the

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week. We are preparing for examinations and I am studying night and day. Did your girl come home Xmas? You had a nice time I know. My handsomest present was from the young man that was so anxious to correspond with me, but I can't be bought so easily can I? I have been to the M.E. Church and heard two long sermons since I began this letter, and now that old retiring bell is ringing to make me stop. You will never answer this I fear, but if you will only write this time I

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will try my best on the next one. May I expect one nice long letter from you next Sunday morning. Then is when I expect letters and appreciate them most? With many good wishes I am

Your true friend
Minna

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Princeton W. Va.
Jan 24, 1889

Dear Robert,
Enclosed you will find the solutions of the problems you sent (illegible) and which I received only on yesterday. Do not hesitate to call on me at any time you feel you need assistance.



School has just closed for the day, and I am not at all sorry. Ma was mistaken about the time of the opening of the second session. It does not open until the 4th day of February and does not close until the 17th day of June. It will be July before I can reach home. I think how I shall go out of the business after this year. I have not decided yet as to

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what I shall do there. I have a confused notion of going into a machine shop.

I am just beginning Mccauley's History of England. Have just finished Dombey & Son; I had not read it since I was at college in 78. Jo sent for one of Cable's novels, Dr. Sevier, which I have never read.

The Kennedy's are not very popular just at present; Kennedy took too much interest in the local elections. His parishioners are boycotting him.

We have been having some cold weather, snow and ice. I cannot write more now. Do not wait to accumulate a quantity of news before writing.

Kindly
Ed

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SW Va. Institute
Glade Springs Va.,
February 3, 1889

Mr. Huffaker:

Dear Friend,

I commenced to answer your kind letter last Sunday night, but as I am not very well I did not finish it. It was really nice of you to write to me so early after my delay, but you have always been very forgiving and patient with me. I am glad

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You had a splendid Xmas, and received so many nice presents. You treated that young lady very badly indeed, and if you were here I think I would give you one of my very old fashioned lectures. Why do you not expect to see her soon? You are young, and if you appreciate her as you should you would go back to



see her If I were she and you didn't come I would "cut your acquaintance." You must do better than that. Tell one her name if you don't object.

I have been downtown this

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afternoon to see a sick friend. Prof. is very kind to let me go. Tomorrow we have holiday and Miss Lula Terry and myself are going to spend the day at Saltville with Mrs. Hobbs. We are going all by ourselves. We will try to keep straight though. We have so many nice girls here. I wish you would come up and let me give you one for a sweet heart. I want you to go and see Miss Dora Hall at Greeneville next summer for my sake. She is good and sweet, too, I think one of my best friends.

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Miss Annie Mortenstein of Wallace is here now and rooms with me. She has just told me that your brother Ed had been married and his wife has died just before Xmas. I am so sorry. I did not even know that he was married. When is your school out? I am sure you will be glad to get home again, and "build fires" for your mother. Just think, I have not seen you since the morning we left your home. That visit, from first to last, was the most

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delightful one I ever made. When you go home remember me to all the family and give my very best love to Jeddie. She is certainly a sweet and intelligent girl. But enough of the past. You know I am anticipating a more useful life. That is just why I am here. I would like so much to see

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You and [Joel?] (my two brothers) together. [Joel?] is quite a nice manly looking fellow now. He is just as good to stay at home as he used to be, and, I think now is learning some sense about falling in love with girls. He is much more settled than he used to be. He reads and studies very much, and best of all, composes nicely. O, I never told you that he began the study of medicine last summer. Pa and

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Ma persuaded him into it, but in a very short time he gave it up. You know he was always opposed to being a physician. We are going to publish a paper in our library society and don't you want to take it to



help our girls who are struggling to make our society a success. It is only \$1.00 per year and I feel very sure that we have material enough to make it interesting. I must write home tonight so I will not

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tax your patience any longer. Write as soon as it is convenient, for I am always glad to hear from you.
[Minna/Mirna?]

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Limestone Tenn
March 7 1889

My dear Robert,
Your letter came to hand yesterday and we were really sorry to hear of your illness. To be sure it is not as bad as it might be, and still it is bad enough.

Diarrhea when it is not the sequel to something else I think, is already a very manageable disease, such I hope that your physician has given you a prescription. It will bring you round all right. In the meantime be cheerful and hopeful and rest a few days if necessary.

If however, after a fair trial you find you are in for a spell of more sickness loose [sic] no time in getting home. Here is the place for you, where you can

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have (illegible) attention and nursing and the comforting presence of your kindred and family. Do not allow the disease to get you down away from home. Still we hope for the best and trust you will be able to fill out your contract.

We are in usual health and are anxious to be in the garden. I think we will plant peas today. I have a fine bed of cabbage coming on I want to plant a large crop. We are hoping for a good first crop. We have all kinds of fruit. We will try for a good garden. Our poultry is doing no good. Your Ma gets one egg a day. Mrs. Collins is declining. Mrs. Strain the Esqr's [Esquire's] wife is sick. The squire is applying for the P.C. I doubt if Miss Mathis is removed for several months. Bob Strain? is expecting an appointment I suppose.

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Your Ma I dare say wrote you about the big fire. The R. R. office is not kept at the hardware store.



Dave Walker is going to Colorado. The teachers are not altogether popular, and I don't think will be continued. Lyon is by no means a man after my heart. I am still teaching girls. Anna and Jeddie write cheerfully, haven't heard from Charlie right lately. I guess he is managing well enough. Belle's parents are very sensible and very comfortable people. Her married sister is a good woman and I perceive will make associations She ought to make a good housekeeper.

I am just finishing The Life and Times of Jimmy Newman. It will fill about 40 pages fools cap. Possum Creek fills 70. Writing though is rather irksome.

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Until you get well I want you to drop us a postal every day or two.
All send sympathy and love to you [illegible] and at the family altar.
Your affectionate and sympathizing father
JNS Huffaker

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Eagle Furnace Tenn
May 4th 1889

My Dear Brother,
It has been some time since I rec'd your letter, and I will not wait any longer to answer. I heard from home today – they were all as well as they generally are. Have had no mail from Charles for a long time, the prospect of soon being soon being a married man I suppose deters him from doing such an earthly clay thing as write to me. I guess that he, in his enthusiastic way, is beginning

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to feel enormous. I wonder if he has gotten him a Prince Albert for the occasion? Effie wrote to me that he was not coming home as soon as they were married, but would wait until in the summer. I am glad of that, I will get to see the old fellow then. I don't guess marrying will change him much and he will be the same old Charles.

I imagine you will be exceedingly glad when you and Jeddie will be done with your school, and can get to a climate that suits you. It seems that you have the luck of being in unsuitable climates. This

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Climate here suits me well enough I reckon, but the water or something keeps my bowels in a deranged condition nearly all the time. I will be glad for this reason when I can have a change.

I have been hunting turkeys occasionally of late, but have had very terrible success. I have learned to call them. If one goes to the woods very early, they can hear the gobblers. Then you have to hide where it will be convenient to shoot, then call. If the gobbler has not been fooled to [sic] often, he will come to you, then you shoot the poor fellow in cold blood. The largest one I have killed

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weighed 17 pounds after it was dressed. My and the most beautiful large feather fowls that I ever saw. I don't suppose there are any turkeys near home, but we will hunt for squirrels sometimes.

Phillips has concluded that he will not apply for the school at Princeton. I don't know what I'll do next year, I must have a change of some post, a change of position if nothing else. I like to stay here very much, but a little longer and and I would be a recluse if it haven't already. I must close. Write soon.

Your Aff brother
Bobbin

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Mendoata, Virginia
Oct. 19, 1889
Mr. Huffaker

My Dear Friend

I am sure [page torn] understood my silence, [page torn] ever meet again I [will] explain all to you. This time [page torn] has been --- not neglect, but perhaps something of which have never dreamed. There now, I have read this over, and if you were a presumptuous fellow I should not send it. It sounds a little like I imagine your widow [page torn] but of course I do not mean any thing of that kind, and know [page torn] will not understand it that [page torn] was something I thought

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[page torn] of confiding to you when you were here and I wish now that I had. I never had so much [trouble? page torn] in all my life as I have had this summer; but I will not write you a gloomy letter. I'll lock my little crosses up and not burden you with them. Perhaps you are at school now, and it would be cruel of



one to write you sad things; for you never wrote me a single [page torn] line while I was away from [page torn] always wrote some [page torn] and encouraging [page torn] happier after having read [page torn] What are you doing now? In my imagination you are pouring over some medical book, studying how to keep from killing someone. I certainly do wish you health and success while at school. I know

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you are surprised that I write from home. I was so fully determined to teach in Tenn. when you were here. Well I had to give up my cherished plans in that direction; but have become entirely reconciled to my disappointment and think it probably best [page torn] have a [page torn] find Mr. Gilmer [page torn] for whom to work [page torn] one of the most interesting [page torn] (literary) I ever saw. The girls are in charge of it and that I suppose is the greatest reason of its success.

Mr. Gilmer has tried to get me to promise to teach with him, at least, a brief number of years, but I have not done so yet. I have other plans in view and may have to go to school two more sessions before I can accomplish them. Fannie and Minnie are both in school and under my care. They are both lovable

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Pupils and I should be very sorrowful to give them up. Fannie has had another attack of that dreadful heart disease. We were uneasy about her, but she seems to be well again. I am more attached to her now than ever before. When she speaks or looks at me, she does so in a way that it goes straight to my heart. You did write to her. That is what you should have done long, long ago; but not for anyone's sake except her own [page torn] "How easily rekindled [page torn] strange [page torn] over you [page torn]. You had quite a visit of old friends after you left our house. I was at Mr. [page torn] on Thursday and Friday after you were there. Annie and myself took a long horseback ride Friday afternoon. We went to
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Limestone Tenn
Jul 11 1890?
Mr. R. O. Huffaker
Chucky City Tenn

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Limestone, Tenn



Thursday

Dear Brother,

I write you this little note to tell you that you, Ada, Nick, Ben, and Wallen Ernest are invited to the party at Mr. (illegible) on Friday night. Carrie is going to send written invitations down tomorrow in your case but if they should be [carried by?] you can tell them. Tell Ada to be sure to come, and be

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proposed to stay over Sunday. Don't forget to bring that pair of socks we have had to mail since you left. Be sure to come and bring (illegible)

Lovingly,
Jeddie

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Allwood, Va.
Dec. 8 1890

My Dear Ed,

While little Edward is busy with his play, I will write to you. You don't know how I missed you after you left. I felt so lonesome all day I didn't know what to get at. I felt almost like I would have been willing to walk home, everything looked so lonely, your visit was a bright spot in my life and the memory of it will always be sweet to me. I felt so badly over giving you such a little snack to

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carry with you, but I was thoughtless enough to forget you wouldn't have any supper until after you left, it troubled me so I wish I hadn't thought of it at all, but you must forgive me for it.

I told Edward Uncle Ed has gone to Bristol, and when I ask him now where is Uncle Ed? he says "unke Ed down to Bristol." He says it real plainly. The little fellow misses Uncle Ed. I know he does.

A letter came for you from New York in Saturday evening's mail, but couldn't be forwarded until Monday. I hope you have received it, for I know you were

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waiting anxiously for it.

I haven't shot the burglar yet. I am first waiting for it to come. I am staying by myself Sunday night and it was one long night. I never was so glad to hear any sound as I was to hear the rooster crow for day, I heard the gate open in the night, and if anyone had come I don't think I could have steadied my hand enough to have shot. I wasn't so frightened, but I went into a nervous chill like I always do when anything startles me. Nannie said she was coming back that evening but

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Ben and his donkey still keep things lively. Ben is still showing his shiny teeth and beating on the (illegible). Edward has gotten over the cross spell he had the last two days you were here and has been just as full of life today as could be. Nobody knows the company he is to me. [Mr B?] has gone hunting since you left but no game was to be found. Hal, dog, I recon [reckon} thought it was time something was being killed, and of his own accord killed an old hen today.

You must write soon to me. I am anxious to hear from you and to know how you are getting on. Mr. B sends love and Baby sends Uncle Ed a sweet kiss.

With her heart full of love devotedly Anna

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I send a handkerchief I failed to find before you left.

Lovingly

Anna

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Prof. R. O. Huffaker
Eagle Furnace, Tenn
May 12, 1891

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Eagle Furnace, Tenn
May 8, 1891
R. O. Huffaker, M.D.
Chuckey City, Tenn



Dear friend & brother

Yours of 4th received. I was so glad to hear from you that I will at once reply; though I have but little of interest to write. First, as to myself, I had a long spell of "La Grippe" and was reduced to a helpless state almost, yet I rallied at last, and am in pretty fair state for me. I preached at "Eureka" last Sunday evening. The first time I have tried to preach in about

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four months. I went to the quarterly meeting at Rockwood and preached on my return. It was a poor affair. My voice is very much broken. I go next Sunday to [page torn] night to Kingston [page torn] spend some days there perhaps, and to Roane College where I will try to preach the Baccalaureate for them and then to Cleveland to Com.[commencement?]Centenary. O I wish you could be with me. I have not found any [page torn] man who seemed to enjoy going with me as you did. Alas! the [Hawk/Hunk?] was no good - he never would go to hear me preach - did not care to hear anymore as to that matter. I do count you to visit us on your way to V

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in the face. Well my family at home is small. Eugene has been at school - will be at home in two weeks - doing pretty well I suppose. Anna has been for five [page torn] Centenary will be at [page torn] a few weeks. Her grades are very good. She got 100 on "English Classics" and all her grades were very good. ed is going on pretty well. Bob was married 30 of Dec- but has never brought his wife to service yet. So I have written enough of family matters and more than will interest. There have been but few important changes in this section that could at all interest you if I were to note them. I am glad your father is in such good health - hope he may long live to bless the

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Church and the world, if not by his active work, yet by his holy example; and comfort to his family. Yes I think you ought to get married provided you can find a good [page torn] a thing not so easy to find these days I fear. - one whom you could devotedly love and trust and one who could as devotedly love and trust you. If such an one you should find remember that I would take great pleasure in performing the Ceremony that would make you twain one.

Well I have filled about every sheet and I will close - My love to your father - and do come to see us. Be faithful to your God your race and your self. O the turkeys are gobbling and no one to hunt them.

Yours truly



[page torn] Philips

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Limestone Tennessee
June 15th 1891

Dear Ed,

Your kind letter received a few days ago. I feel somewhat tired tonight. I have been hoeing and plowing in the garden most all the day. I have been a grass widower for nearly two weeks now. Elby went to Virginia last Thursday week. She will return next Friday. Eugene and I are getting anxious for she and Gordon to return home. I am getting tired batching more than that. I want to see them very much. I don't see how a man can

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get along without a wife. No doubt a married man is happier than a single man. Every man ought to marry. Yes Ed I would like to take a trip into the mountains with you.

If I had plenty of money I would travel around a great deal more than I do. I don't expect I will stay here longer than this next year. It depends on how well they pay me. I have what you might call a large school and very small pay. It is the hardest place I have struck to collect money. Next year my assistant will have to teach for less than CMR?
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Limestone, Tenn
July 7th 1891

Dear Ed,

Yours of a late date received, was glad to hear from you again and to know you were getting along so well. We are all well. Gordon is full of mischief. Elby and I have been putting up berries. I don't think I ever saw so many blackberries as there are this year. We have canned something in twenty cans. Have preserved a few cans, have made several glasses of jelly. Have made several crocks of blackberry jam mixed

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with Huckle berries, and expect to make some wine. We have gathered all the berries ourselves. Elby and I went out yesterday and gathered 5 gallons in a little while, and more than that today but I let an old cow get in my bucket and destroy 2 gallons of nice berries. Our ripe peaches are all gone. We have had several peach pies.

Our garden looks fine. You say you will go down on next Friday or Saturday, so I guess I will see you at the train. You must come and see us while you are down

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Ed I would like to go surveying with you, and thank you for the offer, but the way we are now situated it would be almost impossible for me to go now. We cant both leave home at once on account of cow, chickens, garden etc. and Elby cant stay here by herself. So you can see how it is. I would enjoy the trip I know. Well come and see us.

All send love
Your brother
Chas

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Chuckey City, Tenn
Aug 10 1891

My darling old man,

At last I have received the long looked for letter from you. Why have you waited so long to write? A postal card on Sunday is the only thing I have had since Thursday or Friday. I had begun to feel rather sore over it. This letter today gives no reason or cause of your not writing so I am still in the dark. I cannot see why when on Sunday you were so blue & lonely you did not put in a hail home of the whole long day in writing to me. It seems true. I want to be writing to you all the time, whether I have any

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thing important or not to say. It makes me feel nearer to you. I don't believe a man is wrapped up in his loss. In his wife as the wife is in the husband – and yet I do not for an instant doubt your great loss in me – but men throw it off more than women do and I guess it is all right for a man has his business to see to & think of.

It is now nearly ten o'clock and baby & I have only been home about an hour.



Alice and Anna came down this evening after early dinner and we all started to walk down to the river but it was getting too late and we only went only a little below the old mill. When we returned we kept up with

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them to the top of the hill just beyond cousin Elberts intending to come back but, Ada & Bob saw us & hollered to us to come on down and have some music, so we went on. Moreland went to sleep soon after we got there and although I took him up brought him home, undressed & put him to bed he has never waked up entirely. Bob is not very well so Effie and Anna came to the gate with us. The moon shines like daylight. Yesterday they received a letter from Jeddie saying that Charlie had secured his school near Rural Retreat called Asbury school, and that

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they would move up there in two weeks. Said the school paid \$100 per month last year. The assistants place would have been given to Alice but a Mr. Neil worked for Charlie with the understanding that Charlie would use his influence to get his daughter Josie in which Charlie did.

Now another letter comes from Jeddie today saying that since writing her first letter Charlie had had a letter from them up there saying they preferred Alice to Miss Josie, so I guess Alice will get it – Charlie wrote them to do as they liked about it of course he could do nothing else having pledged himself for the young lady – But of

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course he wants Alice. I hope she can get it. There is great rejoicing over it here. All glad Charlie will do so much better & will get away from Montgomery. It will be nicer for Jeddie too. Ada wrote that she was going with them and would be home about Christmas. Bob and Effie are very much cut up about it. Before Bob knew anything of it Ada said, "I don't think Bob will let Ada go." When Bob read the letter he said, "I will send her money to come home on tomorrow & if she doesn't come I am done with

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her - will say nothing more." or something like that – Effie spoke up at once and said she didn't think he ought to think that way, that if Ada was well and wanted to stay there & Alice was here, she thought he ought not say anything more, unless to tell her more unless to tell her he would send her money to come home on whenever she wanted to come. Bob said it looked like she never wanted to come back when she got away. Ada & Bob fired up and said well if she would rather stay with them than with us let her stay. Annie Alice & I kept silent, but I guess in all did a lot of thinking. They seem to think that Ada actually



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belongs to them and when they say go or come she must obey. I never felt that Jeddie and Alice were bound to us in the least, and as for what you gave them or did for them I never thought they owed us anything for it. I look at this way. None of the girls are bound to any one of the brothers, but are at liberty to go with any of them they may want to. Of course Jeddie is doing her duty to a brother's motherless children, and that is more binding than any other. Ada & Bob are spoiled by Ada having stayed with

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them so constantly. I don't doubt but that Ada will come home in two weeks when they won? because she will think Bob will feel hurt if she does not. Bob is very good to Ada & she appreciates it but their very selfishness knocks Ada out of some things – how you revived her when you kept writing for Ada to come to Washington where she could see something, offering to pay her way up there & back - they made Ada feel like it would not be right to spend so much money as Alice & Jeddie were already there. It was all because Ada & Bob could not go and they were afraid if Ada got up there she

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would stay with us – and Alice or Jeddie would come to them. I thought the way you and Bob felt about the girls was that your homes (if one had one) were open to any one of them whenever they needed or wanted one and your assistance was given unasked when needed. When you broke up at Bristol you showed no preference so it was left with them which was ones were to come to us. I thought that it was Ada's health that kept her from going with us. I did not understand that it was a final arrangement at all, only for the time being were the girls to shift

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around to suit themselves. Now, dear, I hope you will have nothing to say in this matter to them for you and Bob have come too near falling out already & I would not like it to occur again – as long as we have a home to take the girls to we can say nothing, but help them in a financial way whenever they need it.

Effie does not go to Florida until the last of Sept, & she will be here until then. If Alice does go to Charlie Ada could go on and stay until Christmas anyway – Ada Bob has her relations all around her and expects to have a white girl to cook for her, & Ada will not be needed here. Now don't you say anything unless you want to write to Ada

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telling her to go on with Charlie if she wants to and stay as long as she desires and that if she needs any money you will send her some. Bob need not know that you do it. Effie said tonight that of course if Alice goes to Charlie Ada will come here, as Bob needed one of them. You know how Ada Bob is about Ada, tells her everything, will tell her everything connected with her confinement and this is no place for her until after Christmas. If Effie does not leave until the last of Sept. She will be here at the picnic for it is only four

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or five weeks off and it may come sooner than she expects – Let me know if you write to Ada what you tell her. They will hear in a few days about the place for Alice. Jeddie & Charlie thought that Alice could get some art pupils if she did not get the position in the school –

Well I think I have said enough about your folks, but you know I have to talk to you about them once in a while.

I hope the change in the schedule of the examination will not keep you from getting through all right. Work up in your Geography and fish culture and I think you will pull through making a high grade.

Perhaps the earlier the exam

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ination the sooner you will hear from the position.

Anna says you must be sure to come to see her when you leave Washington. I did not tell her of what you were doing only told her you spoke of going by to see her would - probably do so. Anna is so gentle & sweet.

We have just had dinner beans and corn, mashed potatoes, tomatoes biscuits light bread pudding and coffee for dessert. I have eaten a good deal pretty full and I don't feel comfortable.

I received a catalogue of

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the Greeneville school and it has my name Mrs. E. C. Huffaker with the Faculty as teacher of instrumental music. On another page there is a notice of the musical department and they speak very highly of



(illegible). It states that Mrs. H. has been elected to teach music that she is a very competent teacher and it is expected that all pupils who take music will patronize Mrs. H. [next few sentences illegible].

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for her. And they say that Mrs. Earnest and Rhody came to see her Monday while I was here. She said she had always wanted to meet me, that all had heard much of me & it was all good too. I liked her very much. I have an opportunity of going to see her. You know she gets out very little and only came to see Ada because she was in this condition.

Nick Earnest & family are up on the mountains – will be home Saturday. I want to go out to see Eleanor next week & return a call she made here just before she left

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for Boston last Nov. She has a bicycle now. They say Nick's wife looks very interesting now. By the way I am almost sure there is something the matter with Mrs. Renner or she thinks there is. I laughed at her about being so sick that I believed something was wrong. She said there was no telling [illegible] two or three times today she has said things that make me think it.

I have not seen anything of any of the folks today except Bob at a distance. I hope I will get another letter from you today – I do want to see you so much dear. Next Sunday will be the 15th - it will be two months more before you [illegible] for me. Baby's bowels are better this afternoon. With love your loving

Carrie Sue

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Conservatory of Music
Cincinnati, Ohio
Aug. 23 – 1891
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,

My dear friend,

I shall offer no excuses this time for my very long delay in replying to your last but say this much, I am sorry, for it has caused me to miss getting one of your charming letters all this time. However I hope you will

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not retaliate [sic] so that I shall be denied that pleasure very long. I guess Carra has told you where I am etc. and as my letter is headed that way you will soon see that I am here. My hearts desire is only particularly realized in my coming to Cinn [Cincinnati]. I always preferred Boston but as my time was so limited I decided to come here this summer and try Boston another time – if I ever start to a conservatory again being I am well pleased here. It grows my wonderance [sic] sometimes with 40 or 50 pianos in one building and me at each of them either pounding or screaming. To stand in the middle hall on the 2nd floor and listen for a while you would think it was Bedlam cut loose or a crazy lunatic insane asylum but on Sunday things are so quiet your voice in a whisper almost frightens you. Here is my regular routines for the day and

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with no variation except Saturday and Sunday. Gong sounds at 6 a.m. and pianos begin at 6:30 to 7:30 when gong sounds for breakfast. You have to get up in self defense for there is a piano in every bedroom and it would awake the dead. One hour is devoted to (illegible) then practice every other hour till 1 o'clock for dinner at 2 o'clock resume practice till 5 p.m. when we strike out for a walk for exercise and that is when my eyes begin to open wide sensing other sights

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and shop windows a womans [make?] point you know. We only have an hour for this to get back in time for 6 o'clock supper but we manage to see a great deal in the time. I find such a vast difference in the ways of the people here and south. The women are very independent in fact to much so for my taste. They go all over the city alone at night ride bicycles and do all sorts of things we do not think of I guess. Well to return

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after supper until 7 o'clock we visit each other. Then practicing begins until 9 o'clock the gong sounds and every piano is closed. At 10 the gas is turned off all over the house whether you are ready to retire or not and sometimes it leaves us in a terrible predicament but we have learned to get away with them on the light question and use candles as I am doing now at 10:30. Saturday afternoon is "knock off" at 2 o'clock till 6 and then we see something in earnest. Yesterday we spent three hours at the art museum at Eden Park one of the loviest [sic] places. I saw so much I was dazed and worn completely out. I would have like to have had you with your artistic eye with me when looking at the fine paintings some from Doré, Lissing and others. Everything imaginable from all countries is displayed there. I would like to spend a week in the building. The "real lion" Egyptian

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mummy attracted my attention for quite awhile. Next Saturday we will visit the zoo and another to Coney Island and so on. Some Some places are forbidden us but we go just the same are allowed and to go out alone I mean I parties without chaperone so we go where we please. But Sundays are a terror. We are read to at the breakfast table every morning by the directress, Miss Baur and on Sunday an extra

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long chapter with [Jool?] notes and prayer and we are not allowed out of our rooms except to go to church morning and night and for meals. I have been half crazy today. The rain has come down in torrents since we awoke and there was no way of getting to church except by boat and unfortunately steam boats do not come up on the streets so have been in the room all day. We generally lay in a supply of

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fruit candies, etc. for Sunday and I have consoled myself with that and my letters with a little reading thrown in. But tonight I drummed up a crowd and went to the nearest church in the rain. I remember when I have been to church from old Millwood in as bad weather and had the wind to content with when I went with one of the college boys and not with Guy, who generally brought his buggy. Heard from Guy recently. He was at the seashore taking his vacation and was coming up to Hazlehurst or Brandon to see me but I came away and he did not make the trip. Guy is a true and tried friend. I seldom hear from Jackson now and do not pretend to keep up with it. They do say that Dr. Holcombs is to be married again soon to Miss Austin sister of Sir Robert. I had a letter from Fannie Mae a day or so ago writing me to visit her while here. I may

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get off for a day or so to see her but am very busy to go any where. Would like to see her very much. Carra wrote me you are with her at your home, so I shall direct this there and if you are away it can be forwarded. I shall be here until the 18th Sept. After that my address will be in Hazlehurst Miss again. I shall begin teaching there the 21st Sept. Another ten months of misery. My candle has burned low and my paper is out. You will now be released. Write soon.

Your true friend
Carrie Redding

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Check drawn on Greene County Bank made out to S. E. Gillispie for \$5.15 dated September 7, 1801.
Check number 24.



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Laddonia Mo.
Oct. 25, 1891

My dear friend,

Your letters were received and duly appreciated. I intended to answer real soon, but waited but waited for a "more convenient season," which never seemed to come. So pardon my long silence and restore me to favor. I have a long list of excuses but will not go into detail. I have had company on & off since the 4th of July. My sister in law uncle and aunt and Uncle Pink & Aunt Mollie.

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Then the bustle and preparation incident to Pearl's wedding took up my time and attention. Then I have not been well for some time and was in bed the day of the wedding. I managed to get my clothes on and go to the parlor to see the ceremony performed which made Miss Pearl Hughes and Mrs. John Sweet. I then went back to bed and just got up yesterday. Well I guess you would like to hear about the wedding. She was married at 11:30 a.m. on the 20th her dress was dark green broadcloth with velvet hat to match. After the

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ceremony lunch was served early as few intimate friends and relatives were here. Mr. And Mrs. Sweet then left on the 1:50 train for Chicago where they were to remain a few days and then go to Hamilton Ohio to reside. Mr. S has a nice home there. He is a master mechanic and has charge of the tool room of the Niles Tool Works, which employees one thousand hands. We knew Mr. Sweet when we lived in Hamilton. He was a beau of Pearl's eight or ten years ago – in fact she has known him 14 years. His sisters were our most intimate friends there. All of us were sat

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isfied with the match. Pearl received some lovely presents. Among others were three sets of silver spoons, table, dessert, & teaspoons; silver forks & sugar spoon. Mr. Sweet gave her a lovely solitaire diamond ring, a few months ago. We were very loth [loath] to give her up to go so far. Pa & Ma were almost inconsolable. It seemed more like a funeral until the ceremony was over, when everybody had a good time until the parting came. But its [sic] all over now and it seems that she is only on a visit,

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but as the time passes and we realize that she is gone for always, we will miss her the more. I am the only one left with the dear old father and mother, and such a poor excuse too. Otela lives quite near only ten miles so that makes it much pleasanter for us all. Of course Pearl will come home at least once a year & we can visit her too for it will be like going home to return to Hamilton. Aunt Mollie is here now, but will leave for her home on Wednesday next. How I hate to see

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her leave. My sister in law expects to go to Louisiana soon to make her home. She will take with her our little nephew Irvin who is very dear to us. He has spent the winter with us ever since his Pa died three years ago. It will break pa up to loose [lose] him; he is so much attached to the child. I dread the time for parting. It will be like death to Pa. Soon only we three will be left and the old home will be quiet and sad, for I go very little and have few young friends. I don't know how I will employ my time after my house

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hold duties are over – reading I guess as I fear I won't be able to visit or entertain company much. I would like to go home with Aunt Mollie for the winter, but I am not willing to leave Ma. Perhaps we will move south someday. Pa is very much in the notion, but he wants to sell here. We are having lovely weather now. Carr brought our flowers on and the bay window is full.

I know you had a pleasant and profitable visit to Cincinnati. When you go next summer you must go to Hamilton & visit Pearl – it is only 25 miles from the city to H.

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Well I hope you will not bear malice and not write to me for months, I "sho" [sic] will do better in the future. I suppose you are fairly at work once more. Be sure and save a few pennies so you can make me the promised visit in the future. Now I must stop for I am very tired and have a headache so will you please excuse all errors? With lots of love to inquiring friends and relatives, I close with a heart full of love to your dear self.

Lovingly yours
Alma Hughes

Note from top of page: Is Dr. Holcomb married the third time or is the present wife his second one? Where is poor Guy?



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The Value of Curved Surfaces in Flight

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Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 7th inst, [sic] in which you kindly consent to examine the results of my study of natural and artificial flight, I beg leave to submit the following considerations upon the subject.

Objection to the Theory of the Inclined Plane

The chief objection to be made against this generally accepted theory of flight is that it fails to satisfactorily account for the flight of the soaring birds. From the account of his experiments given by Mr. Maxim in the Century magazines for October 1891, it will be seen that with a plan in mind 1 in 13 to the horizon and given at the rate of [illegible]. For a velocity of 30 feet per second the angle of elevation required would be 4 in 13. Too supporting our process per square foot of surface the necessary elevations would be about 1 in [illegible]

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fifth of the lift.

To find how such a plane would soar let $k=q=6.4$ and $v=30$. Then $S=2.2$ [over] $3K = 900$ [over] $12.0 = 70$ feet. The flow would therefore come to rest after a horizontal flight of 70 feet. But since the angle of elevation must be increased as the velocity diminishes it may safely be assumed that a flight of 50 [illegible].

Compare this flight with that of the great soaring birds. I have seen the quon-bird, whose flight scarcely exceeds 20 feet per second, sail from an instructed height of 60 ft. in a direction without a movement of either body or wings, and without loss of velocity, a distance of 1200 feet with a loss of but 30ft in elevation. It therefore descended at the rate of 1 in 40'. The owl [illegible] The irregular flight of the buzzard makes it difficult to any just what [illegible]. It can fly any length of time without flapping its wings, but except when descending it seldom flies long without some movement. However it may be said that with a velocity of 30 feet (illegible) it occasionally flies many hundred feet without perceptibly descending. (illegible)

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that it is not supported by facts. It states that the bird soars after the (illegible) of a kite, and the angle of the wing surfaces, at a velocity of 30' should be 1 in 5. (Illegible) assumes it to be 1 in 10 for swifter flight, and yet after observing the flight of a quill he exclaimed, "But where is the angle of upward inclination?" Moreover the reflection of sunlight from the under surface of the wing of the hawk and buzzard and the shadow of the margins upon it, prove conclusively that the wing is not a plane but a concave in many parts. Mr. Maxim in his experiment used aeroplane curved $\frac{1}{4}$ of an in in 26" and attained advantageous results. But it will be noted that at no point was the aeroplane elevated above the front margin. Whereas, I hold it to be a fact, which [close observation?] will verify that in the soaring birds the near margin of the wings (and this applies especially to the secondary quills) is approximately online with the front margins, and that the intermediate portions are more elevated than either.

One other fact must be accounted for: the front heavy margin of the wing is brought to a fine line which extends from the body to the farthest tip of the (illegible), and the wing is so formed that every particle of air which infringes upon this margin is thrown upward. Mr. Maxim believes [illegible]

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ship in which the front margin should be convex as the underside. Is this a defect in the formation of the bird's wing, or is it an advantage? Other advantages might prevail over the question of support, but it is not easy to see why the primary quill feather might not have had their front margins [illegible] and more difficult still to explain why the soaring birds, the wild duck, the turkey, and (illegible) so persistently fly with the bill on a line with the vertical surface of the body - thus forcing an unnecessary amount of air upward. Nor is there any obvious reason why the chord which forms the front margin of the [illegible] any portion of [illegible] should have its origin below that of the (illegible). In general it seems that in so far as it was possible the bird has been so constructed that not a (illegible) shall be (illegible) downward.

Lastly the theory is (so seemingly was originally) founded upon a false notion of aerodynamics. Mr. Wenhaus assumed that the air underneath a moving inclined plane was pressed downward, the disturbance being limited to a distance of 12 inches, and that the support comes from the inertia of the particles. Pressure he explained was greatest along the front margin for the reason that the particles were [illegible]. But if inertia only is to be considered, it may be asked if the distribution was not near to a greater (illegible) doing the near margin

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so why the pressure is not as great as in front? But other things than inertia are to be considered. The power required to overcome the inertia of a cubic foot {illegible} in a fraction of a second is not great, but



that required to reduce the volume $1/12$, as Mr. Wenhaus proposes, is very great, being about 16 lbs. Pressure should therefore be greatest along the near margin, where the compression is greatest. But the air is not simply pressed down; pressure being rapidly (illegible) in every direction. A disturbance reaching a foot in one direction must reach the same resistance in every other direction.

Theory as to the motion of disturbance.

The Fig???--- we will consider the plane as stationary (illegible) air in motion. Let man (illegible) the limit of disturbance. Any excess of pressure which may have accumulated along the line bd will be quickly transmitted to the surrounding air and as the entire area abcd is under pressure it will find relief by an increased flow along above bd in the direction of the (illegible). This flow is necessitated by the following conditions: increased pressure toward ac upon ab and below an amount of depth. Instead of being greatly conformed by the air in front the air along bd simply flows more rapidly. But in order that it may flow at all [illegible]

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the pressure should be greater at bc than bd; hence the pressure upon the plane will be greatest along the front margin. Since the air must regain its normal velocity at (illegible) bc beyond b, then the pressure along bd must above the normal, and still never the soars the normal (illegible) ac. There will therefore be some point y where the pressure is again normal, and from which it increases to a maximum at a. A similar course of reasoning will show that on the upper surface of the plane [the wing] the velocity is greatest and the pressure least along so and the [upper surface] bp. Also there will be two points m and n [the front and rear of the wing] at which the pressure is normal. The pressure is less than the normal and the velocity greater between these points. There will therefore be an upward movement of the air before, and downward behind, the plane. There will be a point _ from which the air will rise in a curve to a, so that more air passes over the plane under it. Should the plane be extended horizontally to z there would be a point along az of both lift and drift and along az of lift without drift. The energy lost in the whirl produced by the behind the plane are not (illegible)

Curved Surfaces

Theorem with concave convex surfaces, horizontal flights may be accomplished without any drift whatever. Let ahb Fig 6 represent such a surface a and b being in the same horizontal plane. Let (illegible)

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the limits of vertical disturbance. Then as above it may be shown that between ac and bd the pressure is above the normal, reaching a maximum at h where the velocity is least. While for the upper surfaces the



pressure between a and bq is less than the normal, reaching a maximum at h, where the (illegible). There might possibly be an increase of pressure along am and a decrease along ab. The result of which would be that more air would pass ac and bd with the same velocity and pressure, and hence the pressure upon the surface must be equal fore and aft. The same reasoning applies to the upper surfaces so that while the surface is supported there is no tendency to move it from its place, (illegible) that the (illegible) to friction and are unavoidable (illegible)

Amount of Pressure

Pressure is (illegible) equally in all directions at the rate of 1100 feet per second but it is not the same at all distances. The effects of an explosion felt a thousand feet away within the short space of one second but they are by no means so disastrous as near the scene of the expansion and compression. It requires power to set matters in motion and motion being greatest around the source of disturbance the power and consequent compression are greatest there. We may then there

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fore assume that since the alterations in velocity are greatest immediately above and below the curved surfaces the difference in pressure is greatest upon those surfaces. The extent to which the disturbance will be appreciable depend upon the balance of the two opposing forces of compression and inertia. If the area be small the compression of the (illegible) will be great and the area will be enlarged. The bird is therefore supported upon a wave of compressed air. The amount of this pressure depends partly upon the rate at which air in the wave advances and partly upon its extent. If the air be moving at the rate of 50 ft per second and the velocity underneath the wing be reduced to 40 feet, the energy expended is the amount necessary to produce a velocity of 10 ft per second which is the limit of compression.

Application

Figs 8 and 9 represent a model constructed upon this principle. The curvature of the sail was less in my model than that in Fig 8, but otherwise the drawings are sufficiently (illegible). The horizontal (illegible) shown in Fig. 9 was on a line with a and b, or two plane of the front and rear margin, so that the entire surface of the sail lay above the plane of the surface and the two margins. The front margin (illegible)

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of wood, 3/4 in. in thickness, convex on the front and upper surface. The sail, which was kept in place by stays or arms extending backward from the beam in front, was drawn tight along the front and rear margins but left slack elsewhere. The flights which I obtained with this were [confusing?]. Although the sail lay above the plane of its margins, it was kept full like the sail of a ship, the flight being straight-forward, steady,



easy and sure, air striking contrast with anything that I have been able to obtain with an indirect plane. If it be thrust forward from the hand horizontally it continues to move horizontally until its energy is exhausted apparently from friction and the formation of unnecessary currents, showing no tendency to move in a [par aba?] or lost suddenly downward as in inclined plane will do. By elevating the rear margin of the horizontal (illegible) it can be made to descend and rise again in a way that indicates but little loss of energy. It will sail down a grade and hence that upon a lighter grade with a uniform velocity of 1 in 10 to 15 with an increasing velocity; but as straight as an arrow. One peculiarity of this flight goes to prove the correctness of my theory. After leaving the land it moves forward 10 or 20 feet as as any other projectile might, so after which it seems as it were to right itself, to slightly alter its course and in some way to

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sail differently; if any theory is correct it takes a little time to establish the currents necessary to its support. On another respect its flight is like that of the soaring birds: it flies equally well going rapidly or slowly; or rather I should say, as its velocity diminishes its flight remains unimpaired. This is so eminently characteristic of the buzzard's flight. In rising this bird will exhaust almost its entire clock of energy within a few seconds, and yet at no time does it show a tendency to descend as its velocity diminishes. This might in part be explained by the elastic motion of the quill feathers by which the inclination is made to vary; or it may be that as the velocity diminishes the current already establishes two (illegible) to support it.

The Effect of the Body upon Flight

Theorem: In a perfect flight a ship shaped body attached to the undersurface of a horizontal plane furnishes the conditions of perpetual flight.

For, the body will be encased in an envelope of moving fluid whose pressure balance in every direction except in the upward direction where they are hoisted by the plane, and may be counterbalanced by weight added to the body. In the air the body plays an (illegible) flight.

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Figs 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, illustrate the principles involved. In figure 6, the increased pressure along the om would, if a horizontal plane was passed through ab exert a pressure upon it above the normal, at h below it, and beyond b above it again. Altogether true would be an excess of pressure upon the plane. When combined in flight with the concave surface of the two wings, the air displaced by the body passes into concavity formed by the secondaries [sic] and so forms a wedge of slightly compressed air, and relieving to the rear of the body. It will be seen that the two principles tend to neutralize each other, and for this reason the concavity is greater next (illegible) that near the extremities of the wings. However in large bodied birds like the wild turkey the concavity extends to the ends of the wings. In the rapid flight of the buzzard the near margins of the secondaries are elevated above the front margin of the wings (See Fig. 19). This must



be because the air from the body is forced wedge like between the wings. However this occurs only in descending or deceasing flight. The dove often flies with half folded wings drawn near the body, the rear margin of the wing enclosing a longer space than the front. The air from the body is forced (illegible) the wings. Then again the flight is invariably a (illegible).

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The Wings as a Screw

Professor J. B. Pettigrew attaches a good deal of information to the (illegible)-like conformation of the wing as an implement of propulsion. However in soaring much of this form is lost, both the rear and front margins becoming approximately (illegible). In full flight two well defined areas exist; one deeply concave; to (illegible) perhaps the air from the body, the other approximating a plane. This ensures steadiness of flight; for if the rear margins of the secondaries become elevated from the excess of pressure from the body, the (illegible) would be to glide dormant/dominate at an increased and constantly increasing angle. This the primaries secondaries by this greater resistance to a less pressure present. The elasticity of the primaries seem to require that the posterior margin should always be slightly lower than the anterior. And the same is true of the individual quills. Such seem to be the same. In full flight, which is a descending flight, the rear margin of the wing forms a singular line, being along the secondaries slightly elevated above the front margin, and along the (illegible)one pressed below it. The energy lost in displacing the air in front of the body is then regained on the rear surface of the secondaries. From which it would serve that in soaring the secondaries (illegible) and the primaries (illegible).

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There are (illegible) reasons for thinking (illegible). In flight the screw shaped soaring quills become severed curves as shown in Fig 19. This is especially (illegible) noticeable in the buzzard, where they serve an important purpose in soaring. It is not necessary to assume the existence of an inward current to account for this curving upward, since it is necessarily produced by direct flight.

Propulsion

The flight of the soaring birds should convince the most skeptical that flight is not accomplished by means of a screw propeller, at least not such as that (illegible) by Mr. Maxim and others. The rapidity of the stroke of the bird's wing has left a wide field for speculation as to what really takes place. Some have held that during the downward stroke the wing is elevated at an angle of 45°. Professor Pettigrew contends on the contrary that during the down stroke the near margin is lowest. Mr. Maxim advocates a small screw [run?] at a small angle and a very great velocity. It is conceded that necessity may have forced the soaring bird to adopt for purposes of propulsion an instrument very little (illegible) to its accomplishment; and yet with the



wings whose first object is to support the bird accomplishes feats which are apparently beyond the reach of man. To propel 6 lbs of weight the buzzard (illegible) a surface

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of as many square feet. Yet it uses it most effectively, being enabled to rise to great heights with a marvelous rapidity.

It is important to note that this power is exerted just as effectively in soaring as in flapping, and it is therefore safe to study the (illegible) propulsions in the soaring birds and assume that some similar process takes place in flapping. It is certain that in soaring the wing is never inclined at an angle of 45° to the horizon either way. Nor is the angle noticeably different from that of ordinary straight-forward flight. In all instances the bird presents a broad concave surface to the air through which it is passing, and the stroke is made so slowly that no movement need escape the eye.

Referring again to Fig 6. let ahb represent the wing of a bird in rapid flight. The maximum upward pressure is at h at b then is an upward excess and at perhaps a slight downward excess. Let s represent the (illegible) of gravity of the bird. Let the entire wing now (illegible) about the (illegible) of gravity. b being depressed and a elevated. The establishment will be distributed with the result that the upward pressure for b will be greatly increased, the downward pressure for a to a less degree, and upon the entire surface ahb very much so. The tendency

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is to form currents similar to those in Fig 5 with an excess of pressure along the forward margin. If a plane were then suddenly shifted, much of this air would pass around a to the upper side of the plane. But in Fig. 6 the concavity {prevents?} this and the sudden excess of pressure finds relief by a greatly increased velocity at b, and a increased movement of the surface itself along the line of the new plane of ab. To thus turn the wings about the center of gravity s requires power, and this is furnished by the muscles of the bird. If at any point the revolutions be stopped the currents instituted (illegible) to bear the wings onward along the new plane. Whenever therefore the bird (illegible) from a (illegible) upon a curve its velocity should be increased, and observation serves to indicate such to be the case. The view agrees with the observations of Prof. J. B. Pettigrew who first pointed out that the bird in flying strikes downward and front; that in other words that during the down stroke the posterior margin (illegible) about the anterior. This downward motion finds its (illegible) in the rocking motion. The soaring birds, the effect of which would be to elevate b and increase the pressure toward a without altering the (illegible).

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That there is some strange (illegible) in soaring could not long escape the attention of a careful observer of the great flyers. It is by soaring that these birds accomplish those wonderful feats which we are too prone to regard as requiring no effort. We see a large bird rise on easy curves into the air and eventually come lost to sight in the blue distance; not once does it flap its wings and we look upon the feat as something mysterious and are disposed to attribute occult [whim?] to the bones of the bird or suspect some undiscovered power in (illegible).

A bird might fly horizontally without appreciable loss of energy but it cannot rise without either a loss or a fresh expenditure. A velocity of 30 feet per second can only carry vertically upward a distance about 15 feet. The soaring birds are not less amply supplied with power than the flapping bird and the only question to be determined is how this power may be applied.

I have attempted to show that if a bird turns from a tangent onto a curve its velocity will be increased by the muscular energy necessary to effect the changes. However it is possible that the currents might be so adjusted to the curvilinear flight in such a way that such flight once instituted would be con-

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tinued. Thus in Fig 6. the inertia of s would a tendency to render circular flight indefinite. But this would be possible with a given velocity only upon a curve of a given curvature since the excess of pressure upon b would prevent any increase of the curvature. It is only when the course is altered on a sharp curve followed by a continuous expenditure of energy that the velocity is increased on elevation gained. The most astonishing flights are the steep spiral ascents in which the bird seems to screw its way upward along a helix or corkscrew. The curvature in these instances is very sharp. I once witnessed a hawk rise until its energy was almost spent and it was on the point of making one of the descents so common soaring flight, when it suddenly turned before a sharp arc of a spiral by which it gained many feet in elevation.

Fig 20 represents the projection of a typical flight of the buzzard. It will be seen that the bird does not rise constantly, but that it is alternately ascending and descending. Thus considering that portion of the curve worked abc, (enlarged in Fig 22), the bird rises along ab in a vertical (illegible)

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the arc of a cycloid, having a constantly increasing degree of curvature; so that the ascent is greater than its velocity at a would warrant. Having exhausted its supply of energy the bird assumes a horizontal position for an instant, turns sharply upon the tip of one wing, curves quickly backward, darts downward like a revolving inclined wheel and suddenly assumes a horizontal position at @ with a velocity as great as it had at a much lower elevation. This process is repeated until a sufficient elevation o is reached when the



bird choosing a friction and for an instant slightly tipping its wings descends without further exertion along the line af.

The habits of the vulture are highly interesting. If slowed they rise from the cortex by looming in company to a considerable height. Suddenly the looming ceases, each bird choosing a line of flight and no two moving away together. If at any time a solitary vulture perceives a (illegible) soaring in the distance it makes directly for the spot and joins the others. Together they soar upward for a time, the separate, each going to join some other group; and so they spend the day. In the higher regions of the air they may only flap their wings.

In making short curves the inertia is often so great as to throw the wings [into?] a right angle, the lower wing horizontal. Immense power must keep a (illegible).

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Flapping Birds

It seems probably that the body of the bird serves an important part in the flight of the flapping bird during the downward stroke the air being caught between the body and the wings. If the two wings of a crow be taken and the primaries be stripped from the one and the secondaries from the other, it will be [forced?] by experiment that the secondaries are much more effective in propulsion than the primaries. The stiffness of the primaries and the [screw?] shape of the wings indicate that the outer portion of the wings are used principally for support, the concavity of the secondaries receiving the air thrust aside up the body and wing so assisting propulsion.

Professor Pettigrew's statement that the bird strikes downward and forward is amply borne out by facts; though there is a good deal of variation as to the (illegible) of striking the air. A mistake in observation is liable to be made in ascribing the inclination of the body to the wing. In case of the soaring bird the body is horizontal as well as the wing surfaces, but in most flapping birds the body is (illegible) [horizon?] If a plane surface be thrust into the air or be (illegible)

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against a moving current, the air will be set in motion over the entire surface. Even if as concave a surface as that of an umbrella be (illegible) forward the air forms outward [in this strange way?] around the margin. There is a tendency to form a cone and redistribute air. In general it may be stated that if a current of air meets an obstacle the greater [part?] of the air pushes on to the obstacle and press along the surface. In Fig. 23 let ab be a plane rapidly descending into the redistributed air beneath. The pressure exerted will extend downward and outward in every direction, but instead of [importing?] a considerable degree of



motion to a large body of air, relief comes by a very high degree of motion along the surface. In other words instead of a wide spread compression currents are set up along the surface toward the margin and the rear. Thus if a plane be made to strike a body of air in which dust is floating, the dust is but little disturbed until within a very few inches of the plane. If a feather be placed upon the edge of a table and a book be dropped vertically to the floor so as to open near it, the feather will be unmoved until the book is directly opposite. Then it will be violently blown away. If a door be suddenly closed it will produce a current (illegible)

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throughout the entire length of a (illegible). But if the same door be quickly moved while standing ajar the current in the chimney is not noticeable owing to the foundation of circulating currents about the door. Thistle down floating before a locomotive is scarcely moved into within a few inches of its front, when it suddenly (illegible) aside. In fanning we present the (illegible) of the fan not the surface (illegible). The air apparently melts away beneath an advancing surface much as solid butter would on biscuits (illegible) knife. If now this surface current is obstructed in one direction it will become more powerful in other directions, and will exert a constant pressure upon the obstruction. Thus in figure 25 let ab represent a (illegible) face, sharply concave toward a. The surface current being obstructed in front passes off backward, forcing the surface forward by [inaction?]. If the wing of a buzzard be [driven?] squarely against the air a very sharp current is set up along the rear margin but at a motion can be detected along the front margin. If the energy were entirely consumed in the formation of the surface current, then all the force exerted vertically would be recovered in a horizontally.

Aerial locomotion therefore offers an advantage over every other form with which we are acquainted, the effective transmissions of pressure at a right angle. If the

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surface in Fig. 25 were pressed down upon a block of ice of corresponding figures, it would have a slight tendency to move forward. But the forward thrust would vary as the line of the inclination, and if the inclination was zero the thrust would also be zero. However if the surface of the ice should be continually converted into steam whose only escape should be b a very great forward pressure would be produced. The bird utilizes every source of energy which is lost by the screw propeller - the slip of the screw. This slip is due to two causes, the loss from wide spread compression and the generation of surface currents. The bird loses the energy required for compression, but utilizes the remainder of the (illegible) which is the principle portion.

When we consider the rapid motion of the aerial (illegible) - 1600 feet per second - it will be seen that the power may be applied as effectively with a high as with a low velocity. Too, power is applied by the



generation of surface currents and which one produced by any (illegible) of existing currents, as by the slow movements of the soaring birds, and which are especially effective with a high velocity.

The soaring birds demonstrate conclusively that rapid movement of the propelling surface is not necessary to successful flight. But with a plane screw propeller rapid movement is a (illegible) necessity.

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Air Ships

The question to be solved in the development of aerial navigation is not how a ship may be constructed capable of sustaining two thousand pounds, of attaining a velocity of 80 or 100 miles per hour, and of making a flight of a thousand miles before coming to the earth; but no we are to construct a vessel of light weight and capable with a low velocity of supporting two or three hundred pounds and making any flight at all.

The chief difficulty which has (illegible) in the way of even an attempt at aerial navigation has been the great weight of the apparatus for generating power. However since the discovery of new electrical methods this is not necessary. Electric cars are now driven by the energy generated miles away, and there would have to be no reason why a light air ship might not be driven in the same manner. A double line of conductors might extend for a distance of ten or twelve miles, capable of bearing a (illegible) and from this two wire could be carried upward to the air ship. A current sent over one of the wires below would [force?] the air (illegible), turn the propeller (illegible)

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along the other wire. Such a line might be made exceedingly useful carrying mail and light express, and it would be the first step toward something better.

For experimental purposes the power might be carried to the ship from a point in an open field by means of a wire connected with some dynamo already in operation. Or the power might be carried to a captive balloon and (illegible) to the air ship several hundred feet below. In this case there would hardly be a possibility of danger, and the opportunity for soaring would be exceedingly good.

When once the aeronaut had full command of his ship, he could begin flight proper by falling vertically from a balloon, for the sake of softly being taken up near the sea. After a fall of twenty feet he would have a velocity sufficient to sustain the vessel with its weight; and by using the rudder he might quickly assume a horizontal course, after which he would slowly descend to the earth.



If once the feat of descending like a soaring bird from a balloon be accomplished, the possibilities of aerial navigation would soon become

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known.

It would not be a difficult matter to construct an air ship having 300 feet of (illegible) surface and if we allow one pound per sq ft of surface the sails may be made of silk and the (illegible) apparatus, exclusive of the motor, need not weigh over fifty pounds. If it is to be used swiftly as a parachute, in experimental soaring it might support a man weighing 100 lbs with but a pressure of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb to the sq ft of surface.

As to guiding the vessel my experiments go to show that nothing is more easily accomplished. The elevations of a half inch in the elevations or depression of the rudder raises or depresses the flight very noticeably. In a still atmosphere – and it (illegible) a still atmosphere that experiments should be first (illegible) – the ship will act automatically and sail horizontally if permitted to do so.

As to cost, such experiments as I should like to make would require no costly apparatus. The important item is a suitable material; having given which any good _____ can understand it. To list the (illegible) of my theory would cost very little, since it would only be necessary to construct an apparatus capable of (illegible) 25 or 39 lbs.

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Should you decided that my theory is sufficiently plausible to justify further experiment I should be glad to have your assistance and advice in the matter.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your convenience at Chucky City Tenn.

Thanking you for your great kindness in examining this papers.

I am
Yours Very Respectfully
E. C. Huffaker

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Chucky City, Tenn
19th Jan 1893



My Dear Friends,

It is manifestly unfair for you to put the burden of a prompt and regular correspondence upon me. If I waited as long as you to write my correspondence would be anything but regular. Just when I had settled down to pleasing conclusion that hereafter the seasons and the changes from Jan 6 night could not be more regular than our letters, there comes an awful silence and a great gap. And even if I write as soon as hearing from you as I am doing now, I can not mend matters much. Unless you keep up your end of the log there can't be much of a log rolling. This is positively my last appearance as prompt correspondent unless you come to time.

We are in the midst of a dreadful winter such as we who are in the prime of life have never known before. Since the war there has been no such weather as this if ever in the history of the

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country. As you may imagine when the temperature gets down to 30° below zero, as it has been here, it is no summer day. Fortunately there has been no wind or it would have unbearable. Even as it is there has been great suffering among the poorer people. In Bristol more than one family was without fire or food and had to huddle together in bed to keep warm. The people and police took the matter in hand and established soup houses and supplied them with coal, otherwise many must have perished. A week ago a family undertook to cross the mountains although the snow was here. Before reaching the other side the wife and little child was frozen together and when they were found the man was almost dead. There has been a good deal of sleighing for the snow is 20 inches deep, but I have not been out. Partly on account of being too old and partly on account of having neither sleigh nor horse. But the girls are out almost daily. I have been threatened with an attack of the blues – not on account of the snow but in (illegible) of it. For there is no weather that makes me as sure as that which is warm and bright. When the weather

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is bad I feel that I cannot be at work anyway, but when it is bright I always have an uneasy conscience. It was a treat to get and read your dear good letter on day before yesterday. You wrote this time like the Connie Sue of old. I got no other letters that I enjoy so much as yours which is perhaps no great compliment, for I seldom hear from anyone else. I did though recently receive a delightful letter from Rose Seaman. She is a good deal like Miss Lucy Andrews whom I can only think of as a girl wearing a straw hat in a high wind. I shall always think most kindly of her for having allowed me to get ahead of T. V. [Pearson?] on the day we dived at old brother Mullins. Unless she has changed very much since then, she is a remarkably sweet woman. Her voice rang in my ears for a week after our first visit. You will please tell me again when you write what she said about me.

Tell me what new reports one being circulated about Louis. You can set it down that if they are evil reports they are false reports. Isn't it a little funny that Guy should be as virtuous. Guy is not Louis, but he is mistaken if thinks a man must be measured by one certain standard and no other. Louis is one of the best and truest of men. The boy

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told me of many temptations that have beset him and of how he escaped them. When you have said that Louis sometimes bets on races and prize fights you have perhaps said the very worst you can say of him. It is true he did not treat Irene Hooper, but there is another side to that story.

By the way I know something a little sad about Guy, but I shall not think of telling you what it was until you tell me more about Lucy Andrews.

I have a little crippled sweetheart now who can not run away from me so easily as some girls I know. I mean one of these days to get me a sweetheart of my very own, one that is true and loving and willing to cut stove wood. My notion is that a man who lives like I do, by himself and to himself, is a poor excuse for a human being. But the fact that I love to write to you and to hear from you is true that I am not lost beyond redemption. Sometimes I am tempted to console myself with the old negroes philosophy, "Blessed am day dat don' expecks nuthin', for dey ain't a goin' to git nuthin'."

Now write me a good long letter without waiting and fill it up with thoughts about your own dear and sweet self. Truly yours

E. C. Huffaker

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Bristol Tenn
Jun 17th 1893

To Whom it May Concern

This is to certify that I have professional knowledge of Mr. E. C. Huffaker's skill and efficiency as a surveyor and Civil Engineer . . . and that he is thoroughly competent to perform any of the duties of his profession. I regard him also as a skillful draftsman and rapid in its execution.

Resply [respectfully]

M L Blantley



Atty at Law
Bristol Tenn

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Bristol, Tenn
7th Dec 1893

My Dear Friend,

You dear letter was received this morning, and although I will not have time to finish my letter tonight I want to begin it, even if I do not get far with it. You asked if I had thought of Carrie Sue since I had written last. Indeed I had, more than one – two or three times - which is proof that I had not thought of you intentionally. But to tell you the truth some of my thoughts about you have been questionings. Somehow the thought has come to me often, or rather the question, may I not be deceived? may I not be taking in earnest things she says in jest or half in earnest? When she sends me her love does it really mean anything more than that she wrote what happened to come into her mind at the moment of closing her letter? There are questions which you see dear, perplexed me and left me in doubt and really I would not have been surprised if you had not written again for a long time. I have tried not to, sweet, for I said it would be a waste of affection perhaps, and I have no reason to believe that it would not, but it is a hard matter sometimes to keep from loving you. Or rather I have had to watch myself for fear I might love you so well I could not for a long while get over it. That I did not want to do for I have had sorrow and suffering enough already without

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adding to the sum needlessly. So I have made up my great mind not to care for you unless somebody should care for me. Whether she does or not I don't know – perhaps she does not know herself. But somehow when I got your letter this morning it was full of music for me. It gave me more confidence in you and in your fidelity than I perhaps had had. You see all sorts of doubts had arisen - I don't know why – they didn't use to do so – but all day I have lost sight of them and your letter made the day brighter. But I cannot write more tonight.

Well here it is “tomorrow,” and not only tomorrow but “tomor’night.” You see I cannot afford to waste my time with you during the day. But all day your dear letter has been coming to mind and every thought of it has called up a sort of rapturous feeling that I cannot easily describe to you. I have spent the day in 1st writing some editorials for the Bristol Courier. I write almost daily now and recently made quite a bit and brought about an unusual sale of the paper by a 3 column article on “The Lumber Resources of Sullivan.” I would send you some of my editorials but I am saving them for to read when I am old. 2nd Then I bummed around awhile, 3rd then worked on



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map of the Dixie Farmer for a while, then 4th, bummed awhile, 5th bummed awhile, 6th worked on map, 7th ate dinner, 8th bummed – 9th worked on map – 10 went out for a smoke, 11th bummed – 12th bummed – 13 worked on map till too dark to see, 14th quit work.

Christmas will soon be here. By the way, Christmas gift! The stores are full of toys, pictures, magazines, books - everything that delights the eye or that can charm the mind; steam engines, wonderfully colored toys of strange mechanism, games, puzzles, fancy conceptions in paper and celluloid - a whole town full of them – and yet the altogether do not somehow entirely satisfy me. No, Carrie Sue, my soul is too great to be satisfied with popcorn and toy pistols. I have a mind above oranges and Japan persimmons, (though I do not object to these in moderation), but my mind soars above them like the eagle toward the sun. That gives you an idea of what I am, dear Carrie Sue. I could not describe myself better if I worked in the weather the whole day. It is the necessity for laboring to obtain my daily bread that keeps me bound to the [earth?] – otherwise I would be an artist with lofty aspirations. Do you know that has long been a dream in my mind, in which you figure largely. Now what will you give me, love, to tell you what this artist's dream of mine is? Who knows but it may some day prove true?

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I was thinking of you today while I was "bummin," and I recalled the fact that your letters had oftenest set me to dreaming those some artists dreams of dreaming for an ideal life and existence.

You must not fail to speak a kind word for me to Mrs. Wadsworth. She is a woman I always liked and admired. She has a wonderfully keen appreciation of humor and can see it everywhere. She is the best (illegible) I ever knew to make fun of people. Say all the good things you think of for me. I will endorse all you say.

It is alright for you to enjoy yourself with "a fellow that looks like me," but I shouldn't want you to get me mixed up with him too inseparably. I should like to stand first in your friendship and in your affections. For I have a belief, dear, that if your affections do not go out very readily they would be very strong if you did once love a man. And that is why I think that if a man could but win them he would have a rich treasure all his life. Tell me, sweet, how should a man set about winning them? What should he do? What should he say? Tell me the secret and I'll try it. You say even are doubtful, but you do not know about me. "Doubt that the sun doth shine, doubt that the stars do move, think truth to be a lie, but never doubt my friendship." Goodnight. When shall I hear from you again. Soon I trust. Another time I will write more.

Yours fondly
E. C. H

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
Dec 20, 1893

My dear friend,

I will make the startling announcement in the beginning I am taking the grip and also quinine in good measure. Tomorrow there will be no end to the roaring in this small head of mine. Now there is a place for you to say it is the first thing she has had in her head since I have known her, but there

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you will be slightly mistaken, and you had better not say or even think such a thing. It is now nearly 10 P.M. and I am sitting by a comfortable fire in the grate which by the way is a great invention. With the intention of answering your good letter rec'd shall I say months ago? No, that would not be so as it has only been a week, but it seems a long time to me. We have moved, are housekeeping had conference with the town full of Methodist preachers and everything has been in a hurly burly and this is the very first time I have had a moment to write, but I have thought of you, even more than you did me for it has been every day for a week, & you only thought of me two or three times. Now that is a shame for me to be acting very young; affections on one who cares so little for me. And then you

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you say you doubt me and do not want to care for me etc. Well I do not care to force anybody to do anything against their will so "somebody" will keep her own counsel until somebody else ceases to doubt her. You must think me very flippant and insincere to write things I do not mean. I shall not comment on this last as you may find out yourself about it. I learn something more about you in nearly

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every letter you write. Did not know you were such a writer. Please send me some of the papers occasionally. I would like very much to see what that great mind of yours produces for the public. If I thought the investment would pay me, I might subscribe for the paper. I will just write to the Editor and ask him.

It is only a few days before Christmas and we will have a week of holidays. We all went down town tonight just after supper to look at the



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pretty things and the town is full of them, but some way they have very little attraction for me. We are too old, aren't we? to care very much for those things now but it is nice to be remembered sometimes by some little thing such as a jumping jack, Jack in the box, candy or something of the sort. I received a very handsome lumber jack from one of the boys here last night. He came up to see me and said he knew I would appreciate his precious gift. Had this same me been someone else I would have told him he could have given me something he possessed which would have been appreciated above everything else, even jumping Jacks. We are to have some entertainment during the holidays I believe. The Caldwell Reading club will be royally entertained Christmas night by one of the young ladies, and there will be other things all

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during the week. We will have a dining Christmas day and invite several young gentlemen & ladies. Will you come? Would be delighted to see you. It is getting so late and I am very nervous so will not write more this time. Am afraid I am given to be sick sure enough, feel very badly tonight. This may be the last letter I shall write you this year unless you reply promptly. With my very best wishes for a pleasant Christmas & a bright and happy new year, and if you are not as doubting dear, I might send something else (illegible).

Yours
Carrie Sue

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P. S. Christmas Gifts (from first page)
P. S. No. 2

There is a good place on my manteltery [sic] shelf in the parlor for a picture in a nice new silver frame & if you will look your prettiest & send me one of your dear old self, I will honor it by placing it there. Will you?

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Bristol, Tenn
Dec 24 1893

P.S. (Top of first page)



You have no idea how tame this letter reads in comparison with yours. Affectionately yours E.C.H.

My dear friend,

On Sunday we get our mail between two and three oclock and when two oclock came I debated whether or not I should go to the office. I somehow thought I would not hear from you, and I did not particularly care to hear from anyone else. I said, "she wont write until today (Sunday) and on Tuesday I will get a letter with about a million excuses for not having written sooner – and perhaps, I thought, when her letter does come it will be cold and guarded, for I somehow trusted you this far, sweet, that if you did not care for me you would not let me go on hoping that you would. I wrote you before that I had determined not to care for you unless I had some assurance that you might care for me. But several times during the past week it has come over me that I was going to love you in spite of myself, whether you cared for

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me or not. But I went to the office an my heart gave a leap when I saw a dear familiar hand upon an envelope as the P.M. ran over the letters. He came near overlooking it, but I held him up and made him stand and deliver. I read it on my way home, stopping at the bridge. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed it. And I said I would come home and tell you everything. I love you, darling; how much I cannot hope to tell you. But better than any other woman on this green earth. Let my love be my Christmas gift; and keep it, sweet, and treasure it; for it means a great deal to me. Life is so bright now, and it will be brighter still for both of us by and by – and not a very far off by and by either I hope. You are not so wedded to your old life, are you, love, that you would not give it up for someone who loves you and will love you always? I have trusted you more than you think; to the extent of believing you true and constant when once your heart went with your promises. But let me ask you dear, what right

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had I to assume that you might ever care for me? You loved me as a friend I believed, but that is a very different sort of love to what I have been longing for. But I trust you now; for when you wrote this last precious letter you knew that I would take your words in earnest. I have lots of plans, sweet one, for the future and now I feel that I can go ahead and work to them. For haven't I something to work for now? And Carrie Sue I am glad of one thing; that you were woman enough to send me your love when you knew that in loving me you would never advance your worldly prospects very much. You have learned to care for me in a time of adversity and do you think I won't store that fact up in my memory? And if prosperity comes, as it may or may not, you will know and I will know that you richly deserve it. You could have married into comfortable circumstances long ago if you had so desired; but you waited, waited, waited. And for what! Until you could give your heart and hand together. And maybe "somebody" does not think that hand and heart very precious for the long waiting.



Just now the future seems bright along other lines also. Early in January I am going down into

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Washington County to make a preliminary survey for a railroad, a short one, only 12 miles in length, which promises to lead to something better in the future. I am too getting a good deal of work to do about Bristol. And taking all these things into consideration I think it cannot be long until I can go and see a dear sweet woman that lives in Hazlehurst, the sweetest and best in the world, and I mean to bring her home with me if she will come. I may not have much to bring her to, but we are both young and strong yet and we will make our way somehow. I had rather be poor with you than rich without you. Though you are not to suppose that you and poverty go naturally together.

I think I have loved you a long while, dear. For a good while I was hardly conscious of it, but when the thought first came to me it was sweet and tender. It was easy to go that road. How many times has the day been made brighter by the reception of a letter from you. So many times I have realized that it would be sweeter to be with you than anyone else. And may my dream yet come true? I can't tell you, dear, what rapture your precious letter brought me. How I loved every line of it and every thought her fingers penned. Now, sweet heart, this is your jumping jack. Write

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me that you do not altogether despise it? Speakin' o' jumping Jacks, I went with my sisters uptown last night and into a toy store; I asked the clerk to show them a curiosity in the shape of a doll that could play a tune by turning her round and round on a handle. When the clerk had handed it out he went away to look after the customers, and left me with the doll on my hands. I turned her round and round until her skirt flew out like a little girl (making hoops just as I imagine you used to do), and my, how she did sing. I tried to make the girls hold her but they only stood and laughed at me, another acquaintance came in and wondered what I wanted with a doll. I take the girls out no more.

We are going to have a very quiet Christmas. Not going to give many presents and not expecting to get many. Christmas is for children anyhow and I'm about grown now, so I do not greatly care. The girls are delighted with town life. They already have a good many friends, and they are downstairs now with a beau apiece. Alice and Ada are with me. Another sister, Joella, will soon be home again, having been teaching down near Knoxville. This is all I can think of now about my "fambly." One of these days you shall see and know them for yourself.

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I will send you some copies of the Bristol Courier by tomorrow's mail. I wrote an article recently on Memphis that made quite a hit. Now if I should write one on Hazlehurst I would have to tell about one of the dearest, sweetest, and best women in the world, and one that "somebody" loves. Tell me, precious, isn't it in your nature to love deeply? And won't you love me? You have refused to love a good man before now and I believe you must love before you consent to give your hand away. And it is for this reason dear, that I feel so sure that if once you say you love me I may count on it for all time to come. How soon will you write? Will you wait another week, or until Sunday comes again? I hope you are better of your grip [grippe]. We are threatened with small pox and I have recently vaccinated myself. I find I am a pretty good physician.

It seems a long time to wait until I can hear from you again, but I have your dear letter to read and that will make the days go more rapidly.

Goodbye, my precious,
Yours devotedly
E. C. Huffaker, C. E.

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Greene County Bank Deposit Ticket for \$25.00 by E. C. Huffaker

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Bristol Tenn.
Jan 3 1894

My dearest brother,
Carrie Sue is writing to you so I will write a little and put in with it. We have all missed you so much since you left. We are getting along alright. Miss Carrie Sue got crippled but she is on the improve [sic]. My bad cold is still with me but it is a great deal better. I am getting

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Along alright with the exception of my cold. I am living on figs and beef steak and I have an idea I am getting fat. I am trying to carry out "laws" to the letter. I am making good use of my Indian clubs. We are having plenty to eat, fresh meat, good butter, good bread and ice cream etc. We are also having good warm fires and

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we (illegible) in our time sitting by it reading history, writing letters, and playing (letter torn) all around over town till Carrie Sue fell down and hurt herself and my bad cold got so hateful. I think we will both be out again soon. Cousin Frank came down to see me almost every day and Mr. Kennedy comes down to (illegible)

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I had a letter from Anna yesterday. She enjoyed your visit very much she said. I want to see you very badly, before I go to Wash. I would like to visit Bob a while and Charles and stop off and stay awhile. Anna Washington is so far away that it would be so far to come back soon, so I want to visit them before I go. Warm greetings

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Bristol Tenn
Jan 4th 1894

My Dear Friend:

I received your letter this a.m. and was not altogether surprised at its tone. Two weeks ago when you wrote you reproached me for distrusting you, and I somehow felt justified then in confiding in you to the utmost. But when you did not write the old distrust came back again, and although I mailed you a letter this morning before receiving your last, thinking you might be too sick to write, I did not have very strong faith in the sickness theory.

If I were disposed to do so Carrie Sue, I think I have good grounds for quarreling with you. I could say to you that if you did not yourself know your own mind, you were hardly justified in reproaching me for distrusting it, and a meaner man than I am, the average man perhaps, would say that you deliberately set a trap for him. But I am neither disposed to quarrel nor to think such unkind things of you. Even if we were engaged I would be the last man to hold you to a promise that was irksome to you. Much less would I be disposed to bind you to passing fancy you may have (illegible) that

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you cared for me. Too I give you credit always for being sincere and true. So when you wrote reproaching me for any distrust I can't believe anything else but that you did not at the time think I had any ground for distrusting you.



And now you write asking for time to consider. I hardly know what to say to that. It is not necessary, Carrie Sue, that you should hurry about the matter, for fear I might miss some other chance, nor is it important that I should be kept in suspense as short a time as possible. For I tell you plainly the suspense is not going to kill me. So there would seem to be no reason why you should not take all the time you want in which to decide. But I look at the matter this way; if you are not able at once to decide whether your feeling for me is friendship or love, the probabilities are that it is friendship. Of course I might go on and persuade you that it was not friendship, or tell you that love would come later. But I would surprise myself if I did anything of the sort. I will not beg any woman under the sun to love me or to marry me. If she does so she will do so willingly, voluntarily and without reluctance. I have seen a good

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deal of pleading with women to love them, as if they were slaves and their sweethearts were queens, and I have known women to accept men, and live happily with them, because they pitied them, and because they were worn because of long persistence.

Now you and I have been friends so long that I can speak plainly with you without fear of wounding your feelings. And I say it kindly, dear, that I mean never to try to win a woman in any such style as that. If a woman marries me, she must do so because I love her and because she loves me, not because she cannot get rid of me. I mean, dear, to keep my self respect merit it whether I win you or not, and I could not keep it if I went dangling at your skirts for the rest of my natural lifetime. So I am not much disposed to wait on you or to say anything to influence your decision. You must decide the matter for yourself.

But while you are making a decision I want you to rest assured that I love you. Last night I dreamed of you and lay awake a long while thinking of you; distrusting you a little perhaps (I seemingly had good reason to do); and thrilled with the thought of you. It was so

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pleasant to think of you that I did not go back to sleep for a long while – and got up late this morning as a consequence.

I guess, dear, a good many people, both men and women have had your experience and suppose every honest woman must stop to question herself before marrying. The question to be solved is one of happiness and that depends more than anything else your congeniality. Would you and I be happy? Would you be happy with me? Would I be happy with you? (I am pretty sure I would.) The great mistake in marrying is a lack of congeniality. People like each other but not each other's ways, and while they get on well together at first, they eventually drift apart. I am tempted not to call your attention to it – you are so blind to the fact – that it tastes, in ways, in feelings you and I are remarkably congenial, and that, love, is



the foundation of happiness. Perhaps you might come to be proud of me (for to my notion, sweet, there is lots in me yet), but that amounts to nothing as to whether you and I could sit down alone on winter evenings and be content with each other's society. Would you be content with an humble simple life, with me for your companion? Would that life as you look forward to it be sweeter than anything you just now can think of. If so it looks like you care something for me - if not, the care looks suspicious. But I sup-

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pose no one, not a simpleton, can get married without misgivings, and if misgivings are all that stand in your way there is no reason why you should hesitate. You say it is for "better or for worse;" but darling do you think matters can get much worse with you and me? However disagreeable and tyrannical I might find you to be, I could always look back and say "will think better than when I was single, bad as it is."

You seem to be troubled about my personal appearance as though you thought the ravages of time had been playing havoc with me. I question you would recognize me if you were to meet me. I think I change a great deal. I often meet people who wonder and wonder if I can be the same man they had known a year ago. So what chance is there that you would recognize me after 5 years. You might marry me and then mistake me for somebody else's husband. But who has the best right to look for changes? You or I? Who fades quickest, the man or the woman? And do you suppose I would be altogether indifferent to good looks? If the Miss Redding I used to know and admire as being so fine and grand isn't grand and fine at all anymore, but a mere faded flower, would I be less likely to ruin your old time form and

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figure than you would mine? How do I know you are not old and wrinkled and humpbacked and crippled, and all out of shape generally? You have never told me that you were not and no one else has told me. It is true I don't believe it, but who runs the greater risk? As for myself, I am somewhat (illegible) than when you knew me, a good deal browner, in better health, with longer moustaches, and in disposition not altered very greatly I guess. In looks I am just about as handsome or ugly as I was five years ago, with about as many grey hairs. You see I have entered that long notorious route in a man's life between 30 and 50 during which he changes slowly, and surely which a woman so often breaks so rapidly.

But how do I know you are not broken and battered beyond recognition? I do not believe you are, Carrie Sue, and even if you were I am not at all sure that I would not love you just as dearly as I do now. In two hours I will be starting to Erwin. Will get to Johnson City at midnight and stop over till morning. Tomorrow at noon I will be in the mountains. Aren't you sorry you wrote me the letter you did? Really, Carrie Sue, I demand a different letter. But I won't quarrel. Write me at Erwin, Tenn. via Johnson City, Tenn. And if you have answered my other letter, sit down at once and answer this one.

Till then goodbye
E. C. Huffaker

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Bristol, Tenn
Jan 8th 1894

My dear husband,

I wonder if today is as dark and dreary with you as it is here. If so I should think you would be at work by gas or electric lights. The rain has been coming down steadily since 3 o'clock this a.m. I awoke about that time and heard the clock strike the hour and or half hour up to 6 o'clock when I fell asleep, and did not wake until 8 o'clock. I don't know what made me so wakeful, I retired early enough, 10 o'clock, but I guess I got to thinking and could not sleep. Ade was sleeping with me and she was dead asleep. I would not waken her to talk to me but I know of somebody else I would not have hesitated to wake up. This is the kind of day I wish I had you with me, but it was

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just such a day as this about ten weeks ago, only a little colder, when you were here & preferred spending the day out in the sleet & rain with Mitchell. Do you now dear it will be three weeks tomorrow since we were married. I wonder if you will remember it at about the hour. We have never spent an anniversary together yet. The first week you were away all day, the second and third in Washington. I wonder if it will always be true.

Yesterday after your letter came Ada and I went uptown to see how things looked, then called at the College to see Cousin Frank. Found Mr. Kennedy there too and both asked particularly about you. That is a very pretty place up there & the view of Bristol is fine even from the lower floor. We did not go up to Cousin Frank's rooms, because I was afraid to climb the (illegible) flights of stairs. I stood my trip pretty well, was

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a little tired when I returned home. I have been busy all morning getting my things in shape to go to Robert's tomorrow morning if it stops raining. I will not leave in the rain, but will go even if it is muddy. I am anxious for Robert to do something for me so I shall have no pain in my limbs at all after walking. It seems so strange for me to have anything the matter with me to keep me from going anytime I wish as I have never been troubled that way before. You will no doubt dear be glad to know I am improving since I came

here. My face is fuller and I am not so thin looking as I was before. I guess the rest is what is doing me most good and then a change is usually good for anyone.

I tried to read your farmer story to the girls yesterday, but they stuck their fingers in their ears

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and cried, "for goodness sakes stop." That was a very cute way you spoke of (illegible) to almost equal the Stuarts version of it. Are you glad you are living? And have you just thought that you are married? Wish I could see you spin around and say that today. I do not understand dear why you failed to receive my letter Sunday unless the wax figure had a spite against me and could not give it to you. If you are as long getting the letter as you were the postal it will be (illegible) day before you get it.

We are all getting along nicely here and we spend our evenings pleasantly together. I have been helping Effie with her writing on her report for the school- she has about finished now and those [numerous?] papers will be consigned to the flames or somewhere else I hope. They have called me to dinner so will say good by – give this to the postman when he brings me your letter. All send love – My share to you darling is more than I can say. Write every day.

Your loving wish wish
Carrie Sue

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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.
Via Johnson City

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Jan 25 1894

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Hazlehurst
Jan 20 1894

My dear friend;



Yours of 14th was somewhat delayed in reaching me as I did not receive it until today and I shall reply at once. I know you were a little disappointed when you got back to Erwin and found no letter there from me, but you see how it was. I did not write you on receipt of

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your "diary" letter because I knew you would receive mine just after you had written, and besides you said you were going to the country next to nowhere and I waited to hear from you again. I am not as good as you are anyway often putting off things thinking I haven't time when if I tried very hard that would not be the case. I sometimes think

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I do not deserve all the love you give me and there are doubts about myself yet that will come up when I think real serious about you. Your last letter had a funny effect on me. It startled me somewhat as I read how you appropriated me to yourself, and when I realized for the first time what I had done

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you must not count on me too heavily just yet. I may get scared sure enough and back out. I have never come right down to thinking of marrying anyone before, it always seemed such a far off matter for me to consider so bear with me awhile until I grow a little accustomed to the thought. If I seem cold and unfeeling in this letter attribute

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it to the fact that by nature I am not very demonstrative and even though I am old, very old, and sought by a few, I have never before thought seriously of marriage with anybody and I cannot quite see through it. Please do not speak as if you meant to come for me at any moment, next week or next month, that frightens me,

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because even if we are to get married it will not be for months. Now I know you are saying to yourself she is the biggest goose imaginable and this is one of the times I am "trying your patience beyond endurance" but women are strange creatures at times and I suppose this is my time to be "lunatical." [sic] (That word is my own coinage.) I did not sleep very well last night and I guess that has

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had its effect on me and I am [worried/wearied?]. I have finished with the grip at last and I hope forever, but I am growing real pious of late. We live next door to the Baptist church, which by the way is a very handsome new brick building. Well, they have had a "distracted" meeting going on there two weeks or more and I attend regularly every night rain or shine They will baptize

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16 tonight and that many tomorrow night & most of them are between the ages of 8 & 12 years. We tease [sic] the Baptists by telling them they have at last reformed by believing in Infant baptism. By the way what church are you a member of, if any? I hope you are Methodist, but I have really forgotten, it has been such a long time since I saw you. I hope you are enjoying your trip in that rough country. How is the

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old maid? and has she caught on to your racket yet? Do for goodness sake keep on the good side of her for she might take it into her head to poison you sometimes when she is doing the cooking, and then "Little Johnny might have to go somewhere else."

Well I must stop for this time. Write soon. Oh yes, do all the smoking you want to now I have

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no objection but if you chew tobacco your name is "Dennis" forever hereafter and with capital letters too. I always said if I were a man I would smoke good cigars not cigarettes or a pipe, but chewing is inexcusable. But remember I am objecting to nothing yet. If you want to kill yourself it is you who will do the suffering I guess. But honestly now you don't chew tobacco do you? Tell me.

Yours Carrie R

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Bristol, Tenn.
Feb. 11 1894

My dear friend;

Your somewhat incomprehensible letter was received some three weeks ago and I have been somewhat slow about answering it, not being in fact in the humor to do so. How a woman can ask a man to wait for her answer in order that she may be "very sure" of herself and two weeks later write that she loves him and



that she is sure of it, and still two weeks later write that she has never really considered the matter seriously, is more than I have been able to figure out. Two months ago you reproached me with not trusting you, with accusing you of being flippant, of saying things you did not mean; and I want to ask you if a letter like your last is likely to increase my confidence in you? You say I am better than you are and that you sometimes think I love you better than you deserve. I sometimes think so myself Carrie Sue. But don't you ever make the mistake of supposing that [I am?] good. I am honest and I am true and when I am treated fairly I think I am not hard to deal with; but

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but (repeated) I think I can get as completely off the handle at times as any man you ever saw. It is true I have never had occasion to be anything but sweet tempered where you were concerned. I have had a trust in your fidelity and your womanliness which I think you cannot complain of. But you ought to consider that you cannot write me letters like your last and hope to attain that good opinion. It is all ["burcombe?"] to say you are not demonstrative. People who really love cannot help but show it in some way. And I confess I have little liking for the spirit that prompts a woman to conceal her feelings. And still less for that class of women who as long as they are treated with indifference or neglect cling to a man, but as soon as he begins to treat her with respect and a show of affection, want to get away from him. When I marry I expect to love my wife and to tell her so every day of the year - unless she should attempt to moderate my affections, when I should not tell her so at all, but would to my dying day regret that I had married her. Now, dear, I am sometimes tempted to trust to my own judgment and to believe that you are a kind and better woman than you make yourself out to be. I won't quarrel with you

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anymore. I have never liked a quarrel. I usually ended one by staying completely out of it. I do not forget easily if at all. You never had a friend I think that was truer than I have been or who appreciated your friendship more, and it is not altogether pleasant to have you tell me that you are incapable of any strong and deep affection. I am not likely to let one letter overshadow a hundred others, and after awhile I shall perhaps think of you as kindly as I ever did. More kindly I guess than you deserve.

We got through our work in the mountain sooner than we expected and returned to Bristol 3 weeks ago. Since then I have been pretty busy. We had a map of the road to make and other things to look after. Then the weather got worse and work out of doors had to be suspended. There is some work in Bristol I want to do soon, and sometime during the month I want to take a trip through Wise and Scott Counties Va. After that I have a 5000 acres survey to make in Sullivan County and a very important one. After which I hope the railroad in Unicoi will be in shape for work again.



I have been doing a good deal of writing lately; partly in the way of editorial work and partly in the way of correspondence upon scientific subjects written to the President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who seem

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to think my opinions are valuable in regard to certain matters. In addition I am writing a lecture (1 ½ hour long) on Napoleon Bonaparte. So in one way or another my time is pretty well occupied. I have been reading French history _____ myself on the history of Bonaparte.

You never wrote me any news of Mrs. Woodsworth. She surely must have sent me some message. A few days ago I received a long letter from Carrie Fishburn. For several months we had not written regularly, but our correspondence is going again in great shape. I should like to see the little sister again and ramble through the (illegible) of Jackson with her. Think of it; the mocking birds are singing there and the roses will soon be blooming, the Marechel Niel roses that we do not have here. And the magnolias will be in bloom Guy will have one in his coat. It will be a pleasant time.

Don't forget to remember me most kindly to Marie: - she never changes.

Yours sincerely,
E. C. Huffaker

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Miss Carrie Redding
Hazelhurst, Mississippi
Postmarked from Bristol Feb. 12 9 p.m. 1894

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Hazlehurst
Feb. 18 1894

My dear friend,
Yours of 11th inst. Received last Wednesday or Thursday I believe it was. On Wednesday I wrote you a letter, sealed and stamped it and left it with Mary to mail the next day while I was at school, but she waited until the afternoon to do it, and in the meantime your letter came. I am

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very glad it happened that way and you did not get that letter. I was not in a very good humor with you because of your long silence and showed my feelings somewhat in my letter. It has been destroyed and with it some of the feeling.

I do not altogether blame you for thinking as you did about my last letter, but you should not judge me too harshly. Women are strange creatures and I imagine as they grow

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older are more so. They hardly ever mean exactly what they say about every little thing, and you must learn that to know me better.

Now when I wrote that letter, I was in a strange mood and while I hardly remember just what I wrote, I do remember as I finished it I came very near not sending it, feeling that it was a letter calculated to make you feel a little badly. But

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I did send and you read it and you treated me badly about it. You have had your sweet revenge, now I say let us forget that it was ever written and begin over again where we were before it happened. The next time I get "moody" I will wait a day or two before writing you.

I know you love me just as much as you did before and I shall not say anything about what I think

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about you – don't want to tickle your vanity too much. I was very glad to hear you had finished that trip you were on. I was uneasy about you during the terrible weather you must have had up there judging from what I had here, but all the time you were safe at home enjoying the comforts of your own "vine and fig tree" and hardly giving me a thought,

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or if any not in very mild terms I imagine. I have been quite busy the past few weeks, and this week busier than ever with a concert which is to be in the school next Friday night. It is by my music pupils entirely, and of course I have it all to get up by myself. About 7:30 Friday night you can sit down, or stand, and imagine you see me come on the stage with

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the first member in the program and for two hours I will be on pins fearing some failure in my students.
Tuesday-

It seems I cannot finish a letter to you so I shall not attempt any further letter now, but promise to write again very soon. Ever since I read your last letter I have been on the go so much, and so many duties at school keeping me there

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after school hours, have hardly had a moment day or night. This letter was begun Sunday, and I wrote some on it yesterday too. I am not offering these as excuses for not writing, though they are what have kept me from writing.

Try to think as kindly of me as you can. I am not quite as mean as I seem to be and I do think of you.
Write soon and

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tell me you have forgiven me. I am going to be better here after. With my best

I am
Yours sincerely
Carrie Redding

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City illegible (Homer/Howe?) Tenn.
3-4-94
E. C. Huffaker

Dear [Nep?]:

I would have written you immediately on receipt of your kind favor but for the fact that I was at the time engaged in aiding a neighbor, yet poorer than myself, to get him a house ready to move into. My reason for wishing to make ready (illegible) to your favor was that I did not like to have you persist for any time in your notion that I was inattentive to your advice on literary matters, or that I was not accepting that advice to the best of my ability and in my, perhaps, peculiar way. With me the making of a jocular response to a previous suggestion is not at all proof that I am not being impressed by the suggestion as the suggestion



desires and has reason to suspect. In such cases I simply [carry] out the idea that it is better to laugh than cry, and that a

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man has more complete command of his responses when few and easy than when constrained. The advice offered is of course good and can be accepted at its face value. But you expect too much of man when you base your suggestions on an article and then become discouraged of me because I have not acted on the suggestions in that article. Wise as I am and as responsive to good things I must have time and a living chance. I have only for two or three months been giving some attention to what you call artistic writing. But my nature in all like cases is to begin at the bottom and build up. I find it impossible to be content with base facts unless I have a (illegible) of reason for them, and I can't very fully appreciate the facts and successfully apply them to specific cases without the reason. If I can get at the fundamental principle underlying the rules I do not have so great difficulty in remembering and applying the rules, but to remember and successfully use set rules without this nexus is beyond my abilities.

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If the Courier would allow that I have a purpose in writing, my purpose or my incentive partner, is perhaps in some degree antagonistic to strictly artistic writing. My idea of what should be the main purpose in writing is to give the reader new, true and therefore wholesome concepts of the subject discussed: and to do this in a way that will fix the concepts in the reader's mind and influence his general opinions, his sentiments and conduct. In fewer words, my incentive is to permanently influence the reader, not merely to entertain him temporarily. An artistic way might pursue the artistic purpose, yet might not be altogether united to the other purpose. In the one case what you most need is strength, in the other beauty. Strength, clearness and a mighty deal of price consideration is especially necessary in presenting those difficult matters, those transcendental subjects, in a way that the ordinary reader will understand them and accept as true what you say about them. Yes the man who has a serious purpose

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must do all this, for he does not write purely to see himself in print nor alone to show that he can write artistically. The serious writer compels the readers understanding rather than his literary tastes. Each party, if both are sensible even, using a/the style that serves their purpose. In very many cases of course the serious writer would be much the better of a more strict conformity to artistic composition: in as many other cases, however, the productions of the artistic writer would be immensely improved by the injection of a few ideas. As the man is generally supposed to be more important than his dress so on general principles it might be supposed that a man of ideas is the better man to seek after than the man of (illegible) style. But as I have said the writer should have both style and ideas.



It is readily seen that it is much more difficult to treat a new and difficult subject in the artistic way than other subjects. In the one case you have a great many things to attend to that you are not bothered with

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in the other you have first the ideas to get up for yourself and to see to it that they are true. You have then to grasp this and give them such order of presentation as that the reader can take them in and will accept as conclusive to the whole. After you have done that then you have a little spare time for style. But if you give too much time to style you lose the connection of your ideas, your inspiration is gone. An other difficulty, the [shorter?] artistic presentation may not be just the presentation necessary to give the reader your ideas in a way to convince him. In such case, which will you sacrifice? Again in treating a subject in an original way you have your tenses and phrases to determine on. In fact you are surrounded by difficulties some of which the merely artistic writer knows nothing about. With ordinary subjects the ideas, the words the phrases and the order of presentation are stereotypes, and the style is good as had been known for centuries. Every thing is spread out before the writer within easy reach and he has only to put them up as type and

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artistic arrangement. So you will see that building up from the bottom, I have several things to learn before I come to the artistic, since the artistic is not my (illegible) even chief concern. I am as yet down in the cellar. I hope however, if the grace of perseverance is granted me that in time you will see me coming slowly up through the scuttle into the broad light of the artistic hole, somewhat as a man is prayed out of purgatory. The grace of perseverance is a very uncertain quality with me. I have no ambition, and if the book or anything else I should do was to bring me any manner of reputation concerning any degree of public attention on me, it would be a bore and not at all a matter of self gratification. If the world is satisfied with its beliefs I have no great disposition to attempt an influence. One is never thanked for it in life and after I am dead I don't intend bothering about it. There is nothing

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martyr-like about me.

The writing of Ertrianism did nothing for me in the strictly artistic way. In that I wrestled exclusively with the idea and the order of its presentation to convince the reader: the style was left to take care of itself the only stipulation being that it interfered not with the more substantial purpose. Having decided on the general plan of presentation Ertrianism was written out as fast as the pen would go, and in a perfectly natural style, since no thought was given the style. I fail therefore utterly to see in what possible sense the style of that



production is borrowed. It is my present opinion that if I were going to borrow a style I would have borrowed a good one. Or do men who have styles to loan only those that are worn out or otherwise defective.

You will not conclude from my allusion to the Courier Article that I find fault with it. I think it did a very good part by the book.

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True it dwelt on the defects rather than the merits, if I have any, and that in some ways discourages the buyer. But then it gives an idea of its character and brings it into notice. Is not criticism the thing you are to expect of the critic? A critic who aspires to establish a new school of criticism might have handled the book a little different. The Article taken in connection with yours, which the Courier kindly allowed, might bring the book some attention and sale; for there is nothing like controversy to secure an interest and desire to see the thing about which any pugnacity is manifested. To me it looks a little like a put up job, since it serves the purpose so well, better than a straight out article of commendation which would have had the appearance of an advertisement. In either case I of course appreciate your kindness. Times however are too close to expect books to go very alarmingly under any circumstances.

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Bristol, Tenn.
Mar 9 1894

My Dear Carrie Sue:

You did not mail your letter until a week after it was written and then it was delayed in reaching me; so it was not until Thursday it reached me. This is Sunday afternoon and I flatter myself I am giving you a lesson in promptness which I trust you will not soon forget. But it is not as much your instruction, dear, that impels me to write as a desire to do so from the pleasure it gives me. So it is settled at last that we love each other, and until you get to questioning yourself again, I guess we will let it stand at that. It was not altogether a desire to have my way that let me to enforce the conditions I did (that blot is a tear shed over you in gratitude), but because I knew that if you were unwilling to marry me at any time, you did not love me as my many noble traits of character deserved.

In next June, on the 14th I think, there is to

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be a meeting of the Tennessee Press Association at Jackson, Tenn. near Memphis and I am laying my plans to attend it. And if I do so I think I will not let my trip stop there, but will extend it in the direction of Hazelhurst. Will somebody be glad to see me? If she isn't I mean to spend all my time talking to Marie. Marie is the unchangeable. You ought to pattern yourself after your sister Carrie Sue. Take lessons from her – find out the secret of how she remains constant year after year.

But I mean to quit quarreling with you, (and this isn't much of a quarrelsome letter anyway, is it?), for I believe you do as you say really and truly love me. Already I am growing anxious to begin that long life of happiness which I believe is in store for us. And you must not mind, dear, that I seem more anxious than you for our wedding day to come. That is on difference between men and women. Men rush pell mell after whatever they may desire and are never satisfied until they get it. Women count the costs

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and demand time to consider, and I recon [reckon] if a woman had her way she would post pone a marriage until she was old and grey headed. But fortunately women can't always have their way in this world, and I do not mean that you shall always have yours. The best way I think for you and me to get along happily as we travel over life's thorny pathway is for you to let me lead you. For if you don't Carrie Sue you'll get lost in the thorns as sure as fate; and I shall have to come and get you out. What I should like, dear, is for us to go down life's streams in a canoe, and let you paddle while I guide the boat. Or where the sailing was smooth to let you do both while I fish. By the way there are some of the finest fishing grounds in the world up here and one of these times we'll get us a hook and a spool of thread and spend a whole day at a time on the river. It will be like the story in which you will be my Evalina.

"Evalina went a fishing, one morning in May,
The birds they were singing, all nature 'twas gay.
Evalina caught a sturgeon, and I caught a shad,
Evalina got her feet wet, and oh I was glad."
"My own Evalina, my dear Evalina: my love for thee shall never die."

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One of the girls, Ada, has been quite sick for 10 days, and is just now beginning to improve. As a consequence I have been kept at home and unable to do any work. Though I am afraid that enforced idleness does not weigh as heavily on my hands as it should. I work from necessity, and am not overly fond of it and my notion is Carrie Sue, you are about as indolent as I am. Won't we make an industrious pair, though? All that stands in the way between me and happiness is a fine form and a bank account and a small negro to black my boots. These conditions given, you would find me a contented man and a perfect gentleman. How soon will you write me, dear? I shouldn't tell you how dearly I love your letters.



Do you know I actually said a prayer for you last night – the first of its kind, to my recollection. I look for you to be a better woman now. But you will hardly ever be any sweeter, to my notion. Not that I have in any case despaired of you, but because you have already reached the superlative degree. Tell Marie she is no friend of mine or she would have mailed that letter, and hereafter, dear, mail them yourself.

Goodbye, my love,
Ever Yours
E.C.H.

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Bristol 15th Apr. 1894

My Dear Girl,

Your letter of the 11th received on yesterday evening after having looked in vain for it for two or three days. This is Sunday and there is no day in all the week I enjoy so well. Partly perhaps because I have no work to do, but chiefly I think because I have time and leisure to think about something else besides business. I try to read a few chapters in the Bible each sabbath, which I always enjoy; Tennyson and Burns's poems, the newspapers and usually something on history or science. When I first read Lalla Rookh I enjoyed it greatly, but when I recently attempted to reread it I found that I had in a way outgrown it or rather I discovered that Moore was hardly up to my ideal of a great poet. He was about such a pact as Byron or Scott, and not half so great as Burns, who I think attains to greater heights of poesy than any other except Shakespeare and perhaps Tennyson. What is so delightful as his songs, as his "To Mary in Heaven?" One of the most delightful books in poetry is Jeffrey's Criticism on the English poets. It is an old work and a rare one. You ought to read it.

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I have been quite busy during the past week and will be for some days to come. My brother Charlie has been helping me. He went home to spend Sunday with his babies, but will be back this afternoon. I may go to the mountains one day this week to be absent a week or 10 days, and if I do so you may know why I am not writing – you suggest that when I am away and do not write I drop you a line to let you know why. Has it ever occurred to you sweet that I wonder sometimes why you do not write? You asked if I ever meet any barefooted mountain girls and fall in love with them? When I was in the mountains a week ago, we had to pass a log cabin on our way to and from work in which there was a young married woman and a girl about 18, both beautiful girls, like mountain pinks. I come near twisting my head off as I passed and finally ended by stumbling into a mud hole while looking backward, which you perhaps served me right. But I am not thinking about marrying any of the mountain girls nor



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very greatly interested in them, though you surely Carrie Sue do not expect me to shut my eyes and turn my head away whenever a pretty girl comes in sight? If you say so I will try, but I question if I succeed very well.

I appreciate what you say about Guy. If you prefer Guy to me, all right, it may hurt me, but I am not going to make any complaint. If you feel like writing him love letters, do so, and if I do not find it out I will be none the worse off. What I mean to say is that I want your love, dear, your heart deepest and most abiding love; that I want all or more, and if Guy or anyone else can win you from me I want him to do so and I am willing for him to have every opportunity now. But not when we are married. The contest will be over then and while I have this much confidence in you that you would at once cut the acquaintance of any man who should attempt to make love to you, I would myself become so well and thoroughly acquainted with him in a little while that he would have no heart to make love to any body anymore. But I do not make this in any

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_____ as a threat and am only expecting that you will be as true and faithful to me as I shall be to you. I think with you that we ought to each have a regard for the other's feelings and wishes, and so I think sweet, if you are to relieve me entirely of any distrust that you think I still entertain, the surest way to destroy that distrust is not to find fault with it, but to convince me by your words and acts that it is unfounded. A simple statement that you love me will always go much farther than any reasoning that I ought to know that you do. But I am beginning to believe dear that you do care something for me.

About the 28th of this month I expect to leave for Harriman Tenn, to occupy the chair of mathematics in the Tennessee University during Dr. Price's absence at the general conference at Memphis. I will be absent about one month.

Let me hear from you soon, dear. Send Guy your picture, but send me the first and best one. And, dear, let's spring a surprise on Guy one of these times, as well as upon the rest of our acquaintances by announcing on short notice that we are to be married. Do you get the full meaning of the words and the happiness they ensure "we are to be married."

Good bye my dear
E. C.

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Bristol, Tenn.



April 22 1894

My Dear Girl,

Your note of the 17th received on yesterday afternoon after 4 days of wondering "to and fro upon the earth and up and down in it." This is the only particular however in which it at all assembled his satanic majesty. I was thinking of writing to know what was the matter. But as your letter was both written and mailed on the 17th I guess you are in no sense responsible for the delay.

I have been busy all week in the fields having to divide a farm of 205 acres into 3 parts, and to lay out a part of another into town lots. I will not go to Harriman as I wrote you I thought of doing. There are several things I want to do here during May and think that about the first of June they will be ready to begin building the railroad in Unicoi. And now my sweet I want to talk with you about certain matters. The meeting of

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The Press Association is set for the 14th of June and I think now of attending. If I do I want to return by way of Hazelhurst and I want to ask you if you can be ready to return with me? If I can manage to do so sweet, I want to have you with me during the summer. In fact I have come to think of you so fondly that I am growing impatient to come for you. I don't know it may take you a little while to get ready; you may want a new gown or a hat, but you can get those together in a hurry, can't you? I could get ready by tomorrow night as far as my trousseau is concerned, and you could not get ready I think in two months. But here is the trouble. I cannot say certainly that I can come in June. And I want to know if you can arrange to come or not according to circumstances. Can you get your veil and gown ready and use them "where needed?" Within a month, or perhaps sooner I think I can let you know definitely whether I can come

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in June or not. Now write me, dear, that this arrangement (illegible) suit you. You have already agreed to leave the time with me, but I do not wish to inconvenience you. Still we won't wait long. Our minds are both made up and we gain nothing by waiting.

I do not know certainly when the work in Unicoi will begin or that it will begin at all though the (illegible) say now they want to begin in June, about the first. I want to be there at the beginning anyway, and so I cannot say whether I can go to Jackson or not.

I think you will like the country, dear. I want you to see it in the summer, when the woods are green and go with me to the mountains; and then in the autumn when the leaves are turning to gold and floating down the rivers, and then in winter when the snows are falling and drifting through the gorges, and in the spring when the flowers are in bloom. We will have some grand old times if you care for those sort of things.



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This is Monday morning cold and dreary. I think I won't get out to the fields until noon.

I want to ask you a question, dear, do you own a poodle dog? or a rat terrier? If so I think I will not have you bring it with you. You make a present of it to Marie. You will have me, so the loss of your poodle will not be so great a grievance you now may think. What sort of a design are you going to adopt for you military medal? The one I sent you? I showed it to the girls and they thought it was the very thing. My brother Charley has been with us for a week. He is preparing to build him a house, 10 miles from here in Virginia. He has one of the smartest boys I ever knew. Looks like me.

I shall look for a letter soon.

Goodbye, my dear,
Yours
E. C. H.

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Envelope
April 28? 1230 PM 1894
Miss Carrie L. Redding
Hazelhurst Mississippi

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Hazelhurst, Miss.
April 29, 1894

My dear,
Your last letter received Thursday. I will explain why I have not replied sooner. The past week has been a very busy one, in more ways than one, and I really could not write sooner. Our Club undertook the "getting up" of the Decoration Day here which was on Friday the 27th and I was on several different committees.

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(Page torn) to write the speaker and we got Prof. McRice (illegible) of Oxford University, who delivered a find address. Then the decoration com. financial, & music com. etc., all of which kept us pretty busy. You



should have seen me in the procession putting on much style. The Military Co. took an important part in it, and they sent the first carriage in town around to me & the Maids of Honor. We wore our colors, which by the ways are the colors always worn (torn) Rex in the Carnival, viz.

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purple, green & gold, rather gorgeous, but rather pretty on our white dresses. The brass band headed the procession, our carriage just behind them, the Military following us, the speaker's carriage behind them, followed by the school children & citizens making a very imposing turn out. This was in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, and in the evening the young ladies of the Club tendered a reception & supper to the speaker, which was attended

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(torn page) four hundred." Well enough of our affairs here which you have very little interest in, but I thought it might interest you some to know a little of what I am doing. I would be glad if you would tell me more of yourself - how you spend your time, where you go etc. I am not complaining that you do not tell me those things dear, but say this to let you know such things would interest me as much as they concern you. Now I want to talk with you about a little matter which you spoke of in your last letter, and which
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Bristol, Tennessee
May 17 1894
Thursday P.M.

My Dear Carrie Sue,

This evening or afternoon, I was walking down the street under the shade of some maple trees, and something, I do not know what, brought your face to my memory more distinctly than I have seen (page torn) a long while. In a general way I know how you look but had you been present this evening in person I would not have caught your features any more distinctly than in that short glimpse I had of you in my fancy. I recalled every feature with the utmost distinctness to that peculiar little twist at the corner of your mouth, which some of your Jackson friends used to say rather spoiled your looks, but to my mind is one of your chiefest charms. After that glimpse of you, dear, I found it next to

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impossible to do any work, and so I am writing you tonight, although you owe me a letter. I had the feeling that I have often had before, a sort of adoration for you; as if I would like to sit down by you and tell you over again what a grand woman you seemed to me to be. There is a charm about you that is all your own, and if I sometimes quarrel a little with you, and make fun of you, you may be very sure, dear, that at the bottom of my heart I have always the deepest love and affection for you. Not love only, but respect. And although you sometimes disappoint me just a little (torn) asking me to trust you when I do not see my way very clearly, still I have a faith in you that at heart you are one of the best and truest of women. I should like to hear often that you love me and not be asked to take guile so much as trust. For the question will come up: suppose she ceases to take an interest in me, and of course to love me in a better sort of way? And how can I be sure that she dearly and truly loves me unless she continues to remind me of it? For although

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I believe firmly that if we were married you would be true from principle and from a sense of right, and that for that reason we would never be unhappy, still I would like to know that you were going to be true from inclination as well. You see, dear, it is not that I am jealous for your preference for other men, but as to whether you might not become indifferent to me as well.

You wrote me some time ago that you had met your old lover, and to tell you the truth I do not think I altogether liked your description of him and think his remarks on the occasion of his meeting you were just a little out of place – for a man has no right to compromise his wife by saying she is or ever has been jealous; a sense of fairness and of justice ought to have kept his lips closed. You would not like it, dear, if when we are married I should tell cousin Lillie that you were jealous of her. But there can be no question I think that you acted the part of a true woman in declining to hear him speak. You were true to me and to his wife as well as to yourself. There is a good deal I think in the old admonition in regard to shunning the very appear-

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ance of evil. It is certain that if we are careful of our first steps there will be no subsequent ones to regret. And I think I can promise you that your fidelity to me will not be forgotten. You asked if I had gotten over my feeling for Cousin Lillie Ripley. I do not know whether you ought to have asked me that or not. If a man forgets one woman won't he forget another? It is my belief that if a man is not discarded or otherwise mistreated by a woman, he will if he loves her once, do so for all time to come. But it does not follow from this that his thoughts are all the while with her or that he can never love any one else.

Men can and do love more than once. I am glad though you spoke of Cousin Lillie, for I want you to know how I feel in regard to her. In the first place I have a supreme contempt for her husband and there is still an



attraction lingering about her that I am conscious of when with her. I doubt if you will like her when you see her and she is pretty certain to express herself as greatly pleased with you, and at heart to dislike you. I think so from the fact that she never takes

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a joke about my marrying with a very good grace, and that she still has a secret liking for me I argue from the way in which she sometimes mistreats me – when I pay her back in her own coin to the best of my ability. I have now told you about all there is to tell, dear. I like her still, as you doubtless like your old lover, and as I believe all men and women like their old sweethearts. I think I told you once of a little occurrence at Christmas some two or three years ago, of how she forgot herself for a little while, and of how she took revenge upon me by a studied coldness, which I hardly think I deserved. But as for acting in any way dishonorable, or for even a moment meditating anything of the sort, I have nothing to answer for. In all my life I never once told her I loved her or asked her if she loved me. Wasn't that a strange way for lovers to act? Perhaps if I had loved her better I might have told her so; but I never cared to flirt with her or to ask her to love me when I did not mean to ask her to marry me. I think my liking for her has been as much a matter of family pride with me as anything else. We do not exactly be-

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long to the 400, but among "tackey [sic] people" we make a pretty good show.

But you need have no fears, dear, that I may be unfaithful to you. That I love you I think you already know. And even if I did not care for my wife - and you are not to think I am considering a possible supposition - I should never in any case prove unfaithful to her.

I noticed a statement today that when a man and woman live long together they come to look alike. Have you ever noticed it? I have frequently and spoken of it. I suppose it is caused by thinking so much of the same things. What do you think of the prospect of looking like me?

Shouldered has been in town for a day or two and has been spending a good portion of his time in my office. He wants to form a partnership and do work all over the country. I think we may possibly do so. We want to work our way over into the coal fields where there needs to be done a great quantity of work. We heard this afternoon that the railroad in Unicoi is certainly to build; and that we are to do the work. There will be about 8 month's work there I suppose and they will want us to begin about the

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middle of July. I have enough work engaged to keep me busy until that time.



What about our marriage, dear? I am more concerned about that than about our work even. Can we marry sometime in July if I can arrange to come for you? I wonder how it would do to marry on my birthday which comes on the 16th of July. I do not know on what day of the week. It may fall on Saturday, and then it wouldn't do would it? I would like to marry you any day, but you might not favor Saturday yourself. Write me what you think about the matter. I wonder if you look forward to our marriage with half the pleasure I do. Will you really be glad when I am yours?

One of my sisters, Alice, is going over to the Natural Tunnel tomorrow with the Institute girls on an excursion. They have chartered a car and are to take dinner and a brass band along.

On Monday next I am engaged to go to the mountains to make a survey of a portion of the Hancher Lands, expect to return on Tuesday or Wednesday, and to start on Thursday for the mountains again to begin a survey of the Warren Tract – 500 acres. It

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will require about 10 day's work I think. And I think I must arrange to have you write to me while I am away. If you were here I should take you with me. But you will write, won't you? and you will love me, won't you? and you won't mind saying so, will you?

In order that I may hear from you again before leaving it will be necessary for you to answer this at once. I will mail it on tomorrow without waiting to hear from you.

The town is quiet and I must close for tonight. You will send your picture soon? It can't possibly be any sweeter than you looked this evening; but unless you have changed greatly it will be a good one, and I promise you somebody will love it.

Goodnight, my dear, and may God bless and keep you -
Yours devotedly,
E. C. H.

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Hazelhurst
May 25 1894

My dear,



Will you be much surprised to receive this when I do not owe you a letter? The fact is I want to hear from you, and as I've not had that pleasure this week I have decided to write. I know what is the matter. You wrote last week you would go to the mountains this week to do some work, and I know dear that is why

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you have not written.

Every afternoon this week when I returned from school the first question would be "any mail?" and the reply has been the same, "nothing today," or at least it would mean nothing to me when I did not get a letter from you dear. Of course I get other letters some nearly every day, but they do not count. I have just finished a letter to Guy, the first I have written him in two months, and I have received about four from him in the meantime, but I do not have time to keep up with

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his letters even if I had the inclination. I do not care to stop writing him altogether, so manage to write occasionally.

I have not been very well since I wrote last, and this afternoon I came home from school at 5 o'clock and went to bed, but got up for supper. I feel much better now. Guess I am more tired than sick. This is Friday night and something wonderful has happened. There have been no callers tonight and I have not been

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out anywhere. It is the first evening in weeks this has happened. There are three of us girls in the house & if one does not have company or go out somewhere another does, but is oftener the case that we all have at the same time. It is a pleasure to see the parlor dark one night, and I am enjoying the quiet evening. Mary is spending the night with an aunt and Miss Frederick is away from home. All in the house are asleep while I am writing. I wonder where you are tonight & if you are thinking of

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somebody down in Miss. If you are not, somebody shant love you at all.

Sunday 3 P.M.

Your letter was handed me last night about nine o'clock. My stepfather had it in his pocket all the afternoon forgot to give it to me sooner. I was real provoked at him for his carelessness, but it is just like a man to forget letters when they are for somebody else.

Are men as selfish as they sometimes appear? Of course

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I do not expect you to say they are even should you think so. There is one thing in your letter which struck me, and I have not quite gotten over it. My age. You must think me a regular Mathuzelah [sic]. 34 indeed! My eldest brother is 35 years and I am the fourth child. I was born Aug. 20 1864. Now if you are real bright you may be able to make the calculation and can find out my exact age. For once in my life I am telling the truth about it an unusual thing for a woman to do. But I take it for granted you told me

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the truth about yours and turn about is fair play. I thought you are about 35 or 36 but am not disappointed that you are 37 for I think that much difference should be and I would not care if it were more even. So your years of experience etc, are all right. I am glad you think of going with the Press excursionists, it will be a pleasant trip for you, but I think I am disappointed about

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your coming by to see me. I have planned several trips to Mammoth Cave away in the summer but have always been disappointed in going.

I like the way you write about my photographs. Why do you persist in waiting for mine before sending yours? I have no object in waiting for yours before sending mine, but just do not have the time to have one taken and you say you are ready at a day's notice. Now stop your foolishness and send one as soon as you can, dear,

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for I want to see how perfectly lovely you are, and the sunburn will not show in the picture, I am quite sure. It may be two weeks yet before I can have mine "struck" but I will do it as soon as possible. You must not expect me to write very often in the next two weeks for I shall be very busy. School closes the 8th June – and the teacher for the next session will be elected the Monday after. Shall I put in my application again?

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I believe I will go back on you and teach the balance of my life. Would you care very much? No you know I would not do such a thing. In the first place I am not so much in love with teaching that I could not give it up, and in second I am too much in love with somebody to give him up. Now is not that nicely put?



I went to church this morning. We had a large congregation & our singing was good. I have been feeling good over it ever since. This afternoon is warm and I have not had

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my usual Sunday nap. What do you think of bicycle riding on Sunday in a little town? It is quite the rage here just now but I do not think it right on Sunday, tho it is done in cities. There are about seven boys out right now in bicycle suits riding all over town & the surrounding country.

I wonder when I am to hear from you again. I think it is nice of Forbes to write his wife often, but I think once

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a day would be about as much as I could stand. Hope you will have a pleasant trip to the mountains & not run up on any ugly characters. Write as often as you can & I will do likewise. With love

Carrie R.

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Alvesado, Virginia
June 3rd 1894

My dear girl,

Your dear letter was received unexpectedly a day or two ago at Mr. Lee Denton's where we stopped to stay all night, and I do not think I have enjoyed any of your letters so much as this one. I wish you could have seen Mrs. Denton getting supper for us. She seemed to be weighed down with the responsibility resting upon her fat shoulders, and the way she waddled about, panting for breath, and with her tangled hair floating around her red face and setting off her snagged [sic] teeth was a sight calculated to make one enjoy his supper of middling meat and sobby [sic] biscuit;

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Lee Denton himself has been married twice.



(drawn picture) Mrs. Lee Denton

His first wife was a beauty it is said and very smart; but in making his second choice he seems to have been less fortunate. Her clothes look as if they had been tied on her. It is said that children are bright or stupid according to the nature of their mother, another rule seems to hold pretty good in Lee's care. His children of his first wife are remarkably bright; while the present Mrs. Denton's only child is decidedly like its mother.

You can imagine we are undergoing when I tell you that we usually go without our dinner while working in the mountains, except for what strawberries we can find. There is small pox in Abingdon, one of the jailors family having it, and now we are in danger of

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being arrested and taken to Abingdon to trial for trespass. But I hardly think we will be; or if we are somebody will have to pay dearly for it. To add to our troubles the mountains are full of snakes; there being an unusual number of copperheads and rattlesnakes. We have already killed one of each kind. I had brought a bottle of whiskey out to use in case any of us were bitten; but the whiskey is all gone and I don't know where we will get any more.

I wrote you a letter dear the night before I started intending to mail it on the following morning; but in the rush of getting off I forgot it. I may send it to you where I see time. This is Sunday and I am at Frank Duff's' the quietest

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place in the world. The river flows by with a gentle murmur, the water birds skim across the surface, and the songsters sing in the overhanging trees. It is such a day and place as I like to find.

We have a good deal of fun with a boy who comes out with us from Bristol. On yesterday, one of the mountaineers showed him some wild indigo and told him that I made the best corn "medicine" in the world; that I would remove warts and freckles. Everybody told the same story about it; and poor Jo has his jackets filled of the stuff that he is taking back to Bristol. "No fool no fun."

You speak of the pleasure it gives you to see the parlor dark for one night; and I think you can look forward to a good many such evenings when we are married.

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Bristol, Tenn.
July 1st 1894

My own darling;

You are the very best, dearest and sweetest girl on earth. In my letter a week ago I did not show as much confidence in you as it seems you deserved. I did I think half suspect the real reason but I thought it far more likely that you were growing fickle again; and in fact I would not allow myself to put any other construction on your letter. You may know then how glad I was to find I was mistaken. I think it is well enough that you told me the circumstances under which you are placed. While our is in no sense to be a business marriage, yet it of the greatest importance perhaps that we should talk over our affairs in a business way. In the first place I think your reasons for wishing to postpone our marriage are altogether satisfactory and I shall agree to postpone it until Christmas. But on one distinct understanding. I should be the last man to find fault with you for having helped your family to a well furnished house when they were unfortunate; for it has been in just such ways that my very own money has gone

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for the past 15 years. That was all right and you acted the part of a true woman. But your promise to me which I had counted on was to marry me at such time as I might choose, and I chose June first and then September. If now I agree to postpone the time again for 4 months, in order that you may as you say procure the means for securing a becoming trousseau, it must be with the distinct understanding that such means are to go that way. Not necessarily that you should spend it all on your outfit – for as to that I am not greatly concerned – but what you make during that time goes into your individual pocketbook, and comes out again only for the one purpose of being expended upon yourself. This may seem selfish to you dear; but if my plans are all to be disarranged to accommodate you, it is but fair that I should reap such incidental advantage as may come of it. You say you think your family will be much more comfortably situated the coming year, but of this you must be sure, or at least you must be sure of yourself and your intuitions. Without knowing any of the circumstances, beyond the meager account you have given me, I feel that you have already done your part. At any rate my (illegible) and your own must be

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considered next. Of course you are not going to stand by and see them suffer, but it is not likely, I trust, to come to any such pain as that. In that case circumstances would have to (illegible) you. In my very own core, dear, I have sometimes thought I may have made a mistake in regard to my sisters, and that if I could have had the heart to deny them I might by laying something aside each year, been able eventually to do much better by them than I have done. Now you and I will want to work to get us a home, and we will have to begin almost from the foundation; we will have to live economically – and by economically I mean only by the cutting off of useless expenses, such as dinner giving, too many oyster soufflés, theatres, street car



rides, and the like. There will be ways I think in which you can add to our income, and once we get a foothold, dear, if only a small farm somewhere in a pleasant locality, I'll engage to make money out of it. I do not mean I expect to abandon engineering for farming, but I know there is money in the two taken together. There would be lots you see for you to do in that core. For if we had a dairy farm somewhere, I could soon

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put you on to the management of it (provided you do not turn out to be idiotic) and there is no question that such farming pays if one has other resources to draw upon in case of emergencies.

Now do not be alarmed, dear, at the prospect of becoming a dairy maid and making butter. Dairy farming here is a very different thing from what it would be in Mississippi. The climate itself is not more unlike the soil and the productions of the two states. You could hardly imagine two more states unlike. You do not know, (you poor misguided Mississippian) what a real meadow looks like, nor what it takes to constitute a bubbling spring. You grow some of the finest and sweetest women in Mississippi, but when it comes to cows you are not in it at all with Tennesseans.

So you see, my love, if instead of getting too swell a trousseau (and you are to understand the "sweller" you look the better I shall like it) you should instead lay by enough to get a jersey cow - a real live deer shaped jersey - why it might be the planting of a seed that would one day grow into a fortune. Nor would it be necessary for us to wait to get a farm to being milking our jersey. I estimate that the feed of such cow would be \$3 per month, and that her milk could be sold for \$18 giving a clear gain of \$15 per month, which is not to be sneezed at these perilous times. In five

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months she would more than pay for herself and after that she would be an inexhaustible river of wealth, and we might work her up to buying us another jersey, and so we would get richer and richer as time went on.

And further, my precious, if the time ever comes when we own a spot of land big enough I mean to put out a strawberry patch, and from that time on life will flow in easy abounds and between flowing banks for us. We would have our own strawberries and cream in winter. I won't stop now to print for you a picture of a cool clean pantry with shelves row after row of canned peaches, tomatoes, currents, huckleberries, (think of huckleberries and cream!), with watermelons on the floor and great demi-johns of wine in the [caverns?!] When it comes to talking business and discussing ways and means I am invariably to be relied upon. They are always laughing at me at home for my very provident ways. Only recently I had twelve gallons of strawberry preserves put up - and I have my plans laid for securing 70 gallons or more of blackberries for



wine, jellies, and jams and cordials; and in the fall my head is set on laying in vast supplies of lard, fork?, potatoes, chestnuts, walnuts, hickory nuts, and oranges; enough to last a year almost; and the girls laugh at me for it. You need not fear, dear, that

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fear dear that I won't find everything for us to eat as long as our money lasts. I am willing to economize on neckties, coats, hats, and shoes, and I am nearly always to go without either collars or cuffs or "galluses" if necessary but I will have enough to eat.

I was to have gone to Chuckey City on yesterday to visit Mr. O. Chanute and daughter from Chicago who was coming to visit me, but received a telegram that this visit had been deferred on account of sickness. M. Chanute is Ex. President of The American Society of Civil Engineers and is coming to discuss with me the points brought out in my papers read before the world's congress about which I believe I wrote to you. It would be very pleasant, dear, to be with someone on the coast. It is not impossible that I may get down to see you during the summer. It will depend somewhat upon the amount of work I have on hand. Will I receive a letter from you soon? There ought to be one on the way now in answer to my last.

Goodbye and God bless dear,
Yours devotedly,
E. C. H.

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Bristol, Tenn.
July 8 1894

My Dear Carrie Sue:

Why do I not hear from you anymore? Are your mails cut off by the strike? I judge so from the fact that in your last you said the mail from the [north?] had been delayed 4 days, and I think the Illinois Central which I believe covers your mail has been boycotted. If so, however much I may miss your letters I cannot justly find fault with you for not writing. Our roads are not affected here by the strike, but we are getting the benefit of the strike in the west in the way of cheap watermelons and bananas. So it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If I have to go without hearing from you I can still take my fill of watermelons and so get some good out of life after all.

I have been working during the past week

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but not very hard. Shoalbred has been in and we have talked a good deal. But talking isn't work. We have formed a partnership along certain lines and hope to make some money in the near future. I will still do all the local work in Bristol and he will do the same in Elizabethton; but we are looking out for some big jobs at a distance which we will operate in partnership. One of these is the first location and superintendence of the new road in Unicoi - which we surveyed in last January - and on which work will possibly begin about the 1st of September - about the same time we have the promise of the engineering work on the Abingdon and Damascus railroad - connecting Abingdon with the Holston Valley - which will mean quite a lot of work. In the mean time I have laid off a trip to Russell County Virginia, starting on the 17th and retiring about the 23rd of the month. On my return I want to go to Chuckey City

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for a few days to meet Chanute - who has been detained in Chicago on account of the strike and the illness of his daughter. There will then be a couple of weeks work here, and then perhaps I might slip off for a little while to see you. This will be my last opportunity I suppose, as you will likely start for Jackson and Millwood about the first of September, and I will see you no more till Christmas.

I should have gone to Russell this week, but have been appointed on the examining board for the Public schools on next Thursday and Friday.

I have missed your letters, dear, and have been more than usually impressed with the fact that it is a long while till Christmas. And I tell you now, Carrie Sue, if you fail me this time your name is (illegible), waiting will not be so unbearably tedious if I have your promise to marry me then beyond peradventure. But I

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want this arrangement to be final and as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Dearest, why didn't we get married two or three years ago? We might as easily as not, and think of how much happiness we have lost by it?

And do you make very sure, oh girl, that you don't shipwreck our plans another time. I never will forgive you if you do.

When you go back to Jackson you may have to refuse Dr. Halcombe again. Think of it he has lost 3 wives within the last six years. And you may have the pleasure of refusing Guy again. Poor Guy, how happy he will be when he hears you are coming back to Millwood. For three months you will have a buggy ride every Sunday and then, sweet, your buggy rides with Guy will suddenly and finally and forever cease. And perhaps they will never be resumed.

Write me as soon as you get this, even though you have just written.

With my love,
Save yours,
E. C. Huffaker

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Envelope
Ans. Monday
July 16
Postal Date: July 9 12 P.M. 1894 Bristol Tenn
Miss Carrie S. Redding
Hazlehurst Mississippi

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
July 9, 1894

My dear,
I guess you think I have forgotten you entirely by my silence but you know that is not so. I have been and am still very busy getting off on my trip to the coast, and have not gone yet. Think I shall leave the last of this week. The weather has been so miserably warm I lost all of my energy and did not care whether I ever left home or not. I have started three different letters to you in the last

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few days, but something but something would prevent me finishing them. I can hear mama calling me now, "Carrie come on to your sewing or you'll never get off to the coast." Now you are not to understand by that, I am doing my sewing. I am only assisting in my very feeble way - you will soon see my dear that Carrie Sue is not energetic, and is less industrious - so please do not think of me ever with my sleeves rolled up, apron in hands & everything else covered with flour, nor as a

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dairy maid, or anything else but plain Carrie Sue doing her own sweet will at all times. I am never made to do anything, but occasionally I see where I might be of some valuable assistance and I make the sacrifice.



My life the past eight years has been so humdrum, and changeless in many respects. I have fallen into very bad habits. Now we would make a lovely couple on a farm, wouldn't we dear? I think you must give up the farming & dairy maid

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idea, for it will not be a success. I am perfectly willing for you to get as many blackberries for jam, and wine, and have as many preserves etc., as you can possibly wish. I am very fond of all those things myself, and I will sit by in a cool place & read to you, or sit in the parlor at the piano and sing such songs as "Jordan is a hard road to trail" and "There is rest for the weary" to comfort and cheer you while you perspire over you arduous task. How

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does that suit you? I think it would be very nice for me. Well, I did do something this morning which surprised all in the house, myself included. It was pouring down rain, and of course the cook could not venture out, so mama came to my door at 6 o'clock with the announcement. I got up at once and was in the kitchen in a half hour. I fried the chickens – did not burn myself or the chickens, then I set the table, fixed the cantaloupes & tomatoes and rang the bell for breakfast. I was rather

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proud of my efforts but must say I am not fond of this kind of work & would have preferred sleeping until 7 o'clock and had my breakfast immediately afterward.

I think I can return the compliment you paid me in the first part of your last letter. You are the dearest best man in the world. I know I do try your patience sorely sometimes by my indecision etc., but now you understand me I think you can bear with me a little better. You say now you are willing to wait until

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Christmas for our wedding, and I say I will not be married on Christmas, but let us say sometime in Dec. or Nov. Not selecting any special date until later on. Will that suit you. I think I am about decided on going to Jackson La to teach next session, or a part of it and my vacation will be nearly one month shorter thereby as Millwood opens first Sunday in Sept. For this reason my visit to the coast will be a little shorter. Will stay only two weeks I think now. Write me here on receipt of this & if I am gone

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your letter will be forwarded to me. I wonder if I will receive a letter from you this afternoon. You should write even if you do not hear from you [me]. Have you fully recovered from the recent illness you wrote me of? I hope so. I shall expect a letter every day until it comes. Please do not keep me waiting very long.

With my love
I am
Your own
Carrie Sue
Please excuse pencil

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Envelope
Bristol Tenn
12 PM
July 23 1894
Miss Carrie S. Redding
Hazlehurst Mississippi

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Bristol Tenn
Sunday, 22 July 94

My dearest:

I returned today from a long trip to Russell County Virginia to make a survey of some coal lands and to examine and report upon some other lands. Shoolbred was with me and we had some lively experiences. We passed through some of the most delightful farming districts I have yet seen; while grass grew everywhere and the whole country was one expanse of green, with high hills and quiet coves and cattle browsing in the rich pasture lands. It is a much richer country agriculturally than this. After passing through the farming districts of Russell County and the Clinch Mountains, we came to

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the coal fields of the Cumberland table lands. You may have sometimes fancied, when you considered the enormous quantities of coal consumed daily throughout the country that the supply would be soon



exhausted. But unless you have been in the coal fields you can form but little conception of the untold treasures that lie hidden in the mountains. Whole counties are underlaid by it in beds superimposed one above another, and varying from 3 to 15 feet in thickness. A single mountain range will often contain coal sufficient to last the entire world twenty five years, and it is estimated that the coal in a single acre of ground, which now sells for \$10, if received would be worth \$50000.00!

So I think dear that I will

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try and purchase an acre of coal lands, and after awhile we can be worth 50 thousand dollars.

I found a dear letter from you awaiting me on my return. It was written a week ago, or at least a beginning had been made on it and you were already growing impatient to hear from me, and by this time you must be thinking that something serious is the matter. In fact this makes the second letter I have received from you since writing. The first one I did not answer for a few days after receiving it thinking I would pay you back for your delay in answering mine. But I had no thought of waiting so long. When a few day elapsed I found myself appointed on the examining board of the city schools with a dozen young ladies to examine for positions in the city

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schools, and this kept me employed night and day until last Wednesday when I set out without an hour's rest for Russell County with no opportunity for writing until my return.

Now, my precious I hope you will learn a lesson from this experience and not delay answering my letters anymore. If you had answered promptly, so would I, and so you see your wrong doing always rests at last upon your own head.

In your letters of 10 days ago you said I was never to think of you doing any work, or as having sleeves rolled up and your arm covered with flour. But, dear, that is precisely the way I am going to think of you. If we ever hope to lay by enough money to build a house of our own

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we must do so by the most rigid economy. We must stop all the leaks. And while I think it is extremely pleasant to have a pretty cook to get breakfast and keep the house in order, yet I know as well as I know my own name, that it costs more to feed and keep a cook than to furnish the table for a family of six



persons, and while it is a very easy matter to keep out of debt and keep a good table without a cook it is next to impossible for a man to do so and make money with one.

So I am not counting, dear on our keeping a cook, and I feel very sure that we will both be better satisfied without one than with one. The fact that you have never done much household work does not foster any great terrors for me. You will do your best and that best will be as good, dear, as anybody's best. I am not disposed to keep every body busy around me, and

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I am rather disposed to like people who are just a bit lazy. The girls have pretty much their own way here; they read and sleep, and work and rest, and stroll and do pretty much as they choose. But when there is work to be done they do it pretty well. I think they have a sort of division of labor which I have never really understood. But one I think must get breakfast for a week while the others sleep and in turn get dinner and supper, and the first one gives place to a second at the end of the week and the first one sleeps till breakfast.

Now as I say I do not think I am fully into the facts and merits of their schemes, but I think, dear, it is going to be best for you to make it a religious duty to follow in with it and take your time with the others. 1st Because it is not joyous for a bride to come into a household and

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upset the arrangement of the whole family (which they invariably do, and which leads me to the conviction that the most ill treated woman on earth is the despised mother-in-law. The daughter-in-law's ways may be best, but honestly, isn't it a little rude and selfish and doesn't it savor of self importance for her to thrust the old lady unceremoniously aside? 2nd Because your future peace and happiness depend largely upon it. Too while I think the girls are the best girls in the world, the most docile and tractable when rightly treated, and ready to do anything for others yet they draw the line when it comes to be imposed upon. So while they would see that your part of the work is very light, they would also see that you did it. 3rd Because "Ipse dixit," which is Latin for "now therefore, I, I Edward C. Huffaker, do hereby affirm, declare, decree and establish that it shall be so in my household."

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Now you will not I am sure misunderstand me in what I have said. I think we love each other well enough to make sacrifices and if necessary to make excuses; but you do not want me to make excuses for you and for my part I have more confidence in you than you seem to have in yourself.



I liked your last letter very much and especially what you said about Guy. No I do not object to your going with him as often as you wish if you go back to Millwood. I know of course your heart is right and that you will be careful to give no occasion for talk. I think, dearest, we are never so near each other as when we are considerate of each other's wishes. And although I may seem disposed to have my own way most matters, still I think I am not going to be the hardest man in the world to get on with nor

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the worst husband, whatever you may think or say to the contrary! For in the first place I love you – do you know how much sweet? - and in the second place I have a very exalted idea of your mental resources and a great deal of respect for your thinking apparatus, as well as for the goodness of your nature, and a growing belief that you love me. So I think that we will get on and that you will have the finest old man in the South.

It was nice of you to say what you did about Cora. And I will say now and once for all that if I seldom speak of her you will have to put your own interpretation upon any silences. I do not think you will ever doubt, nor did she ever doubt that I loved her. And I do not mean now in my own mind to draw com-

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parisons between you, except in a generous spirit, yet it is but fair to you to say that in some respect you and I are more congenial than she and I were. Our natures are less ethereal, less spiritual than hers was. There was an elegance about her and a degree of refinement that had an especial charm for me; and yet I doubt that in that respect if I ever came up to her ideal. While on the other hand she appreciated certain traits in my character which are I fancy well nigh lost on you. But on the other hand I can make fun of you and joke with you in a way that I could not do with her. She took things too much in earnest for that. I remember her surprise on more than one occasion when you and I said such hard things of each other. There are some things, dear, of which I have hesitated to speak to you, for fear I might mislead you, and because I have felt that not being able to tell you everything I should not perhaps tell you anything. But speaking only of you now, and telling you only that part which concerns yourself, I may tell you that it was when I first met you at Millwood, toward the close of the first year I was at Jackson, that I first realized how I might love you and how sweet it would be to have you love me. And the feeling I have for you now is very much akin to that I experienced then. So much I think I owe it to you to say, and I feel that I can say as much without any reflection on Cora's memory. But if I do not speak of her I want you always to speak freely

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whenever you are so disposed.



Last week I received a long letter from Rose Seaman. The first in many months, and which I must answer at once.

I have but one objection to urge against your return to Millwood. Cora wrote me that there had been a good deal of fever about Jackson, and I want you to be sure it has disappeared entirely before venturing down. In fact I have never thought Jackson a healthy locality, especially in Autumn. If you decide to remain at home or go to a healthier spot I shall not be disappointed.

Write me without a day's delay and say you have missed my letters.

With my best love
I am
Yours always
E. C. Huffaker

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
July 25, 1894

My dear,
Yours received yesterday after I had looked for it for more than a week. I had an idea you were away from home, as you spoke of being away about that time in your last letter, but I looked for and missed your letter all the same. I am off for the coast tonight and you can imagine me seated in the middle of the

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floor my trunk open & the things all scattered around ready to be packed. I am half dead but keeping up my spirits until I get off. I am going away to rest a little but will have to return in ten days for the wedding. I will write again when I get down there and tell you how I enjoyed parts of your last letter and what I think of the other parts. Some way when I finished reading your letter

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I felt more like I had been with you talking, and how I do wish it had been so. It will not be always thus I guess, you did not speak [of] coming down this summer, now please do not disappoint me. My address will be Mississippi City Miss care of Mrs. M. D. Burnley, and you are to write me there the day you receive this, do you hear? You will hear from me again in a day or so.



With my love
Yours
Carrie Redding

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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn

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July 27, 1894

My dear,

You will find enclosed a note which explains itself partly. I did really expect to go to the coast Wednesday and up to 12 o'clock that night thought I would go, but Mama succeeded in persuading me to wait until after that wedding on the 8th Aug. when I can go down and stay longer than a week or ten days. I was ashamed for people to see me on the street yesterday after telling them goodbye the night before at the concert. But I think it is better

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I did not go now under the circumstances. Guess I will go down just after the wedding. I had just written a letter to Carra Fishburn telling her I would go to Millwood 1st September. The fever in Jackson has confined almost exclusively to Miss Catlettes school. I do not fear anything at Millwood. My health was never better than it was the three years I spent there. However I appreciate your interest dear, in the matter and will investigate thoroughly before going down. Thank you for what you said about me going with guy when I am down there. You know I would not well get out of going with him sometime when he has

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always been such a good friend of mine. When we have decided fully without doubt etc., that we are to be married on a certain day I will tell Guy so he will understand matters exactly.

Do you know I shall be glad very glad when this next three or four months has passed, for my dear notwithstanding your big ideas about that "I Edward C. Huffaker do affirm, declare & decree, etc.," about your household (which of course will never be) I look forward to it with much pleasure, & believe the change

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will add greatly to my future happiness. I regret sometimes that I said no to September, but that part is settled now. I want to say right here I understand you in regard to what you said about me in connection with Cora, and I appreciate it. I hope we will find ourselves as congenial as you think we are. I think I understand you as well as anybody could at this distance and considering the lapse of time since we used to say such hard things to each other in a

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joking way. I think we have kept that up all these years too, have we not? By the way, how about your great talent, you have given up art, it seems. I have not had a picture in some time. Speaking of pictures makes me think I had planned to have my picture taken in N. O. & send you one as a surprise, but did not go. I think you will have to wait to see the original when you come down next month. You are coming, are you not dear? How will you like to come down in Sept. & visit Jackson

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too! Just so as you like better, so you come. When shall I hear from you again. You will not wait several days to answer this time I know. Remember you owe me another letter anyway. Mary needs her own. She is a great friend of yours.

With my best
Your own
Carrie Sue

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
Aug. 19, 1894

My dearest boy,



I had just mailed a letter to you the other day when yours came that afternoon, or I would have answered this a little earlier. I find that unless I answer a letter the very day it is received it is always several days or a week before it is

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done, so hereafter my dear, I think I shall make it a point to write you the night of the very day I receive your letter & perhaps we can hear from each other a little oftener.

Well, I must tell you first what I have done. I have disappointed Miss McCalmont again and will not go to Millwood to teach, but will remain at home as long as you will let

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me. I wrote Miss McC. a few days ago & of course had to let her into the secret a little so she would understand why I treated her so. I told her that I expected to be married sometime in the next four or five months and it would be useless for me to start in with her for so short a time. I did not tell her who the fortunate man was, and asked her to consider this

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in strict confidence. The reason I did this was after I told my mother what I intended doing she would not listen to me leaving her before Dec.

I had never told her anything definite about what was going on between us until the first of last week. She said she did not know how she was going to give me up, etc., but she supposed there was no use in her raising objections, since

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I am old enough to decide such matters for myself. She talked to me very nicely, but sadly about it and said she would rather know and see something of you before the important event. Couldn't you possibly come down for a few days soon? I think you could. Mama has heard Mary & I speak of you so often and your connection with Jackson

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La. Etc., she feels like she knows you very well now. If was after you left there I believe that she made us a visit. There are some things I regret about not going to Jackson to teach, but for my reasons I am glad not to go. What do you think of my decision. X X X X

I was interrupted here by some callers a young man and a young lady. The man lives here and the lady is his girl, visiting friends here. They seem very much in love, are to be married in Nov. I believe they went on to make other calls this afternoon, and asked me to go with them, but I prefer remaining at home Sunday afternoon & wanted to finish my letter and to get it off tonight, so did not go. Mary went with them. You made some good suggestions about my trip to the East by the way of collecting a lot of shells etc., for you and should I

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ever get there I would do so with pleasure. After I decided to go to Jackson La. I gave up my trip to the coast on account of the short time I would have to stay home. Then after I decided not to go to Jackson tonight again. I will go to the coast, but afraid I am to be disappointed again. The father of the cousin I expect to visit down there is here, very ill, and she may have to come to him at any time

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so you see for the present I could not go. It is four weeks until school opens & I may go down during that time if my uncle is well enough.

I have not cared much to leave here this summer as it may be the last one I will spend here for some time. I find that my mind dwells on this a good deal now and it is with a

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feeling of pleasure and sadness mixed. The changing of my name changes everything else sometimes for the better sometimes otherwise. But I know dear it is for better for us inasmuch as my happiness is concerned for you are going to [be] good and true to me always, and I shall try to do my part. I hope I shall get a letter from

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you tomorrow. I looked for one today.

With my love,
Your own



Carrie Sue

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Hazlehurst
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn

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Hazlehurst, Miss
21 Aug 1894

My dear,

I was down at my aunts last evening to spend the night and after tea Mary and Mr. McMaster (our stepfather) came down for a few moments to bring your letter to me. I had quite a time with it. The girls know you as Cousin Carrie's Tenn. fellow and all declare they would

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take it from me and read it. There was quite a scramble but I at last succeeded in getting away from them. I ran upstairs where I locked the door and read my letter in peace. I do not know when I have enjoyed a letter from you my dear as I did this one. It was so like you, jolly, good, & nice. I read it twice before going downstairs to join that merry crowd

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of children. You will like this family of my numerous relations very much. First because I love them all & they think a great deal of me. Then they are a very interesting family. There are twelve in the house – ten children and father and mother – all musical, full of life, and well off in the world's goods. I spend about one night out each week with them & am down there every few

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days. They, some of them are with us quite as often. Enough of my family for this time, however. We must have been writing each other about the same hour Sunday evening and I received your Sunday afternoon or night rather. I think I deserve credit for this prompt reply. It goes to prove how much I love some body. I won't say who.



I must say your ideas about weddings show some thought.

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Young man came here the night before to seek employment in some mills? here, and just after breakfast he walked out on the front gallery seemingly well, but he fell very suddenly to the floor in a convulsion and in two hours he was dead. His father was dispatched for and came up on the noon train, the only member of his family in the South. They are Northern people. He was buried here this morning.

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It must be sad to die among strangers.

I hope you and your man from Chicago will finally meet. It seems to me he has disappointed you several times about getting to see you. Speaking of seeing you, am I ever to get that photo? I am tired of this foolishness, and you must send me one.

I am going to a reception tonight at a Jew's house. Big thing – dancing, eating,

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and drinking wine and champagne. I promise you now before I go I will not drink too much. These Jews are nice people and are one of the families we mingle with. I shall think of you my dear while I am having a nice time. Am going with Mr. Massengill whom you may meet when you come down as he is one of my best friends among the younger young

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men.

I had a short letter from Guy Lamb yesterday telling me he had heard I was not going to Jackson and how he regretted it, etc.

Well I guess I have written as much as you will have the time to read through as you are so busy. Hope I hear from you tomorrow. With my love and best wishes

Love
Your own



Carrie Sue
Aug. 28 94

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My Dear:

I think now I will leave Bristol on next Friday at 1.P.M. - 12th inst. which if nothing happens will put me in Hazlehurst on Saturday at 3 P.M. It is hardly a safe time to go as railroad wrecks are becoming unpleasantly numerous. For some unknown cause wrecks seem to be epidemic at times; four years ago we had 30 wrecks on the E.T.V. & Ga. Road inside of 30 days. On Sunday last we had a fearful wreck just 3 miles west of town, of which you may have seen and account in the newspapers. It was the awfulest [sic] sight I ever beheld, how anybody got out alive is a mystery. With the exception of one sleeper the entire train was burned to ashes. The loss in cars alone was above \$75000. No one was killed outright, but the engineer died this morning. Two or three others are not yet out of danger. The wreck was probably caused by a child laying

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the head of a bolt on the track.

Our Chicago friends did not come. Shoulbred was over and we learned that there had been a mistake as to the time they intended returning. They say now they will be here about the last of the week, but I think I can very safely make my visit to you and get back before I am needed here.

I have as last come into possession of the information necessary to complete my map of the Holston Conference, and will do some work on it today and tomorrow. A Mr. Barker was around to see me this morning about making a map of 10000 acres of land in North Carolina, which he wants right away. I would like to get it done before leaving, So you had best I think not look too strongly for me on Saturday. If I do not leave on Friday I will not leave before Monday, which would throw me in Hazlehurst on Tuesday. I was sorry to learn that you were not well, but hope you are well by this time. We are having stormy weather, cold, damp and disagreeable, with

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occasional light gusts of snow. David and I have a good fire going in our stove and we are very comfortably situated, notwithstanding the inclement weather outside. I can hardly realize that I am to see you soon. I wonder if you have changed much? In personal appearance you may, though I look to find you the same delightful Carrie Sue I first met 8 years ago. It was after services at the Methodist Church - Sunday School I think and you were sitting at the organ. Do you know 8 years is a long time? I wonder



what another eight years will have in store for you and me? If you could would you lift a corner of the veil and look so far into the future? Faces that are now very familiar to us, would, many of them, have disappeared. Will we be estranged still and look back to the past when we trusted each other and thought we would have no more misunderstandings? I think we will not raise the curtain. Only one thing is certain about the future. If we live so long we

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will be each eight years older and not much wiser. I don't think I have gained much in wisdom in 8 years – that is in some lines. In others I have. I have learned to be kinder and quieter, and while I still have much to learn along that line I am not as bad as I once was. After my father died and the girls were left to my charge a great change came over my life and my disposition. Whatever else I may have failed in I have been faithful to that charge. And any thoughts of them and my care for them has seemed to enliven many an hour that would otherwise have been very lonely.

I wish that I could come to see you on a more cordial invitation and with more assurances that I would be welcome. But I suppose I am somewhat too sensitive about such matters. I like your plan of changing my name. Perhaps I will do better with a new name. So instead of Edward C. H. it will be H. C. Edwards, of Atlanta, Ga. If that does not throw people off the track I do not know what will. I think I will be Dr. Edwards. Give my love to Marie

Yours
E. C. Huffaker

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Holston Valley Tenn
Oct. 22 1894

My Dearest,

I am feeling a little lonely and restless this evening. An hour ago I arrived at this place a little hut near a (illegible), with a pretty meadow nearby. I left Bristol about noon and (illegible) house for (illegible) and I (illegible) to my house (illegible) was blind and disposed to go (illegible) over hills into a ditch or creek. If I did not keep a lookout but for all that a very good traveler. (Illegible) is a young lady, her a Miss Rosenbaum, who is not bad looking. But they are drying punkins [sic]

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and hanging them up on poles to dry and as a consequence the girl and her mother haven't much opportunity for conversation. They have been chasing a frying sized chicken for some time, with what final success I am at a loss to foresee. But I hope they caught it. I thought about getting out and helping, but concluded I might not show very good manners on my part. I am satisfied from all I can gather that we are going to have "punkins" for supper, and it certainly have a delicious odor. If you were here I would make a bet with you as to what we would have for supper – I should say "punkin," [sic] chicken, coffee, milk, bacon, cornbread and cold beans. I

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think I am in fine condition to do such a supper justice.

Forbes never could eat the country cooking and was sick half his time when we were out together; Shoolbred too come near dying as the result of the fare we had up in Unicoi "county" but I always come up smiling at meal time. I am as hungry as a bear today. Speaking of bears, a Bruin was killed about 1 1/2 miles from here last week by a county friend of mine. The mountains are full of them and they are said to be in fine condition. How would you like to make a meal off of bear meat? How would you like for the bear to make a meal out of you? It is owing to which gets the upper hand of the others as to who does the eating.

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The woods are full of pheasants. I have heard them running all around me since I began writing. Are you fond of game? There is no meat any better than the pheasant. It is three times the size of the partridge and has a much finer flavor.

There is an abundance of wild turkey in the mountains across the Holstein river. Later on they will fly across in great droves into the hills and ridges. Squirrels, rabbits, opossums, raccoons are very numerous, from which you may gather this is a wild and wooly section of the country.

This house has two rooms and a porch and perhaps a (illegible) in addition. The (torn)

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are hung with "yerbs," strings of red pepper and ornamented with newspapers and pictures taken from almanacs. Over in the hills a cow bell is ringing and a pig is making strong efforts to get into the kitchen. I hope he won't get our "punkin."



I will probably get through out here on tomorrow or on Wednesday at farthest. On Thursday I will go to Abingdon attend conference and remain there as long as I am needed. My father having been a minister two of my sisters are entitled to the claim upon the fund for widows and orphans. But it is such a mixed up and badly managed affair usually that rules one's interests are looked after personally they are likely to be neglected.

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When conference is over, or when my part of it is, I can think of nothing now that can keep me away much longer from Hazlehurst. I will not say just when you may look for me, but I am counting the days until I can see you again. You seem to have a fear that when I see you I may find you so changed that I may not even like you. Of course I still think of you as when I last saw you, but unless you have changed in more ways than one I don't think I will have much difficulty in adapting myself to any changes I may find in you. The fact that you are thin will make very little difference to me. I am thin too just now, but my health is good enough. I wonder if I

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shall get a letter from you on Wednesday? I mailed one to you on yesterday morning which ought to have reached you by this time. If you write this evening I will get it Wednesday otherwise I won't.

I have been writing slowly. The sun has gone down and it will soon be dark. The [umbrageous?] shades of evening are fast developing into the obscurities of night, as a gentleman once began a letter to my aunt. They afterward [married?], and you may consider if you please that this letter opens with it. It is a lucky sentence. That is the style of letter writing that used to be in vogue when my aunts were girls. Of all the romances and heart breaking love affairs we have had them in our family. My grandparents on my father's side made

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it their business to look after the love affairs of their children and to break them up now and then. It would make you cry if I were to tell you some of the fine results they accomplished in this way, and the wretched lives that some innocent people were forced to lead on account of it.

But there was a stateliness about their letter writing in those days, a quiet dignity and earnestness that I like to think of. They wrote on pale blue paper and sealed their envelopes with sealing wax. When I return to Bristol I mean to hunt up some of that old style paper if I can find it. Their letters in those days were full of religious experiences, talk about slaves and a hundred interesting subjects. We have



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a few of those old letters yet, which we prize very highly. There used to be hundreds of them, tied in blue and pink ribbons, which I remember seeing when I was a boy. Some of them from brothers and lovers who were away in the war. It must have been fine to have a lover in the war; to be in constant dread of hearing that he had been killed and to always be thinking how brave and good he was. I am afraid Carrie Sue that your lover, - or one of them at least, - is not built like those old lovers of years ago. If a war should arise I don't think you would have any cause for anxiety about his life; he would look out for that.

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They were stern people in those times and did things which I think I could not do. One I remember distinctly. My Uncle Robert Huffaker, the youngest of a family of 10 children of 7 girls went early into the war and then years later came home on furlough. It was evident to everybody that the war was virtually over and the South defeated; my uncle felt it and when his furlough had about expired I think he would have been glad to remain at home. But his father and my father, who was an older brother did not encourage him to do so, and he set out sadly for the army when his furlough expired. It cost him his life. They never saw him alive again. A brother-in-law

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who had come home with him proposed to him after they had started to turn back but my uncle refused - that night his brother-in-law deserted - and is still alive. I think my father afterward regretted that he did not keep my uncle at home. It would have killed me to think that I had let my brother go away to die when I might have saved him. But my father's sense of honor was so high, and that of his father, and I think of all his sisters, that they would have died themselves rather than do a dishonorable thing, and they felt they would rather see my uncle die to have him branded as a deserter. I think some of my sisters have the same feeling, and if a war should

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come up, I don't think I would get much encouragement from them to stay at home - but then I wouldn't need much - a very little would go a long way with me.

After supper: we had chicken, cornbread, biscuits, coffee, sweet milk, clabber, bacon, "punkin" butter and "punkin" pie and molasses. I sat beside Miss Rosenbaum. We had a little lamp that gave out a very great deal of smoke and a very little light. Miss Rosenbaum did not talk much but she showed her kindness by passing me the "punkin" every few minutes. At one time I thought we were going to get up a conversation about burning . . . (no more pages)



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Postage Stamped Hazlehurst Nov 14 1894 Miss
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn

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Tuesday 5 P.M.
Hazlehurst, Miss.
Nov. 13 1894

My Dear

I wrote you a long letter to this address you gave me but you have not received it probably will not for several days and if you are like I am when I do not hear from you as often as I would like to you are growing a little impatient so I shall write you a short letter to Bristol and perhaps it will catch you there. I received your good long letter this morning just as I was starting to

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school and as I was a little late had to wait two whole, long hours before I could read it. It would not do to read a "love letter" before one of my pupils you know and I never excuse myself from my [room?] during a lesson. Just yesterday we had electric bells put in school building and they make the changes so quickly now before the pupils leave the room another is there ready for a lesson. I will teach four weeks longer then I will have

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one week to rest before starting on our trip.

You speak of the cold weather, snow and ice you are having. It has been a little cold here, but this evening it is warmer and raining. I know I shall like your cold climate dear, and my health will be very much better there. I dream I will regain my lost flesh and good looks. I do not look as well now as I did when you were here, but I am going to try a tonic & retire earlier every night to see if that will do me good. No doubt

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“Dr. Edwards” makes a very fine doctor for his sister Ada, but I will tell you now my dear old modern man, when I am there and need a physician I’ll take none of your medicine, nor any suggestions so there! How is that for the virago? Too dear I would be willing to do anything you said or take anything you give me because I know you are too good to prescribe bad medicine to your patients.

Ida Belle (Frank’s wife) came to see me yesterday evening and I told her all about

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you and our affair. She regrets very much not having seen you and wishes that we go by Memphis, says she is quite sure that Frank will not get off from his business on the (date torn) and she will have to go home next week. I think we will go by Memphis if it suits you but you say you leave all the arrangements to me. Well perhaps you would like for me to go around and engage the Preacher, but I will do nothing of the kind Edward C. do you understand?

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Mr. Bailey is the minister’s name, and when we are married, he will be the one to perform the ceremony, but I think your correspondence at Hazlehurst at present can be confined to Carrie Sue and later on you can consult the preacher. I had a talk with Mr. Taylor and we decided that my resignation must go in the last of next week, to give them time to secure my successor. That sounds mightily like my time is short here. Five weeks from tomorrow! I will decide about the bridesmaids &

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groomsmen in a few days and let them know. Will let you know about your gloves as soon as things are decided. You must get yourself up in great shape or the bride will be the best looking which would be a sad (torn) for you. How I wish the whole thing was over and we were quietly at home together. I am looking forward to some very pleasant evenings with you when we can read or talk and will not have to go anywhere unless we care to. Perhaps

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9 P.M. same day!

When I finished my letter this evening it was dark, too late to get in the P.O. so it will not go off until tomorrow. I’m sorry for wanted you to get them before you left for the country, but it is just possible you will not get off this week. You are not a man of your word Edward C. when it comes to going to places,



especially to see your best girl, now are you? But you did come didn't you & broke your girl all up too – made her do just as you wanted her to but it just happened that she wanted

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to too, so if you did get away with her a little she is even with you. Have you thought much over our first meeting? In front of the Court House. I have a good many times & laughed over it too. You certainly saw me first just as I was. I had no thought of how I looked then in my hat and wrap just as I came from school, thinking all the while you were at the hotel resting in your room as you should have been, you old sinner! Then to my amazement we meet on the street. I

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had planned how I would meet you. I was to dress up as beautifully? as I could and walk in very stately to the parlor and say "How dye do Mr. Huffaker, am charmed to see you" or words to that effect, but my I do not remember anything I said but how I (torn). I guess when you come down again you will not give me a chance to put you off until 7 o'clock. Anyway Carrie Sue thinks she will not let you wait that long after the train arrives. Will you be very glad to see me – you needn't answer that question

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for I know the answer already. Sunday night while at church the preacher (who by the way was not Mr. Bailey, but Pres. of Whitworth College) said some beautiful things about people marrying. I thought of you at once of course. He said that he had observed that where a man really & truly loved a woman & a woman really & truly loved a man & those two married, that as the years moved on they came to look alike, think alike, their voices sounded alike, and that when they grew very old & one died

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the other one lingered only a little while before he or she joined the other on the other side. He said it in such beautiful language it made it very impression. I wonder if we will be this way. Do you know I hope we will. I have an idea that we shall be. The thing that puzzles me a little however is which one of us will look like the other. You would not be satisfied to give up your identity to look like me & I am sure I would not feel flattered if people

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thought I looked like you. But enough of this foolishness.



Hope your plans with Shoolbred, Delany and others will work out all right & you will have plenty of work to keep you busy. There is nothing that makes a man crass & ugly quicker than to be idle and you know dear we are not to be idle. Have you written any more on that great lecture for Slack?

Remember you promised to put that through & you must do it. I am ashamed of Tenn. To elect

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a republican Gov. It is pretty bad on you. I am glad you are not a Republican, but Ada says she is. Well, we will not fight over politics, Ada & I.

Did I tell you I went to the Club last night & was escorted by Mr. (torn), but we all call him Vance. He will very likely be one of the groomsmen or ushers, so you may remember his name from this on. Kate & Bob were at the Club, & we will meet at their house next Monday night. I will only attend

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about three more meetings.

I am thinking about having Mr. Caldwell the little Presbyterian minister as one of our me. You remember him at the hotel. Then does that suit you Highness? My cousin, Dr. Jim Birdsong will be another – he is a young man, Dentist – lives here. Will have him in charge of affairs for you (torn) capacity as best man for the occasion though he will not be called that – as you will have no best man.

I am talking very ____ about things but five weeks from tonight when you all are at the church rehearsing

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for the next day I will begin to feel a little “quare” and be scared to death the next day. No I shan’t neither for I do not get scared in public occasions unless I attempt a speech, & the preacher will be the only one to do much talking on that day. (Page torn) . . . as you do now Edward C; I feel that you will & and that neither of us need have no fears on that score. You have said to me several times that you believed whenever I

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really loved anybody it would be very deeply. You do not think so now do you? Well, but I know you do & my dear you are not wrong. However the night is going fast, and Carrie Sue must stop & retire in order to regain her good looks and flesh. (Page torn) . . . say your prayers . . . religiously . . . but if I was to tell you



to . . . if you feel like it . . . and if not you will not and that's the end of it. Good night and May God bless you my dear.

With my love,
Your own,
Carrie Sue

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Bristol, Tenn
Nov 17 1894

My Own:

This P.M. I returned from the woods, with my beard a week old, my shoes covered with mud, my clothes bristling with spanish needles and presented so dilapidating a condition that had she seen me my own sweetheart would not have known me. I rode in with Mohlen Corven in a covered buggy through the rain and fog and reached town about 5 P.M. We first drove around to my office where I left my transit and then home where I found Effie and Alice, Ada being out in town. I am afraid Carrie Sue, I showed up in a very bad light. I lost all pretense of indifference and about the 3rd question I asked was

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if there was any mail for me. Alice was in the kitchen and Effie said there were three letters for me. I began at once rummaging in a bureau drawer and found one from my little nephew, Ed Garland Babcock, written by his mother, which I deliberately stuck in my pocket and went on hunting for the other two. I could not find them – nor could Effie find them anywhere. I lost patience and found fault with the girls and said ugly things. Effie went down to see Alice but Ada had put the letters away and there was nothing for me but to wait. I tried to read poor little Garland's letter and couldn't. I put on my overcoat and set out for the post office. I asked the post master if he could let me intercept mail on its way to Rathton. He said it was forbidden. Then I asked if he would look through the Rathton mail and see if there was anything for me.

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He looked and said there was one from Mississippi for E. C. Huffaker, that it was mailed on the 12th (Monday) and received here on yesterday evening – and that I could not get it until it had gone to Rathton and back - on Monday P.M.

Now, my dear, are you surprised that a man in his senses should give himself up entirely to the thought of getting a letter from his girl? Let me give you a brief history of myself for the past few days and let you



decide. I left here on last Wednesday with Mohlen Corven to make the Delaney survey. We passed Rathton on our way where I expected to find a letter from you. I found the mail had already come out and calculated that if you had mailed a letter to me as late as Monday I ought to have received it. I was sorely disappointed and as we rode on I thought how hard it would be to wait until Friday to hear from you. But there was no help for it.

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On our survey was Dr. W^m Delaney – a fat old fellow, with lots of jokes and old stories to tell, and with whom I slept on Wednesday night. Or it would be more proper to say with whom I went to bed on Wednesday night. After a half hour's talk the Doctor went to sleep and at once set up such a snore as I hope I may never hear again. I think during the night I dug him in the ribs with my elbow 500 times. To make matters worse in the room below me two old ladies, the Dr's sisters, Mrs. Burkhart and Mrs. Berdeman talked the live long night. At four o'clock they were still talking - and the chickens were crowing for the day. Finally the doctor got up and I caught a little sleep just before he called me to breakfast. So I had the night to myself and my reflections. And a lovely night it was, dearest, with no letter from you. It was not simply the fail-

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ure to hear from you that troubled me. But I was beset with doubts and distrust. You had changed your mind so frequently and so unexpectedly to me that the question would come back and haunt me, do what I would to reassure myself that perhaps your mind had changed again. I trust, my darling, that neither you or I may ever endure such pangs of doubt again.

At Burkhart's they kept a great fire roaring and there were old rocking chairs and sock hearths and tall mantles and good hearted, kind good humored people, and the doctor told lots of jokes – but I hardly knew what was being said. On the next day we met Rosenbaum, and took dinner with Aunt "Micajah" Goodson an old, old woman, in a little log cabin. We had turnips and spare ribs, and pickles and egg custard and coffee and ginger cakes and sweet potatoes – a slap up good dinner – with Mohlen Corven and Henry Delaney and

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the Doctor. After dinner we sat by the fire and the three told old war stories for my especial entertainment. I listened with a face as grave and sad and silent as you can imagine – hardly knowing what they were talking about. Once though the doctor told a story so fine that I gave way and fairly shirked with laughter. I think it did me good. But I think I must have looked a little melancholly [sic] from the manner in which



everybody treated me. Afterwards we set out for work again and I came near getting into a row with old Rosenbaum.

Thursday night we spent at Mr. John King's a rich young farmer whose wife (Mohlen's Cousin) put us up one of the best suppers and breakfasts I have ever sat down to.

The truth is Carrie Sue, I had grown hungry. I had done lots of work and had not had much appetite before. But I could not talk except spasmodically when I was rather contentious I think. At last we went

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to bed and I slept with Mohlen Corven. I was sleepy but Mohlen gave me a full history of the recent election in Bristol and then of his trials as executor of his brother-in-law's estate, and finally a resumé of the war. By the time he had hushed I was wide awake and it was midnight. But I shall always love Mohlen because he didn't once snore, and I had a refreshing night's rest and a tremendous appetite for breakfast. On yesterday we set out again for another long round through the hills. I don't think Rosenbaum ever had the remotest idea what we were doing. He told us during the day he spelt his name Rosenbam, which tickled us a little as he doesn't know his letters, and has signed away half his property by writing John X (his mark) Rosenbaum. We ate dinner with Aunt Cajob and I made a social call for Mr. And Mrs. Rosenbaum.

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Henry Delaney was one of our chairmen - a pompous, precise, pious domineering sort of man, with a large brow and hollow cheeks and eyes and with a huge fancy for turning his reddish brown moustache close at the corners and leaving them to project under his nose while showing the upper part of his cheeks, giving him the appearance of having a bill. He was always going crooked and when I told him I meant to get a wooden chairman in his place he looked so sour and dignified that I was on the point of (illegible) down the knobs to get out of his way.

Now when a man calls you a wooden woman, Carrie Sue, you don't resent it at all- which goes to show you are a woman of very little spirit.

This morning when we awoke it was raining- I had a good night's rest at Burkhart's where I asked them

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to give me a room to myself and as far away from the doctor as possible - and he had a half day's disagreeable work in the rain after which, to the infinite disgust of Rosenbaum we quit work and came home.

I did not stay for dinner, but taking my transit on my shoulder I walked a mile and half through the rain to Rathton where I was to wait for the others. I counted the steps that separated me from the post office. Then what do you suppose that measly postmaster said to me? No letter!!!! Figuratively speaking, I fell all in a heap. I collapsed- gave up completely. There was nothing for me now but to do without my dinner and wait for Mohlen. It was a while I was waiting - 3 hours for Mohlen that it began to dawn upon me that my fears were altogether groundless, but I meant to know before I built any air castles - and was impatient to start when Mohlen finally appeared with his buggy. And now my precious, if you are not unusually stupid you

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will understand why I so completely lost control of myself when I at last came within reach of your letter. Ada came in and together we went down to the parlor after your letter. There was another one but I forget who it was from.

It is ten o'clock and I will close. I shall sleep well tonight dearest. You ask if I say my prayers for you every night. Indeed I do and near so earnestly I think as within these last few days of doubt and despair- and somehow, dearest, I felt that my prayers would be answered, and before I ever knew that you had written my old trust in you had returned. Forgive me dear one for distrusting you - it has been in no wise your fault- and I promise you it shall not happen again. Good night and God bless you.

With my best love and prayers
I am yours
Edward C.

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Sunday 10:30 A.M. (continued from above letter)

I have decided to forego my custom of going to church this morning and write to you. It has been so long since I wrote that there is no telling where I will end. I want to stay at home anyway with Ada who is suffering with a tooth.

I gathered you some wildflowers, or shrubs rather, for the flowers are all gone, while I was in the mountains and which I may send you on tomorrow if they are not too much wilted. They may be very common with you. The mountain tea, the one with the small leaf and red berry the girls are very fond of chewing. The



heart leaf gives out a very pleasant odor when pressed or crushed. The wild ratsbane or Pipsissaway [Pipsissewa] I guess you are familiar

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with. My mother used to be fond of it, though it is rather bitter to my taste. The maiden hair fern, the one with the earth about the roots is for Marie, which I hope you will plant in a box or pot for her and tell her it is from me. It should be kept in a shaded spot and watered occasionally. It grows upon the cliffs where the sun rarely strikes it. It will likely die down during the winter, but it will spring up during the spring. When spring comes how would you like to plant out a fernery? Ada has a start and enjoys looking after it. The girls were discussing the subject last night and saying what they were going to do when you came. I must take you with me to the mountains when spring comes. You can have no idea how many wild flowers there are; lilies of the valley, trailing arbutus, orchids, crimson pinks, and hundreds that I do not know the

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names of. I passed through a region over in the Iron Mountains where the grey slopes were covered with great patches of purple and blue violets, the grey and violet mingling in the most charming way. We will go fishing, Carrie Sue – a fishing in the brook – of a Sunday – when the dogwoods are in bloom and the streams are clear and bright.

Do you know, dear, I was glad to hear you say that you loved flowers? Some flowers I am very fond of – for instance those which you give me and which you pin on my coat with your love. Your love does go with those flowers doesn't it? I would not care so much for them if it did not.

I think if it suits your majesty we will lay our plans to come home by way of Memphis. You can decide how long we are to remain there. We will be married on Wednesday afternoon and Christmas comes on the following Tuesday. So

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we will have a week to go on which we can short or lengthen as you may think best. Memphis has some advantages, I admit, over Grand Junction. Still Grand Junction is not to be hooted at.

You may add the following list of names to our invitations. R. L. Loobet; A. C. Smith; Robert Burton; Paul Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Warren; Miss Belle Whitaker; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Delaney; Mr. & Mrs. Mohlen Corven – all of Bristol – and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Frost, Bristol. Gen. and Mrs. J. D. Imboden, Damascus, Va. I will add some others later on.



You should get this on tomorrow P.M. Monday – though it may be Tuesday before it reaches you. Have you thought the time long in which you have not heard from me? After 4 more weeks, sweet one, time will never seem long again to us. I will write regularly as long as I am in Bristol. I do not know yet how my business stands. Goodbye, my precious.

Yours Devotedly
E. C.

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P.S.

I wanted to make a suggestion which I do not think you will likely heed – so if you do not choose to follow it you may know I never expected you to do so. But it is this: I do not attend any more club meetings or accompany any more young men to church and choir practice. My only reason for suggesting this is that you may obtain some needed rest. If it will help you to follow this suggestion I will say that I will feel easier if I knew you were resting more and retiring early.

Goodby, dear old girlie
E. C.

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Equitable Life Assurance Society
John W. McMaster Special Agent
Hazlehurst Miss
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn
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Bristol Tenn
Nov. 20 1894

My Dearest:

My fire is almost out and the girls are asleep, but I want to remain up a few minutes longer in order to say a few things to you before retiring. I can hardly realize that there was ever a time when we heard from each



other but once a week and were contented with it. Now we must hear every day or we grow impatient. The time has come, Carrie Sue, for us to marry. When people come to love each other as we do, when every letter is looked for and poured over, it is no longer the thing to hesitate or delay.

It is not correct however to say that the time has come for us to marry – it has not come yet by 4 long weeks from tomorrow. You were right when you said in your last letter, “By

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always of course I mean until after the 19th. That is always; it is in fact the very best definition of always I have ever heard. I mean to make a dictionary and put that in as a definition of always. I said your last letter; it was the last I have received, but not the last you have written. It is your Rathton letter, which turned up very promptly after I had waited a whole week for it. It went everywhere on the face of the earth except to me. I'll see that it never gets away from me now.

I had a dream about you this morning before day. I thought we were married and you were sitting in a rocking chair and I was on a stool at your feet. You had made a pair of slippers that you could that I was examining and wondering that you could do so well - they were not very fine slippers – and you were looking through and essay that I had written for you and which you were to read at the close of some school. We talked about what would be a good nom de plume, and I suggested Ned, and

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insisted that it should be spelled N e y d, Ned. You could not dream as rational a dream as that in a week Carrie Sue. I have since thought how appropriate it was for you to do the manual labor while I did the intellectual work – you to make the slippers for me while I wrote essays for you.

Then I dreamed that I was married, but I soon would be to a widow with four children. I thought the children were so abominably ugly that I would have to apologize to all my friends for marrying their mother. But then I dreamed I loved the widow and that was sufficient. It wasn't any widow in particular, I had never seen her before, I do not know now who she was, but as I say I loved her and I meant to marry her. How strange dreams are. Suppose I had met and really loved a widow, then where would you have been? It was a relief to wake and find that the widow and her kids had vanished and that I was to marry, not a widow, but

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the very finest and dearest girl in this world.



Do you remember writing me once that you had no notion of being a mother to Mrs. Holcombe's children? I used to wonder sometimes if you were not a little mercenary. You made out that you were. But if so, how is it that you are marrying me? and how is it that you have laid aside all your dreams for a staid, quiet dignified life as the wife of some rich man that you did not love but only respected, of carriages, fine horses, balls, swell dinners, grand concerts and all that, for a man that hasn't a thing in the world to offer you except his love – the very thing you always laughed at! How does it happen, sweet one, that you have allowed yourself to get caught in such a net as mine? Suppose I do love you better than my own life? better than anyone loved you before, and better than anyone else will ever love you a

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gain? Love doesn't make fine carriages, nor give grand entertainments.

Besides Carrie Sue, how do you reconcile your professions and your actions? You said you had no sentiment, no heart, no love for anybody better than your love for Carrie Sue. And here you are ready to sacrifice yourself at the altar of love; to give your "heart, your love, your very self" to a man that you fancy you love? Don't you think Carrie Sue you are a hypocrite? - the dearest, best, sweetest, grandest hypocrite that can blast a poor man with her love? I don't mind your hypocrisy. I am a hypocrite myself. I have allowed you to think I was indifferent when my very soul was aching for you. I am glad, dear, that our marriage is so near. There are so many things to say and even by writing every day we can not say them all. But I shall talk you to death after we are married – but that leads me to say a thing about talking. I do not know that I care

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greatly whether we talk much little. The most congenial companions are often silent companions. I should like for us to talk when we feel so inclined; but isn't it sweet to sit and say nothing and yet each know how entirely we possess the other's love? That was a pretty story you told me of congenial people growing more and more alike as they grow older. I will show you such a pair here in Bristol. I think my grandfather on my mother's side must have been very bored of his wife. He was tall and stately, a brilliant man and full of humor, and his wife was very small – weighing only about 90 lbs. She died first and I have heard my mother say that from the day of the death he was never the same again. It is almost midnight. Goodnight my dear.

May God bless you -
Every Yours Lovingly
Edward C.

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Bristol, Tenn
Nov. 22. 1894

My Dearest:

Why do I not hear from you? You know we were to write every other day at the least and your last letter was received on last Sunday. Have you gone to counting letters with me? And when you failed to hear from me for a whole week, did your trust and confidence fail you a little? I wrote you on last Saturday night, mailing the letter on Sunday, but the train was 2½ hours late and I doubt if you received it before Tuesday morning.

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I hope so for I am growing very impatient dear, for another of your good letters. I do not think hard of you for not writing when you failed to hear from me for so long. You could not know that I was away in the woods and not in a situation to write. But for all that I miss your letters, dear and hope how soon I may hear from you. Fortunately I have written to you pretty regularly and when once I get you to writing again there is no reason why you should ever stop until the 19th which means ever.

Do you know it is less than four weeks now until we are to be married? Only three weeks from tomorrow until I shall leave for Hazlehurst. But the time seems endlessly long. I have thought of you many times today. I think you are constantly in my mind.

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I have sometimes wondered if when the novelty of having you love me wears off I should think of you as before. But I see no difference at all. You are just as much a delight to me now as when I was with you in Hazlehurst. I think there are times in the lives of most men when they are not sure that they love their wives or sweethearts, at least when they are not conscious of any affectionate regard for them. And there are times perhaps when a feeling of dislike is experienced. But I do not remember experiencing such a feeling in regard to you but once. That was one day a good while ago when I was looking at your picture – the one you gave Cora, when it occurred to me you were perhaps a different sort of a woman to what I had pictured you. I have been angry with you; hurt at your unkindness; rebellious and defiant; but never I think in

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different. But if I was so when I was separated from you, not having seen you for years, what do you think my feelings were when I was with you in your little parlor in Hazlehurst? Do you know I can almost say I



learned to love you there? Not that I had not loved you before; but there was such a rapture in seeing you and hearing you talk that it seemed like courting you all over again. You said some very sweet things about me in some of your recent letters, which you may be sure I appreciated.

Rev. J. H. Kennedy is spending the evening with us; he and Ada are playing chess, a game of which she is very fond. Do you like the game? or do you play it? If not I mean to teach you. We used to have combination games at Chuckey City, in which Ada and I

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and one or two others played against Robert, Jo, Alice and some of the neighbors. Robert is an excellent player; one of the best I know.

On tomorrow I will begin work on the cemetery which will occupy me some days perhaps, as I have engaged to superintend the goading in addition to the engineering. I met with an old Canadian engineer this afternoon who was out of work and who will be with me in laying out the new cemetery. I was glad to be able to give him a job.

On next Monday however I am summoned to attend court at Blountville as a witness in a suit of "Pro. Sheofar et al vs John Baker et al" for trespass. I shall have to kill time there for two or three days. Which I mean to do very pleasantly by writing to you. I shall write you every day, dearest, long letters with postscripts and N.B.s and pictures in them. That reminds me that it has been a

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long while since I have sent you any of my effusions. I'll tell you, Carrie Sue, what we'll do.

You and I will sit down in our room one of these times and paint a great picture. I will draw and paint and you will look on and inspire me. It is not worth my while to begin until I have you with me. But when we are settled I will get some canvas and fur brushes and paints and we will spend many a quiet evening together. Do you know, dear, that the greatest of all painters, Michael Angelo, the great Italian sculptor and architect, derived his inspiration from a lady that he loved from his boyhood? His was an unhappy love, but he had her in mind in all his great creations. Don't you believe, dear, that artists love more deeply than other people? I know two that are very fond of each other; don't you?

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Slack and I may be said to have made friends as you will doubtless be glad to hear. He sent me a ticket the other evening to go to the "Black Cloak," but I preferred to write to you (on last Saturday evening on my



return from Rosy's.) And on yesterday he did me a very great favor, unsolicited. I do not cherish any malice against him now, and I doubt if he was in earnest in what he said to me on the evening of our difficulty.

I have been having a very serious difficulty with another man and it was by putting me on to some of his movements that Slack showed me so much kindness. I think now I have snowed the man under. I will tell you about the affair after I see you again. It was this affair that prevented my writing you on yesterday as I had intended. I was coming home to bring a letter to you when I met Slack in the street. What he told me put writing

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out of the question until I had attended to the gentleman. I have spent the day on his trail and I think I have him checkmated. If not I shall do him up in the Courier and "blow us all to hell to gedder."

I mean to write something for the Courier in a few days – perhaps for the Sunday issue which you may look for and identify if you can. I will try and write again from Blountville. I appreciated Stella's praise of my Hazlehurst article, as I deem her an altogether competent critic.

When shall I hear from you dear? The time seems very long since you last wrote. Let's make another bargain, Carrie Sue, you and I are always bargaining, and I am always getting left on my bargains. You promised me a lock of your hair and where is it? But from

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this on let us write at least every other day, even if our letters are necessarily short. You said in one of your recent letters that sometimes you wondered if my love for you was as strong as I thought it was and if I would always be the same. You can count certainly that I will be, my precious; I can't say I feel as sure that you will be, for I cannot know your heart as I do my own. But my doubts as to your constancy have well nigh vanished. I am beginning to realize that so long as I love you I may safely count on your love in return. You need never fear that you have spoken to freely or showed me your heart too unreservedly. Our danger, I imagine, lies in the other direction - in saying too little. I have thought that one cause of our misunderstandings has been a feeling on the part of each

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that our love might not be fully appreciated. But when we come to realize not only how much love each of us has to give, but how much the other needs that love, we will not be slow to express what we feel. Is it not so, my dear?



The feeling has often come over me that perhaps you may tire of hearing so often of how I think of you. And yet I feel very sure that I shall never tire of your telling the same story. I think I shall trust you any way. You say you are going to love deeply and if you do your heart must demand a great deal of love in return – but not so much by half as there is in mine to give you.

Goodnight and God bless you, my ever precious, Carrie Sue. With my love for you and kind regards for all.

I am
Yours Devotedly
Edward C.

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Envelope
Equitable Life Assurance Society
John W. McMaster, Special Agent
Hazlehurst, Miss
Nov. 26 1894
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol

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Bristol, Tenn.
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11:30 P.M.
Hazlehurst, Miss.
Nov. 29, 1894

My Dear Edward C.:



It is nearly 12 o'clock and I am a little tired but I believe it will rest me to write a short letter to you, so I shall do so & tell you why I did not write today as I intended. This is Thanksgiving day as you have no doubt observed & I hope in the right way by going to church as you should. I attended church this morning & just afterward received a note from Mr. Covington asking me to go to a concert with Kate Ellis & himself knowing that Kate could not go unless I did I guess. Well, after

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some reflection I decided to accept his invitation as I am a little bit fond of good music, (& this certainly was a treat) and we went down at 3 P.M. Bob & May with Vance Massengill went with us & we were a jolly party. When we reached there the young man got a carriage and we took in the town on wheels, visiting some friends there also then came to the hotel where we had supper & then went to the concert. The only thing that marred my pleasure dear was the thought of the letter I had not written you today, and too I thought

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how much more pleasant it would have been to have had you there with me. But after the next two or three weeks that thought will not trouble either of us for we will be together always, won't we, dear?

By the way I must inform you that the schedule on this road will change on Sunday & the cannon ball going north that passes here at 4 P.M. will go up about 12:30 or 1 o'clock P.M. & we will have to be married about two hours earlier than expected – say "high noon." How does that suit you? It may be that this train will go on through

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to Memphis, or make close connection at Granada or Holly Springs, & we will be able to reach Memphis that same night, in the early part 8 or 9 o'clock perhaps. That would be good I think, don't you?

Do you know I was awfully disappointed tonight when I came home and found no letter from you. I thought sure one would have come down on the same train I left on this aft. - and I guess it would have if you had written it. I looked everywhere in my room for it before removing my hat even, & when I could not find my letter, I went to Mama's to see if it was

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in there. I hope I shall not be disappointed tomorrow.



I do not think I would be writing now, but if I do not it would be another day before you could hear from me, as I would be in school too busy to write tomorrow, & I do not want us to have any more misunderstandings about anything now, dear, for I think the time has passed for that don't you? If I do not hear from you when I think I should, it never occurs to me now that you do not want to write, but that there is something to prevent & you will write just as soon as you possibly can. I hope you

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think the same way about me. The thing I most enjoy now is to receive a good long letter from you, and next greatest pleasure is to write you. The day I am deprived of both of those pleasures is a very long one to me. What will I do when I will have to write to you & hear from you? Well, I guess I will have to put up with seeing a little more of you. When you get real tired of me my dear, you can put me on the train coming south and I will try to find home and mama. But on the other hand, when I get tired of you, where can I send you? I guess I shall send you to Rosenbaum's

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or somewhere else in the mountains, where they ask, "did you ever see such vedder?" Kate and Bob say that so often when your name is mentioned. They think it very funny.

I was very glad to know that you and Mr. Slack had made up, as it were, and I hope they next time he is drinking he will have nothing to say to you, but do not notice everything he says next time please. I cannot but feel a little wary about the little trouble you spoke of. I hope the matter has been settled by this time. You need somebody to keep you out of scrapes my dear Edward C. and I think I must undertake it. I think we both need looking after and the sooner the

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eventful 19th rolls around the better for us both.

Mary will be home tomorrow to spend a day or two. I shall certainly be glad to see her. She has been away two weeks. If I do not stop and go to bed I will not be able to teach tomorrow.

I will write again Saturday or Sunday. Give my love to Ada, if you think the other girls will not notice it. I am afraid I will never have an opportunity to answer her letter & I do want to very much.

Do write as often as you can dear, I do love to get your letters. With my love, and may God bless you I am,

Your own,



Carrie Sue

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. . . as possible on account of the 19th coming in that month. Well, now my dear you cannot "crawfish" now. Our cards will be out by the time you _____ and that will be a clincher.

No, dear I do not think anything of the kind. I know you are as glad for that day to roll around as anybody else will be – sorry (?) Sorry for only one reason, and that is leaving home, mother, friends, but even that does not make me unhappy, for I know somebody else loves me and will make me happier that I have ever been before. We had a jolly time last night

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addressing our invitations. Kate and Guy coming and Vance Massengill came over to help me, and Geo. Brought some candy along to amuse us with as he termed it, but we found the "two minutes for refreshments" more than amusing.

(illegible) tonight to finish them up. Now if you were only here, how nice it would be for us to direct them, by ourselves.

How do you suppose we will feel at this time two weeks from today? It is now 12:30 the time we will be married. I would like for the day to be as this one is. The sun has come

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on it to the city or rather to get an option if possible. So I shall ride out in the morning and spend the day with him, or such part as may be necessary. If I succeed in securing the option, I am authorized to proceed at once to make a survey of the property and run a line of levels into town, and locate a site for a reservoir. This will occupy me until close within the time I have set to come after you. I am glad of it, for a rainy day like this hangs heavily on my hands, whereas when I am at work it passes very quickly. I wish I could postpone this work until after Christmas so that I could be working close home when I could be by you every evening. You need not fear being left alone long, dear. If I am to be away long at any time I mean to take you with me. And I look forward to such trips with you with great pleasure. It is nice to know new people, especially when they are nice, and there are some excellent people in the country here. I think I will have you send invitations to a number of my country friends - who will appreciate the kindness and remember it: Send to Mr. & Mrs. Will Peters, Fishdom Tenn, Sullivan County. Daniel Odell, Hemlock, Tenn. Mr. & Mrs. Will Carrier, Hemlock Mr. & Mrs. Jake Henkle, Hemlock. Joe Riley & family, Hemlock



(please forward); Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman Blevins, Fishdom, Tenn. Mr. Samuel Mock, Damascus, Va. Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Emory, Va.

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Rev. & Mrs. Vance Price Bristol; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Winston, Bristol; Col. & Mrs. N. M. Taylor, Bristol; Mr. James Cox, (City Police), Bristol; Geo Wolfe, Bristol; Prof. & Mrs. Alton Hutton, Bristol; Dr. & Mrs. Jene Bunting, Bristol; Mr. & Mrs. Jr. Owens, Bristol; Mr. & Mrs. Jaco Owens, Br; Miss Nellie Honey; Br. John Aiken & family; Br. Mrs. Nannie Garriman, Rural Retreat Va. Col. & Mrs. C. P. Toucnay, Elizabethton Tenn. Callie Remine, Chuckey City, Tenn; Ed Ripley, C. C; Nicholas Earnest, C.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Dockery, C. C. Henry Earnest C. C.

Some of these I may have sent you several times over. I wrote to Lewis Levy, but I think your best plan would be to direct to Jackson, with "please forward" on the envelope, sealing and stamping with a 1 cent stamp.

I wrote you last night that we might possibly have to abandon the trip by way of Memphis, and that in that case we might accept George's invitation to take supper with the bridal part at Jackson, coming home on the following day (starting at 2 P.M. perhaps for Meridian and Chattanooga) and reaching "our home" dearest, on Friday evening. But I think it will be well to decide nothing definitely in regard to our route until I come down and have a talk with you.

Do not fail to send an invitation to Mr. Jos Cox, (City Police) Bristol, Tenn. He is an old sweetheart of Effie's and I learned from the girls this evening that years ago he asked her to marry him. He is very nice and from a good many things that have happened

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recently, I think he has never forgotten her. He is very attentive to the other girls and quite nice to me. But Effie is so peculiar that he can hardly get to speak to her. She is so much afraid of being forward that she treats him rudely. But when you come I mean to have him call and see us if he wishes to do so, and then she can't well avoid seeing him. She has refused a half a dozen good offers of marriage - why I don't know. It seems to me that everyone ought to marry some time. There is not one girl in a thousand that has not had a chance to marry. Many times they refuse and afterwards live to regret it.

I have not heard from any of the Fishburns since Mr. Fishburn wrote; not a word yet from Carra. It might be well for you to write to her; but do as you think best dearest. I won't have to say to you what I said in my letter to Mr. Fishburn: That I meant to be faithful to Cora's memory, but on the other hand I did not mean to



forget that you too had claims before me. I think I can be true to all parties. Mr. Fishburn wrote a very manly letter. Men are sensible about such matters.

We talk of you a good deal of the time, here; that is at home. Not a half dozen person in town no anything of our intentions yet. You see how well I keep a secret. David told me today he believed I was "stuck" on that girl in Mississippi. We were talking of the habit of women of un

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underscoring their letters, and I mentioned that for four or five years I had been corresponding with a girl in Mississippi and that all told I did not think you had underscored a dozen words. Had you ever noticed that peculiarity of yours? I like you for it. It has never seemed to me that the habit of underscoring every other word added any force to a letter. There are times when words need strong emphasis and when italics are in place. But an earnest letter usually supplies its own emphasis. I might say I love you, dear, but the depth of my emotion can be better determined by the communication than by all the italics in the world. Don't you think so, sweet?

I don't think I like the idea, Carrie Sue, of being pushed aside for other people (How italics do help!) You say you do not write regularly or long letters. I may know it is because you are too busy. I see only too plainly that from now on until the 19th I am hardly to be noticed.

I thank you for the flowers – the very first, dear you ever enclosed in one of your letters. You are to write to me regularly and long letters, old girl, on up to next Friday week. I ain't any wooden man to be stood up in a corner until you are ready for me. Write as often as you can – from now on I think our best plan will be to write every day instead of every other day.

Goodnight, my own
Yours Devotedly,
Edward C.

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Wednesday morning:

I have some good news for you, darling. Last night after writing your letter I was preparing to retire when as I thought a long envelope fell out of my pocket to the floor. I thought it was probably a deed from Maggie [her work?] Newman to A. C. [Switte?], which I had had the day before. On picking it up the handwriting seemed to be the same and I was about putting it in my pocket without further inspection. Then I noticed that it was from the Smithsonian Institution Washington D.C. and laid it out on the table! (Next several sentences omitted due to torn page.) . . . found that it was sealed. Then I took enough



interest it in to tear it open and examine it. What do you suppose I found? A letter from Prof. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, saying that he remembered the intelligent interest I had once shown in aerodynamics and being in need of an assistant in making some physical experiments he has thought of me, and concluded by offering me the position at a salary of \$1200 a year work to begin Jan 1st 1895. How does that strike your majesty? Won't it

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be delightful dear living in Washington? The very place above all others that I have wanted to live in, and now to live there with you on a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, sure money, and not a great deal to do. God is very good to us, my dear. Think what times we will have on the streets at night and how much there will be to see at the navy yard and at the cannon factory and at the Capitol. I will be very busy now and am now more than ever impatient for the 19th to roll round. There are a (Next several sentences omitted due to torn page.) . . . wrote to the minister at once.

Goodbye my precious, with my very best love.
Edward C.

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Sunday 10:30 P.M.
Bristol, Tenn.
Dec. 2 1894

My Dearest,

Do you consider it very wrong when a man is going soon to be married for him to write two letters to his girl in one day? If it is wrong I trust you will forgive me, for my inclinations had me that way and I shall sleep better after I have written to you. I have just written a long letter to Louis Levy asking him to send me his address as you wanted to invite him to your wedding. I wrote him that you were to be married sometime in December, about the 19th I thought, and that as I had about decided to go down myself and be present on that occasion I thought it would be very pleasant if "we there" old friends should meet again and talk over old times, and strongly urging him to be present. I wonder what he will think when he finds who the bridegroom is to be? You are not to find fault with me dear, because I have not written to Louis earlier, as you requested. All my spare time has been taken up in writing to somebody in Mississippi and it is a shame the way I have been compelled to neglect other people. After we are married dear, I do not mean to write to anybody. I mean to get rid of this feeling that I ought to write

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a letter to some one or other. As long as I make a pretense writing I will carry a guilty conscience around with me, which I do not like to do.

I have an impression that there is a letter in the office for me, and I wish very much I had it. But by a slight misunderstanding none of us were at the office this evening. I know it a precious letter for you write no other sort to me. Your little theory Carrie Sue, that you are only beautiful to me because I love you, will not bear investigation. It is time that I would be disposed to look very leniently upon any faults you might have; but that would not prevent my seeing them, nor prevent my loving you either. So if your hands were large and course or if your eyes were crossed, or if your nose had a bridge like mine, or if your laugh was loud and disagreeable, don't you know my pretty one, that I would be the first to see those defects? You don't suppose that because I think of you night and day that I can't see your mistakes in grammar, do you? You do not make many dear, and so long as you make yourself intelligible I do not care how many you make. But I mention this to show you that I am not blind to your defects and that you are not correct in attributing my lack of taste (as you would put it) to my regard for you. You have the cart entirely before the horse, Carrie Sue. You imagine

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I think you are beautiful because I love you; whereas I love you because I think you are beautiful. I do not mean beautiful in face and form only. But beautiful in disposition, in your character and in your manners. Do you suppose, dearest, that when I came to see you a month ago I went with my eyes [boufayed?] You had led me to believe that you were possibly no longer good looking and I was prepared to expect changes. But when I looked into your dear blue eyes and heard you talk and held your hand in mine I saw how gloriously you had misled me. If you had been cold and distant and unapproachable I should have decided quickly enough that your disposition was not as beautiful as I could have wished it. But when you opened your heart to me and allowed me to read what was written there on its beautiful pages, and when I began to perceive an earnestness and depth and truthfulness about your nature that I had hardly suspected I realized how hard it would be to give you up. Before I knew what your decision would be, I knew that my struggle would be very bitter if I should have to give you up. At any rate, my precious, we are sufficient for each other. Each is satisfied of the other's love and with the other's constancy and general character and personal appearance. And now, Carrie Sue, as I have about preached out my little sermon, suppose we close for the

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evening by singing in concert, my soprano and your alto,

"Together let us sweetly live."

Goodnight, my dearest one, with my love



Ever yours faithfully,
Edward C.

10:20 P.M. Monday

I thought surely I would have got my letter off to you today, and I am disappointed that I did not, for I wanted you to get a letter from me two days in succession. But it seemed unavoidable. I thought I would finish it before noon today, but I had so much to do that when I got home it was already train time and it was useless to mail it. I mean to write you another on tomorrow; so my sweet one you may look for another one on the day after you receive this. This evening John Kennedy called in to see us and I went round to the hotel with him where I spent an hour or more. I found a November railroad guide which upset my plans a little. I see the schedule has changed on the Grenada and Memphis road. There are but two trains that we could take. One of them leaves at 4 a.m. and reaches Memphis at 8 a.m. The other leaves at 7:30 a.m. and reaches Memphis at 4 P.M. Neither of these would do at all. We may have to give up our Memphis trip and come by way of Meridian or Grand Junction. The later would not answer, and so the best route would seem to be by Meridian. Now tell me

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frankly, dear, your opinion. If we come by way of Meridian, we might accept George's proposal and have the bridal party come with us to Jackson and let them return at 10 P.M. This would necessitate our remaining over into Jackson until the following day an arrangement that I should like. I want you to have some rest – and whatever whatever you may insist upon let me have my way in this dearest.

The girls have been abusing me for declining George's offer and insist that it is the very thing. Everybody but you seems to be opposed to my plans which reminds me of an old story: of a man who said that at first the old man was opposed to his marrying his daughter; then the old woman opposed it; then her brothers and finally the girl herself opposed it and he quit going to see her. I think we will leave the matter undecided for the present; but you can say to George that our plans are not matured yet and that we may still accept his kindness. We can arrange all these matters after I come.

That was a dear good letter you wrote me this morning. How I loved you as I read it. I appreciated what you said about our consideration for each other. It was very nice of you to write in order that I might not have to wait a day longer to hear from you. The time between your letters seems long at best and when they are delayed I get impatient. A little more than two weeks now

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and we will never be separated long again. Every day I realize more clearly how precious you have become to me. I do not know that you will ever thoroughly understand the change in my feelings from



doubt to confidence. It was not until I saw you that you seemed to love me with the overflowing affection that I longed for. You won't give me cause to question your love again, will you dearest? We seem to understand each other so well now. Each knows the other's heart and each knows there is no longer need of concealment. Each of us needs the other's love, and think what a wealth of it each of us has to give. When we want sympathy and affection, each of us can go to the other and know that all the love we can ask is ours. We won't soon grow tired telling the old story, will we my precious. God bless you over and over.

With my heart's best love I am
Ever yours my dearest,
Edward C.

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Bristol Tenn.
Dec. 4 1894

My Dearest,

Your dear letter was the (illegibleDo you know as I read your name I thought what if there is no other name (illegible) below. But there was my (illegible) invitations very pretty and you may be sure I do. I will write out another list and send you – though I have about exhausted the list of those that I am particularly serious that you should know. You will find dear that I am not a woman

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of many acquaintances. I mean my circle of friends is small comparatively. I have always wanted a few good friends and have never had much curiosity to know other.

The girls are talking so that I can hardly write connectedly. I think I will have to give it up until they get off to bed. It is after 7 o'clock anyway and I am invited out to take tea? - No, to meet with the city fathers and talk over a proposed plan of securing a fresh supply of water for the town. So I will reluctantly say goodbye until then.

9:18 I left the Board after the matters in which I was concerned had been settled and came home to write to you. I have been appointed a commission to go three miles into the country on tomorrow to see a man named Rush in regard to selling his land and the water rights (page missing)

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Envelope
Dec. 9 1894
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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Sunday
4 P.M.
Hazlehurst, Miss.
Dec. 9 1894

My Dear,

I was disappointed this afternoon when no letter came from you, and also on yesterday. What is the matter with you? Have you grown tired writing so often and hearing so often from your Carrie Sue, or are you, like she is sometimes, too busy to write? I shall think it is the latter, for I am sure dear the other is not the correct solution. That does not put any

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great change in my feeling of disappointment, however, for I surely do miss your dear letters sadly when they do not come as regularly as I expect them. Of course you have a great deal to occupy your mind & time now winding up your business affairs preparatory for leaving for Washington by the 1st Jan. I hardly know how I am to let you go and leave me for a short while but if you twill be better I have nothing to say except, that you

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must make the time just as short as possible. I think it will be perfectly lovely to live in Washington, to spend our first year if no longer there, and I shall be perfectly willing to do anyway you think but in regard to our mode of living – keep house or board as you will, I shall be satisfied so long as you are with me. It seems to me though as a means of economy the better plan would be to board at first, and after we had

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lived there long enough to grow tired of boarding and you thought you would stay in Washington long enough to justify it, we could go to house keeping & have the girls come up and stay with us.



There is "method in my madness," you might say, and there is my dear. You see if you decide to keep house at first, it will take you a much longer time to make arrangements for my coming while if you are to board, you can very soon find a

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place for us, & if I do not go on with you I can come in for a few days. Is that very clear to that soft cabbage head of yours? Do you know I feel a little disappointed about leaving Bristol. I had thought of living there, meeting your friends, taking little trips with you in the mountains in our "ox tram," and a number of thoughts connected with the life there, of being in the house with Ada and Alice & perhaps Effie & Jo, but now I shall

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catch only a glimpse of that life. But my dear, while that is all true, I am glad to go to Washington with you, and no doubt shall like as much if not more than in Bristol – you know I am very fond of the city life, the advantages one has etc. even in a limited way. I agree with you that we must live so we can have something hereafter & not live up to our means. I have never had an opportunity to live very extravagantly & shall not care to to very

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much in the future I guess. I wish you were here this afternoon. It is a dark rainy day and we could hold our afternoon "session" undisturbed. I went to church this morning the last time Carrie Redding will ever go except on the 19th and then what a change there will be in about 5 minutes time. By the way, have you written Mr. Bailey yet? He leaves for conference tomorrow or Tuesday, but you write him there and it will be forwarded.

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Tomorrow I teach my last day at school, & tomorrow night, if the weather permits, I will give my last musical recital, by my pupils. I expect to spend the balance of the time here, at home resting – shall retire early and go nowhere.

I am sorry dear you cannot come next Saturday to spend Sunday with me, but I will give way gracefully when I know it is to your interest to wait a day or two - but please try to get here Monday aft or Monday night, or even

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Sunday night would not be objectionable. I think if you came by Grand Junction you will pretty apt to reach H on the early morning train, instead of the afternoon. I care not what route you take, just so you get here on time.

Your Bristol friends will be reading our invitation tomorrow as I sent them out yesterday. Hope I have not omitted any you wished sent. I sent Louis Levy's to N.O. care of Mayer & Levy. In a letter from Guy

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received two days ago, he gave me the addresses of a good many friends who had left Jackson, and Louis's was among the number. I asked him for them. He sent my ring yesterday. I will send his to him tomorrow. Guy wrote a very nice letter and spoke very highly of you. Will give you his letter to read when you come if you should care to read it. The Jackson people will receive their cards tomorrow. I must stop to mail this before too late. Mary sends her love to you. 10 days!!!

With my best ever
Your own
Carrie Sue

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Jackson Miss.
12/17/94

My Dear Miss Carrie

Is it possible that in two short days we are going to bid farewell to Carrie Redding for all time? I would not have it otherwise, for though your life so far has been bright and happy it will be fuller and happier as a wife, and it would be selfish for us to ever want you to be "Miss Carrie" just so we could have you with us when we want you.

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If I don't see Proff.[sic] Huffaker, extend congratulations and say to him for me, that never has so lovely and sweet a woman stood at the alter [sic] and given her life and happiness into the keeping of the man of her choice as she whom he will so soon call his own. We will miss you but I hope Mrs. Huffaker will be the



same good friend that Miss Carrie has ever been and rest assured she will always have a hearty welcome at our home and we will keep the 12sq inches reach for her

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to occupy without a minute's notice.

May God in His mercy shower His richest blessings on you both, is the prayer of

Your loving friend
Fannie Luther

P. S. We send you by today's express a little (page torn) that we hope (page torn) to you of us when you are in your far off home.

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Dr. & Mrs. C. K. Carruthers
invite you to be
present at the marriage of their daughter
Pattie Carruthers
to
John Magruder Sullivan,
Tuesday Evening, December eighteenth,
6:15 o'clock
at the Methodist Church,
Como, Mississippi
1894.
At Home
After January third,
Jackson, La.

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Waynesville O (Ohio?)
Dec. 29th 1894

Mr. & Mrs. Huffaker:



With the wish that Heaven's blessings may rest upon you through a long and happy wedded life; please accept congratulations of

Your friends
S. J. Way
Frances Way

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Jan. 2, 1895

My own darling wife,
You cannot imagine how much I sympathize with you in your sufferings. I remember you came near slipping several times while we were out on the streets together, but it never occurred to me that you might fall and be seriously hurt. I hope it is only a slight bruise or sprain but you must not try to get out too early as those sprains often heal very slowly. When I was a boy, I fell on the ice and bruised a shoulder from which I did not recover for several weeks. A sprained ankle is usually slow in healing. Do you think your fall resulted in a sprain or a bruise?

Tell the girls I said write Robert to send you a liniment of some kind. If you find you want a physician send for him. I had rather risk his curing you quickly than any of the Bristol Doctors. Often a doctor does not try to cure a new patient, but Robert will get you on your feet as soon as possible. I have thought of you many times today, my darling. I was feeling blue this a.m. when I went up to the

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Smithsonian Institution to report ready for work. Two days had gone by and there was no letter from you my dear wish-wish. I could not understand why you had not written. But when I reached the Institution I met Mr. W. C. Wirlock, 1st asst. To the Secretary, who presently handed me two letters that had been delivered there. I recognized the dear handwriting at once and proceeded without ceremony to open and read them. I opened the last one first and knew at once that something had happened to you. It was very thoughtful of you to say so many nice things about me and you may be sure they were very comforting. But it seems harder than ever now to be separated from you, since you are hurt. Tell the girls they are to take the very best are of you, and that if there is anything you think you would like to eat or drink, they are to get



it for you. They will be kind to you I know, but they cannot love you as I do and I think if I were with you I would prove an excellent nurse. Be very careful my darling, about moving around too soon.

My day at the Institution was spent pleasantly enough though I was rather restless until I heard from you. I had to kill

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some three hours [sic] time before the secretary was at leisure and this I did by wondering through the vast museums. How I wish you could have been with, well and strong. I am sure you would have enjoyed it, dearest. There is no sight I enjoy more than a fine museum. And there is no finer anywhere in the United States. I found that Dr. Lorne Birdsong's Indian relics are about as fine as any they have in the museum, and very much finer than the average.

I met quite a number of the employees all of whom were quite kind and spoke as if they had been expecting me. Prof. Langley and Mr. Wirlock were especially pleasant. I was taken down a hundred steps into a dark basement and through long dark corridors lined with bottles continuing preserved in alcohol and then out through side doors into light again, where I was shown the nowhere I was to do my work. It is a sort of workshop, and I will have two men to assist me. It will all be secret work with locked doors and I am under promise to keep my life eternally sealed in regard to what goes on. But I guess it won't count with you will it, my love? I mean to tell you everything you care to know. I don't think my darling will be disposed to say anything about it. I have been wondering if I would be al-

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lowed to have you with me while at work as I had intended. We will talk about that when you come.

Mr. Wirlock, who is a man of about my age, a little older, says that he has tried boarding and keeping house in Washington and the housekeeping is the more economical especially if one is already supplied with household furniture. A Mr. Taylor who is connected with the Institution promised to give me some points in regards to localities, [etc?], what I think will be of great service to me. So when you get well I think I will not wait long before having you and the girls – Ada and Jo – come up and we will have a royal good time housekeeping. My hours will be from 8 to 4, and the sweetest woman in the world will have to get up early. But she will not mind will she dear? I think I am not sorry that you all miss me. I was blue enough I parted with you, and I do not think sweet I am over it yet. Be sure you write me every day and tell me exactly how you are. I will close now and will write a letter to Robert asking him to send you some medicine. Have the girls write and tell him exactly how you are injured so that he will know how to proceed.



I enjoyed your dear letters very much. The day will be very long now that goes by without my hearing from you, my loved one.

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I was glad to learn that the (illegible) clock & lamps had come. I wrote to George Covington on last evening. It was nice [in?] Marie to say so many complimentary things of me. But it was you old girl, that showed your faith in me from the beginning. (illegible) be I do not love you for it.

You ought to have heard from me on Tuesday morning, as I mailed a letter to you on Monday evening. I should love so much to see.
May God bless and keep my darling wife and may we soon meet each other again.

Goodbye my love.
Your loving husband
Edward C.
Direct always to Smithsonian Institution

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Thursday 2 o'clock
Bristol, Tenn
Jan. 3, 1895

My Dearest,

Your letter has just been received and I shall reply at once. You have no idea the pleasure it is to get your letters. I look forward to the 2 o'clock postman with more delight than you can imagine dear. I am afraid I have frightened you too much about myself. I am not sick, but it seems to me it takes a long time to get over a little thing like this. I am still unable to stand on my left limb, and it pains me to move around, but I am using some liniment I got Alice to get for me at the Drugstore yesterday and I think in the course of a few days, by not trying to use my limb too much, I will be able to walk again. I shall be very careful for your sake as well as my own my darling, for I do not want

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you to feel like you have an old crippled woman for life. Please do not think of me as being sick, for I am as well as can be, & as for being crippled the weather is so disagreeable I would not care to go out much, so having to stay in the home for a while is no very great hardship. Of course it would be very much nice to have my old wooden man with me now of all times, but the girls are the best in the world, & while they can not love me as you do, they do the very best they can, and I am not going to suffer. Ada is writing to

Robert today & will tell him exactly how I am. If by the end of the week I am still unable to stand or walk, we will ask him to come up & see what is the matter. I wish he had to come anyway. I think the sight of him would do us all good, as you can not be here.

I believe Effie wrote you last night

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in regard to the anticipated move, but I do not know what she wrote. I think they would all prefer to stay together until Spring, but I guess they will do any way you wish them to. They do not look forward to going to Washington with the same degree of pleasure that I do. I have somebody there, dear, perhaps you know of whom I speak, who wants me & whom I want to be with more than all the world. If there was nobody else in Washington I guess I would be willing to be there if you were there with me. They do not look at it that way, especially since you are married when your time & attention will be somewhat divided. However, I think they will do any way you think best.

I am so glad you are pleased with your position so far and the men are so nice to you. Of course I will not count in your secret operations, and you know I would keep everything you

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tell me, or that I can "(illegible) violet." You remember Robert's conundrum? We are going to ask him to come up Friday or Sat. Night & spend a day or two with us.

I wrote you such a long letter yesterday, and Alice is waiting to mail this as she goes down town, so I shall make it a little shorter. I will write you religiously & regularly every day and if you fail to receive one every day you will know it is not my fault.

I must tell you my ankle is not sprained, but the trouble is between my hip & knee. It is not bruised on the outside and when I press on my thigh there is very little soreness, but I think it is the muscles & leaders [sic] which are strained & sore. Do not worry about me dear, I will pull thro all right. Ada sends you a note. Inclose [sic] a letter from the Mays which will explain itself. Ada's cold is getting better. All send love. Write to me every day darling.

Your loving wife
Carrie Sue

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Washington D.C
Jan 3rd 1894 [1895?]

My darling wife,

Your precious letter was received this P.M. and while you do not seem to be greatly better, I am glad to know you are no worse. When I went to the Smithsonian this morning I found a good letter from Anna, who seems like the rest of you to have been a little blue over losing me, but none from you. I felt a little mean about you, but was reassured when your dear letter was handed me at the Institute. We have a regular post office at the Institute, which makes it very nice for us.

I did not work at the Smithsonian today. The Secretary told me that I might want to find a permanent boarding place and that we would postpone work until tomorrow. So off I set to find a boarding house. They say a penny saved is a penny gained. If that is so I have made a lot of money today by not riding on the street cars. I took it afoot and walked a many of a mile during the day. My first venture was out on R street to see a two story brick, about twenty feet in width. It was in a fairly good neighborhood and rents for \$17 per month - but it is entirely too far away. So I turned my steps to-

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ward the Capital. On my way I stopped at a house "To Rent" and a lady showed me three rooms upstairs, one a small kitchen, and a hallway, for \$12, gas and steam (illegible). She wanted to rent to me right away, but I did not like the locality, and had no thought of rushing into a bargain with the lady. Then I went to see a man named Collins, to whom Mr. A. C. Smith, Ed of the news had given me a letter of introduction. It seemed miles away but at last I reached a pretty house and inquired if Mr Collins were in. He was not, but his wife said she was - and I told her I guessed she would do. She was very kind and turned out to have been raised in Knoxville, Tenn, and to have known cousins of ours, Maggie Huffaker, [code?]. She told me a good deal about board and rents. Then mother husband and one child occupy a very neat brick for which they pay \$22. She says that three rooms are all we need, and thought they would cost me about \$18, which includes gas and heat from a furnace, making say about \$16 for rents. I think I can do better than this. She wrote a note to her brother's wife a Mrs. Jo Walker who she thought would like to furnish us rooms at a small cost, as they had more than they needed. But I failed to find Mrs. Walker at home and so gave up hunting for the day. Mrs. Collins insisted on my returning at 5 o'clock to see her husband and take dinner (or

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supper) I didn't know which, with them, which I declined, somewhat to his disappointment I fancied. Then I went up to the Institution and found your letter.



This morning I went into the reading room and sat down by a small stove. Presently a lady came in and began trying to warm her toes; I got up and offered her my chair. You should have seen her my wish-wish, as she stretched out her long swan like neck toward me, and with her fingers spread and her eyes rolling and an angelic smile wreathing her countenance said, "No-o-o, I think you. Not at all. I could not think of it for a mo-o-ment," and she kept that up until I thought she was never going to stop.

I never saw so much baloney and put on and red tape in my life as there is in Washington. Everything has to be done in style and with a deal of ceremony.

On yesterday Prof. Langley told me something and a half hour later had Mr. Wirlock write me a letter and hand to me, telling me the same thing over. I haven't seen a half dozen men or women who could talk naturally since I came. Some of the women are the most unnatural beings I have met anywhere. I saw one in the post office, who weighed 190 lbs., and was too proud to look lower than the ceiling and fancied the whole city was struck on her looks. I am glad my mail comes

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to the Institution, for I was in a humor to have a fuss with the old girl.

I think there are some of the most selfish people here in the world. Today I saw an old man call his little grandson into his store for a treat – and he gave him one little piece of red candy, about as large as a small pecan. The storekeepers are too stingy to furnish wrapping paper for their goods, and ask if you would prefer not to have them wrapped up. I immediately tell them no, and have them wrapped up.

I am ashamed my darling to write you such short and unsatisfactory letters in reply to your long ones. Everything you write I love to read, and the longer your letters the more interesting they are to me. I only wish I had time to write as I would like. I have not had time yet to write to the News. You need not be worried, dear, what I write will add tone to the News, and writing for the Courier could not now add much to my reputation. I like the Courier best, but my relations with Slack have become somewhat strained, and I am not disposed to write for him.

Write me every day my loved one. Tell me all your thoughts, your troubles and your pains, and be sure always that I love you. I will write again on tomorrow. With love for the girls, and most of all for your own dear self I am

Your loving husband
Edward C.

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Wednesday
8 P.M.
Washington D.C.
Jan 9th 1895

To My Darling:

It is just 3 weeks today since we were married and I imagine about 3 weeks ago at this hour we were well on our way toward Holly Springs. Do you know it is very difficult for me to realize that we have been married only 3 weeks? The time since we walked back and forth at the Holly Springs depot and looked at the stores, and when we took our ride on the Mississippi, and you declined to talk to me seems a long while ago. So much has been crowded into the last 4 weeks I supposed I never will comprehend how short the time really has been. During this time I have made a trip to Mississippi, got married, spent a day in Memphis, come back to Bristol, had Christmas, saw Charley and (illegible) and Robert and Ada and Gordon, did a years [sic] work in Bristol with Mitchell, left home again, spent a day in Lynchburg, came to Washington, got acquainted with new people and set into a new style of work – and have separated from my dear wish-wish all within a month.

And now you are at Robert's. Or are you still in Bristol? It has been snowing here steadily all day and if it is snowing in Bristol you may be housed up. Besides I [fancy] you will have a time getting out and to the depot before 7 o'clock. That is the only train you can go on. But why

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should I be writing this when (page torn) . . . reached Fullens in order to be (page torn) . . . much I wish I could be with you. I should (page torn) it to snow as deep as a house – not don't interrupt me Carrie Sue. didn't I say as deep as a house? As deep as a little house anyway. And I should like to see the cedars weighted down and the mountains all white, and I should like to hear the winds moan and howl and roar like a great pack of wolves and have you scared all but to death while I was so brave as a lion. But wouldn't it be nice my precious wooden man to be by a cozy fire on such a night as this and tell old ghost stories and be afraid to go to bed on account of the cold.

You will get to try your hand on a piano once more, and I am betting that you make a splendid bit of music. I have some music myself occasionally. On day before yesterday I heard two Italians play a hand organ. One of them turned the crank, and the other waited for two pennies. I thought that if they ever come to a house of mine and played I would give them a dime to go away and never come back any more. But I have music nearer home, and now, anew tune has wafted in my window from some neighboring room the sweet strains of an accordion. Now my dearest when you consider that I have sometimes had to fight against a



feeling of homesickness and that if there is one musical instrument I detest above all others, it is an accordion, you will see (illegible)

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what I (page torn)... An accordion is poor music after (page torn) sing "The Christ is Come, The Christ is Come; He bids his wandering Child come home." Don't you wish that Christmas would come oftener and last longer?

I hope Carrie Sue that when I write you anything in regard to the farmer you will resist on reading it to the girls whether they wish to hear it or not. They have read trash so much that anything enabling and elevating like my lecture on the Causes that have led to the Hayseeder's misfortune has become distasteful to them.

I have had a very pleasant day at the Smithsonian. In all my life I have never had work I liked so well. I think too I am succeeding pretty well with it. The Prof is in to see me every day and usually has quite a talk with me. He still finds fault, but not so much as he did. He was insisting today that I must read up on pendulum, and regretted that I was not more familiar with it. And I was dumb, except in that I promised to read up on it. I wonder if he will ever realize how very familiar I already am with the things he "regrets" about so much. I wonder what he will regret next? But he is a good old man in spite of his fault-finding – an old bachelor – and I like him very much. I do not mind his censure – he sometimes apologizes for it, and says I must not mind, it is the way to learn. One of these times I will

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do things so well and so (page torn) can't think of any fault to find. He even went so far today as to praise some things I had done.

There are two men working with me – one is a [carpenter?] a Mr. Wm Reed – who looks like this (original letter has a drawing). The other is a machinist, and old man named Peter somebody who we call Petey for short. It is awfully nice and warm in our "shed" or work room - as snug as a bug in a rug – or s 2 bugs in two rugs.

I must stop writing now and read up on that pendulum. But first I must make a journey up town through the blinding snow to mail my letter. Did you get my yesterday's letter. Do you (illegible) you did not receive my first letter the one with a sheet in it for Ada? I certainly wrote you two from Lynchburg. Your Sunday letter was received at the office in time but was not handed out to me until Monday P.M. That comes of your scheming to get a letter to me on time. You first sent to the Smithsonian and I ran myself to death going to the Post office. Then you wrote one to stop going to the Smithsonian and try the Post office again and I got



my walk and your postal for my pains. But you are a darling old girl all the same – and I do not mind a few miles walk through the snow.

Give my love to the girls and Robert. How do you like Jo Birdwell
(another drawing)
Write me every day.
Your loving husband
Edward C. Huffaker

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Envelope
Jan 9 1895
Charlotte APO
From
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institute
Washington D.C.
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tennessee

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Washington D.C.
10 Jan 1895

My Darling:

I failed to hear from you this afternoon and I missed your letter more than I can tell you. I went to the office about noon and found a letter from Mitchell but none from you, though this is usually the hour I hear from you. I went again at 4 and found the news from Tuesday but no letter from you and I shall now have to wait until tomorrow. I suppose you got off to Roberts on yesterday and could find no time for writing. The News had my article on Lynchburg, which reads better than I thought it would when I wrote it. When you come I mean to turn the correspondence with the news over to you. You will have plenty of time and I will have very little – and you are a better writer anyway than I am. My time is so taken up now with science that I have hardly time to think of anything else. But I am getting straightened out now and have about caught up with my work, so that I will now have leisure for other things. I want to do some magazine reading; there are magazines of every kind at the Smithsonian and I

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can get any of them I want.

Professor Langley has not been around today. He told us on yesterday that he would likely to be away from the city for a day or two – and I am not sorry of it, as it leaves me free to finish up the work I have on hand. When he is here he is continually changing his mind and putting me on something else before I have had time to finish what I have been working on. There is not likelihood of my running out of work. The amount before me seems endless. I used to get out of heart in working my experiments with the poor apparatus I had at my command because it was so difficult obtain the same result a half dozen times in succession. But I find that other experimenters, with the best apparatus, have been doing no better. They have been experimenting here for 18 months along one line, and Prof. Langley says they are back just where they started.

I imagine darling this is not very interesting to you. So we will not think about it anymore now. I think of it enough during the day.

My next door neighbor, who lives in the room adjoining mine, is I think a Congressman from Alabama and usually has a chum with him at night, another Congressman and they spend their time discussing their personal and political affairs. The Alabamian I think is hard up. Last night he borrowed some money from the other Congressman

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giving him his note, which put him in a great good humor. Six weeks from now he will be down with the blues because he is not able to pay the note. It would I think make me very blue to have to borrow money. If I am not able to pay my way now, how can I hope to pay my way after awhile and pay out of debt at the same time. Fortunately for us both, my dearest, I have no old debts to settle, and the money we make will not have to be thrown into a well.

Did you ever see such vedder as we are having? On yesterday it was snowing and the ground was white. Tonight it is raining steadily. It is such a night as I would like to spend with you. How I should like to be with you at Chuckey City this evening. There are a hundred things we could talk about; and you could explain to me my wish-wish, how it happened that I did not hear from you today. I am wondering if you caught the train on yesterday morning. I rather think you did, or you would have had time to write from Bristol. Be sure you write regularly; I will be anxious to know how your lame le-- limb is. Be very careful dearest until you get entirely well, and then be careful. While you are down if it ever ceases raining you must go and see the Dockeries. Dockery is the Miller, down on the river, and you will know him by his being all covered with flour. I don't know you are to recognize his wife as she does not

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as I remember have much flour on her. But Dockery is all covered with it, even to his eyebrows. Have you met the Fitzgeralds? Old man Fitz used always to be running the hogs out of his cows. He used to wake me up in the morning running out the hogs, and almost anytime in the day I could see Fitz and his blonde dog after the pigs. Now and then the dog would get off after a rabbit, which was a form of sport more to his liking, and Fitz would be disgusted. I used to watch the same dog chase a rabbit through a wheat field. He would jump entirely out of the wheat and get a momentary view of the country. But the views were generally short and unsatisfactory, and I never could see that he accomplished much by the method. Jo can tell you all about Fitz and his dog.

If the Earnests come to see you, be awfully nice to them, especially to Nick who is an old friend of mine and a nice fellow. Henri Earnest is an old sweetheart of Ada's (our Ada) not very brilliant as you will soon discover - which probably accounts for his liking for Ada. When Henri's Aunt was buried he took his sweetheart to the funeral - which has never seemed to me the proper thing to do. If you see Callie Remine, tell him you have heard me speak of him - you remember how I told you he was forced to marry, under circumstances which were a little unpleasant. You must send for Uncle Jo and show him how fine a woman my wish-wish is. Give my love to the girls, and do write to me. It is bad enough to be separated from you, but not to hear from you is unbearable.

Good night my loved one
Your devoted husband
E. C. Huffaker

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Envelope
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tennessee

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Saturday
2:30 P.M.
Bristol Tennessee
12th Jan. 1895

My darling husband,



At last I have heard from you after three weary days of waiting – the last letter I had from you was the one you wrote Monday and received Tuesday afternoon. Perhaps I have not enjoyed reading twice every word you wrote, and the girls were quite as eager to hear from you. I read them aloud most of your letter, and we have had up quite a discussion in which Langley suffered a little. The girls do not fancy him very much for the way he seems to want to run over the entire force at the institution & you in particular. But I think it would be foolish to notice anything he says and it is as you say his criticism & fault findings are the best things he can do for you, for if we never did anything wrong there would be very little to learn, and I

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guess he had got in such a way of criticizing he would hardly know how to exist without it. So much for Langley. Let him say what he pleases. We do not care do we dearest! It was very nice of you dear to think well of any suggestions of mine. I appreciate it very much, but to tell the truth I did not expect you to act on any suggestion I made, though of course I thought them good myself, as we all do of things we say and do.

I guess you have written at length in the letters to Chuckey City, about the room & plan of living and as I have not yet received those letters, dear, I shall say nothing on the subject until my next letter to you, more than this, I think you have decided wisely, and I think we can make that mode of existence pleasant to both of us after we once get started. I expect those letters from Robert this evening at 6 o'clock, and if they come, will write you a long letter tomorrow. (I will write anyway.) I am writing

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this under difficulties. The girls are all talking & join in every now and then. Effie is ironing, Ada is mending, (both Saturday work proper), Alice studying on her Evidences as much as she can while the talking is going on. There is a very fine Pianist here, who gave a recital at the Opera House Thursday night, & another this afternoon. Ada & I had planned to go this afternoon, I am so anxious to hear the sound of a piano & some good music, but we have had a regular blizzard, or snow storm today & the snow is so deep we did not go. He is to play for the girls at the College tonight & Cousin Frank has invited us to come up, so if the weather is not too severe we will go up there about dark.

I must tell you about Ada and Bro. Kennedy. He came down the next evening after beating Ada so badly at Chess, & as soon as he came in challenged her again. She had a determined look on her face, and he sat down with a good deal of confidence. Well, the first game she

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checkmated him in about six moves. He was not abashed at that, and the next game after a hard struggle he beat her. Then for three successive games she beat him badly and she crowed over him a good deal. I think she worried him out with his confidence in himself. He left yesterday afternoon & Ada & I met him in the street while we were out – she teased [sic] him even then, but he promised to come down & beat her when he returns in two weeks. Mr. K said you promised to write him. Have you done it yet? We will look in the Courier for your article. I hope you thought better of it & sent it. I passed by there yesterday evening with Ada, & going down the Courier boys saw us, as they stationed themselves at the windows to have a good look at us & seemed to enjoy it. The look on me as a kind of menagerie gotten up for their special benefit I guess. I wish you were going to spend Sunday with us tomorrow. You have been gone a longer time now that we were married before you left. Do you know that next Saturday, one week from today, will be the 19th Jan. and do you know what happened on that eventful day. Write me a long letter tomorrow dear, & spend the day any way that suits your fancy after that. Be sure you shine & black your boots. All join me in love.

Your loving wish wish
Carrie Sue

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Bristol Tenn
1895
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institute
Washington D.C.

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12 O'clock Monday
Bristol, Tenn
Jan. 14 1895

My dearest husband,
You will please pardon the use of pencil & this lovely stationery I am using, but my tablet it out, and no one going down street to get anymore just now. You do not mind dear do you? Just so you hear from me. I judge you by my self.

I have just had a short nap and feel a little dull and drowsy from it. Someway I did not sleep well last night, was [awake?] a good deal and this morning could not resist the temptation to catch up with that sleep a little – slept about half an hour.

Your letter came yesterday and word to cheer (illegible)

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up that long gloomy day. After Alice & Ada returned from the P.O. Juanita Fair came down with her chat about her numerous admirers, that is all she thinks of I believe & of course can talk of nothing else. While she was here, received a note from a young man asking to call. Ada had a caller last evening, Sam somebody, & she says she "did him up" for good this time & (illegible) will (illegible) come again. Come night (illegible) the same letter but (illegible) to your sister, my dear, that you did (illegible) me yesterday to have some effort.

(Illegible) a letter (illegible) say right away. I had no principle that is cheeky in you must say. Suppose I was to say you are mistaken, that I married you

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for love & principle too? Do you honestly believe that I would have given you up without some good reason of which you would have been the cause after I had promised to marry you? I never did do anything but postpone our marriage did I? I do not remember ever wanting to break off entirely dear. But I guess we had better not argue the subject further, we are married, whether from a or principle, or (illegible) or both sides, and I would not (illegible) if I could, would you darling?

I received a letter this a.m. from my cousin Mrs. Burnley of (illegible) wanting us to visit her during Mardi Gras – said she had heard that I would not go on

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to Washington for some time & thought this would be a good time for me to make her that promised visit. Wanted to know in time if I would come so she could secure tickets to the balls of Rex, Comus & Proteus. I answered her this morning thanking her very kindly but declining her invitation. I see myself now making a visit to anybody here that takes me away from the dearest old wooden man in the (illegible). But it was very nice of her to invite me all the same. She asked if Cousin Ed would come also. I thanked her for you dear & told her I thought that precious Langley and the Smithsonian needed your services just now. (illegible) Langley (illegible).

By the way I am glad dear you restrained your

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feelings & did not let your temper get the best of you in Langley's presence. Just let him have his way awhile longer & when he learns you he will act better I think. The if he does not, just give him in a wild sort of way a little piece of your great mind & be done with it. It seems to me he is a very discouraging kind of a man, to be at the head of things – no wonder nothing more is accomplished than is, when he never encourages a fellow. Why haven't you told him you know all about the Pendulum? I hope you won't go trying to have another explosion over. It made me have the creeps to think of you. I know you are not scared dear, not a bit, only a little frightened and wanted a little fresh air as was the

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reason you got out of the room at a snail's pace. (?) My brave husband!!

The sun shining on the snow today makes it almost (illegible) so bad on the eyes. It is a good deal warmer today. Hope it is so for you.

Mitchell was around this morning to talk about his work & get your address. He seems anxious about his work dear. I guess you had better write him a few words before Spring, (illegible). I hope I shall get your letter at (illegible). It is now 1:30. The girls wish (illegible). Do you know who somebody loves?

With my best
I am
Your loving wife
Mrs. E. C. H.
I will let you know when I expect to go to Roberts.

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Envelope
Jackson
Jan 17 1895
Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institute
Washington D.C.

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Jackson, La
Jan 16th 1895



Dear Brother,

I have been very much distressed since I last wrote you because my letter was so sadly misunderstood.

When I asked you to burn my letters, I did not mean that they would be read or anything of the kind. I only wanted them destroyed as you would be moving away. I never for one moment thought that you would take it as you did. I have the greatest respect for Miss

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Carrie and love her very much, but have not written to her since she married simply because I felt so badly about my last letter to you. Perhaps you think it was a made up plan between Mother and myself to ask for Cora's things: but such was not the case. When I wrote you I knew nothing of it. A day or so afterwards Mother said that she was going to ask you for Cora's clothes. I begged her not to do so, but she wrote and sent the letters while I was at school. She did not mean to hurt your feelings, but thought

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it her duty to write about them. I was perfectly willing for you to keep (torn) all as I told you (torn) was at your home (torn) feel sure that none of us loved her better than you.

It grieves me very much that you feel hurt towards us, and I was never more surprised than when Mother received your letter and I saw how you took it. My first impulse was to write you at once, but it was about the time you came to Mississippi and I did not know what to do.

(torn) thought I would write to Miss C.

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but felt that I was misunderstood all (torn) as I kept silent. Father received your letter. We are glad to know that you are doing so well in Washington. Hoping that you will write often when you find time and that you will think of me always as

Your true & loving sister

Carra

Mother & Father send love & best wishes

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Jan. 18 1895

My dear old man,

I reached here yesterday about 5 P.M. after much waiting & stopping on the way. Just above here the engine blew off the cylinder & the train came to a dead stand still. All thought there had been an accident, but found we were all right. They asked up to the little town of Afton to repair damages which took them an hour & a half. It was a big thing for the town, which consisted of one store on the hill, the depot & the (illegible). The men on the train spent their time

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buying out the store in apples & other things. There were a lot of people on who were going to Texas & they were a comical set. There was the grandma, the mother & grandchild, that is the way Ada finally decided on it before I left Bristol. The grandma was whiteheaded, very tall, large with her dress (torn) her shoes tops showing a small pair of no 10's with the addition of a pair artics [sic] which did not lessen the size of her feet. They were pretty grim and afforded some amusement to the crowd while waiting. When I got here Ada, Bob & Flora Peplin of Iowa who is visiting in Fullens, were at the depot

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to meet me and we were soon at the house where "Aunt Addie" gave me a cordial welcome. I think I shall like them all so much. Aunt Addie seems kind and good, & Ben's wife is very pretty. a plain nice girl. They have made a fire in the parlor & as soon as it gets warm I will try the piano. Have not touched a piano in a month – guess I'll be a little awkward with it, but shall do the best I can until I get in practice again. Ben seems to have given up his music. He is out on the farm today. I have only seen him at supper & breakfast. We will be here until Monday

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when we will go up in the night to Robert's. You may send your letters here until Sunday, when you must send that one to Chuckey City so I can get it Monday evening.

I missed [your?] letter so much yesterday, but I read one (illegible) and Saturday before (illegible) consolation. They all ask about you here speak so well of you it makes me feel so proud of my old wooden man. By the way, I have a crow to pick with you my dear. You told me you were only 38 years old & a cousin of yours, Dr. O.T. Haworth who spend the day with us Wednesday stood me down . . .

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Jan. 23 1895

My dear husband,

Your letter came this afternoon while I was at Cousin Elbert's playing the piano for them all. Of course the music ceased at once and the letter was read while all around we were talking. I had written you, & sent the letter to be mailed, & before that train came in all went down to Ed's store & saw it pass by. I thought of the day we passed through on the Rockbridge, & the many pleasant things connected with our trip, and weren't there a lot them dear?

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After the train passed we went to the P.O. for the mail & to get some stamps for your humble servant, and to get weighed. I have gained $\frac{1}{2}$ pound since I left Bristol, guess it was the big dinner we ate at Cousin Elbert's, they had everything nice. Baked chicken, spare ribs, irish potatoes, corn, sweet & sour pickles, preserves, jelly, marmalade, tomatoes, bread, apple pies, cake & coffee – and I wished for my own old man to enjoy it all with me. I weighed 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. this evening. When we returned home about 4 o'clock, we learned that Cousin Lillie Birdwell & Miss Fitzgerald had called to see me today in our

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absence. I was sorry to miss your Cousin Lillie, as I have not seen her yet, & have heard you speak of her so much. Mr. B. is a big fat fellow, isn't he? He reminds me a little of my brother Frank, in height & the face. Frank has been almost that large. We will go over to Cousin Lillie's tomorrow. We are all seated around a nice fire tonight. Robert, Ada & Jeddie reading while I am doing something better. Nancy, the cook, sits in the corner nodding over her knitting, but her needles never stop. The little dog & cats, the two latter named respectively, "Angelica" & "Diavolo," from the "Heavenly Twins" they have all been reading, sit at our

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feet before the fire viewing the situation. Everything is as quiet as death except occasionally Robert strikes up in some song of which he sings a line then lapses into silence again. I like such stillness very much, as I am not very much inclined to do my share of the talking tonight. Your letter gave me the blues this evening & I have not recovered from the effect of it yet – not - that I did not understand your little lecture dear on the preservation of my health – in my left limb – and I shall follow your instructions so far as I can – but the nearer the time comes for me to go to you the



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more anxious I become, and every letter I receive makes me homesick to be with you. I think I have stood it just about as long as I can my dear, and I am growing a little impatient over it. Up to a certain time I was very well contented & did not allow myself to think about it very much, & was not at all blue over it, for I knew a certain time must go by before I could go to you, but since that time has almost come, I cannot stand much more. Now since you have decided on a room & are to move in it soon, I am more anxious than ever. I just feel tonight as if I just could not stand it much longer. I am

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very glad you have settled on your room at last, & I know I shall like it, especially as it has your wardrobe for your McGrity's, and I like the idea of bath rooms exceedingly well, as also the piano in the parlor. Are there either boarders, or roomers in the house? The minister ought to be satisfied now that we are so close to his church, will be our church too dear, you must not go back on him now since he has secured the room for you. We will let him see we appreciate his kindness by attending his church as often as we care to go to church at all. I have had to write so hurriedly and in such a babel of talking lately I could not say what I wanted to in answer

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to what you said about turning over the new leaf. I believe now is the time for us to do this dear, & I shall fall into line with you in earnest. We will not make light of religion anymore will we & we will read our Bible & try to be consistent members of the church. If we do not turn over our new leaf in the beginning of our new life it will be harder for us as time goes by & I think we are both too old (though we are young enough) to neglect this, so we will decide to live right in our old age. In regard to my trouble with my limb will say I am getting better & taking Robert's remedies religiously, and

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I think I shall be all right by the last of this week, Saturday, when I shall leave for Bristol. I will take with me the liniments I am now using, and will use them again if necessary. I want to tell you this much, which I regret as much or more than you will, I will be troubled with a little lameness for two or three months I think, & I shall have to be careful about walking for some time, so when I get over this now, I will be as well as I shall be for several months I expect. Of course I do not know this to be the case, but I think it very likely and so does Robert – so now if I

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am to wait until I am entirely well I will very likely wait a long time. Still I am not going to insist on going to you until you think it best for me to start, but I am going back to Bristol and stay with the girls until you send for me. I enjoy being here and seeing the kinfolks, but I want to go back to the girls & am going Sat. Next to being with you, I prefer them & home, and if I have to stay away from you longer than next week I shall be better contented there. I am too blue tonight to finish my letter so will stop until in the morning when things may seem brighter to me. May God bless you tonight.

Your loving wife
Carrie Sue

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Thursday 2 P.M.

My Darling,

I wrote the other part of this letter last night and it is now time to go down for your letter & mail this so I shall not have time to write much. I feel better today, dear, can walk better & am not so blue as I was last night, but I am none the less in the notion to see my old man than I was. But I shall say no more on the subject, but keep you informed as to the state of my health (in my limb) and await your summons.

Cousin Lillie's little boy, Henry, with the long golden curls, has just been over to sing for us. He sings well for his age, & seems very bright

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otherwise. We are going over there directly. I have been reading some today in the "Heavenly Times," a book Robert thinks very good. It is no standard work as you know, but I find it good to pass away the time. I wrote to Mama today, the first I have written since I left Bristol. Have you heard from any of them yet? I guess you did from Mary this week as she wrote me she intended writing you when she was at home last Friday.

Jeddie is waiting for this so I will say good by.

Hope your letter will be a good one today. I love you darling more every day of my life, & I guess that is one reason I want to see my old wooden man so bad.

With love,
Yours fondly,
Carrie R. Huffaker



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Envelope
Jan 29 1895
TENN
Mr. E. C. Huff[aker]
Smithsonian W[ashington D.C.]

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Partial Letter

She is not a happy woman (illegible) she shows (illegible) dejected Joe is in Greeneville (illegible) not come to the (illegible) him what he (illegible) and told him (illegible) he didn't [learn/leave?] (illegible) much (illegible)said he was not illegible) life low down (illegible) Saloon of the lowest sort (illegible) Well now I must stop and leave a little for next time will go to see Mag Marx if it don't rain this eve I feel so sorry for her I hope she will be

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Mary will be with you soon she went out again this aft to attend the last of the Con she is feeling better today & Stella is better this eve Write soon love to Mr. H & the girls all send love Mama

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. . . better satisfied about her condition if she must die & I pray that God will take her & forgives her since for Christ's sake it's only through him that we can hope & reach heaven I must go to see her. Carrie do try to live a better life One never knows what will happen We must all try to meet in heaven if we never do on this earth again It's a long way to Washington many miles lie between us and I feel like it's possible that we may never meet in this world & if we never do, let us meet in heaven where we will never part again I miss you so much & more since I have been sick so long I need you two more than ever

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Envelope
Return to Lock Box 13
Lakeland, Fla.,
If not delivered within 10 days.
Prof E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian [Institute]

Washington D. C.

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Lakeland, Fla. 7.16.95
Prof E. C. Huffaker,
Smithsonian Inst.

My Dear Ed:

May the Great Father bless you and may you live to see many happy returns of the anniversary of this the most memorable day in your life.

In fancy I am with you today and I am sure the dear wife and the dear sisters are remembering you in way to make you feel like you were "Monarch of all you

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survey." Passing the milestones with you and I are not so much relished as in our babyhood, but they come and go and we are reminded we are one year nearer Eternity. I do hope the next 39 years will be full of good works and noble deeds from the dear little curly haired boy that used to meet Aunt Fannie and kiss her for her flowers. Those sunny days were long long years ago, but they were so sweet and pleasant I shall carry the memory of them through

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life, and I thank our Father that I can look back and live those lovely days over and still my curly haired boy does not have to go back to babyhood and stand still a little boy because we loved him so much, but thanks to our Father he is a man among men, one who honors his Father and Mother by being what they would rejoice to know he was.

Your letter received long ago, and it was one my Mother would have called perfect, except you did not tell me about you and your wife but you

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promised me that if I would write again – Old Auntie thought she would write at once but I took fever and for six weeks I hovered between life here or Life hereafter. I have been so feeble ever since I recovered that I have found letter writing (which was once my greatest pleasure) the greatest burden.



Tell the dear girls Aunt Fannie was glad they thought enough of her to be anxious to know what she wrote to their brother.

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You don't know how much I appreciated every word you wrote me about each member of the family. How I would love to see you all again but my dear boy it will only be when we have crossed the "River." I am still suffering with a low nervous fever from 100° to 101° every day. Dr is trying to break it up but as I cannot take Quinine it is a hard job. It may bring the end soon. I keep up but do very little work.

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Fifteen years since we parted. Do you know there are only fifteen years difference in our ages.

Let's not think of the changes of the last 15 yrs to you and me they are years filled with many a heartache as well as many moments of pleasure "Let the dead past bury its dead." We would not stop the wheel and keep our dear ones always children however sweet and pleasant it was when they were children. Thank God they have grown out of Dwarfdom into men and women. Do you remember my boy

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how he used to fall down at the Spring and up and away again how mad you made Aunt Joe about Earl crying and Harry never. Well he is a mama's boy yet, taller than you and looks more like your Uncle Bob than any of the grandchildren truthful honest and manly and has the respect of everybody. Tho no "Ladies Man" the girls never hesitate to come to him if they need a friend.

Gertie is the sole stay of this house – it is Sister here sister there and they never call in vain.

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Joy is with us now with her two little girls. Helen Gertrude 21 months old and our baby five weeks old. They are very bright interesting children and of course we are devoted to our grandbabies and think none ever equalled [sic] them since our own were babies.

Lillian our youngest is her father's pet. He says it is because she is her mother's counterpart. She is a bookworm as bad as mama ever was.

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Last winter's freeze left the citizens of Florida almost as much at sea as if Florida had sunk beneath the ocean and washed away all improvements and more again, for everyone to take a new start in life. A great many abandoned their groves and left Florida, a great many abandoned their groves and went into other business to make a living, everybody who remained on their property went to farming to make a living.

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Thousands of acres of groves that were bearing a year ago, will never be resuscitated, almost all the young groves are killed root and branch. The old sweet seedling trees south of Dade City are sending up sprouts from the bodies of the trees, but north of that are very very few trees showing any life at all. Out of 3600 trees Dr thinks there are not more than 300 dead. Some of them have sprouts all the way to the top of the old trees. Dr left his dead trees standing as a protection to the new growth. I have not heard of any grove looking

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better than Drs. He thinks some of his trees will bloom next winter and increase in quantity rapidly after next year, but it is a new experience to every body and all we can do is hope for the best.

Dr is having all the practice he can do now. Dr Henderson who used to divide the practice has gone to St Louis with his invalid young wife to a gynecologist. She seemed to improve rapidly a day or two after operation but they have not heard from them for four or five days and the parents are getting

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very anxious. Dr Perry Dr Preston's father-in-law does but little practice, no dependence to be put into his promises. Dr. Preston's wife celebrated the anniversary of his death by giving a grand "coming out ball." She'll not likely to remarry another (illegible).

I received the Smithsonian Report you sent me, yesterday. I find many interesting topics that will give one pleasure to read. I looked anxiously for your paper but did not find it. Please write soon and give our love to all your family.

Lovingly yr
Aunt Fannie

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Jackson, La.



July 21st '95

My Dear Friend,

Your much appreciated letter received some days ago. I always enjoy your good letters so much. And so you are keeping house now. I certainly would like to peep in at you all in your new home. The girls of course enjoy everything. Where is Ada that she is not with you? Who was the friend from Chuckey

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that came to see you all? Miss [McCalmond?] has been gone for several weeks. Anne has had three or four letters from her and she reports a pleasant trip home also says she is improving. We were all very much surprised to learn not long ago that Anne Gavin was going to Baton Rouge to teach in May Mayo's school. I could not believe the report until I asked Anne about it myself and she

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is really going. I had no idea she could be induced to leave Millwood. Miss Mc C has left Anne in charge for the summer. She board with Mrs. Kiblinger up at the college and goes to Millwood every day to attend to things.

Anne always told me she was anxious for you to return to Millwood and seemed disappointed when you did not come. Perhaps she only pretended so to me as she knew

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how my heart was set on your coming. Miss Webb is going to return I believe think I wrote you that in my last. Just between you and me Miss Webb was not at all popular in Jackson. She seemed to think this place too small for her and made a good many remarks about the people just because she did not receive as much attention from the young

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as she thought was her due. She thought they were ignorant and unrefined. At the last of the session Robert McClelland paid her a little attention and she was carried away with him. Now you know who Robert McC is, may be a good boy and all that but is not first class and has no education or refinement!

I think Miss Webb

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a bright woman and a good music teacher as far as she knows, but we have seen a little talent in Jackson before she ever came there. She has a fine voice and sings well but never will play at all. Please do not mention what I have written and I hope you do not feel hard at what I said for I suppose Miss W is a great friend of yours. The upshot of the whole thing is that she

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she talks to much and is too conceited.

I have not fully decided if I will teach at Millwood or not. Guess I will though if I teach anywhere. I have not been at all well since school closed and everyone thinks I might not be back. Have now three music pupils. Mrs. Thompson's little girls. I, like you, do not think Mrs. Schwing much of a teacher, but I take a lesson occasionally only as an incentive to practice.

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Mittie Jones has a fine son, six weeks old today. Its name is James Entress for his cousin. She and George are both very proud of their boy. Irene and Will are at home this summer. will expects to leave next week for Cheneyville where she expects to spend several weeks with a cousin.

I attended a party at Mrs. McKivin's on Friday night given in honor

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of Miss Bradford a young lady visiting {Ethel?}. The party was a nice affair and everyone had a pleasant time.

George took Irene, Will and myself in the carriage and coming down that hill by Dawsons on our way home we broke down and we girls had to walk to Mr. (illegible) while Geo. Andy and the driver pulled the carriage. It was about 2 o'clock when we got home as we

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had to come out in the hack & leave carriage at shop. You will please excuse writing my pen is miserable.

My love to all
Write soon
Yours lovingly



Carra [G or H]

P.S. Miss Virginia and May have a fine school in Baton Rouge. Daisey is off studying medicine.

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The News

Daily and Weekly

Bristol, Va-Tenn.

1895

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

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The News,

Daily and Weekly

A.C. Smith & Son Proprietors

Bristol, Va.-Tenn. July 25, 1895

E. C. Huffaker,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

You remember that I bought the river land of old man Dryden last fall, and that Larkin Bolen claimed it under his purchase, or pretended purchase, from J. B. Palmer. I had the deed recorded. Since then I have paid no attention to it, because the man I expected to put on it turned out to be of no account. Old Bolen came to see me just before Christmas, and asked me if I had bought the land. I told him I had, and he wanted to know what I would take for my bargain. I told him \$250, and he said it was too much. He then laid claim to it and said he was going to pitch a coup on the cleared part. I notified him not to do so, nor to otherwise trespass upon it. As stated above, I paid no further attention to it. About a month ago I learned that he (Bolen) was tending the land. I notified him I would bring action against him. You surveyed the land, know considerable about it,

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and doubtless saw Bolen at the time, and had some talk with him, as you had some notion of purchasing some yourself, and first put me on track of it. It will be quite a favor if you will give me a statement of what you know of the title of the land, what Bolen said to you, what he claimed, if anything, and what shadow of



right or title he has, in your opinion, if any. Anything else you can think of, bearing upon this land, will be thankfully received. I have understood from Peter Booker that Bolen claims twelve acres of this land as a part, that was, in some way, coming to him. That it was not laid off and designated as his share, and he had a right to tend any part until it was so designated. You probably know something of this claim of his. If I remember aright, you told me that all the parties who had claims had had their shares run off.

When I bring suit against Bolen, I want to act intelligently about it. When you deal with a hard case like him it is best to be sure. There are always lawyers, who will take such cases as his, with the hope of getting something out of the opposite side in the way of compromise.

I will certainly take it as a favor if you will give me the information at your command.

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I trust you are pleasantly situated in your new field of labor and making money. I had hoped you would write something for the News occasionally. Have had nothing from you for a long time. The News is doing well as could be expected. Times have not improved very much in Bristol since you left. We are still waiting and hoping that the future has something good in store for us. I have an abiding faith that prosperity will come some time, but am anxious that it come quickly.

Very respectfully,
A.C. Smith

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
July 29, 1895

Dear Sister Carrie:

I was glad indeed to receive your letter - it had been so long since I had heard from you.

I have been "wandering aimlessly" about all morning, upstairs and downstairs and out in the yard, but can't find any rest for the "soul of my foot." I thought Ada would come home today but she didn't, and I have been so lonely.

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There is to be a play in the theater in Greenville tonight, and I guess she staid [sic] for it, as her fellow is in it. I expect she is having a great time. The hack turned over with them on the mountain, but no one was hurt.

Ada is up at Cousin Elbert's this evening. Cousin Elbert is not well. Bob has been getting ever so much practice for about a month now.

He is kept right busy with his practice and his milk-

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ing. He milks four cows and makes a good deal of butter to sell. This place is quite divided up on the subject of S. S. & the church & school. Tell Jeddy that old Mr. Fitzgerald and Maj. Donnelly go to their S. S. They are bound to keep up theirs. I think they go out with the "byways and highways and compel them to come in." But Cousin Frank and I "swelled the mighty chorus" out at the little schoolhouse. Prof. Kefern is the principal of

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the school, and there are three supplicants for the assistant place, of whom one is Miss (illegible) Donnelly, and Mr. Y and Maj. D. are determined she shall have it, and the directors are determined she shall not & so they have a time of it.

We have got a good joke on Bob and Mr. Birdwell. Neither one want her to teach the school & Mrs. Birdwell & Cousin Lillie are especially against it, but yet Bob wrote her a

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Envelope
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
1115 5th St N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Hazlehurst Miss
July 31 1896



My dear sister,

I was glad you tho-t to write me on my birthday (the 16th) for you were the only one who gave that eventful day a single thought except myself and when I thought of it I did not feel very good over my age. I thought I was older than I was good. I never knew before that Bro. Ed and I were the same age. Ask him how old are we.

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Who told you I took exceptions to what Bro Ed said about his not loving to write? How could I do such a thing when he went on to say that if he had to write at all he would rather write Marie than me? I do not care whether he likes to write or not. I am going to write him and if he does not answer my first letter I will keep on writing until he will get so tired reading my trash he will have to write to tell me to stop if nothing else. No sister I love my brother Ed too much & understand him too well

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not to be able to understand his jokes. Stella and baby have just left for Vixburg on the 1-24 CannonBall. We hated very much to give up the dear sweet little "MaiMo" who was not well at all but guess it is all for the best. [Bird?] is still with us. Mr. Mc wrote us he would meet S in Jaxon and go on over to Vixburg to attend to his candy business and he will get home by Saturday.

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I went up to C. S. to the "Chantangna" last Thursday and came back Monday. Cousin Sallie R. listed and kept boarders. I made her a visit and had a grand time. Sam Jones was there but left the day before I got there. Mr. Williams (the Singer) had a concert. Mrs. Carrie (Kendall) Dampur sang the old solo she sang down here you know when, the "Flower Song." Mrs. Lilly Thompson plaid on The Violin the "Last Rose of summer" while Mrs. Marloe sang it. Will Easterling sang and Kate Egan plaid.

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Alliene Howell, Kate E. - Mrs. Dampur & Mrs. Thompson all plaid on the pianos. That was right good but altogether it was the poorest concert I ever attended. Friday night I saw and heard the little woman from Greenland Lecture. She was 36 years old weighed 114 lbs, 3 ft. 4 in. tall. She was the fattest shortest woman I ever saw. You saw this sight at the World's Fare [sic] I guess. But this one belongs to the Lecture Bearra and speaks

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our language a little bit plainer than old lady Hiller. Saturday night I heard Elliott one of the greatest Lecturers we have. Sunday 11 A.M. I heard a grand sermon on Astronomy by Dr. Black. Of course these were not all I heard but I have only told you the best. They want me to go back and help out in the singing Camp Meeting but I don't know that I can go.

Mama is feeling better today and now that the work will be lighter on her I feel sure that she will get on her feet again.

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Last night Elliott gave us a lecture in the Opera house but very fervent. He took in \$20.00 at 25 cts a ticket. I went and saw Miss Sammie Williams. She and Mrs. Cora Stapleton came yesterday. I shall go and see her tomorrow I guess before she stays too long. It is very warm these days how is it with you?

Kali E. went last night with Geo Covington. What does she say to you about Bob? I think she is trying to make people believe she

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has gone back on him but I can't tell which it is. She is very devoted to Geo. Kali Brumley is now in Miss. City. "Tarry Awhile" is the name of her home but if you direct your letter to Miss. City c/o M. D. B. she will get it. Sallie P is talking of going down there before long.

Sallie McM Mr. Jim Mc's daughter is over at Mr. Lennies and she is as big a "stick" as the other one was. She hardly ever comes over here and I don't cry when she stays away. You must be sure and come home Xmas for we cannot wait any longer and Bro. Ed

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I am indeed glad you enjoy cooking and hope you will keep it up and someday when I get an old man that wants me to cook I may like it too. But you told me before you were married you were not "posing" for a cook. How is it now?

Have been needed but I am here and you there and I must tell you you don't know anything about it.

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Jackson La.
Sept 1st 1895



My dear friend,

Your much appreciated letter received several weeks ago. When you wrote you were all on the sick list. I trust ere this that all have entirely recovered. It is such warm weather to be sick - well folks can hardly stand this weather.

Mother has been in bad health all summer is not confined to her bed but is hardly able to be around. She has

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no strength in hot weather. Father's health is quite good. The schools all open in Jackson tomorrow morning, that is all with the exception of Centenary - it will open on Wednesday. I fear Millwood will have a small opening - from all I can learn the school will be smaller than last term. I am going to teach there again and I certainly dread the first week. It is so tiresome to get everything straight.

Anne leaves for Baton Rouge on Wednesday. I think Anne is wise to make a change - so many of the patrons refuse to

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send back if she remains. Anne has not seemed like herself here of late - is sad all the time and seems to have some great trouble weighing on her mind. Perhaps she is sorry now that she is really going. Miss Maggie will certainly miss her. She seems to lean on her and really I do not see how she will get on without her for Anne has Miss M just wrapped around her little finger. It is the Yankee in her I suppose. Is Mrs. Babcock with you now? I wrote to her about two weeks ago.

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I delivered your message to Gene. They all send their love and Irene sends many thanks for your kind invitation to visit you. Nothing would give us more pleasure. Mrs. Keller is as fat as when you last saw her. She is very proud of her grandson and it is very laughable to hear her talk "baby talk" to it. Irene has been real sick all summer and is very thin. She is a very handsome girl and one of the noblest I ever

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knew. She is very domestic and a great home body - takes all of the housekeeping off her Mother. She has given up her music almost entirely. George is quite a society gentleman goes to all the dances etc., is just as full of fun as when you knew him. Fayette is the doctor and gets a good practice. He is at home



now. Millie is over the river on a visit now but will be home in a week or so. She is visiting relations at Cherryville La.

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Last Sunday Geo K. Geo Gayden, Irene and myself drove about 20 miles to attend Bethel camp meeting out near Woodville. We spent the day returning by moonlight that night. There was a great crowd at the meeting but the preaching was nothing extra. How are you Mother and Marie? Give them my love when you write. I have three music pupils now. Mrs. Emerson Thompson's little girls – all beginners except one – have had them over a month. Mary, the oldest is going off to school, but I will continue to

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teach the other two. Mary would have graduated at Millwood this coming session and was one of Miss Webb's best music pupils but she has decided to go to Blue Mountain College which will open in about ten days. Miss Nibb and Miss Timberlake (who will take Anne's place) are expected on Tuesday. Are you acquainted with Miss Timberlake? She is from Clinton Miss. Several days ago when looking over some music I came across "Mountain Stream." It carried me away back

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to the days when you used to play it so much. I always thought it was so beautiful. You do not really mean to say that you have given up your music. I would give almost anything I possess for the pleasure of taking lessons of you this winter. My love to the girls - also bro Ed. Hoping that you are all well and that you will write soon.

With much love
Yours fondly
Cara Fishburn
Mother & Father send love

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Dear Cousin Alice,

I have just finished a page to cousin Carrie Sue and now have my gun on you so look out if you don't want a hole bored in you. I am just going to tell you what comes first to my mine without any regard to order or propriety, you will excuse me won't you? You see from my writing that I am very nervous. While I write the faithful sound of the old street car falls on my ear. They still have a passenger once in 24 hours. Rev. & Mrs. McFerrin filled our pulpit yesterday, Dr. Keith being away in North Carolina on a two weeks furlough.



Miss Annie Keith is also in NC Asheville. Dr. Hearon is in Newport slumming. A woman up on this floor fetching the carpets all of which have been taken up and cleaned. The partition has been removed between the two music rooms in the old building, opposite Mrs. Messells room,

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and recitation room made. Rosetta left weeks ago on an excursion to Norfolk to be gone till the opening of school, so we have had to look out for a cook, have had to different ones and on the lookout for another today. Mrs. Gillespie is here as housekeeper for the next term. Mrs. Sexton writes she is not coming back. Mrs. Smyth stops to see us today, and speaking of Emory reminds me Dr. Hoterhouse has a boy about a month old. You may have heard of the death of Miss Mary Smee took chloraform to have a [slight procedure performed?] and died immediately, her father and mother did not know she had gone to have it done & at the time of her death he was in the pulpit preaching & his wife in the audience. Vance is almost prostrate with grief.

Mrs. Hearon has not been able to get to get off for home this summer, she was very sick for a few weeks after comm- and since has been so busy. Claire & Eileen spent a week out in the country at Mrs. Copenhavens. Clare also spent a week or more with Clara Hyatt, the young men visit them right often, Cook even has been trying to be a beau of Eileens, of course Dr. Hearan don't approve of him or any other beau for Eileen yet awhile. "Let" has been here all the summer, don't know whether he will go back to Albans or not. Miss Mary Hellen Miles is to be married soon.

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I wrote to Mrs. Wagoner to call on you while she is in Washington.

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I think of going to Jonesville camp meeting beginning the 5th of Sep.

Mrs. Kendrick has gone on the excursion to Boston. You have heard of Miss Vestor Penningtons marriage I suppose? Two of her sisters are coming here next term. Sister Genia went to Glen Helfur Springs this summer and now weighs 137 lbs. Aunt (illegible) girls are going to Knoxville to keep house, Jodie is going to teach in Kindergarten [and will?] teach music as well or take lessons (illegible) at her old place. Cousin Fannie has another boy. I hope Jeddie has entirely recovered. Did either or both of you get the position you were going to try for? I don't feel that I have written you a satisfactory letter but promise better in my next. Ask me what you want to know & I can write better. I will be delighted to hear from you at an early date.

F. E. B. H

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Envelope
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
1115 5th Street NW
Washington DC

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September 4
8 AM
Washington, D. C. REC.

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Hazlehurst Miss
Sept 14th 1895

My dear Carrie

Your short letter came yesterday & I am glad to get it even if only a line to say you are well. I have such a lovely time your letters are a great source of pleasure to me & I enjoy them so much. Mary is in the country now. Elena Hargrove came for her last Wednesday & I had to let her go. I spent that night at Louie's & Thursday night Kate E came up & spent the night with me & last night I spent the night with Mrs Taylor. I think I will go to your Aunt Georgia's tonight & spend the day there tomorrow. We will have to move from this place before the first of Oct. Dick Howell has sold it to a lady

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from New Orleans a Mrs Parsons who has been living in the little house by me since first of June. I told Dick to sell it if he could I would not be in his way, so now I must move & we have about decided it will be best for us to stay in Hazlehurst till Jan. Then Mr. Mc will be better able to decide about where we can go best & he will be better able to go & will know better what his business will be then & we can live so much cheaper here that we could to go to a strange place & economy is what we must practice now so I have made up my mind to live here & be satisfied. I am so tired all the time thinking & worrying over things I can't help. I long for rest & I must have it or go crazy & go where I will have to take rest. I am surprised sometimes when I think of how I have

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lived since you went away that I am not in the asylum. Mary is so discontented & so little company for me, I am better off without her. I hate to feel this way but Mary is so disagreeable & unpleasant when she is at home. I am glad to let her go even if I have to stay entirely alone & I would be willing to stay here at night alone if I had no where to go rather than appease her in going. I do all I can for her & put down everything & do her sewing whenever she has anything to make & I try every way I can to make her feel satisfied & pleasant at home but I have at last despaired & will do the best I can hoping the time will come soon when Mary's eyes will be opened to her course. she don't appreciate anything, & she is hardly

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ever in a good humor. I had a letter from Howard this morning he is in Mobile Ala you could write him there as he will be there about a week says he is not doing very well with his business yet but he hopes to do better as soon as he can get a start. I hope he will do well. Mr. Mc was in Vicksburg yesterday. I had a letter from him too this A.M. said the baby was so glad to see him & that she had grown a good deal & cried so when he left her he saw Joe & he said Joe's folks were sick all of them & Ada & Pet are both married. Ada married two weeks ago I believe I told you about that in my last letter & that same day Pet started to Cin [Cincinnati] & when she got to her Aunt's in Ky she stayed there & married a Mr Stevenson without

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letting the homefolks know anything about it at all. Her husband is a young man a Lawyer & a bookkeeper but not much stability of character he used to live in Vicksburg. Mr Mc says Cousin Mary is crushed he never saw her so sad. They won't let Ada go home yet they want to punish her some. Laura is in New Orleans for a few days I hope she will not get married before she comes back I recon Cousin Mary would have to go to Jackson alone if she should do such a thing. I feel sorry for Cousin Mary. Pet was her sole dependence for a living I don't know what she will do now. I sent you the papers today Courier, Signal, & a La Paper. You will see I read the news of Mrs Pitts death she left a baby one week old Congestion & blood poison the cause poor

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Dr. Pitts it looks like it will kill him her death was rather sudden she leaves 4 children just the same number May Marx left. Dr Pitts has been in bed ever since they buried her he was right sick yesterday had flux. Millie has a nice little boy & we were very much afraid she was going to die she had such high fevers they had to move her from the Hotel when the baby was just one week old to Dr Oak's house the Hotel was so bad & so noisy her temperature was 105 the day they moved her. She was clear of fever Thursday when I was there & doing nicely Mr Brown seems very indifferent about the baby. It's a very pretty & sweet looking child. We have so many new babies here they are getting common Mrs Wairell has moved to Jackson to keep



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Boarders for Millsaps College. You know I hated to see her go we have been associated together in our Society so long I don't know what we will do without her. I will miss her I am glad you are taking an interest in church work I thought you were going to write for your church letter you ought to write it & reunite with the church at once you would feel so much more at home there. We have been having a protracted meeting going on here two weeks now and I can't see that there is any good being done no one has professed religion or joined the church yet. I don't think we will have Mr. Bailey another year. Bonnie Howell is in town now on a visit she is looking badly says she came up to rest awhile & to visit her friends

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Miss Ruth still holds the forte with the organ with no better success Ada Summeral has applied for the music. I don't know who else Alice resigned. The double wedding came off at the church last Sunday immediately after service Dove Miller & Mannie Brumley stood with them, they looked very pretty. I saw them as they passed Ada Conn Brown is in town she stoped [sic] a few minutes to see me this morning she is the happiest looking thing you ever saw & she says she is the happiest woman in the world & has the best man in the world for a husband she wore a green silk & looked very nice indeed & she is looking so well in health looks full in the face & seems to enjoy everything

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& she is the same Miss Ada sends lots of love to you & says she must see you when you come home which I hope will not be long before you come home. Well I have just been down to the Dining Room to eat my lonely dinner. I did not enjoy it much. I never enjoy eating alone not a soul in the place but one & the stillness almost makes me afraid. I have just recd a note from Mary she is having a fine time riding horseback & visiting generally I want her to enjoy it. Carrie Hargraves has taken her out to the singing school & Elma is going to take her tomorrow to Mrs Youngs (Sallie Nelsons) & Miss Agnes is coming back with them I write Mary to stay with them till they get

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tired of her. Louise is up now & getting strong again Kate Burnley came up for a few days last week I saw her & the baby (not legible) is very large for its age (not legible) George is up & doing very well now & the little baby is so sweet & dear. Miss Cara Matthews is growing worse every day & they don't think she can live much longer she has had three hemorages [sic] I will try to get up to see her this afternoon I feel sorry for her she knows she can't live much longer old Mrs Hawkins sends lots of love to you too as I think



of things while I write I will tell you now I have told all I can think of I must stop & mail this so it will go off this aft. If Mary was here I know she would join me in love for all of you. Write soon and often.

Lovingly Mama

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Private

Now don't mention what I tell you in any of your letters here just pretend you never heard of it before when you do hear it. Kate and George are going to be married this fall sometime they told me all about it Wednesday night when Kate stayed all night with me George comes every time Kate does now. George is so expected; he has spoken to Mr Ellis & has his consent but to approach Georgia is his great trouble If Kate would let him alone he could go on to her & not mind it so much he thinks Kate ought to see her Mama

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about it because Mr Ellis told him he would see his wife & she would communicate to Kate & Kate to George. Now don't you wish you could have heard that conversation. I asked George what he said & he said Mr Ellis said he had no objection to him & it was all right so far as he was concerned, that he did object to him when he used to drink but he saw that he had quit that & he was satisfied and willing to trust him, so that's alright. Kate says she knows her Papa has told her mama but she won't say a word about it to her & she can't get a chance to say anything to him I just laughed at them good, they told me all & that they were going to go on a bridal trip & go to see you

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if you don't come in time. They are going to marry in the church about the time you did & go off on the same train you did they won't have a wedding which is sensible I think now don't this sound funny it's funny to you I know but I have seen too much of it. I have been in the secret a long time Kate says she has been so busy cooking is why she hasn't written to you. George is looking for his letter very anxiously Kate hasn't told Babe anything yet nor Mary says they treat her so mean she won't tell them. They do treat her badly sure enough, but she is so in love she can't think of anything but George & George is as bad as she is he

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is a perfect goose about her George said he had told his mother about it but he could not make up his mind to tell his father says it's such a delicate subject. I think he is afraid Mr. Covington will laugh at him you never saw a couple so much in love as they are. Now Carrie don't you hint at anything like you know -



if you write anything let it be on a separate sheet for Kate has to read all the letters I get from you. I guess she will write to you & tell you soon all about it your Aunt Sallie hasn't come home yet. Tell Mr. Huffaker I think I wrote the last letter.

Mama

If you get this I will be impressed. I never could address a letter nicely.

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Envelope

JOHN W. MCMASTER

HAZLEHURST, MISS

Mrs. E. C. Huffaker

1115 5th Street NW

Washington, DC

(newspaper wedding announcement)

O'Kelly-Blackwell.

Married, at 8 o'clock, p.m. Saturday, August 31, at the residence of Mr. Winnett, 211 Jefferson street. Rev. Dr. C. G. Andrews officiating, Charles M. O'Kelly to Miss Ada H. Blackwell, both of this city.

Mr. O'Kelly is a trusted employee of Mr. Robert Sproule and is a temperate business young man, well known and esteemed throughout the city. Miss Ada, the fair bride, is the youngest of the talented Blackwell daughters. The young couple are the recipients of many congratulations from their many friends.—
Vicksburg Post.

The many friend of the bride in Forest and vicinity, her former home, extend to her warm congratulations and sincere wishes that her portion may contain nothing but unalloyed happiness.

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Hazlehurst Miss

Sept. 25 1895

My Dear Carrie

Your letter came Monday & it's useless to say I was glad to get it for you know without telling how anxious I wait from one letter to the next & how glad I am to hear from you. The weather is very warm here & looks like it's going to continue so for a while longer & so dusty. We are needing rain now everything looks like it's drying up. Mary is still in the country and I am alone. I spent last night at your Aunt Mary's & came home this morning. I have been feeling badly ever since. Can hardly stay up. Grannie Harvey is right sick. I was at the Hotel this morning & everybody



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sent love to you old Mrs. Heller especially & she always wants to know if Carrie keeps well. I think if that Nettle Rash in heat you spoke of in your letter is not better you had better get something to take. Your Aunt Georgia has had the same thing she says it's caused from indigestion & that Pepsine is a very good Remedy she says take something and get rid of it at once before it gets a good hold on you. The directions for Pepsine is on the Bottle. Your Aunt Mary is better of her itching & she has quit snuff & has grown very stout & fat & looks a sight. I saw Mittie (illegible) & her baby yesterday it's a big ugly boy. She sent love to you. Well Anna is still here will go to Nashville as soon as the other Browns

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get moved into their little home on the hill. Mr. Tom Grooms is to take the Brick Hotel I hear & I guess Mr. Brown will have his family here while he goes to Jackson to take charge of his affairs in Jan. You all intend to eat this winter I think, but it's nice to have plenty of everything. Well, I thought as you did about the Briltion girls it was rather a tacky affair they wore silk dresses with lace hats. Albert H is in a store at the Plaining Mills and Ed G keeps the books in the Plaining Mills. I don't know what sallary [sic] they get. Albert did leave but he came back. The Simmons have not moved back yet & I know nothing of their plans. They elected Miss Crutchin of

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Brookhaven for Music Teacher school opened last Monday. May says Miss Crutchin is very pleasant and nice she taught three or four years with Mr. Kidel in Texas she only had six pupil the first day hope she will have a full class will tell you more of her later. Miss Ruth did not apply at all. The Music Teacher's sallary [sic] is only \$40,00 & the other teachers get 37,50 Linda Anding and Miss Mary Miller are both sick Colie is teaching for Linda this week she says you owe her a letter & she will send the recipe for biscuits when you answer. I don't think Laura married. I have heard nothing from them since she got home from New Orleans. Mr Mc has not been home since first of the month & I don't know

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when he will come he is in La somewhere about Baton Rouge or Alexandria he may go to St. Louis before he gets back here but I think he will come back here first & he may be here by Saturday or the first of the month. I will try to get him to send something to the Presser. His house is mighty slack about paying his sallary [sic] he hasn't collected his last month's sallary yet. I don't like the way they are doing or the way he is doing. I haven't heard from Bud in several days not since he was in Mobile. Hope to get a letter this aft when train comes. Now Carrie I am afraid Mr. H is not going to let you come at all. I want to see you mighty bad and you must come. Georgia was talking about you the other day said if you couldn't come



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by the first of Nov it will be best if you do wait till Kate & George get back & be here at the reception that she expects to give Kate on their return from the Bridal trip. They are to marry the 14th of Nov & be back here by the first of Dec I guess. & Kate says they are going to Washington & other points. Now you might be ready to come right on as soon as they leave Washington or come on with them to Atlanta & on here that would be nice for you I recon [recon]. Mr. H is afraid for you to come alone. I think you would enjoy the reception more than the marriage. You could meet everybody then as everybody will be there. Your Aunt G wants you to be here & help her fix up & she wishes for you now to tell

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her what to fix for Kate & everything. Georgia cries a good deal about it and Mr. Ellis is worried she says but you know he never says anything to outsiders about his affairs. I think they will have all of Kate's dresses made in Louisville Ky. Old Mrs. Hillon told me this morning that she heard it was to be in two weeks. I told her I was glad she told me. I would get after Kate about it. I will tell you more of Kate in my next letter. Mary will write you about her visit & all the news she gets. I think you are quite right about the smaller house. I wouldn't like to be obliged to take boarders to get a big house a small house is easily kept & when you are able to have a house of your

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own then have it to suit you a small house will be easier kept warm in winter. I have moved into the old Meek house. We are not comfortably fixed but I guess we will make out some way for a while, till Jan. then we will go away from here I hope. I had to move by myself. Mr. Mc & Mary gone. I got Albert though and had so little to move it was not much trouble. I shut the house and go somewhere every evening to stay all night. I have been staying with Mrs. Taylor more than any she is so close by I can get up and come home & cook my breakfast it's mighty lonesome to be here & cook & eat all alone no one to speak to or hear. I tell you Carrie Sue I never thought I

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could do it but we can do anything if we try. I had a dream about Bud last night & I have felt blue all day about it. I hope it's only a dream. I would not write anything to Frank to make him feel badly. Ida Belle got mighty thick with Stella before she went away but let them go. Dora Ard has a little girl three or four days old. Miss Cora is still very feeble. Millie's Baby is not very pretty. I think it will have a red head. Georgia's baby is growing & it's beginning to look bright & it's a very pretty baby. I guess I have told you enough this time so will close. With love for Mr. H & the girls & lots for yourself will write to Mr H soon.



Lovingly, Mama

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List
Moving 2.50
Coal & wood 2.60
Lamp wicks .5
Lard 40
Steak 12
Meal 0.5
Butter 10
Sa__se 10
Pepper (illegible)
Apples (illegible)
Cabbage(illegible)
Soda water .10
Sl___ poles 8
Coffee 15
Milk 2
6____

Lamb bone 10
Celery 5
Apples .5
Turnips .5
Bread 5
1 Gal buttermilk 15

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Envelope [typed]
Georgia Experiment Station
Experiment, GA
R. J. Redding, Director
Mrs. Carrie R. Huffaker
#1115 5th St.,
Washington, D.C.



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Oct 12,/95.

My Dear Niece,

I have not time to write you a long letter, and want sikmply [sic] to write a line oe [sic] two to insist on your giving us a visit sime [sic] time in this or next month. I presume you will go to see your mother some time soon, and you will want to take in the Exposition. Now we just 43 miles south of Atlanta, on the Central Of Georgia, and you can run down her [sic] in one hour. Scalpers tickets are plenty and cheap, and we have plenty of turnip greens and "sich", and other things of that sort. Extend this invitation to your darling husband, and commence at once to put away your spooney manners, for we will not stand too much of that. I hope your Aunt Ella will come some time during the Exposition, but she has not yet determined upon the trip.

We are all well, and send love,

Your affectionate uncle,

R. J. Redding

Signed by

R. J. Redding

Mrs. Carrie R. Huffaker

Washington, D.C.

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Hazlehurst

Nov 14th 1895

My Dear Carrie:

I wrote to you several weeks ago in regard to the invitations, & sent the letter to the bank for Mr. E to enclose a check but he thought it might be too much to you so he sent to New Orleans for samples. So I thought best to destroy that letter as you might not understand. However we did not like the samples as well as yours & now I am sorry I destroyed the letter. Since reading yours today to Kate I can't imagine why you think that I am offended with you. I certainly have understood your motives

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and appreciate ever suggestion you made in regard to Kate's marriage & I wrote to you that I would be so glad if you could be here with me. You know we could always plan & work together so well. Please write



me and tell me everything about it. There must be some mistake. I took a good cry when I read Kate's letter & felt so sorry to think of your feelings being hurt. No, Carrie you need never fear about hurting my feelings in regard to anything for you have always seemed more like a younger sister to me than a niece. If anybody has written anything of the kind they did both of us a great harm. I appreciate Sallie's worth to me

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also, but it is in an entirely different line. I need all the help in suggestions and sympathy that I can get, indeed, some times I almost break down, but I know that will never do & so I try to put on a cheerful face & look on the bright side. I feel more like there is to be a funeral than anything else. Nobody can imagine how it is. Kate is too young and too great a child to take such a step.

Mr. E feels very much the same way but he takes a common sense view of it & says she might do worse & we will have to give her up someday anyway. I hope you haven't thought hard of me for not answering those dear letters you have

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been so good to write to me. I enjoyed reading them so much & have wanted to answer them so many times, but I never saw a well day after left until after the little baby came, & since then my hands have been Oh! so full. No one knows but myself. Since then I have been improving very fast & he is such a great big sweet baby. Always in a good humor and laughs at everybody he sees.

Please accept thanks for his little shoes and socks. They are just as sweet as can be & he intends wearing them the first time we go calling & that will be as soon as his cloak & cap arrive. He will be 3 months old tomorrow &

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I haven't been anywhere yet.

Kate & her papa are in N.O. now. You can imagine what a disappointment it is to me not to be with them. I fully expected to go with Kate but (illegible) was taken very sick the night before & is still in bed. I know her papa has excellent taste in selecting such things as she will need, but I could have thought of so much that I am afraid they might forget. Miss Owen of Louisville is making her traveling suit & I would have had her silks made there but did not like her samples. The silk samples you sent are beautiful & if I had known the marriage would have been put off I

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I could have one made there, but as I have had the samples so long I am afraid to risk sending so far.

Kate is perfectly delighted at the thought of being with you so soon & I am afraid she will tire you and Mr. H out. Now Carrie I hope you will not put yourself to one bit of trouble. They will enjoy it so much better if you will treat them just like they were at home, than to see you worried. Make Kate help you with your housekeeping & go all you can. You needn't mind George any more than you do Kate. I would be so glad if you could come home with them. Can't you spend the Winter with us? Katie

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& Mary are boarding but that needn't make a bit of difference. I have two vacant rooms upstairs since Fred left & nothing could please me more than to have you back as in olden times. I often think of those days Carrie, when you were with us & Kate & Babe were little school girls & I would give anything in the world if I could enjoy them again. It is so sad to think that my children are drifting away from me. I must close this doleful letter & go to bed. Everyone is asleep but me & Babe. Mary is staying with us since Kate & Mr. E left. Katie spent last night with us, but it rained

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Envelope
Hazlehurst Miss
Nov. 15 1895
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D C
1008 8th N.W.

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Nov. 17 1895

Dear Carrie

Your long letter came Friday and found me very busy indeed making Bess Birdsong a dress & a waist for Mrs Alexander Now I know you will turn up your nose in amusement I imagine I see you now but Mrs Taylor & myself are taking sewing together & we take what comes in but Mrs Alexander is very particular to talk to me about what is to be done & how Mrs Taylor is help in her eyes, she is awful nice. she brought a dress that was made in Jackson for us to fix it did

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not fit in the armhole & she ask me particularly to fix it. I did that yesterday but she pays for all we do & we charge her full price Mrs Fairly came to get us to do some work for her but we had so much on our hand we had to decline we Kates tea gown and Marys [sic] dress to make next week & a Cape to make for Lora Horne & a dress for Katie Louise & if we get all this done we will have to work faster than we did last week but we are going to try it & get through if possible & take no more after first of Dec we have some to do for ourselves before Kates to do comes off I have a dress to make for Mary I dont know yet what it will be

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but it will be a green & black if I can find what I want Mary had no business to write you as she did and I wrote if you remember not to (illegible) anything or say anything about it you know how your Aunt G is she so often says things she dont mean & now she is worried about it & dont seem to think she ever said it & perhaps she didnt we didnt hear her say it. I am sorry anything was said in your letter to Kate I didn't want Mary to write anything that would worry you in the least because if anything can worry you at any time it will certainly worry you more now while you are

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the condition you are now in. she wrote to you at once and so did Mary I guess you will get those letters today or tomorrow & now write & relieve her mind & Marys too Babe has taken such a fancy to Mary & comes up often & Mary has promised me that she will go on & go to see them as though nothing had happened I was very much hurt at the way your Aunt G talked about Mary but I dont intend to notice anything anymore & go on & do my duty. I am going to leave here as soon as I can & I do want to go away in peace with my kin anyway Now if Sallie will not go down to Georgia before she hears from you everything will pass off right but if she does I fear that will be a storm

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I would like to make some of your little things very well I will write you again about this before Kate goes, so don't buy anything before she gets there or at least till you hear from me on the subject again I will write you what to do You must not sew on a machine if you had one its time enough to get all you will need. I would only get what was really necessary at first & then as you need them get them & to suit your Aunt G is very sensible about her little wardrobe & I will see her and find out what she had & that will be plenty for you. I will make the bandages & shirts myself you need not send any

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thing for them I will get that myself save all of your little napkins they will be nice & soft to use for the first & you can get others if you want to but Mary can hem these for you on any machine & you need not bother about them If you want to you can send the Diaper by Kate & we can make them I have them washed so they will be soft & ready but its time enough I think of these I am glad you are eating fruit & not so much meat now Carrie dont deny yourself too much of meat I think a little steak cooked nicely would not hurt. Some women crave meats so much & eat too much all the time but a little to keep you from growing weak will not hurt you. I think you ought to use

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the Mother's friend two Mo regularly & by direction & you might begin to use it moderately for three Mo or moderately the first Mo & then constantly for the two last Mo & rub your breast too with it its fine for the breast it kept Mrs. Taylors breast from rising she used it on her breast after the baby was home eat Oyster & fish you like that. dont you think you drink too much coffee we only have coffee once a day & we sleep better & I feel better too Mary ought not drink it at all I guess the wedding is just off till 10th because they couldnt get ready sooner & after Kate & all got sick every thing

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was stopped for a week or more & Georgia is so undecided about everything & so loth [sic] to let Kate marry at all. Sallie is very _____ and with the Ellises she has had nothing to make for Kate yet only a black silk waist & I think she is a little hurt over it. But Carrie I dont blame Sallie for anything The children go & I spend the day with Sallie & get her to show them about making their dresses & hinder her from her sewing & she never gets a cent for it & she told me that Georgia had never paid her a cent since she went to the Exposition for anything she had done & you know Sallie was sewing for them more or less all the time & now your Aunt G wonders what is the matter with Sallie. I told her I didnt think anything was the matter

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only Sallie had to work for her living besides pay a mortgage on the place. Sallie told me she had paid this year \$75.00 on the mortgage besides support & clothe the family & every month she has to buy shoes for some of them its mighty hard on Sallie I thought Georgia gave Sallie the trip to Chicago didnt you Sallie told me last year that she had done about 35.00 worth of sewing for Georgia & she had never offered to pay her a cent of course Sallie wouldnt have Georgia to know she even spoke of this for anything & you burn this as soon as you read it , I ought not to write such to you but I think we are all too ready

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to blame Sallie she has a hard time she never goes anywhere. Stays right there & sews all the time. Kate Burnley offered to send her a Ticket to visit her & she couldnt afford to loose [sic] the time from her work I feel sorry for her & she has never been like the same girl since you married, to us, seems to think so much more of us & you too. I have always been glad you had her for Bridesmaid it was no more than you ought to have done. I dont think she intends to make mischief & I dont think she is jealous you are mistaken about that I wish you would write her a letter she did to you & gave the letter to George to mail & he carried it in his pocket two weeks

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& Sallie said she hasnt had time to write since. she has made a lot of dresses, some she sent to New Orleans & for everybody here she has been making dresses for Jennie Smith who is to be married next Thursday. I dont know the man she is to marry you will see it in the papers. am glad you heard from Bud, & glad you wrote him its so hard for them to be separated as they are. Its [sic] harder on Bud than it is on Mr. Mc or Stella you know she dont care but Bud hates to be away from the baby so long & now Stella is away for awhile She has a Position in Port Gibson but its only temporary & she says she gets \$55.00 per Mo

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the Milliner there is sick am glad she can do something till Bud gets a start it will help them on some I wish I had the baby with me now shes [sic] closer to us than she is to Vicksburg that is if she could come through the country I wish you would send Mary some songs she is called on so often to sing & she has nothing to sing she & Mr Ragsdale are to sing a duet tonight at the church Dr Murrah preached today & will be there tonight. Mr Ragsdale & the new clerk at Ragsdale are going down to call on the Misses Ellises this aft Ragsdale is struck on Babe & I think she likes him very well but beaux are very scarce in H you know. Mary will go down to Mr Ellis to attend the class

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tomorrow night I will send the presents by Kate. Nannie has another baby a little girl about two months old & Mrs Wilson is in Brookhaven waiting on Natalie I havent heard whether she has her baby or not yet I guess we will hear it when it comes Mr Taylor was a little worried with his school acct yesterday he had to hand in the cash & he said I tell you I miss, Miss Carrie. I never will have another Music Teacher like her he said he never had any trouble & never had to wait on you but now its wait & wait & even pay up for

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some of them a thing he never had to do while you were here I am glad to know you did better than all of them. Mr Taylor often speaks that way about you Miss Crutcher dont seem to have any beaux I never see her with one beau have played out here though Ms [Oates?] is still quite sick I must stop now & go down to see what Kate got (illegible) so busy yesterday (illegible) get down (illegible) so often. I had a letter from Frank yesterday they are well I guess Mr Mc attended to that Business I told you he said he would. he will be home sometime this week

Love to Mr H & the girls & Mary joins me in lots for yourself
Mama

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Maimo was 3 years old the 5th of Nov & Hilda was 3 on the 4th of Nov now Carrie send the little cap w Nellie your aunt G will like & appreciate it coming from you

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I sent the baby Maimo a little plaid dress & two undershirts for her birthday I sent them for service

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Vicksburg Miss
Nov 23rd 1895

My Dear Auntie "Cabby"

Your nice long letter came to us this week while my "Nonie" was in Port Gibson and as she has just gotten home I know you will excuse us for not answering sooner. Let me tell you first thing my "Nanty" can mix yours and Papa's letters up with a whole lot of others and I can pick yours out by itself &

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Papa's the same way. Now don't you think that a smart thing for me to do and when the Postman hands me all the mail I know Papa's letter just as soon as my eyes are on it – and too when my Papa's letter does not come – I just yell and get mad with him so he brings me one the next time. Yes mam I had a birthday and am sure enough "fer" "yeas" old – and I am big girl too you just ought to see how very fat I am

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fatter than you ever saw me – so fat that even my strong "Noney" cant lift me up easily. I am wearing a No 5 shoe and Daphnes dresses and hats fit me although I am too much a baby to wear hats yet. Daphnes

dress fits me tight in the waist and I am getting ashamed of myself for getting so fat When folks tease me and say I am a "fatty" I cry and run to my Nannie Mama. My hair is still curly and is below

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my waist. I think I have grown lots since you saw me. I will always remember Uncle Ed and the oranges and that you live in Washington D.C. I don't ever forget the D.C. part – cause it isnt plain Washington but must have the D.C. to be very right. I shall be so glad to get the caps – My "Nonie" got me one some time ago and I have most worn it out – one of those little "German" caps you know with a tail hanging down the back. It does

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not keep much sun off but I look awful cute in it – and I love to wear it cause [sic] I likes the tail part.

We all enjoyed your description of your visit to the Institute very much and wished you had told more – and about the little mice – we never have anything like that down here in our show windows – but we did have a big show and I saw the Parade and got all scared of the big ole "eleban" with his long tail in front. I got so

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scared I could not get over it for two or three days. We did not go to the show because I am too little yet and "Noney" didnt have any excuse to go.

We have not heard from Papa in two or three days now and are getting anxious for a letter and two we are just "cazy" to see him – we think he will come the "chimbey" (chimney) with Santa Claus but dont know yet so we will go to him in "Alaballa" by the 1st of Jan - if he

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a good position all the time.

I have another Uncle Ed now but I will call him Uncle Ned so as not to get them mixed up – he lives in Kentucky – and Auntie Pet is attending the College of Music in Cin [Cincinnati] – tis very funny that they are living that way but they are both very ambitious for her to finish so she can go to Berlin next year. Perhaps they will carry out their plans but I doubt it

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very much for various reasons – Nantir is with Mama and is still teaching music has a larger class with which she helps Nannie Mama run the house. Uncle Noel Amis is a tall thin blonde but is mighty nice looking and is a book Keeper but I think he does not like children much; he likes me a little if I dont bother him much; anyway I know if I ask for more chicken he'll give it to me.

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I think we have about run out of a topic so will close with much love to everybody that loves you and Uncle Ed especially.

Your loving little niece
Maimo "Veddin"

Dear Carrie:

I guess you can glean all the home news from Maimo's letter. I heard from Kate Ellis some days ago as to her marriage but have not heard when tis to come off exactly. I wrote them back that I could not come down for lack of proper clothes. I am just back from Port Gibson after filling a temporary engagement with a Co. there as Milliner until their regular M was up from a sick bed.

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It was like a frolic to me as I had such a good time and was paid so well. All expenses defrayed and 17.00 for the lightest kind of work. I am to go back next week to sing for an entertainment at the "Opera House" but I hardly know whether I shall or not.

I have a long letter from Ida Belle and they are all so happy and contented, Will's boy is walking and talking and of course I think he is the greatest fellow out. I dont know her for he is a fine fellow.

With love to Baby's Uncle Ed and write again to
Yours
Stella BR

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Dec. 8 1895

My Dear Sister Carrie,



I received your letter this afternoon and we were indeed glad to hear from you all. I received my dress Friday I was delighted with it I am certainly grateful to you all for your kindness in getting it. I could never have suited myself half as well if I had been electing it I am going to have it

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made like the drawing you sent me. I had thought of having my black silk made over but my new dress is so pretty I don't know that it will be necessary It would take a good deal of silk to make it over right the skirt is made by the bell skirt pattern and the sleeves are not extra large: if I should conclude to make it over what would you suggest to trim it in

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and how to make it over? We do not take the Delineator now. We just you all as our fashion plate, and find you far superior to it. I have a fur cape that is a little out of style. Might you suggest something I could make out of it? I thought of making one of those gored collars. I don't know if that is what you all it or not. I will quit the dress business for a little while. All Ada and I can talk about is our trip east.

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We think of going to Bristol first and then to Charlie's and from there to Anna's and arrive at Washington sometime in March. This is Sunday afternoon and it is just pouring down rain. Ada wanted to go down to Donnelly's but Bob objected so she is reading a novel to make up for it. Uncle Joe was up last Sunday. he doesn't come up very often. I must close now as I have

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several other letters to write this afternoon. Inclose [sic] find P. O. Order for dress. Again I thank you for the favor you did me. I am so anx [sic] to see the dress made.

Tell Jeddie I am expecting a letter from her soon. All join me in love to each of you I will be glad to hear from you again real soon.

Lovingly
Ada Mary

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Smithsonian Institute April 17, 1896
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Chuckey City, Tenn
June 8, 1896

My darling Brother,
I received your letter yesterday and was glad indeed to hear from you again.
We are looking forward with great pleasure to seeing Carrie Sue and the baby, and I am looking forward with still greater pleasure to seeing you. Bob you know is anxious for them to come, and he

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wrote to you before he knew they were coming to be sure and send them love and we thought you surely knew we wanted them to come. We are all anticipating a fine time together and then when you come – Oh, my! wont that be fine? I want to see Carrie Sue and I want to see the baby but I want to see you the most. Effie went to Greeneville today. She is in a great way over her trip to Washington. If it was cooler

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weather I think it would be fine (illegible), but if it is any hotter there than it is here I don't want to be there. The hot weather has almost been to [sic] much for me. I was reject (illegible) for a while but am much (illegible) now.

I thank you very much for the beverage you sent me – but I think it is a wicked scheme of yours to get me to like it,

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your telling me it is better than homemade. I take it manfully but I can't make it soda water. Thank (illegible) Let us know what day we shall look for Carrie Sue and Willie. We wish that you would (illegible) more and you'd (illegible) write us, but as you can't we shall all expect you without fail in August. Wish much (illegible) to all

I am as ever your devoted sister
Ada

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I send car ticket I found in my purse.

Tuesday
Chucky City, Tenn.
June 23rd '96

My darling old man;
Your two letters of 21st and 22nd respectfully, received this afternoon and I read the one written last first. Your letters are such a comfort to me for I have been so worried & a little uneasy about our darling little boy, but I have good news for you my dear, Moreland is going to get all right now I feel so sure. We had been trying to think of something to do for him, & the idea suddenly occurred to some of us this a.m. to try Walter's wife's breasts

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for him, but another thought of a lady who lives in the house you all used to live in that has a baby about 5 months old. So Cousin Lilly happened to come in about that time & offered to go and inquire with the matter. She came back with the information that Mrs. Berguer would let us try the baby at her breast, & for us to come in soon after dinner. Ada Bob is so excited about it, hoping the baby would take it, & in fact we are all highly delighted with the prospect, thought I was rather afraid it would be a failure. Well, after dinner the

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(illegible) Ada & I started over with Moreland, & as soon as Mrs. Berguer took him he took her breast as if he had been used to it all its life & nursed until he got a plenty, then we brought him home and he was good for some time after which he went to sleep. Late this evening Mrs B sent me for him again, & when he came home I got him to sleep before 8 o'clock & he has slept ever since.

I think it will be the very thing for him. She is a healthy strong woman

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and Bob says her milk can not help agreeing with our baby. Aren't you glad dear that he will now receive proper nourishment, even if he should have to resort to the bottle again after leaving her.

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

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

The reason I am writing you tonight is that on tomorrow we are to have company & there will be much to do. I will only have time to write you of how our boy is getting along; which I will do before closing this. Aunt Addie came up from Greeneville today – is at

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Cousin Elberts, & will spend tomorrow with us. I have not seen her yet – did not know she was here until Ada went up there this afternoon. I am glad I am feeling better about baby when she comes. I feel like a load is lifted from my shoulders. But if this shouldn't do him good it will be a very great disappointment to me, as well as to the rest of them. The Ada's & Bob are as rejoiced almost as I am .

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

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But you must not censure yourself about my coming down here against my will, for you thought you were doing for the best, & it may prove the very best. Oh! I feel so much better & if God will only spare my little one & bring back to health & strength I shall be so thankful. May He watch over us and keep our precious boy.

The baby's bowels are better this morning. Have given him paregoric twice today.
Good night my own – will finish tomorrow.
Fondly your own wish-wish

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(Copied)



Washington D.C.
June 24 1896

My Dear Old Girl;

I received your short letter this a.m. 11) and was sorry to learn our dear baby was not better. I hope though me may soon begin improving. Be very careful dear about letting him catch fresh cold. His colds always hurt him. You do not say whether you have ice or not, nor whether you are using the peptorizing powders, nor whether his milk has soured anymore, nor whether you have changed his milk, nor whether you are still sterilizing it. Anything that concerns Billy and you will interest me.

While his bowels are bad it might be well to thin his milk again, but leave that to Robert, merely suggesting it. He knows better than we do what is best for him.

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

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

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

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

Effie and Jo went over to the Smithsonian today and

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went up the monument. Effie was greatly taken with the Smithsonian, but not at all struck with the monument. Alice went through the army and navy building, having taken a notion while at the gallery to do some sightseeing for herself. She is taking lessons under a private teacher in Elocution and Physical culture, under a lady who comes every day to give her lessons. Her charges will be \$10 up to the 1st of



Aug. It is pretty steep but the best we could do. I will loan Alice the money and let her replace it after she begins teaching.

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

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

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soon as possible. See darling that as soon as the milk comes in that it goes on to the ice at once. If you haven't ice send at once for some and keep it on hand. If you sterilize the milk, even if you are about ready, still put it on the ice. I mean simply do not let it stand and wait. If you are not sterilizing it, get fresh milk twice a day and keep on ice. Even if you are sterilizing it, I think it would be well to sterilize twice a day.

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

“What's this bell tower to me?”

“When you're not here?”

Goodbye my loved one

God bless you and the baby

Lovingly

Ed

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Envelope

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Smithsonian Institute

Washington D.C.

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Wednesday

My Darling,



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

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sleeps there all day where she can nurse him as soon as he needs it, & he will not cry so much. I will keep him at night. I told her we would pay her to do this, and try it a week – if after that time he seems to be improving we will keep it up longer.

Last night is the first time I have ever put baby to sleep & gone down to sit with the folks. Ada was sleeping & came up to go to bed & I went downstairs where Robert & I sang with the guitar. I wished for you dear.

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The baby slept well until about 12 o'clock when he got restless & cried for his milk. I was awake with him an hour or two.

You do not know how strange I feel not having baby to look after. Bob says it will be a good thing for me to have the rest & get out a little. I will go over two or three times a day & see about the baby.

Aunt Addie, Miss Mary Holsinger, & Rhoda & baby are spending the day with us. We had fried chicken & ice cream &

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cake for dinner – other things too. Aunt Addie has asked a good many questions about you.

It is time for the mail so I must stop. Am so glad I will hear from you every day dear. I will write every day about baby. Don't be uneasy about him, I think he will get along all right now. Bob thinks it a good thing. Baby Moreland sends love & kisses to his dear papa, & his mama sends twice as much love & as many kisses to her dear old man.

Lovingly your own
wish-wish

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
June 27 1896

My Darling Old Man:

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

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

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write any better when I was so distressed about the baby. I feel so encouraged about the little fellow was over there nearly all the morning and he seemed much improved. He laughed & played while I was bathing & dressing him & without much trouble I rocked him to sleep and he has taken a long good nap. His bowels are better now, the color darker & more natural. We give him a little oil every morning & it is doing it lots of good.

I got Robert to go over yesterday afternoon to make

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the baby a professional call, as he has only ever seen him at night & could tell very little about him. He was delighted with the improvement in the baby & thinks he is doing very well now. If Mrs Burguer can just hold out at nursing the two babies, we will keep us this way as long as possible.

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

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

I will pay her some money too. Bob thinks I had better give her a dollar at the end of her first week which will be Tuesday. If little Moreland is benefitted money is no consideration with us is it dear? The poor little fellow would have hardly pulled through this summer if there had not been a change.



Mama was about as distressed as you were, & wrote yesterday that if the baby grew worse

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

Of course we stopped getting ice, for we have not used cow's milk this week and did not need it to peptorize his milk with. There is such a relief of not having all that to do & the baby getting on without it. Aunt Addie left this a.m. at 8 o'clock. We all went to the train to see her off – she sent her love to you – seemed

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concerned about baby & asked me to write her how he gets along.

Saw Cal Remine for the first time this a.m. says he will be out to see the boy soon.

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

Will write every day.

Baby Moreland sends his love & kisses to Papa. Somebody loves Moreland's Papa.

Your own loving
Carrie Sue

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Nashville Tenn
709 South Summer Street
July 14 1896

Dear Carrie

I am still here as you see and I don't know how long I may be here yet Ida Belle & I have just come in from the Dr's office where we went to ask him about your coming with the baby. He says come on at once he



thinks the Diet for the baby can be prepared here better. & he says if possible you must get a wet nurse for him that we will attend to at once. & he says when you start get some malted milk to fill him on as it's

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

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she will wait on you & help you take care of the baby & help you on the train & everything for 25cts first let her know you will pay her & she will do all you need done & we will meet you here & be so glad to see you & have you with us. Now Carrie dont wait but come right on the sooner you come the better for the baby Ida Belle is very anxious for you to come they have a very pleasant house so cool & nice. & you can have everything you need here I write in (illegible) will write you again

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if anything you want to know this Dr says the baby will be better off here than there so come dont wait we are so uneasy about him all join in love hoping to see you soon

Lovingly
Mama
& a thousand kisses for my sweet little baby

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Kandler & Gaertner,
Scientific Instrument Makers,
Astronomical and Surveying Instruments,
415-417 Dearborn Street
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13 1896

My Dear Mr Huffaker



Your letter of the 9th inst has been received. I had expected that the estimated weights of the [foame?] would be heavier than you would be able to use. However I meant the two other single tubes included in the 45lbs. The [foame?] as you estimated it at 20lbs I would be able to make within 35lbs if I use the tubing here in the [illegible]. I have not heard from Mr. Mannerman yet but am waiting for an answer every day. I am sorry that the guy host were not as you expected, but I really did not see the punch made in the paper and that that you referred to sketch right over it, the diameter of which I tried to copy as near as possible. I have material here, perhaps with the exception the light steel tubes, which will enable me to give you almost anything you wish for, but I think it will be better to avoid mistakes to give the dimensions in inches or millimeters. I send you by to days must a new crass piece, which I hope will have all the strain you have to put in to. I may be a little longer in inside diameter on the first one, but I think you will be able to get a thigh [sic] fit by putting some paper around.

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In case you should wish some other pieces braced, which have to stand a great deal of strain, I think it will be best to make lap joint bearing. The ordinary bearing weakens the material to much on the joint and I think it will pay to spent [sic] a little more time on a good joint than have it brake [sic] though away the [illegible]. I shall let you know about the new estimates as soon as I hear from Mr. Mannerman. With best regards to Mrs Huffaker and family.

I remain very truly yours
Wm Gaertner

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(copied)
Tuesday night
8 o'clock
Greeneville, Tenn.
Sept 10 1896

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

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and slept until we had to waken him to get him ready. Nellie came up & helped me get him ready & to the train, we did manage not to get left. Have spent a very pleasant day with aunt Addie, Minnie & Dan. Ada Bob decided to wait until tomorrow to come down as Bob was to stay today and then she was not right well. Ada was at the telephone this afternoon talking with Ada Bob & she said Bob might go

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on to Asheville tonight, which I hope he will do. Nola was about the same she said no developments yet. I think Bob could easily leave now. I think he was pretty badly disappointed yesterday. Last night he had very little to say & every now & then it would be something about the trip, showing that he was thinking regretfully of

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it, but tried not to show any regret. Cousin Elbert came down this a.m. on his way to Knoxville. He did not stop here. Saw Uncle Joe at Afton & he said you & Arthur got off early this a.m. I do hope that you have had a nice trip of it dear & will feel repaid for it. Tomorrow is the great day & I know you will enjoy Bryans speech to the fullest. I am so glad you could go. We missed you lots last night my own

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

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asked when you were coming so she could read up on politics to answer you back. She is very nice to us. Her cows are not Jersey but Holstein & from them she gets lots of milk. They have ice & milk, so you will enjoy that. Her dinner was fine today. She has everything fixed up so new & nice. Her parlor & hall & stairway carpets, & the old parlor carpet in the sitting room. Just finished fixing them

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yesterday. It is cool pleasant – makes me feel like I would like to stay here all the time if you were here with us.

Ada & Minnie have gone to the sanctification meeting tonight. Aunt Addie & I are going in the morning & leave them to take care of Moreland. That was the plan arrange today.

Moreland has been pretty good today on the whole.

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

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a hand. Hurry up & come on & help me out. I am the only Democrat in the crowd & they are about to down me. I haven't had time to read up so say nothing much. I wish I was going to be with you tomorrow dear, wouldn't we have a good time - you & your together bumming around.

I will write you again, to Fullen when I know you have returned.

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Hope you are having a fine time. If Bob isn't with you why don't you stay in Paint Rock a day. Then you can come on down here as soon as you get home. Write me as soon as you get back to Fullen even if you have written before. Your boy sends lots of love & kisses to papa - we wish for you tonight. Good by my dearest love, May God bless you.

Your loving wife
Carrie Sue

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Brookhaven Miss
Oct 3 1896

Dear Carrie

The Pictures came thursday and I waited till today to write thinking we would get a letter which we did yesterday. I was so glad to get the baby's Pictures it made me cry. He has changed a good deal of course but he is just as sweet as he was, & I believe better looking if he could be, but I am not the one to judge as I



am the interested party. Bud & Stella both think he is just as pretty as can be & they both said when they saw the Pictures, that he was a beautiful child. & Mary takes a fit over him, says she is afraid she will never get to see him she thinks he is the sweetest thing in the world we think the one with side view is the best looking he seems to be in a better humor & that dress looks best in the Picture

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I recognized the dresses & told them all about them. they look mighty pretty both of them but oh we want to see you & Moreland so bad. cant you come right away. we can make you very comfortable & I know we all would enjoy being together so much it makes me real sick to think of you & Moreland him so far away & with the strangers too. I dont know sometimes what to do with myself I get so blue & want to see you so bad. If you could come nearer to us I would go to live nearer you so we could spend the ballance [sic] of my days in visiting distance at least. I am not settled here and dont want to be. if we stay here till Jan I will be very much surprised. I dont intend to live as we are now. its not pleasant already but as much so as I expected it could be. but we had to get a start & so did Bud & by coming together we could make ends meet better & as soon as we can we will pull out & go & (illegible) ourselves

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We will send you the Papers, & let you see and read all about the Wedding. & C. you didnt say in your letters what Mr Huffaker was going to do when live D.C. I am anxious to know & I hope you can tell me in your next letter you are staying so long at Fullen and you might have divided your time there with us & while you are not settled it seems to me the best time to visit us I do hope you will come nearer us. If Mr Onc changes his business it may be better for us to go elsewhere to live & we hope he will change as his house dont treat him right & he has a better business offered him that is with another house He will still have Candy. He gets mighty tired of being away from home so much. Maimo is mighty sweet & pretty now she thinks the baby is too sweet & she says "aint he cute" & when I told her he was my little boy & I loved him she said oh no I want you to love me

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grandmama. I can love your little boy & you must love one the best. She is right selfish but a very good child being raised by herself with no others to play with she is better than the generality of children. Bud is getting ballheaded [sic] he will be as ball as your Uncle Robert in a little while. Now if you dont come home soon we will all be so changed we will not look natural to you & you will not feel like you are with us I wish you could go to see Frank while you are so near him. you may get off so far you will not get to see him at all & he is very anxious to see you & Moreland & also Mr Huffaker I want to see him Mr H but I guess I will not have that pleasure till I go to your house again which will not be soon I fear. I wish I could go though.



How is Jeddie getting along with her great responsibility I often think of her and wonder how she manages the children she has a great charge I feel sorry for her How is Alice getting along with the

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school. & where is Effie teaching now. tell me all about all of them I hope to see them some day. they never did write to me in answer to my last letter. I guess they were too busy to write & then they were in trouble when they received it. I have heard nothing from Hazlehurst only through the Papers. Sally wrote to Mary once. I wrote to your aunt Georgia soon after I came down, I guess she will write to me next year. I dont know when Kate is to have her (illegible). I guess pretty soon though. May will have a good time in Jackson They say that Fitzburgh has a fine Music Teacher from Europe & the folks down here say this one is the best so its tit for tat & perhaps (illegible) is the best. Josie Milsaps is the Baston so is Mrs McNair's daughter from here

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& Mrs Fred Shermans [sic] daughter is in Washington City going to school. Oscar Crosby is living there & she is with him Oscar & Fred are half brothers you know, Mrs Sherman is a widow now, [Arthur Mamie?] her Best Love called to see (illegible) (Mary & I) called to see Mrs Wright who boards with Mrs Bowen (Bert's mother) and she said she and Bert would call right soon We have returned several of our calls & have several more to return. When we came down here we had to board for a week till the house could be finished & we went to Mrs Cafey thinking Mr & Mrs Wright were there at Mrs Boswells but they had gone the week before & Mrs Bowens & the Boswells didn't like it because we didn't go there & they have been rather stiff with us. I went round to see them in a day or two after we came & told them we thought the Wrights were there was why we didn't go there to get board We knew they couldn't accommodate or spare but one room & they said they would have been very glad to have had us as it was in the dull season.

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the Boswells are a frienliar [sic] people so many old mades [sic] and Mrs B is getting real childish. This is Sunday and I don't care to go to church & so will stay home and write a little more in this letter Mary has just gone to church she wore her last dress I made over [Nile?] green. I have made her a very pretty white organdie Fischere with side ruffles of same & she wore that with this dress & she looked real nice, she was invited to sing in the choir last Sunday. & she felt very much more at home in the church. they never have choir practice but she is going to get Mrs McNair the organist to have a practice & get up some new songs. She is to be the teacher I believe as they have had no leader before. Stella sings in the Methodist choir now. She says all of her friends are in that choir & she thinks a great deal of Mrs McNair, the organist. I am



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(first half of letter illegible) right well . . . why I did not . . . church and cook . . . and we . . . of a cook only a help now . . . the work fall . . . & Stella . . . before she gets the . . . I get supper . . . she makes . . . but up so early . . . so have . . . the supper . . . be the work and we feel like we ought to give her (illegible) supper while she has to work so hard . . . have Callie . . . supper so we have to make the (illegible) we get . . . time I am going to change it next month & try him on milk for his supper & have cold supper which will be healthier for him. I will tell you in my next how we come out this month if I think of it we are experimenting this month. Stella brings everything as she gets goods at McGraths cost. She is rather extravagant in her actions and I'm afraid we will not find our housekeeping very equanimical but enough Mary is visiting and she will tell all the news. Love to all & lots of kisses for my baby

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Montgomery Va
Oct 22 96

My dear sister

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

We received dear little Billy's picture. I think it is just exactly like it was when he was right little. I can just see him now lying back of Mrs. McMasters lap, irregardless [sic]

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of everyone quickly sucking his bottle. I think he looks just like you.

Did you have a nice time in Greeneville? Was it a Bryan badge that Billy had on? Politics is about all the people are talking about right now. They have a Bryan club there and they have speaking every Sat. night. I am afraid Bryan will never see the White House, aren't you? I heard from Alice yesterday. She said one of the girls had just finished

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painting an "haughtum" scene and that she has just come back from taking a walk out the Abingdon "rode." What she don't know how to spell is plenty, isn't it?



Gordon is going to school and learning fast. He is certainly a smart child and just as good as can be. Charley spoils Eulalie some what I think. He humors her to everything.

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

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"form de words yet or only made de sound?" I must write some to Ada so will not write anymore to you this time but will write you a long letter next time. I am always so glad to get your long nice letters and I hope you will write soon.

With much love to you and all,
I am,
Your loving Sister
Jeddie
I would love to see you.

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Montgomery Va
Oct 22 1896
Dear Ada

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

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

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Frank. As Chas. would not furnish his part of the money at present for the tombstones, it looks like they would take some of that money. I will be so glad when they are up.

I see that you can go to Knoxville and return for one fare the last of this month. If Bob went then he would not have to pay so much for RR fare.

Tell Bob I would certainly like to take a horseback ride on one of his horses. Tell him I said put one in a letter and send it up here.



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Since cool weather has come I am gaining in flesh. I weigh 97 lbs. now. For a while after I came I keep falling off until I only weighed 87.

Charles & Gordon are at school all day long and Eulalie and I are by ourselves. We certainly have some quiet times and down times. I feel like if some of you were to come up I would talk you to death I would be so glad to see you. We would have bushels to talk about wouldn't we?

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

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Brookhaven Miss
Oct 27th 1896

Dear Carrie

Mary received your letter Sunday & we were so glad to hear from you & so sorry the poor little baby is still suffering & still something new. I think he is what we might call a little Jobe in one respect. I guess he is not a very patient Jobe though. Now Carrie I am going to fix up something for his sore head & you must try it even if Bob is there and the Doctor, old women know more about babies than all the doctors. I know Mr H dont think so but that's [sic] all right he has a right

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to his opinions & I can respect some of them but I never will agree with him about the colic thats past & I guess he has forgotten the many nights we were kept awake nearly all night just because he was opposed to giving the baby a little medicine & you dont know how I laughed when you wrote me that Bob was giving him asafactida [asafetida] now you know what that means if its not spelled right Paregoric but it was alright with (illegible) just because Bob gave it but Bob is the Doctor and its all right & I was glad when he did give it but I was sorry I had to leave him just when I did I have always believed if I had been there to prepare his milk it would not have disagreed with



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him as it did but that's all passed & gone & it cant be recalled. I am making the baby some short clothes & will send them as soon as finished that is if you are not coming soon but if you are coming I will keep them till you come & save the Express I wish you would give me the length of his dress from back to in front length of his sleeve he is such a long baby I am afraid I will not get them right I hope you are coming & I will not have to send them. We are having a Protracted meeting going on here & a Mr Lipscomb from North Miss Conference

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is here helping Mr. Jones. He is an old friend of Stella's and took dinner with us yesterday. We had a swell dinner for him. Soup first & then stuffed crabs with salads pickles then next course the regular dinner smothered Chickens, Rice sweet & Irish Potatoes macaroni corn bread & nice light biscuits then next Desert [sic] Peaches & Cream & nice white Cake & then last Black Coffee. The Preacher said he had not had such a dinner in he didn't know when. We all spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs Boswell called to see us and it commenced to rain soon after she came & it first poured down till almost night. Mr McMany & Stella went to church last night in the rain Maimo kept me company till Bud came home

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from the store. This is a damp bad feeling morning & I feel so little like doing anything. We sent you the Papers which you will receive before you get this & you will see that Kate's Picnic is on & she is the mother of a little boy Georgia wrote to me when the baby was a week old we received the Papers the same day Georgia has to cook & Kate sick it keeps her busy she says she hurries to get through with her work at home so she can go up & wait on Kate. I think Mrs Covington ought to be the one to go to Kate. I haven't answered Georgias letter yet I must write today & congratulate her on being grandma she is a young

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grandma If she wasn't so unwell all the time I would think she could say as old Mrs Birdsong did, "Daughter go to your daughter for your daughter's daughter has got a daughter." Ann & Sallie came up from New Orleans & spent a week in Hazlehurst & went back they will all board in the city this winter. Carrie & Maimo will take care of Martins place on the coast I am sure I didn't know Baby was going back so soon I wanted to see her (illegible) she has [sinus?] attacks and takes spells & she told Georgia she can only stand (illegible) more (illegible). I know very little about Josephine (illegible) get no letters from them We read the Papers is all



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Envelope
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville Tenn

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Paul F. Beich,
Manufacturer of
Pansy Brand Fine Candies
Caramels, Bon Bons, Chocolates.
Jobber of Fruits, Nuts, and Cigars
107 E. Front Street
Bloomington, Ill
John W. McMaster
Travelling Salesman,
Brookhaven, Miss.
Brook. Miss Nov 4 1896

My dear sister

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

Mama received your interesting letter yesterday so glad to know this dear little old boy is well again I do hope you will have no more trouble in that line with him at least. I know he is the sweetest babe living now and the smartest too. Just the idea of him noticing what you put on your hats etc. We think that is wonderful. O! You will never know how much we want him down here. Please hurry up and come on. You forgot to send his measure and mama is waiting for it to

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

The [S.] D. (paper) of today says McKinley is elected if that is true we are left and poor Bryan feels pretty blue I guess but I have not given up hope yet I still say Hurrah! for Bryan till I know the last news is heard. Tell Bro. Ed not to take it too hard after all he has done for him too. Tell him to come down here and let's



all weep together. Well the baby Maimo is 4 years old tomorrow and will have her first party. She sent your boy an invitation. I hope he got it. I must close and go over to see Mrs Knight a minute.

My love to Bro. Ed. Maria joins me in much love to you all.

Yours in haste
Mary

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Master Robert Moreland Huffaker
Chucky City Tenn
Nov 8 1896
1892 1896

Come "play in our yard" on my birthday
Maimo Redding
Thursday November Fifth
From Four to Six

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Monthly Statement
Chicago, Ill
Dec. 1st 1896
E. C. Huffaker
Chucky City, Tenn.
To KANDLER & GAERTNER, DR.,
Scientific Instrument Makers,
Astronomical & Surveying Instruments,
415-417 Dearborn Street
To Mdse \$6.00
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Hazlehurst, Miss



Dec 5 1896

Dear Sister:

We rec'd letters from you yesterday A.M. and I am looking for my letter with the plate to make my dress by this eve. I hope it will come for we have seen so little of style this winter we can't decide how to make my dress. Mrs Ed Brown cut the tops to my dress shirt and basted it together so the plaids would all list and she made a success of it; but mama is bother about how to make my basque in waist

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I have "given up the ghost" about getting my dress done for Kate's "to do" any way so I can very well wait on you for suggestions (you see I still need you) in regard to the pattern I shall use. I had thought of the large buttons for my dress but have seen none here. Why couldn't I send you some money by Kate and let you buy my buttons ½ doz.) there? Write me how much you will need at once. Send me a sample of the shade of green velvet to use on my dress and the price of it there and I may send to you for it too. Sister I went to see [Misis] Milliner about hats, trim-

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

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(the milliner) and Mrs Alexander both have large black velvet ones loaded down with plumes. They are all \$15.00 hats. You will see Kate's and that will give you an idea of the hats down here. How much would it take to get my hat there trimmed in 4 mercury wings two green and two black as you wrote I feel like you could suit me there so much better than I can suit myself. I know you have such good taste and as Kate is going you could send it by her and would not have express to pay. What could I get with \$5.00 I think perhaps Mr Mc

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would allow that much on my hat. Now it seems to me as you and Kate will be "sight-seeing" anyway you could get me these little things without very much trouble I want some Ox blood gloves too and shall send you \$1.00 or \$1.25 for them too if you say so. I think they would be lovely to wear with my new dress. I



already have a pair of black kids (6¼) right new but want the Ox blood for a change now I can think of nothing more just here that I will need but whatever I think of I will write you later

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Aunt G says tell you the trip Geo & Kate have planned from the first is still the same. On the 10th at 2:30 P.M. they go by way of N. O. to Washington to see you. They have to lay over in Atlanta 24 hours then they go to Washington as quick as the train can take them. I guess they will get there Thursday or Friday. I have decided for two or three reasons not to see Kate married but I expect if my dress was finished and my hat was fixed up I might be persuaded to go. The nearer the time comes the more I think of how she and her ma have treated me and I don't care to

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see it. I am glad you saw the Doxeys and hope you will call on her. She was quite a good friend of mine. Give her my best love.

Kate's cards were out yesterday and everyone is talking about the coming event. Every body I meet want to know why I am not to "stand up" with Kate & Geo. I tell them I don't know for I don't.

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

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and said her mother & father and Print (her brother) had all come for her. The preacher said she was a perfect Christian. Ed's wife (Adelle McMaster) is over at Lou's and I must go to see her so I close.

Write me first as soon as you can about all of this business. I will write in answer to your long letter and tell you the news. Mama is very busy sewing but will write you soon.

Yours with love to Bro Ed and you all
Mary R

Everyone admires Kate's invitations very much. She didn't have near enough at last.

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

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Wood Preserving A Specialty
O. Chanute
Consulting Engineer
413 E. Huron St.,
Chicago, Illinois
Dec 19 1896
E. C. Huffaker Esq

Dear Sir,

I am now negotiating with a Railroad Co for the execution of a wood preserving plant on its line, and this may soon eventuate in a contract.

Have you any experience in the erection of buildings and of moderately heavy machinery such as winding engine pumps, etc.? I enclose a reprint from a newspaper which indicates what such a plant is like. Please advise me as to what your own prospects are now, and whether you would like such a job. Bear in mind however that it is by no means certain.

Yours truly,
O. Chanute

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Wood Preserving A Specialty
O. Chanute
Consulting Engineer
413 E. Huron St.,
Chicago, Illinois

theory of soaring flight must take note of all the conditions, of which you have described but one. Lilienthal held that on a sunny day the air over a plain was constantly rising at an average trend of 4°, and that this was the principal reason for the soaring of birds, but he did not, so far as I know, give the other reasons. I suppose you have seen that Prof Langley got another flight of his machine Nov 28. This time it seems to have been straight and 1500 yards. I am glad he is making progress and hope he will yet build a full size machine.



I am endeavoring to close the negotiations with the Railroad Co for a wood preserving contract, but it hesitates to incur fresh obligations because business has not received as was expected after the election. With best wishes to yourself for the new year, I remain

Yours truly
O. Chanute

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196 Beacon St.
Boston, Apr, 13 1897
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Chuckey, Green Co. Tenn

Dear Sir:

Yours of 10th just recd. I shall be glad to have your article (to be mailed on the 18th or 19th) and from what I have read of your writings in the past few years I feel sure it will be a help to experimenters.

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

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

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

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

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

Yours very truly,
James Means



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Envelope
Montgomery, VA
May 5 1897
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee
(Green Co)
Letter
Montgomery VA
May 5 1897

Dear Uncle Ed

I thank you for my Bow and arrow I would like to see you and aunt Carrie and Moreland.

I want to come down there when aunt Allice [sic] goes.

She is going to stay with us about a week. I want to see her. I have to watch the cow off the R R and I cant go. We are well and Jeddie is making a new dress. My pig's name is sandy. I hope you will answer my letter.

James Gordon Huffaker

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Envelope
March 7
Trundles Road
June 26 87
Mr. E. Huffaker,
Centenary College,
Jackson, La.

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Envelope
After ten days return to
C. K. Remine
Justice of the Peace



15th District, Greene Co, Tenn.,
Chuckey City, Tenn.
Mr. J. K. P. Hall
City

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Office of C. K. Remine
Justice of the Peace
15th District, Greene Co, Tenn.,
Chuckey City, Tenn.
June 3, 1987
Hon. J. K. P. Hall
Greeneville Tenn

Dear Sir;

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

Yours
C. K. Remine

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Washington D.C.
July 1 1897

My darling Wish-wish:

I have at last moved and am now rooming as well as boarding at Mrs Hammonds: I am glad of the change for I was growing tired of my other room and of going back and forth to my meals. I have the upper back room, the one which I think Miss Nora used to occupy [sic] the opposite Mr. (illegible) old room. No one occupies that room now, so I have the entire floor to myself. I like the situation. It is cooler here than lower down, not so close, and away from the noise. I can look out on our little place on 8th St, and I like to do so and to think of the pleasant times we spent there, though it makes me sad to think those good times are over.



I have been homesick today to see you and the baby. I did not hear from you today, dear, and I missed your letter. For two days I have not had even a postal from you. I can not realize that it has been but little more than 2 weeks since I saw you. It seems months. But

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

We had a squally time at breakfast this morning. Mrs. Hammonds had been ironing and was out of sorts. The table was full when she came in and sat down. Miss Maggie asked her if she would have some steak and the old woman fairly boiled over with rage. She called Miss Maggie a devil and asked what she meant by asking her to have meat when she knew she could hardly eat bread. She is having her teeth fixed. I felt sorry for the girls. When the old lady went out Miss Mary spoke very plainly about it, and said she was disgusted with her mother, as I think every one else was.

I will not write a long letter tonight as I must write home. I am sorry writing is such a task to me. But so it is and I can't help it. But always my darling I love to write to you. And if I did not I would still want to write for I could not get on without your dear good letters.

Suppose you have the baby's picture taken as soon as you can conveniently do so. Don't put it off. If you need more money, draw on the Greeneville bank.

Goodby and may God bless you both,
Lovingly
Ed

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After 5 days return to
E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Inst
Washington D. C.
July 1 1897
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
608 Fatherland St.
Nasvhille Tenn

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608 Fatherland St.
Nasvhille Tenn
July 9 1897
9 P. M.

My dear old Man;
Your postal received this morning, and I would have written you today, but I did not have time to write a letter, and had no postal to write one on.

The baby has fretted a great deal today on account of the sty on his eye, which is about to a head now, and this morning my nurse got sick & had to go home for the balance of the day! so your old girl

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

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me to go but I knew the baby would be sleepy & fretful, so decided to stay at home – besides dear I wanted to write to somebody. The reason Frank & J. B. went tonight was that Uncle Robert & wife would be here tomorrow night at supper time, and this would be their only opportunity for some time and as the friend's house is Frank's boss it is just as well they keep in with him by being nice to his friends when they visit him. Hear them coming in

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now but I intend to keep on with my letter for I may not get a chance to write tomorrow. I will get some postal cards tomorrow & when I can not write a letter I will write a postal, for if you are as anxious to hear from baby & me, as we are to hear from you, I know you will be glad to get something from us every day. I wrote you a miserable letter the other day dear, I was hurt over the letter you had written me, and had about made up to write you just as little

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as I could about myself, my feelings etc., hereafter, but I cannot do that dear, for I love you too well and if I can't pour out my heart to my husband, who should I say anything to. I know I provoked you into saying what you did, but I think there were some very hard things in that letter. You know very well that I have never intended going home without your consent, though I am continually taunted with such as this - "you ought to go home to see your mother," "It is your

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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week I.B. has been cleaning up and getting ready for Uncle Robert's visit.

Saturday A.M.

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

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

It is 12 o'clock & nearly dinner time. Frank comes at 12:30 & (illegible) dinner at once & he leaves about 1 o'clock.

I received a letter from Ada Bob yesterday. She said

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Ada had gone to Charlies, & that Gordon was there having a big time picking berries. She wrote very little news said she wanted to see Moreland very much.

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



Write every day dear & write me good letters.

Baby sends love & kisses to papa. His sty is still bad, but he has been doing very well today, considering.

With love
Your own
Wish wish

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M. L. Haworth
General Merchant
Paint Rock, NC
July 9 1897
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D.C.

Dear Ed:

I read your letter of the 23rd and have been waiting since thinking I would hear from your Law firm with copy of Pat Laws. If you have neglected it I wish you would see some good firm and have them send me the information needed and I may employ the firm.

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

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I see by today's paper the oldest senator is dead. Harris of Tenn was incoming in 49.
Ed write me a long letter and tell me some happy news always glad to hear from you.

Yours
M L Haworth

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I did not receive a letter from you yesterday. Better luck tomorrow I hope.
608 Fatherland St.
July 12 1897
Nashville, Tenn.



My darling Husband,

I was somewhat disappointed when the carrier failed to bring me a letter from you this morning, but you have been so good about writing I have nothing to complain of, and I may get a letter from you at 2 P.M. which is after this is mailed. I wrote you a postal which was to have been mailed yesterday (Sunday) but Frank did not go down town even to get the mails, so I had no opportunity to send it before today, you will receive

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

I do wish dear you could have been with us yesterday. Frank and I were in our glory. We had our only Uncle on the Redding side, his wife who is one of the loveliest women I ever saw, his daughter Bessie her husband Will King. You remember Bessie & I kept up correspondence a long time.

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

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just after supper Uncle Robert left for Minneapolis to attend a convention of some kind, leaving his wife here until his return. Will & Bessie sat with us until bed time when they left for their boarding place. Will has a position in the Commerce building at the Centennial. His board place is near the grounds. Bessie came up from Atlanta Sat. Night to stay with him until the Expo closes.

It is certainly a good feeling to be with ones [sic] own kin people after having been among strangers so long, for it makes

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

You have heard me speak of Kate Brumley enough to know who she is. She is



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

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

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good nurse now, & I will feel perfectly safe about leaving the baby with her when I want to go out. We have planned to go to the Centennial tomorrow. They all think the baby pretty & sweet, and say he looks like me. They haven't seen you yet dear & don't know that he looks so much like you.

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

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do so if it gets all right. He gets prettier all the time and tries very hard to talk. You would love to see him when he wakes in the mornings. He lies awake & coos & talks for a long time before I take him up. He will say pop-pop-pop over and over, looks around for you when I ask if he wants to see papa. He may forget you in the four months but I believe he will soon learn who you are when he sees you.

After this separation dear we must never leave each other again. I am never going away from you again where I can not see you every week or two anyway – so there! I must stop now & write

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a short letter to Mary. I hope to get a letter from you this afternoon. Write every day to us. Baby is awake now & sends kisses with his mother to papa.

Your loving wife



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

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E.C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Inst.
Washington D.C.
Jul 13 1897
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
608 Fatherland St.
Nashville Tennessee

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My Darling Wife:

I received your dear good letter mailed on Saturday today and was sorry to hear of yours and the baby's troubles. I do hope the dear old boy is better of his sty. I would use the salve freely on it. Does he suffer much with those pimples that used to break out on his face so frequently? Pu on the salve freely as soon as they appear. This cooler weather will be good for him and when he gets through cutting his teeth I hope he will be better and less fretful. Does he have any troubles with his bowels? Does he get sick and vomit anymore? Tell me all about how he is.

I would hold myself ready to start back to East Tennessee at any time should he get real sick where Robert can look after him.

I received a letter from this morning. He says there has been a good deal of flux and fever in his territory. No fever though in or immediately around Fullens. He still has 5 fever cares on hand. From the weather maps it seems to have been cooler in that section East Tennessee above Knoxville than any

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



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

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with her all the time we were in Memphis together. I have the best old girlie in this world and I love her dearly. Moreso [sic] every day I live. It is 4 weeks tomorrow since I last saw you and the dear old baby. How long it seems, and how long before I can see you again. But I am making some money for you to and by the time I get through I will have laid by enough to keep going for awhile and if nothing should turn up we will at least be safe for the winter and can be together, all of us darling, and not be worried to know where our bread and meat are coming from. And you I hope will be making something at Greeneville, as that we may be able to keep our deposit at the bank untouched.

I hope to make a deal with Chanute after I leave here and we may then be able to keep our deposit growing. When it is large enough for us to build on and we get a home built as we would like, you will be glad then my sweet heart that I insisted so strongly on saving.

I showed Chanute my article on Soaring and he expressed himself as being greatly interested (repeated) in it.

I have not been very well today: got up sick at the stomach and

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

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

If you mail your letters by 9 or 10 at night I think they will get here as soon as if you mail them early in the day, unless you mail them very early. One of your letters reached me the next day after it was written but it



usually takes 2 days. If you will mail a letter late say on Tuesday night – I will get it at 11:30 on Thursday. And I will get it no sooner if you mail it early in the day. Find out how the trains run – and mail your letters on the vestibule that passes Greeneville about 2:30 o'clock. You will want to know any how before you start home. If you need more money let me know.

Goodbye my precious girl.
With love for my baby.
Lovingly yours
Ed

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After 5 days return to
E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Inst
Washington D.C.
July 15 1997
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
608 Fatherland Street
Nashville, Tennessee

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Washington D.C.
Ebbil House
July 14 1897

My Darling Wife:

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

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



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

Today the wall paper hangers

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

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

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tatoes, tomatoes, radishes, onions, fresh raspberries and occasionally pine apple. I have corn bread and chipped beef or steak for my lunch – usually throw away a part of the bread, especially if it happened to be the light bread.

By all means get you some postals, so if you haven't time for a letter you can write me a card. I want to write to Callie Remine this evening so will not write more to you this time. Day after tomorrow and your old man will be 41 years old.

With love for both my dear ones.

Fondly

Your husband

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Envelope
Nashville Tenn
Jul 17 8 P.M. '97
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington
Smithsonian



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Envelope Back
Washington D.C.
July 19 '97

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Nashville, Tenn
July 17 1897

My precious Darling;

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

I guess you have received my postal & letter & the book I sent you. I did not send the ties to you as they would have been mashed and almost ruined in the little pakge [package]. You can get you some there. I wonder how you look now anyway. Am glad

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

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that it would not be just right for us to make a more extended visit. If it were any other time I would stay here until the 1st Sept. I want to stay in Fullens about two weeks & then go on to Greeneville to get settled & a little started before school opens. Aunt Addie has said no more about me boarding there. I wonder what she will do about it? I answered her last letter. Has anything happened to Minnie yet? Had Dave written to you were you just writing a promised letter?

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

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will leave for home.

We all intended going out to the Centennial this afternoon & stay to see the fireworks tonight but as usual I will be disappointed. I intended leaving baby with the nurse & cook, but the cook informed me this morning that she will not be at home tonight & I will not leave him only with the nurse. She is good to him, but I would not risk leaving her with him alone. I will wait to go out next week some.

The little old boy is sitting on the bed with his book (Geography) patting it & looking at the pictures. Night before last he began saying "night night," & now says it on all occa

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

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be there so I could arrange to see her.

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

We all went over to see the Capital yesterday afternoon. It is a beautiful place, but I find myself comparing it with the lovely large grounds of the Capital at Washington & the building here looks small & insignificant in comparison. This Capital is beautifully situated. We also visited the Methodist Pub. House, but too late to see the workings. I want to go to the Vanderbilt grounds

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before I leave. I think I will go to the Centennial once or twice more & let that suffice. I have seen about all I care to then out there. I may never come to Nashville again. I hope never again in the hot summer time. It is very warm here today. Baby's eye well, & he is very well today altogether. Slept well last night. He is standing the summer remarkably well. I believe that Castoria is a good medicine for babies. He is always better after having taken Castoria a day or two. I give him a teaspoon full every two hours, when I think he needs it. It

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keeps his bowels regulated, & while it is something there are no opiates in it. He is taking his second bottle. I will go Monday to have his picture taken.

It looks so much like rain today I hardly think they will go to the Centennial this afternoon. I kinder hope to get another letter from you at 2 o'clock, as I did not get one yesterday. Boy sends love to papa. He is playing sweetly this morning. Good by my darling, May God watch over and keep thee.

Your own loving
Wife

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Washington D.C.
August 1 1897

My Darling:

I will write you only a short letter this evening as I want to get a letter off to Charley and I must get my letters in the office by 10:30 and it is now 9:45. I doubt if I can do it, but I will try to get yours off anyway. This has been a lovely (center of letter torn/missing.)

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

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After leaving the Institution I came down to the Avenue and around to 15th opposite the Treasury building. Here I went into a restaurant and had a plate of rice pudding cream and a hot boiled roasting egg with butter. I felt considerably better after filling myself up in this way.



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. . . his mama. Mrs Sherman dropped by in from the clouds this evening and stayed a little while. She thought the baby's picture fine as well as yours and sent you her love. She recently lost one of her children, one of the boys 13 years old of scarlet fever.

Goodbye my darling,
May God bless and keep you
Lovingly Your husband
P.S. I attended church at (illegible) today. Sacramental service.

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Envelope
After ten days return to
C. K. Remine
Justice of the Peace,
15th District Greene Co, Tenn.,
Chuckey City, Tenn.
Professor E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institute
Washington D. C.

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Painter & Remine
Dealers In
General Merchandise
And Country Produce
August 1st 1897

Dear Mr. Huffaker

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

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

I am glad that you are getting disgusted with the Populists; after

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

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

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

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

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

Reba has been very puny all summer till last week. She is not able to be

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about.

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

I am sorry you did not get to see Uncle John or Brownlow; not so much on your account but because I know that Uncle John would have been pleased to see you.

Ike Broyles & Robert Meadows are the only Alaska cranks that we have at this place. However, I don't believe they will start before the summer goes away.

The question of a Constitutional Convention is interesting the people here

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just now: the election takes place next Thursday

Democrats Republicans and Populists alike are almost unanimously against the measure. But we fear that the Democrats and Pops of Middle and West Tennessee will fuse in favor of it. Quite a number your people have been going to the mountains the past few days! The berries there are fine and we have put up quite a quantity. In regard to

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

Since the passage of the new tariff law the management of the Pyrites of iron mines in Carter County Tennessee has employed a force of 600 men to work in the mines and half as many more extending the Railroad to the mines. Embreeville is going to double their forces, and best of all a distillery is being erected within 8 miles of this place with a capacity to use 60 (illegible) of

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(illegible) day, however this latter is a democratic move.

Hogs, cattle, sheep, corn and wheat have all increased in price, though I give credit to only a part of this to the tariff. So whatever theories may be advanced against the measure, we are highly pleased with its practical effects so far as it relates to this section.

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

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I am enjoying full honors and entertainments of the Post Office at Chuckey City and am well pleased with the work.

I feel that I am destined to handle the mail here for 16 or 20 years, or until God sees fit to chastise the American people with another Democratic administration. Mr. & Mrs. Birdwell were very kind to show me all the workings of the office that I desired to know, though they left the impression on me that the Money Order Business was such a "Scare-devil" that a fellow had to be born again before he could manage it. , but "it's just as easy God knows"

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The health of this immediate community is good as usual.

J. Henry Earnest is just as you left him – ten minutes ahead of a fit with the chances of being overtaken.

Ingersoll barter me for cloth, mucilage tacks and wire to keep his flying machines going.

Eunice is the first up – the last to bed – and eats everything in sight.

Write to me,

Yours,

C. K. Remine

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Envelope

After 5 days return to

E. C. Huffaker

Smithsonian Institute

Washington D. C.

Aug 4 8:30 PM 97

Mrs E. C. Huffaker

Chucky City Tennessee

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Aug 4 1897

Washington D. C.

Smithsonian Inst

My Darling Wish-wish:

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



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

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

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

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

Oh girl when is your birthday. I know it is in this month and toward the later part, perhaps about the 20th. but to save my soul I can't remember the exact date. I have looked through your Bible but I see you have been careful to make no record of when you were born.



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

I sent you an announcement of Warren Fishburn's death which I received from Carra. Poor Carra is the only one left. I want to write to her in a day or two. I am so glad to have you so close to me again. Write me about everything.

Lovingly
Your devoted husband

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Aug. 5 '97

My Darling,
I would give anything in this world almost to see you right now. We went out to Robert's this afternoon and stayed until 8:30 o'clock. Bob brought us home, and the baby has just gone to sleep. I cannot make up my mind to go to sleep until I have written to my dear old man. I received one of the sweetest letters from him this afternoon I have ever read – so loving & true. Of course I know you are lonely without us, & want to be here with us and I feel

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for you, but I love to hear you say it.

I thought of you all the afternoon & evening & wished for you to be with us all. Anna said tell you she was so sorry you could not be here, & Robert said tonight he wished you could be with us knowing how you would enjoy the boys & all. We had music tonight. Bob seemed to be in his glory singing for Anna. The baby has been better all day, & Anna & Effie have been admiring him so much. He was in a good humor most of the time & would laugh and play with them. Ada thinks Moreland has

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changed a good deal. His hair is longer and he is a little thinner is all I can see.

I'm glad you spoke of my getting Ella Belle. I had already spoken to her & she came this afternoon for the first time. It will be better for the baby to have her to take him out, & I can enjoy being with Anna & the



others so much more. I will try to make the expense as light as possible. I intended telling you in this letter before you wrote anything about it, that I had spoken

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to Ella Belle & if you did not approve I would dismiss her on once. But I am glad I had done the right thing. I will have her take him to the river often, & out every day when not too warm.

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

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instantly & he looked down that way. He was delighted to go down there once more. I thought of you & how many times you had traversed those paths with the baby in your arms showing him the ducks, cows, frogs, & making him tell what the sheep & bumblebee said. Never mind dear if we are in Greeneville we will come up here just to take the little old fellow to the river & I will go along with you two too.

Today I received a

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

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here without you. I appreciate it very much. It seems so strange without you with me. I miss you everywhere & all the time.

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



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

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

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Friday A.M.

My Darling Husband,

We are getting ready to go to Cousin Mags. I have one of Moreland's nicest dresses on him, his hair nicely combed & he looks very sweet. Your old lady is dressing up in some of her nicest things, & I think you would feel proud of us if you could see us. The baby is still improving & eats all the time. He has a cracker, biscuit or chicken bone in his hands all the time.

Later

I had to take the baby just at this point and now it is just a few moments

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until mail time. Baby has been very well today, & having Ella Belle he has been very little trouble to me if any. We are still at Cousin Elberts. Mrs. Broyles is here, Anna & Effie, Alice, Garland, Gordon, Ada & Bob. Dinner was very nice. All have asked about you. Cousin Lilly & Joe are here too.

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

Your loving

Wife

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Saturday

My dear old Man,



This is certainly a diary letter. You will be disappointed today, not to receive a letter from me, but it was not my fault dear. I took your letter which I had begun the night before, up to Cousin Elberts yesterday, and when I got ready to mail it, it was raining so the time slipped by before I could get it to the P.O. and could not get it mailed yesterday. I received your dear good letter yesterday at 3 P.M. and was glad indeed to get it. I am so glad you are preparing

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for the examination in the Civil Service. I feel sure that you will make a high grade, but I would not leave anything undone to accomplish it, if you want the position. Of course you will be all right in mathematics, but I would even review a little of that to make sure of any ticklish points.

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

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

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

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

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down with the dusky herd damsels & dudes.

All well here & send love. Garland & Gordon have written you about their nets. I will write again tomorrow. Baby sends love & kisses to papa. This morning I said, "come in papa & take the baby to the river to see the ducks," & the little fellow pointed that way & cried to go.

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

Yours lovingly
Carrie Sue



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Chuckey, Tenn.
Aug 11 1897

My Darling Husband;

I am going to write to you tonight because I will not have time to say all I want to in the morning before mail time. We are invited to dine with Cousin Lilly tomorrow, and it will be all I can do to get the baby and myself there. All of them at Cousin Mag's and at Ada's will be there. I don't know who else, but I think that enough.

I received your dear letter this afternoon, and it made me very happy

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when I read some parts of it. I think that confession was due me dear, and if it is the truth, (which I do not doubt since you say it) I do not think it is unloyal to the other one. Somebody loves her old man, first that she was not altogether second in your past thoughts & feeling and second because you have told me. I never had any but imaginary causes for doubting your love for me, if I were really doubting you, and if now I could only forget there would be no imaginary doubts within me. If I could only see and talk with you darling it would be such a pleasure

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now that I know what I have waited to hear all the time. Two months will be a long time, but I will have to stand it. There are rates offered from Chattanooga to Washington for one fare the round trip good for 5 day ticket on sale the balance of this week. It is a great temptation to go on to see you and I expect if I was not in the Greeneville position I would run in on you one of the fine mornings, but I will not allow myself to think of it of course.

The baby has been pretty well today. Bowels are bad

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every morning. I am going to bring him beef steak from Greeneville.

He eats chicken, gravy & rice, milk toast, irish potatoes & biscuit & gravy or butter. I let him drink as much coffee as he wants as I think it does him good. Baby sleeps so well at night now. Goes to bed about 8 o'clock sometimes 7:30 & sleeps through till 5 a.m. He goes to breakfast at 6 o'clock & his appetite is very good. All during the day he is munching on a biscuit or something. It is a good think that he does not drink milk now. Mr. Remine's cow killed by the vestibule going toward Greene-

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Good morning!

Have you used pear soap?

Thursday 10 o'clock

Baby and I are just ready to go to Cousin Lilly's to spend the day. Baby very well this morning. He looks very sweet & pretty in his little blue dress.

Nothing newsy to write & I write here to say more than that I do want to see you & baby & both love you dearly.

Your own loving
Wife

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Envelope

If not delivered in 10 days return to

O. Chanute,

Consulting Engineer,

413 E. Huron St.

Chicago, Illinois

Aug 16 1897

1:30 A

E. C. Huffaker

Smithsonian Institute

Washington D. C.

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O. Chanute,
Consulting Engineer,



413 E. Huron St.
Chicago, Illinois
Wood Preserving A Specialty
Chicago, Ill., Aug 14th 1897

Dear M Huffaker

The last Smithsonian report which I have is that for 1893. I should be glad to have whatever has been established since, and will (torn) whatever change (torn) may be.

Yours truly
O. Chanute

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Envelope
Washington D. C.
Aug 19 1897
10:30 P
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

Partial note

More of his derby hat than he did of (illegible) and of course I never would stand to be out rivaled by (illegible) "derby" hat

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Partial note

I want to see you awfully bad (illegible) and I am so glad it won't be long till I will get (illegible). Write to me really soon for I am always so glad to hear from you. Lovingly

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Envelope
Washington
Aug 23 97
9:30 PM

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Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

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Washington D. C.
Smithsonian Inst.
August 25 1897

My Darling Wish-wish:

I received your dear letter today and will write to you at once, directing to Greeneville. How I wish I could be with you when you first get there. You will feel a little lonely and I could help you in getting started off all right. You must go often to Aunt Addie's and I am sure that after you begin to make new acquaintances and get into your new work you will enjoy living there much more than at Fullens. You must not fail to write me all about yourself and the dear baby after you get there & remember I miss your precious letters very much when they do not come. I did not hear from you yesterday and so as a consequence you failed to hear from me today. Write me every day if it is no more than a postal card. I think it may be a good thing for the baby to be at the hotel and the cooking will probably be better there,

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and he will have beef oftener. Give me a full account of him. What do you give him to eat does he drink milk any yet? If at any time he gets seriously sick call in a doctor. Though for slight attacks like the one he had the other night not much medicine perhaps is needed. You may remember that one evening and night before he went to Nashville he was very sick and vomited profusely, his stomach seemed very sour. That usually comes I think from something he has eaten that disagrees with him. If it agrees with him, I would give him a good deal of jelly, especially blackberry jelly, and if he grows costive try oatmeal. It would not perhaps be best to give him oatmeal regularly, but a little now and then will hardly hurt him. I would give him all he wants or will take to drink, gravy and biscuit or light bread I believe would be good for him. You never told me how his teeth were. You know they were black around the gums. Are they still so? And did they get better or worse? Have you ever tried washing them with a cloth dipped in sweetened water? Has the new tooth made its way through yet?

I shall be glad when Mrs Hammond returns, which will be I suppose about the last of the week (illegible)

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Maggie in her efforts to economize and determination to make a good showing when her mother comes home, has taken every precaution to starve us if possible; but we have gently given her to understand that would not work. Recently she told me with one of her engaging smiles that I had gone out at night and left my gas burning and asked me to turn it down as it was expensive. I did not say much to her at the time, and the evening after supper she approached me again on the subject and said that Martha (the cook) had reported that my gas was burning when she came up to bring me water, after supper and while it was still light. I told Miss Maggie that I had rented the room and that I did not mean to be dictated to as to the amount of gas I use. And when she went on I told her that I was paying all the room was worth, and now if she turns out my gas again or says one word about it I am going to give her hail Colombia. Think of the Hammonds, who are notorious for this extravagance, trying to economize by turning out my gas! Today I have been working on my article on

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soaring flight, and am making some marked improvements in it as I think. It will only take me a few days now to finish it. I want to send you a clipping from Hass's papers in the Nashville Christian Advocate, which Chanute sent me. I was glad to see it for I had been thinking a little unkindly of Hass ever since he failed to answer my last letter. You had better keep it until Moreland is old enough to read it.

What has been the matter with Robert? Effie wrote me that he was not well, but neither of you have thought it worth while to say what his trouble was. Perhaps you were too modest.

I hope I will hear from you again on tomorrow. Do not fail to write me as soon as you get to Greeneville. Some time by writing me 2 postals in one day - giving the hours of mailing - say 12 a.m. and 8 p.m. and let me see which reaches me first. There are 4 mails I think from Greeneville.

I sent you the answers to puzzles, your solutions agreed with mine. The cow was Hooker. I could not make out the central one, the goat & boy. Good night my precious darling. Draw out any money you may need from the bank. Remember some one loves you and the baby better than his own life and thinks of you many, many times each day.

God bless you both
Lovingly your own Husband.

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Washington
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11 PM

Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville Tennessee
Morgan Inn

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Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C., Aug 29 1897

My Darling:

I did not hear from you today and wanted to very much. I have hardly been anywhere – not even church. But I read my Bible, two or three books, Amos, Jonah and another that I have forgotten. I read the papers and a very little of Hood's poems, which I found to be very interesting. Then I went to dinner and after dinner came up to the parlor and talked with Miss Nora for an hour. It is no use trying to talk to the Hammonds as they haven't intelligence enough to carry on an interesting conversation.

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I spend very little of my time dear, talking to Miss Nora and you are not to think that when I am away from you I am taking advantage of your absence. I need not tell you that there is not the remotest possibility of anyone coming into your place. If I should ever see that anything like that were going to happen I would crush it out at once. So when I talk with Miss Nora it has no more significance than when you talk with Mr Remine, and I should not care how much you might see proper to talk with him. I say this, not because I think you might object, but to prevent any possibility of misunderstanding.

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The Hammonds will be back tomorrow perhaps and I shall certainly be glad of it. I should not wonder if Miss Maggie has a story to tell and we may all get into a great row. If we do I am going to show Miss Maggie up in her true colors. Sometimes I am tempted to hunt a new boarding place and may have to do so yet. But I will wait a few days and see how the land lies.

I thought of going over to see the Collins's this P.M. but went to sleep instead. I think your old man is not much of a man for visiting.

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It is almost September. And then it will be less than two months until I see my two darlings again. Won't it be a happy day when this separation is over? Soon the leaves will be falling and the melancholly [sic] days



will be upon us. I wish so much that I could spend time with you. There is something about the dying year that always appeals to me, and I have got time mixed up with you. It was in the autumn, when out in the mountains, long before we were married that I used to think so often of you, and think how sweet it would be to wander

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through the woods and along the streams with you. It seems to me now that when I was in the mountains I was always thinking of you, and dreaming of the time when I might have you there with me. Think how sweet a winter night would have been with you listening to the stories of the mountains and sleeping in a [quonset?] with a great pile of blankets on us and the snow gently sifting in and getting into your hair and face, so that we should have to cover up our heads with only breathing holes left. Ah,

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me! that would be so much nicer than sleeping here by myself.

It will be winter again when I see you and we will make believe we are in the mountains with the snow all around us, and we will pile the covers on a foot deep and cover up our heads and imagine we can hear the wild cats crying in the thickets and the owl hooting in the moonlight on the roof of the barn. And we will have our precious baby safely tucked away and give ourselves up to the pleasure of being together again. Goodnight my loved one. May God bless and keep you both.

Your very own
E. C. H.

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Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C., Aug 30 1897

My Darling Wish-wish:

I received two good letters from you today, one which was due on yesterday (Sunday) which I found down in the parlor when I went down to breakfast, and your yesterday's letter which I received at 11:30 at the Institution. I enjoyed them very much. I know it must be a little lonely for you, dear one, in a new place and among strangers. But you will be all right again soon and you will like it better than at Fullens. Why didn't you marry a rich man

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so that you could be with him all the time? Then your present old man would have had no wife and no baby to make him happy. You can't conceive love how much I want to see you at times. Won't we have some good old times when we do meet again?

Last night after I had mailed your letter I went down to the St. James Hotel and there I met Col C P Loncray, Shoulbred's fatherinlaw [sic] who seemed glad to see me. He said they are going to have a boom at Elizabethton and that Shoulbred counts on having me with him when work

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opens up. He says a short line of railroad – 12 miles, is to be built soon, to some new iron mines recently discovered. I may end by going down there.

Today was I was on my way home, I stopped into a cigar store on F St for some cigars and a man about 35 asked if I were not from East Tennessee. I told him I was and told him my name. He said his name was Robinson and we were at college together 20 years ago. I remember him well. He is living here and we had a long talk about old college mates.

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I am at work with the whirling table again. Got tired writing my article and had to lay it aside for a few days. But it is almost completed now and I can soon finish it.

Look out for whooping cough dear, and measles or any other contagious disease dear and be careful where the nurse takes the baby. I believe you told me the nurse was a white girl.

How I should love to see the two I love best this evening.

The Hammonds got back last night and are full of their trip. I see old man King standing in his kitchen door, just beyond our little house on eighth.

Goodbye my darling
Your own old man.

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Envelope
Washington D. C.
Aug 31 1897



9 PM
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Morgan Inn
Greeneville Tennessee

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Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C., Aug 31 1897

My Dear Wish-wish:

I have just waked from a nap which began taking just after supper and it is now growing dark. I will begin a letter to you and be able I hope to complete it before Bro [Ag__] stops in on me unexpectedly. In fact it is a little hard for him to do that now as I am always expecting him. He usually inquires kindly about you.

We had a great row after supper this evening. Birdie came into the parlor and wanted to know what Mary meant by taking the buttons off of her waist. Ettie and the old 'un did what they could to get her quieted, but she fairly roared until Miss

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told her if she did not stop it she would get up and knock her down right there in the floor; that she did not mean to be talked to in any such style. So Birdie backed out into another room and continued to lash Mary from a distance. They are the loudest people I ever knew. When they all get to screaming at the tops of their voices to the other to keep quiet, they raise a regular pandemonium.

I enjoyed your letter so much today, darling. I know it must be lonely for you, but you will get on all right as you get into your work. I would (illegible) pretty persistently for my class. The fact that you are connected with the school will be to you an advantage, and besides I have faith that my old girl is such

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a fine woman that she will come out ahead in any equal contest with the best of them.

It was good news to hear that the baby's appetite was so good. The weather will be cooler in a few days now and this will probably be the last very hot spell we will have. So if you can keep his bowels regulated for a little longer I think he will be all right. How I should like to get down on the floor with him or go out walking with him and his sweet mama again. I would make it a rule to play with him whenever I could find time. It does him good to laugh and I



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should like to see him grow into a laughing jolly boy. I am so awfully serious myself that he can't see anything in my antics to laugh at. But you have always had the knack of getting him to laugh without difficulty.

I am into my studies again and am I think getting into pretty good shape. Tomorrow is the 1st of September and the summer will be over. Fall is such a delightful season. If we could only spend it together. But winter is delightful too, especially when it is cold and snow, and a man has a good fire to sit by, and a wife and baby to talk to and a little money ahead. Ah, sweetheart, it will be a great time when I come home, won't it?

Lovingly
Ed

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Washington, D. C.
Smithsonian Institution
Sept 1 1897
Wednesday

My Darling Wish-wish:

I have just received your good letter and will try and get this off by the 2:30 mail instead of at night and see if it reaches you on tomorrow, the 2nd. I have written you every day without fail since you went to Greeneville.

I have just been out at the Army and Medical Museum to look at a work on the "Diseases of Children." I find that neither scarlet fever or diphtheria [sic] are contagious except by contact or by being in a room with a patient or by contact with a doctor or nurse. Neither of them are often carried by the air. Have Lizzie keep off the main streets when they are crowded and have her keep the baby away from other children. Tell her too not to kiss other children or take them in her arms or let them touch either her or the baby. Tell her to keep on the side of the walk from which the wind is blowing. If there is much sickness in town or if it comes near, do not let her get outside the grounds with him, or come out of the room.

In the mean time write to Callie and state how (illegible). (Illegible) the baby has had no chance to take

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any disease but that you think it might be well to get him out of town for a little while. I would also write to Mrs. Clarke at Afton and find out what time if any she could take you until the disease had disappeared. When school opens do not mingle with any pupils except your own and do not touch them. And it would be well to have a certain dress to wear when at school which you can take off on reaching home, even before touching the baby. Then wash your hands and face and you will be all right. Do not let Lizzie take him near the school house at any time, nor get on the windward side of "I": that is never get so that the wind can blow from the school house onto the baby. I do not think dear there is much danger at present. But we must take every precaution. Write at once to Callie and Mrs. Clark. I think I would not let the baby out on the streets for a few days. Keep away from the stores.

I guess I can't tell you just now what that was happened a few nights ago. It was one of things that had best be told, not written about. It was nothing of a serious nature. I wished very much at the time that you were with me. Will tell you all about it when I see you.

I am getting on very nicely with my work. Have been making some experiments bearing on my

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theory of flight which are very encouraging. I think when the secretary returns I will be "loaded" for him. I do not know when he will be back. It is very warm in the west shed today, where I am writing. How glad I would be to have you here with me, with no one to disturb us and everything to render us comfortable, except the heat. I have an high easy revolving desk chair which I had brought down from above today, which I find very comfortable. If you were here we could both use it.

You need not be concerned about my social relations, dear. I see people every day and talk all I care to. But I know that while those things are very important, they are not so important to me just at this time as some other things. My studies and my work are both important just now. I doubt though if I ever make a society man. I do not care much for society, and I usually feel that I am wasting time that might be better employed. Still I admit that I have carried the matter farther than I should. I am pretty well along with my studies now and can take things easy for the rest of my stay here.

I may go out to the ball game this evening or tomorrow. That is about all the recreation

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I take. On Tuesday night, I usually spend 15 or 20 cts for a supper, and I spend a little for frivol [sic] now and then. But on the whole my expenses are light and I can very well afford a quarter to see an occasional game of ball. It is the only sport I care for and I am exceedingly fond of it.



Do you know when your letter came today it was almost torn in two envelope and all. It had met with rough handling somewhere. But it was a dear good letter if it was torn and I enjoyed it just the same. I am not at all surprised to hear that you are making a favorable impression among the people you meet. I will turn the social side of our life over to you - you have a knack of making yourself agreeable and popular - and people will come to think I must be a great fellow myself or I would not have succeeded in winning you. Ah, me! But I shall be glad to see my darlings again. Write me all about the baby and whether the diptheria and scarlet fever are spreading. Don't fail to write Callie & Mrs. Clark.

Your own loving husband

E. C. Huffaker

P. S. I will look at some watches here and see how the prices run and let you now. I doubt they are any cheaper here than in Greeneville. Though they might possibly be better.

Aff [Affectionately]

Ed

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Envelope

Washington

Sept 1 97

6 PM

Mrs E. C. Huffaker

Morgan Inn

Greeneville Tennessee

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National Hotel

Washington, D. C.

Sept 6 1897

My Darling Girl:

I received two letters from you today and will have to receive two more on tomorrow in order to catch up. You must have made a beginning today, and began teaching for the first time in a good many months. I hope you will like it and enjoy the work when you get settled down to it. I would not be concerned about the number of my class; you will have more pupils as the people come to know you better. Even 6 pupils will do very well for a beginning. You know you would have to board somewhere anyway and if it doesn't cost you



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any more in Greeneville, that is with your music, than at Fullens, you will have the pleasure of living in Greeneville, which you will surely like better.

I had heard nothing of Robert's baby. It seems a little strange that none of them should have written. When Moreland was born we wrote right off early on the following morning. I would have thought Robert himself would have written, and if not he would have had the girls write. Everybody is not like you and me, are they, love? Well, I am sincerely glad to know that they have a baby and that is living. It will be a great blessing to Robert, and will likely make a different man of him. Though for the present of course and for a good while to come, Ada will have it all her own way, and everyone else will have to be sacrificed. Write me all about it as soon as you have the particulars, as I am not likely

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to hear it any other way.

This has been Labor Day, and a holiday in consequence. We had an early dinner and 2 o'clock found me at the base ball grounds with some 10000 other cranks. Every seat was crowded and jammed and I had to stand during the first game. The Washingtons played against the Louisville's and both games were among the finest I have ever seen. Washington won both, and the crowd went wild. I think I shall go to several games during the next month, as I am exceedingly fond of the game. There is no sport in fact that I like half so

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well. The Hammonds thought it would be great to go, as it was Ladies day, but the all backed out. They think more of a ride to Chevy Chase and back than of a dozen ball games.

Miss Maggie and I are getting on speaking terms again. That is when she passes me the beef steak I say thank you, which is a good deal more than I have been saying.

It would be so pleasant to be with you tonight. I have thought of you many times today. I was glad to hear the baby was better again. The article (not legible) diptheria is (not legible) a sure cure and I am glad there is a doctor in Greeneville who knows how to administer it. But I hardly think the baby will take it. Keep him off the streets until all danger seems to have passed. And don't fail to change your dress before taking him whenever you come in, especially from school.

Yours Lovingly



Ed

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Envelope
Chuckey City TENN
Sep 11 97
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
General Delivery

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Chuckey City, Tenn
Sept 11 1897

My dear Ed,

You will see that I am in Chuckey City & with mean ink & Ada's ever gold pen that some of her numerous beaux have sent her I am writing under difficulties. Baby and I got here yesterday about 3:30 after waiting some time at the depot at Greeneville.

Bob met us here & [we drove?] on out, found all just tolerably well. The baby (Bob's) is very small, has the Ripley long nose, but it is a very nice looking baby & Bob is very proud

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of her, says he wanted a girl all the time, but Effie says she could detect a shade of disappointment in both of them when they found it was not a boy. But now they seem very glad it is a girl.

They are having trouble about the milk. Ada has very little more than I had, the baby will not nurse at all, so they have to draw it out in a breast pump & give it to the baby. I got out all my old breast pumps, etc., and they tried them, but all to no purpose. Bob seems to think her milk will come when she gets up, & that it is just hard to draw out now, but my opinion is

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that her milk is drying up as fast as can be & in a little while there will be none & they will have to resort to the bottle. They all think our baby has improved so much & they say looks so much fatter. I know you are



as glad to hear that as I was. You do not know how he is enjoying his visit. He goes around singing & looking for the kitty. Effie & Ada seem to be very fond of him, & I think he knew them all.

Bob & I have been out riding all the morning. We left at 8 o'clock & got back at 12. Went out to

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horse creek where the mountains showed up in all their splendor. I did enjoy it so much & thought of you constantly. How nice it would have been if you had been in Bob's place. We went through the woods a part of the time where it was so cool & shady. It is lovely all out there. Bob had to go see some parties & asked me to go with him, which was very nice.

I received your letter yesterday evening, & how glad I was to hear from you. I am glad you will send the babies (illegible) and I will look for it this evening. I can't write

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a long letter today. Baby is fretting for me & I was away from him all morning. Will write you at length tomorrow. All send love to you. I wish you were going to be here tomorrow.

Good by with love
Your own loving
Wife

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Washington D. C.
Sept 14 1897

My Darling Wife:

I received your dear good letter this morning and was glad to hear that both the babies were doing so well, and sorry to hear that Ada was poorly. I wrote her a long letter today and suggested that she go to Greeneville and spend a month with you at the Morgan Inn. She would have a chance to rest there and what is more important she could have rare beef every day, which I think would soon build her up. I want you to inquire what it will cost to have her with you and mean while write to her at once and urge her to come. Tell her she will not have to look after the baby as we will have a nurse for him. I am anxious to get her on her feet again before winter sets in.



Robert wrote me that Ada Mary had not been at all well several weeks before the baby was born, which I guess accounts for its being so

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thin. It must though have right good frame to weigh so much even as six pounds with no more flesh than it has. I do hope it will grow and live to be a thrifty baby.

I think myself that Cousin Lillie is not the finest woman in the world. Whether she has any regard to her sister's feeling or not, she ought out of kindness to the baby do everything she can for it until it gets stronger. I guess it was in part "mating with a clown" that dragged her down, for she was really a sweet girl. Still one cannot always tell about what sort of a woman a girl will make.

I am glad you all like the pins. They cost \$3.20 are solid 14 Karat gold, and I thought very pretty. The 3 linked pins are 10 Karat gold and cost \$3 to \$6. I am glad I hit on something to please Ada as it is her baby.

You failed to get a letter from me today on going back to Greeneville as I sent yesterday's letter to Fullens. So you will likely get two on

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tomorrow. I want to see you all so badly at times that I can hardly wait until my time is up here. I understand the secretary will be back in about 10 days and I will then know more certainly what I will probably do. I mean to stand my examination on the 25th Oct. in Richmond, where I will spend several days with Anna. And as soon as the examination is over hurry on home to see you. I may walk though and not wait for the train.

On tomorrow morning I will move down to Mrs. Riley's and begin taking my meals at a restaurant which will be a change, and one that, for a while at least, I shall enjoy. Sometimes they feed very well here and other times they do not. Miss Mary is better. One day the old lady dresses out in her black silk and the next she doesn't. She can fix up and look like a really fine woman, and then she can be a slouch and look a sight. She has been having trouble

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with her false teeth, which some how don't fit and it makes dinner go off very pleasantly to have the matter brought up every day while we are eating.



Ettie is a loud one – coarse and selfish - and unrefined. Birdie isn't anything, though she can make a great deal of noise when she sets her head to do so. Miss Mary is the strongest of the flock, and has more sense than all the rest put together. One can't help but have some respect for her, though I hardly see how anyone could ever love her. So this is my parting shot at the Hammond's. I do not think that the prospect of my leaving disturbs their serenity in the least. One thing I must say for them however, they all speak in the highest praise of you. Every body does wherever you go. I am not the only one that loves you, but I love you better than anyone does. And you love me, don't you, dearest?

I think I should not let the baby out for several days yet as the fever might break out again.

Goodby my loved ones
Lovingly
Your old man

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Envelope
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Sept. 16 1897

My dear Ed;

I do wish you were here with me today. I want to see you so much, & when I think of the hundreds of miles that lie between us, I can hardly bear it. I shall be so glad when your time is up there & you can come home, but I hope you will have something to do too.

What do you think of saying to Langley upon his return? Will you try to get your time extended. If you should do that though you would

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take some time off & come to see your old girl & Baby anyway, couldn't you dear. You are not going to stay away from us longer than the last of Oct., I know.



I have been out some this morning & have just had my dinner. Baby is asleep. He has a boil on the back of his head which pains him some, & he frets with it. I opened it this a.m. & it is about ready to open again. With the exception of a few little boils he is very well, & is as jolly as can be. He plays hiding with any of the men in the house

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and they notice him a good deal. I think he is doing very well now, but tomorrow he may not.

I wrote a long letter to Ada last night, telling her to come right on down, but I have no idea she will come – she will not think it any use to spend that money, & Bob will tell her she will do as well there as here and she will not come. I hope she will for it will do her good to get away from there right now while they are in a rush & up so much at night with the baby. Of course she is not up, she & Effie go on to bed, &

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Bob gets up, but you can hear them all over the house - she can get some medicines from Bob, & he can hear from her every day. If she is doing no good here she can return there at first train. I moved into my own room yesterday evening, & there is a room next to mine with door between which I can get for her & it will be almost like sleeping in the same room. I wrote her to come on this week. Aunt Addie said this morning she wished Ada would come & go with her to some Springs – she wants to go,

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and doesn't want to go alone – she might stay here awhile then go on with Aunt Addie later. Aunt Addie wants us to spend the day there tomorrow. I go up that way to give my lessons, will send the baby on by the nurse, while it will be cool. I guess Ada's board will cost us \$15 or \$16.00, but if it will do her any good I am willing to do it. She can have rare beefsteak as often as she wants it.

I received both of your letters yesterday afternoon, and was very glad to get them you may be sure. I hope to hear again today.

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How do you like your room at Mrs. Riley's? Is she Miss Nora's sister? Will you go back to Hammonds to see them.

I must stop to get this off today.
Lovingly



Carrie Sue

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Envelope
Bristol R. P. O.
Sep 21
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian

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Greeneville, Tenn
Sept. 20 1897

My darling Husband,
Your dear letter received this afternoon, & found me all in a lot of trouble.

First, this morning the Board of Health, Education & sure citizen's met & decided to postpone the opening of school indefinitely on account of five cases of diphtheria in town. I would have left town today, but before hearing this I sent my clothes out to be washed & can not get them back until tomorrow. Will take the Baby to Chuckey City and stay there

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until the danger is over. People are very much exercised over it today. I consulted Dr. Fox, & he said if he were in my place he would go to the country with the baby – He said if my baby took diphtheria he would come to it & give the anti toxine remedy if I wished it. The baby has not been exposed & I do not think he is likely to take it if I get him away at once. I shall write Bob tomorrow to meet me on the 7:30 P.M. train if I don't go up on the local.

You can write your next letter there.
I had been reading of the yellow fever & this

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afternoon received a letter from Mama & Mary about it. They do not seem alarmed very much about it, & told me not to be, but I can not help it. Just think how long it has been since I have seen them. Nearly three years since I left them. If any of them should die before I see them again I would never get over it. It is very hard dear to be here without you or anyone to advise me or comfort me in these alarming times. You sick – my home people in danger of yellow fever, & my baby in danger of a dreadful disease. I have been so blue all day & to make

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matters worse, I lost my trunk keys on the street this morning & have not been able to find them. Can not get into my trunk at all. I thought I would leave my trunk & all but what baby & I will need for the present here. So much trouble to move trunks & so expensive. I will go to Bob's & make some arrangements somewhere to stay until school begins. I will not run the risk of coming down twice a week to give the lessons. I have seen some of the parents & they say they will hold my pupils for me. I will put a notice in the

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papers this week stating that I have gone until school opens when I will return to resume my music class. There seems to be a fatality about my teaching in Greeneville.

I was so glad to hear that you are about well. Now dear, do take care of yourself & don't get sick anymore. I must go to bed am so worn out with worrying today & not right well either. Tomorrow our baby will be 18 months old. He is very well today Bowels better. Will write more tomorrow. Good night my darling.

Lovingly
Your own
(over)

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Tuesday Sept 21 97

My Darling;

It is just after dinner. Bob & Ada (your sister) have just left here. They came down this morning & went to Aunt Addie's, & I had not seen them or heard them until they came down. Bob came to get him a new suit of clothes & Ada came along to have a tooth filled.



Bob advised me to go to Fullens, & we will go up this evening on the 7:20 train. Could not get off on the local on account of my clothes being in the wash.

Bob & Ada will go back in the buggy this afternoon. They are down in town now. Ada seems pretty

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well - looks a little weak & shows she has been sick but with all looks pretty well. The baby is doing very well today. Bob said he would be in more danger here on account of the little boils he has than if he hadn't had them. The one between his nose is better. The one on his head is well. His bowels are about as usual. The other stomach tooth has never come through, but the gum looks smaller & white, & I think is almost through. Write me to Fullen's. I must stop & get everything ready to go. I got a key to fit my trunk but haven't found my bunch of keys yet.

Write love
Your own
Carrie

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P. S. Suppose you try giving the baby a little sweet milk, now, at his meals. If he likes it and it agrees with him keep it up – give him a little at a time to begin with, until you see how it agrees with him. It ought to agree with him.

Your loving old man
Washington, D. C.
Sept. 21 1897

My Darling Wife:

I received two good letters from you today, one at 9 a.m., and one at 11 a.m., your first letter being considerably delayed. It came to Washington at 1 p.m. on yesterday along with one from Robert and I should have received it at 2 p.m. on yesterday. I made complaint about it today. From what Robert writes he seems to think there is little doubt that Ada and her loves are to get married. He says he seems to be a nice young man, but he knows nothing about him. He says he is not going to advise either for or against the marriage, which I think he is acting very wisely. It seems so strange to think of Ada marrying, I while I think it may be best for her, still I feel

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a little blue over it. I hope everything will turn out for the best. I want her to follow her own inclinations. I wonder how long she has known him? Did she just meet him this summer? If she marries I hope it will be because she loves him and not from any sudden whim or fancy she may have taken for him. And I hope he will be good to her. She must be getting better as Robert said she wanted to go to Greeneville with him on yesterday and spend 2 or 3 days with you. He says the baby is getting on better now. It is a shame for Cousin Mag to act as she does, and no doubt both Robert and Ada would be glad if she would go away entirely. She has no tact whatever and or sense of the fitness of things. It upsets me to think about it all. Robert wrote very appreciatively of the pins, which he thought were very pretty.

I am still slowly improving dear, but not strong enough for work yet. You need not be troubled about my eating. I promise you I will get enough and

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not allow myself to go hungry. I walk over to the Institution every day, but the walk is good for me and I take my time. I went twice today, but rode back the last time on the cars. The Secretary is expected back on next Thursday, 28 Oct, and hope then soon to know what to look forward to

That was a sweet letter you wrote me, love, on Sunday night, and I love you for it. I remember well all the times and places you speak of. I thought I never saw a woman so fine as you were while we were in Memphis. You have no idea how proud I was of you. I was a little lonely because you did not talk to me more, but I was proud of you and loved you just the same. I have been proud of you ever since and I think I grow prouder of you every day. I'm glad for people to know that you are my wife. You said some things in your letter that I was glad to hear and I love you for saying them. It seems to me no man could have more cause to love his wife that I have and I do not know any man who loves his wife better

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than I do.

I would love so much to see you now. Do you remember, darling, the day last summer that I left you and Moreland at Aunt Addie's and rode up to stay all night with the Haworth's? and what a sweet time we had up in our little room before I went away! Do you remember when I asked you if you loved to be kissed and you said no, you "didn't like it at all?" But you did, darling, for I could see it in your face. You are a funny woman. At one time you say you don't like to be kissed and then you turn around and say you do. So while you may be the sweetest woman in the world you do not seem to know your own mind. You are going to let me kiss you again aren't you, when I come home - as often as I want to? If I were only with you this evening I would get my arms about you and kiss you in the old way - once - "two times - three times" - a hundred times, and I don't feel like I would let you get out of my arms at all; it would be so sweet to have



you there. Do you mind, darling? Would you love to have me kissing you again? Do you remember the first time I ever kissed you? It was in the dear little parlor at Hazlehurst and I shall always remember the thrill with which I first felt the pressure of your dear sweet lips on mine. Then again at the depot. I loved you dearly then; I love you dearly still.

Don't fail to put in a line always before mailing to say how the baby is. Doctor him for his boils, and look after him closely. Get jelly for him from the grocery.

Goodbye my own dear loved one
Your fond husband

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Washington, D. C.
Sept. 22 1897

My Darling Wife:

I received your letter today saying that diptheria had broken out again in Greeneville. I hope nothing prevented your getting away on yesterday and that you are now in Chuckey City. After I received your letter I went over to the Army & Navy Medical Museum and consulted a work on diptheria. The author stated that the disease was in the majority of cases contracted by contact, or direct infection, and not through the air. So I think Moreland is not in much danger.

I want you to have Robert examine him there twice every day, and if there is the slightest indication of the disease send at once for Dr. Fox. The doctors here claim that if they get hold of a patient in time the anti-toxine treatment is a

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dead sure remedy. Hence you will see the necessity of getting Dr. Fox there as quickly as possible. Now, dear, if he should take the diptheria I want you to follow the instructions to the very letter. When Robert finds that Moreland's throat looks suspicious, don't wait to find out what it may develop into, but without waiting to dress, go at once to the telephone and telephone Dr. Fox, and find out if he can without fail come up at once by private conveyance, unless he can get there sooner by waiting on a train. If you can't catch him by telephone, that is if he is not at home, send someone to Greeneville to see him by the next train, or if one is not due soon send someone on horseback, and in the meantime keep on telephoning. The point is to get Dr. Fox there in the quickest possible time, no matter what the cost in trouble or money. Do not leave anything to chance. And especially if you can't catch the doctor by telephone, do not



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wait for him to come in, but get somebody off at once after him, so as to make dead sure of getting him. I do not think it is likely the baby will take the diptheria. If he does it will probably between now and next Monday. After that he will be reasonably safe.

Write me where the 5 new cases were located. Are they near the Morgan Inn? How far away? Has Moreland been near or in any of the houses?

Are you giving him blackberry jelly? Are you using the lead salve on his sores? Are you giving him the "sarsaparilla" (sarsaparilla) regularly? Write me every day just how he is and what you are doing for him. Has he had a cold recently? How long since? Is he well of it? When did he get well? When did he take it? How are the sores on his legs? How is his ear?

Your old man is feeling better today than he has since he took sick. I received a good

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letter from Chanute today, with photographs of his and Herring's gliding machine. He speaks a little discouragingly of the results. Jas Means, Ed. Aeronautical Annual, came out to see it, but their longest flight was only 300 feet, down hill. I am anxious to see the Secretary again, and to know something of what I am to do.

I think, dear, you must not be troubled about the yellow fever. It is a very mild form of the disease; scarcely anybody dies, and it is not spreading through the country, and besides the cool weather will soon put a stop to it. The quarantines are very rigid. The only place it seems to be spreading much is in the city of New Orleans. I wish I could be with you, love, at Chuckey City in your troubles. I have very little fear of the diptheria, and even if the baby has it, the antitoxine treatment is almost a sure cure. Have Robert examine him carefully and regularly, 3 times a day, and if he takes sick get Dr. Fox there at once; that is the all important thing.

You will probably get my letter forwarded from Greeneville along with this.

Love for all
Aff Ed.

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Envelope
Fifth Street Methodist Church
J. O. Babcock, Pastor
Box 27
Manchester, VA
Prof E. C. Huffaker
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Washington, D. C.

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Manchester, Va.
Sept. 29 1897

My Dear Ed,

They tell me you expect to return to Tenn. about the middle of October, and, Ed, you must not pass me by this time, be certain to come this way and spend just as long as you can with us. I have some little presents for Moreland that I am just waiting to send by you to him. I thought he was a lovely child, I can see his bright little lovely smile now,

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it seemed all the brighter and sweeter, because they were rare, and he had a kind of little hum, when he was feeling extra well, that was sweeter than a flute.

Ed Garland was delighted with the little gifts you sent him. He has read his little book several times. It was just "little Blue Betty" over again nearly.

It is pleasant in Washington, I guess now. I like Richmond but it is not anything like so beautiful as Washington.

Ed Garland is going to the graded school here in Manchester

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this year. His teacher is a (illegible) O'Brien. I think he will get on nicely this year with his studies, last year, he lost entirely on account of suffering with his foot all the time. He was vaccinated last week, and has been almost sick from it.



I received a letter from Jeddie yesterday. She said Charlie and Alice were getting on nicely with their school and that it was a nice community.

Effie has returned

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to Florida. I was in hopes she would not return until later on account of the yellow fever in the South. It may come to Richmond. I never these things though. If it should snap us away we have to go some time anyway.

We are expecting a minister from Danville day after tomorrow to spend some days with us to assist Mr. Babcock in a protracted service at his church next week.

Be certain to stop over on your way home, with us, and write me soon that you will.

Goodby
Your loving Sister Anna

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There seems to be a lot of [brood] about everything this winter. It might be called a time of upbraiding I suppose. I sent Ada a chest protector. Tell her to wear it regularly. It is not to be worn next to the flesh but just over the next garment to the flesh, whatever that garment may be. I am not very familiar with ladies' attire. I sent shoes and one pair of ton stockings for Moreland, together with a knit jacket, which will be good and warm for him as cold weather comes. It is white, where perhaps something dark would have been better for winter wear. But it will answer for every day. It seems to me he ought to have woolen stockings. I can get them here, or you can get them in Greeneville as you think best. After you see the cape you can write me what you need in the way of a dress: you can decide then whether you want a green or what and what style. It will perhaps in the long run be as well for you to dress right nicely, as you will stand a better chance

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of obtaining additional pupils. If I could find a suitable boarding place else where I would make a change. I wish I could be with you and the baby this evening. It is a little chilly here and we would get out on the streets and all take a (illegible). There are some of the prettiest dinner sets here you ever looked at. Prettier even than those I used to have over on F street.

I was sorry to hear that little Helen Gladys was no better. I begin to fear they may lose her. And it will be an unbearable blow to both of them and especially to Robert. I feel almost as badly over it as if it were our own. I hope you went up this evening to see them.

I had a talk with Mr. Rathbone today about my examination. He seemed pleased with the result, and will I think say a good word for me when the time comes. He is one of the finest men about the institution. Goodby my loved one. May God bless you and our precious baby.

Lovingly
Ed

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forward to going around to some restaurant and getting something to eat. But I ate so much dinner today that the prospect of anything more just yet is not as inviting as it might be. It must be awful to be sick and have nothing to do, think of every day being Sunday. If there were the only prospect which heaven offered I would feel somewhat as I did when I was a boy and not care to go there. But I have nowhere read in the Bible that every or any day will be Sunday. It is said that we shall rest from our labors, but says nothing about Sunday. I guess that must be a fiction of the poets.

Well isn't this the bluest, dullest, most unsatisfactory letter you ever read? I do not think I have ever seen anything to equal it. I shall certainly not read it over when it is finished – I never do reread my letters except from a sense of duty to see if I have made any mistakes, and if there are any mistakes in this they will have to go uncorrected. If I were with you I could hardly see how I could ever have the blues or feel lonely again. Books are all very well and they go a long way toward keeping one's mind employed, but no book can take the place of a man's wife and baby.

Even a horse and the open country would be a great relief just now. Anything but this dull city. I have gone over the streets so often that the sight of something else, and especially of the rivers and hills of Tennessee would be extremely refreshing

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If I could ever see a buzzard again to watch him soar, it wouldn't be so bad. But to see nothing but houses and hear nothing but street cars day in and day out and night after night is simply appalling. "The moon is out tonight love, meet me with a smile; I have something sweet to tell you while sitting on the stile." But it isn't likely you can meet me tonight and there are no stiles in town. But when I see the moon rising in all her beauty and think how her light is falling tonight on the fields and mountains and on the quiet housetops around the Morgan Inn, I fancy how sweet it would be to stand by an open window with you and register a vow that we would never be separated again. How I should like to be with you on such a night as this out at the Haworth's. I can see the moonlight now on the cornfields "As it shines on distant Binger fair virgin on the Rhine." If it was just a little nearer I would set out and walk home. I could do that I think, though I think it would be utterly impossible for me to ever walk back. Think of walking from Greeneville to Washington, and feeling that every step bore me farther from you and Moreland. I think I could never do it. I would be continually turning around and going in the other direction. Besides if I should ever get back to Tennessee I would find it so pleasant there, the soil, the climate, the people, that I should never want to leave.

Church is over and the sexton is putting out the lights – and closing the windows. I hear a steamboat in the distance and the everlasting roar of the street cars. If the one I love best were here I think would not be very lonely. After all it may not be Tennessee but a certain somebody that I am longing so to see.

Lovingly your own
E. C. H.

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that after a while Moreland would like to have them. So I shut my eyes and took them at \$5.50. You must not grieve too much over my extravagance, dearest, until you have a close look at the buttons. They are yellow gold, in shape like this (drawing) only lots finer. Then I got a collar button \$1.00. Mr. Goldsmith let me have the lot for \$6.00. So off I came up 9th St. to a clothing store where I paid 25 cents for a new kind of reversible cuff made especially for link buttons. They are fastened and linked in this way (drawing), and when spread out are like this (drawing). The great beauty about them is that when the outer edge gets soiled you turn them end for end and they are as good as new if not better. Then I came home and put them on and went back.

This P.M. as I was working over some calculations with Mr. Reed the secretary came in and talked awhile. It seems as if he regards me as a fixture, at least for a time. The work is certainly going on and great things are to be undertaken which may mean a

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great deal for all of us. I will leave you to guess what we are up to; so if anything leaks out I can say I never even told my wife. Under the circumstances I believe I had better withdraw my application for examination on the 25 and if necessary apply again next Spring. But I will wait till I hear from you before taking any action. Won't it be nice if after a while we can all be here together. I am very much disappointed in not getting to see you as soon as we had hoped; but we have the comfort of knowing that the old man will go on making money awhile longer. A position at the Smithsonian is a very desirable one, and I know you are glad that I am to keep mine a while longer. I got your dear letter at 2:30 and would have felt badly on reading what you said about my ceasing to love you had there been any likelihood of such a thing happening. But I knew there was not. I did not write on last Thursday, not because I wanted you to feel badly, but because I somehow couldn't do it. We will both be more considerate hereafter, won't we, my darling? You will be careful to tell me about the baby and answer my questions about him, and I won't write mean letters any more – never any more. Somehow I love you more and more every day I live. Tomorrow is the 19th. With my love and kisses for my Wish-wish and the baby – I am your loving husband.

E. C. H.

P. S. Did you get all the things I sent you? I sent about a million of them. I will send the baby's shoes in a day or two.

Aff – Ed.

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Envelope
Washington
Oct 2 97
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

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Washington D. C.
Oct 2 1897

My Darling Wish-wish:

I received your dear letter this P.M. the train being late. Was sorry to hear Moreland had been a little sick. He probably ate something that disagreed with him, as it was on the day before that you were at Cousin May's and Nola's with him. If he needs anything in the way of vermifuge have Robert give him what he may need. Find out from Robert what the symptoms are so that you can keep watch after him. I am glad you have decided to stay at Fullens for a week.



It has been regular wintry weather today, with dull clouds and a cold wind. We have had fire at the Institution and it has been unpleasant to get away from it. It is probably cold with you. If you and I,

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dear, could room together instead of separated, we might keep warm. Don't you think so? What a difference between spending the evenings alone and with you. It is pretty hard to live away from you and the baby. But we will all be the happier when we can be united again.

The Secretary telegraphed today that he would be here on Tuesday. I had hoped he would be here today. There is but little for me to be doing until he comes, and possibly not much after he comes, unless he can be prevailed on to take up some new experiments for I have about completed the ones I am on. So that there is not much use in experimenting further. But there are lots and (illegible) of experiments to be made, if he will only branch out a little. I have spent the whole summer proving what I told him two years ago. I will do the

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Secretary the justice to say though that he gave me this job, not so much because he was anxious to have the work done, but because he wanted to help me along. But he can hardly be expected to keep that up indefinitely, and I very much doubt that he will be able to give me further employment at this time, however disposed he may be to do so. Still I will have a talk with him and see what the outlook is. If it is bad I will go to Richmond soon and spend awhile with Anna, standing my examination on the 25th and going on home soon after. See Callie about my papers; I haven't much time to go on now, and must get my application in as soon as possible. There is no sense whatever in all this red tape. The law ought to be that any man who wished could stand the examination without

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having to take oaths and all that sort of business.

When I get to thinking about you and the baby I feel that I would not much care if I did not remain here much longer. You and Moreland form a much more interesting and attractive world to me than the city of Washington. The all important question of employment, of bread and meat, is always to be considered, but perhaps it is best that it is so, otherwise a man would never do his best. Though I am not sure that I would not accomplish a great deal more if I were free from the necessity of looking out for employment. Tomorrow is Sunday! I hope I shall hear from you in the morning.

With love for all



I am
Your loving husband
P.S. I send you a piece of music, a song, which you may have heard but which I hope you will like.
Aff Ed.

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Oct. 6 1897

My dear Husband;
While lying down with the baby just now getting him to sleep, I got to thinking of you and wishing you were here to spend the evening with me, but it struck me that lately I do not cry to see you anymore. I thought it somewhat strange, but for the life of me I could not force a tear. I used to cry about you being away every night, but I guess the

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feeling that our separation will now soon be over has made me take a calmer view of the situation. I know it is not because I want you less or love you less or think of you less than I did, for there is no woman who loves her husband better than your wife, Carrie Sue, does, or wants her with him more. I was saying to Mrs Armitage tonight that I would be so glad when you came home and I would have someone with me in the evenings. It is awfully lonely here at night.

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After supper we usually stay downstairs until the train comes at 7 o'clock, then unless there is music, which is not very often, baby and I come to our room play around a while, then I undress & put him to sleep about 8:30 and then I spend the time until my bedtime by myself – writing to you is the chief thing I do. Mrs. Self's husband came home tonight, & I couldn't help wishing it was you instead.

So you are having

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some fun with the ladies at my expense. Little Miss Griffith is there still is she? Give her my regards when you see her. Is your German lady there yet? I can shut my eyes & see them all passing around & when the time is up how they get away is a caution. I am glad you find the ladies agreeable & congenial. One



needs somebody to talk & laugh & joke with. I don't care so long as you do not forget your baby & wish wish, & that I do not

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in the least fear. We cannot be entirely to ourselves when we are separated from each other. I talk to some of the men here & find them interesting for awhile, but that is no sign that I have forgotten my old man, or would rather talk to them than my old man. Your dream was a funny one. Of course you need lots of heroism to be the husband of such a wife. She leads you a merry dance, doesn't she dear? Is it not strange that

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whenever I say any about "your wife" my thought turns instantly to Miss Cora instead of to myself, and I find that I do not like saying "your wife" for that reason, so I think I will not use it hereafter. I am your wife though, am I not, dear? But I often wonder what I will be to you in the next world if we all happen to get there. I don't like to think of it. Do you suppose I will ever forgive you for marrying somebody else first. I do not doubt your love now

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darling, but it always gives me the blues when I think of some one else having filled the place I do now in your heart. Tell me dear that you love me as much as I desire & deserve.

I shall do my best about the baby & the fire & the nurse. I have had a fire in the room all day, and I cautioned her very particularly about it. She kept in the yard all morning, & this afternoon it got so warm I poured water on to the fire & put it out. I had

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thought I would buy me a cheap fender for the fire & then there would be no danger. I will look at them the next time I am out in town. What do you think of it?

I believe the baby gets sweeter every day. He is such a comfort to me now compared to what he has been – but the poor little fellow could not help being sick & teething.

There is no cistern at the Inn, the water comes from the big spring through pipes so there is no danger here. I have not had the baby up at Aunt Addie's since I came



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back, but I will be careful when we do go up.

Of course there is always danger about staircases, but it cannot be avoided here. He is never in the upstairs hall alone. The moment he starts out the door Lizzie or I follow him.

It will be nice when he gets old enough to run around everywhere without having to be looked after. I think baby is in a healthy condition now. I had a short talk with Dr Fox this afternoon while out, and he said there was no danger now

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of diptheria, that I could let the baby go out anywhere in town.

I let Lizzie take up as far as one of the stores on Main St. this afternoon, and she brought him right back in ten minutes time. Tomorrow I shall be at the school all the forenoon, and perhaps a while in the afternoon. I have arranged it so I teach parts of four days in the week, & have Wednesdays & Saturdays free to go & do as I please. I am teaching ten pupils now, & I expect more soon. The old teachers are putting forth every

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effort to get ahead & they may be, but I believe in time, I will come out even with them anyway. Mrs. Self & I went out this evening to Mrs Trims opening & then on to Mrs. Patton Reeves.

Eleanor is having very little attention paid her. The only young man who has called to see her was Dave Harmon last Sunday evening, she has been here since last Friday. Minnie Reeves & Ethel Campbell are the only ladies who have called on her. Rhea is boarding

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at Mrs. Milligans up on the hill, but is staying here with Eleanor this week. Mrs Milligan has not been to see her & she has not had her at her house at all. I thought that on account of Rhea she would have been rushed with company & invitation, but not so. She is going home the last of this week.

Nick Earnest's motherinlaw [sic] went up tonight to Chuckey City to see her daughter. She is on the same mission that mama was when she came to us at Washington. They wont have as fine a boy as our was & is

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will they?

I have heard nothing from Fullens since I came down so I guess the baby is doing all right. They were to phone me if it grew worse. I may hear from them tomorrow. If you do not receive your application before this reaches you, write to Bob to send it on. He had it to take to Rheatown to have fixed up, & told me he would do it the day I left (Monday) & send it to you that day. Bob is so liable to forget &

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put things off, you will have to remind him. Hope you will get it in time.
It looks like Langley will never get back. Write me the result of your interview with him.

It will not be long now before my darling will be coming home. How glad I shall be! I will stop now & go to bed – my tooth is aching some. May God keep you and bless you my dear old man.
Baby is sleeping peacefully in the bed.

Good night
Your loving
Wish wish

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Thursday, 11:30 A.M.

I am just home from school and waiting now for dinner. Baby is down on the floor by his little rocking chair playing with some of his things. He is always in a good humor and hardly ever cries. Lizzie put his hair up in kid rollers this a.m. & it is

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now in curlers all over his head. He looks very sweet that way. I had tooth ache most all night last night, & it is aching some now. I am too great a coward to go to the dentist. Nothing new since last night, & as my paper is out will stop. With my best love & kisses from our precious boy to his dear papa,

Your own
Carrie Sue



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Washington D. C.
Smithsonian Inst.
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My Darling:

I know a woman with brown hair (deep reddish brown) and blue eyes and a fine figure who can say the dearest, sweetest things imaginable and write me the best letters in the world when she has a mind to. Do you know, darling, your letter today made me love you very much. It was very sweet in you to say what you did, and it made me feel very kindly toward you. I have sometimes felt a little lonesome to hear you say what you did in your dear letter today. It makes me feel more like we are one, with the same affections and likings and fondness for each other. It has sometimes seemed a little one sided and I had about made up my mind that we were not built just alike. And I think I have resented it a little. I have needed you so much at times when a letter like yours today would have

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been very welcome. The truth is I think you have sometimes been a little jealous in a certain way. But you won't be any more will you, my love?

Well the secretary has not come yet and we do not know when he will come. Possibly tomorrow. I hope so for I want to see him and have a talk with him. He will likely be too busy though for much talk for some days, unless I see him on Sunday.

On last night I tried my hand at playing pool. I played alone as I simply wanted to practice. I never played but one game before and had that to pay for, 13 years ago before you and Moreland made your appearance on the stage. I thought I could "blow in" 10 cents on a game and not mind it. But I played over my time played over an hour in fact, knocking the balls around and I thought cheating a little by taking the balls out of the pockets on the sly. But I suppose they had seen that racket played

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before, for when we came to settle they told me they would just charge me by the hour and that 50 cents would settle the bill. I made a kick, but it did no good. They said the regular charge was \$1.00 so I paid it and felt a little pore [sic] over it. But I had a lot of fun so I don't much mind it. I thought I would just ask you to economize somewhere and save the 50 cents. I believe I would make a good pool and billiard player. I found I could play as well as many who play every night. It is very fascinating. But I guess I will not try it again soon as it is too expensive.



I have been working pretty steadily today, finishing up some experiments with the whirling table. I will get through with them on tomorrow. It is a nice kind of work - something I like and what I can do well. I brought home Harper's and Leslie's weekly's

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this evening to read. But I soon read them through and got lonesome – as usual. This staying away from my wife and baby is not the easy job some folks may imagine. Do you know I am beginning to feel about you just as I did before we were married? Then I thought our wedding day never would come and now it seems as long until I can get to see you. We will be sweethearts again, and play we are bride and groom, and you will give me a present of some kind, and we will take a bridal trip up to Aunt Addie's. Of course Moreland will give us away, but we can pretend that you are a widder [sic]. Kiss my precious baby for me. Wouldn't it be pleasant if you were here tonight? but somehow I would rather be there. I am so tired of this room.

Goodbye, my loved one
Your Affectionate Husband
E. C. H.

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Oct. 11 1897

My darling old Man:

Two dear letters came from you this afternoon and one from Ada Bob. It had seemed a very long time since I received your last letter on Saturday, and I was doubly glad to hear from you.

I have been counting up the time tonight, figuring it up with my great brain, and I make it that in two weeks from tomorrow you will be here. Just think of it dear, you will

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be here and I will have you all to myself once more! I can hardly realize it. I shall be so glad to see my old man & to feel that I am not so alone. I know some body that will be glad to be here to.



If you do not make arrangements to stay on at the Institution, you will go to Anna's by next Sunday, spend the following week with her, & stand your examination on the 25th which will be Monday. Then leave there to get here Tuesday, or Wednesday anyway. I wonder what train you will come in on.

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Please don't try to take me by surprise dear. I want to know exactly when to expect you and the pleasure of looking for you by a certain train will be more pleasant than a surprise would be.

If you come home the first of the week, on Friday following we will all go up to Fullens to spend two or three days up there with the folks, and if the weather is good we will take the baby to the river, & let him watch the ducks in the water & see the frogs hop across the road, as he used to. Ada Bob wrote that their

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baby was just "whooping it" to use her expression. Last Thursday night it weighed seven & a quarter and that they she would weight 8 lbs now. I am very glad. She said Ada was a good deal better. Fannie was down with rheumatism in her back, & that she herself seemed to be going downhill "all the time." She invited me several times in the letter to come up soon to see them. Ada's fellow was to see her last Wednesday night – she said she thought it would not be very long before the consummation of matters, & that Ada said tell

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me to hurry up with her lace handkerchief. I told her I would give it to her if she would let me know in time to get it done. Have you heard any more of the affair? If you are coming home right soon, (& of course are whether you make arrangements with Langley or not) I will not go to Fullens again until you come.

There is a small political meeting going on in the room opposite mine, and men are passing in and out. Mr Brabson & some others. I don't know of what nature it is.

It is wet & raining & windy

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outside tonight. I have a fire in the grate with my window & transom partly open. Baby is asleep over on the bed & I have my umbrella stretched over him to keep the electric light out of his eyes. He sleeps better. He seems to get on very well with his new nurse. I was out most of the day, however, teaching & looking



after some music pupils. I think I got three this evening if not four. I will know in a few days. I think Moreland is getting all right again now.

Mrs Armitage has blackberry and dewberry jelly & I give

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it to him often as he needs it. Have you bought him any toys to bring home with you yet? If not, do so, because the little fellow has none, & there are none here. His ball you sent is "busted." I sewed it up once, but it has had such bad treatment from him, throwing & biting it, it has come apart again. I don't mean any expensive toys, but anything. He likes to have a string tied to a shoe or anything to drag it about, he will like something of that kind. When [you] come home you can make him a little express wagon like a home made one I saw the other day. It will be a pleasure to watch him as

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grows, play with him, educate him, & let him work for us.

Don't you think dear it would be a good idea to have your life insured for him? It would give you such an easy feeling to think that he would have something to help educate himself with if you & I should die before he was grown. I get to thinking sometimes of our means, & the responsibility it would be on me should you die & leave me nothing to bring our precious boy up in the way wisely and it almost frightens me. I may not be able always to teach, & even then it would take more pupils that I could get to make enough to live on

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comfortably, to say nothing of education & giving to Moreland the pleasures he should have. You could insure your life, & then we would get a house as soon as we would without it. Then when we had a nice home & some money too to leave to our boy, or say should you die before I do, which I hope will not be the case, we would have something to keep the home with.

Tomorrow is the great show day & I must go to bed to prepare for it. There will be a great crowd here, if it is not raining all day.

Good night my own love,
You ever loving wish wish

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Tuesday

I am just off for the circus so will write only a line. Baby enjoyed the parade immensely. Will tell you about it in my next. Mrs. Armitage & I will send our babies & nurses to Mrs. A's mother's to stay until we come home from the show. I couldn't resist the temptation of going where every body else goes. Don't get to see much anyway. Baby is all right today.

Good by. I wish you were here to go with me & we would take Moreland.

Lovingly
Carrie Sue

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Envelope
Postal Card One Cent
Washington D.C.
Oct 22 97
7:30 PM
United States of America
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville Tennessee

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Wash D.C.
Oct 22 97

My dear wife:

Send me your measure – height – etc and tell me just what you would like style, color, cost etc., and how I am to fit you. There are some very pretty suits of pale green on the streets. Send me Moreland's measure and I will try again to get him a cap. The stores are as pretty as they can be and are open now until 6 o'clock. Prices too are pretty low for ladies' goods; at least it seems so to me. So let me know just what you want and I will see what can be done. I was sorry to hear you had been sick. Hope you are well by this time. I will not have much time for writing this week, but will write a letter on tomorrow. I am writing on a new style of postal. (Illegible) the baby and his mama.

Aff.
Ed.

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Oct, 23 1897

My darling old Man;

I received your postal this afternoon, and I was glad to get even a postal, for it seems to me I can not do without your letters now. They are the bright spots in my life. I look forward to the time for the mail to arrive with more pleasure than to the ringing of the dinner bell.

It is Sat. Night, about 8 o'clock now. Baby has been in bed since 7:30 and I am to spend my evening alone. These are the times

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I wish for you most. We could have such a good quiet time together until bedtime, then you would let me lie with my head on your breast as I used to do, & I think now I would want to stay there forever. You do not know dear how I long for your gentle touch, your loving words, and sweet caresses. If I had never married and did not know the pleasure of having someone with me constantly who loves me devotedly, & one whom I love fondly, I would not miss you, but that is the trouble. Two long months of waiting yet. But we will love each

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other for this long separation, for you have been & are still going to be true old girlie until she sees you again, aren't you darling? And you know I am true to you. You don't allow yourself to be tempted, do you dear? I have read of just such separation as ours in books & the husband was untrue to his wife, while to her he seemed all that was good, pure & honorable. She knew nothing of his companionship with other women, his infidelity etc., but went on believing him. You are not that way, are you? You would come

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to your wife & baby if you did not have real business there to attend to and knew it was to our interest for you to stay. I believe in you darling, never doubting you in the least. But I do want to see you most awfully – It is next to the hardest thing I have ever had to bear - I think when I had to leave you in Washington to come down to Fullens with the baby & mama was the hardest thing I ever did. You remember how I cried every day for a week or more, & would decide to leave one day, & to stay the

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next. I have never wanted to leave you since we have been married, but some way we have had a good many separations to undergo. I do hope this one is the last for a long time if ever. I want you to go home with me when I go. Wouldn't it be nice if we could go down there about March & stay two or three months. How we would enjoy it together, & Mama & Mary & all of them would be so glad to have you go with me. But I am anticipating for that is a long time off, & we can talk of it when you come. Oh! if it was tomorrow you were

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coming, but two months! You will not stop long to see Anna & Charlie & the girls, will you dear?

This afternoon I went with the choir of our church to practice some music for the big meeting. Mrs. Wiley was there and invited me to go home with her from church tomorrow to dinner. You know she lives at the Orphanage. I guess I will go. So I knew if I did not write to you tonight I would not get to do so tomorrow before train time. You spoke of getting me a dress there & for me to send my measure, with what color, etc., I would like.

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I appreciate your thoughtfulness dear, and would love a dress you would select. Suppose you write me something about the suits, the prices of some etc., go in & examine them & see if they are made nicely & would suit your taste on close inspection. I would like a suit with a good deal of braiding on it, Tailor made suits are so pretty with braid in them. I will enclose a sample of some goods I received from Louisville which I like the color of very much. It is the new shade of blue that is worn a good deal, & the braiding would be pretty on

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it. If you feel that your judgement might not be altogether correct about selecting it, suppose you were to ask Miss Mary Hammond to go to look at it & see what she thinks of it. She could tell whether the shirt was wide enough, & the entire suit was made right or not. Or I will be perfectly satisfied with your selection. You write me something of the prices & a little of the style of the suit you have selected & I will send my measure at once.

The baby's bowels have been a little out of order this afternoon & night, & now every now & then he

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groans in his sleep. He ate some cake today, which may have started him. It is just about time for him to have another little spell. He is well for several days, then without any apparent cause, he gets all wrong again. I don't think it anything serious now however. He has been dancing tonight when I [pat] for him, & he is cute when he does it. He still loves to roll his carriage - & now he gives it a shove & laughs to see it hit the wall, or even roll out the back door down the steps & into the yard to the fence. What he

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does to that carriage is a plenty. Moreland has lots of sense. he knows he is older than Lucy, Mrs Armitages baby, and when Lucy is doing anything funny he stands off & laughs just as we do. When Lucy gets anything of his he lets her keep it just as if he thinks she is the youngest & he ought to give it to her. He has never been jealous when I take Lucy in my lap & lave him. He will look up at me & smile "that is all right mother." He is the smartest child you ever saw & yet he has as strong will as anybody. When

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he wants to do anything he will do it or cry very hard for it, but when he finds I am not going to let him do it, he very soon gives off to something else in a good humor. I am afraid he will seem altogether different to you when you get to see him.

I am going to try to get a picture of him next week to send to you. When you receive this you will be standing your examination or be through with it. There is me dear who is thinking of you & hoping the best for you. I wish you could make a grade or 100 but if not

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a little closer to it than 71. I believe you will stand better than that. I am afraid you are going to have a bad spell of headache when you get through with this. How do you get along now. Do you have headaches as much as ever. You hardly ever speak of having them now at all. I'll venture to say you will not go to church tomorrow & will spend almost all day in studying.

I must go to bed now. Will add a little tomorrow & tell you how baby is.

God bless you dear,
Loving your
Wish wish

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Office of Morgan Inn
C. G. Armitage, Prop.
Sunday Night
Oct. 24 1897

My own Darling:

You will be disappointed tomorrow when you receive no letter from me. I was disappointed today when no letter came from you, but I look for it tomorrow morning.

I wrote you a long letter last night, added a note to it this morning, intending to mail it before I left to go home with Mrs. Wiley for dinner. I left it on the table & it did not get off today. It was not that I forgot you dear, for

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I wrote the note while I was dressing, intending to get an envelope downstairs in the office & direct it there, but I was late in getting off, & in the rush I overlooked it. I thought of my letter as soon as I got there but it was too late to come back, & I thought you would excuse me this one time. I came home at 3 o'clock expecting to find a good letter here from my old man, but they told me there was no "blue letter" for Mrs Huffaker today. Mr A. calls your letters my blue letters on account of the blue envelopes. Moreland was not right

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well this morning, so I did not go to church, but waited until 12 o'clock, then went around to the church to meet Mrs Wiley as I had promised. Would not have gone at all, but I knew she would be expecting me, and Moreland was so much better by that time. Mrs Armitage said she would see to him & the nurse too, & see that he ate nothing to disagree with him. I had intended taking Moreland with me, but I thought it would be best for him to stay at home & not

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stir around. I phoned to them here to know how he was getting on, & they said he was all right. I was gone from about 12 o'clock till nearly three. When I came home he had been asleep about an hour & half, & was down on the floor playing with Mrs Armitages baby & the two nurses. The room was a sight where they had played with everything in sight. He has been all right all the afternoon & tonight played around a good deal then went to sleep. The baby's stomach seems to be so weak – the least thing upsets him. It makes it so hard to know what to give him to eat. He eats



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some jelly every day almost. We have tried him repeatedly on milk, but he refuses. Now when I give him water in a cup where he can not tell if it is milk or water, he will touch his lips to it before drinking any. It is not often he will eat meals of any kind. I shall be glad when he gets all of his teeth, & his stomach gets strong as well.

Mrs. Wiley said tell you that the one thing lacking at the dinner table was your presence, & that when you

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come home you must come down to see you. They have a very nice House down there, & everything is kept nicely. There are 18 or 20 children there from 2 years to 10 or 12 years. Mrs. Wiley is very nice to me – says she thought a great deal of you when you were at Emory.

I am looking for Bob & Ada down tomorrow morning.

I must stop & go to bed. You will have finished your ex. when you get this. I do hope you will come out ahead. Write me all about it. How I would love to see you. I don't believe dear stand it two months! I will add a letter tomorrow.

Good night my precious one,
Your loving
Carrie Sue

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Washington D. C.
Oct 27 1897
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Washington



Oct 27 1897

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. . . of capes. Just listen at (illegible) should like a seal skin plush lined with colored silk and trimmed on the outside with braid and (illegible) and fur. Costing about \$5 or less !!!!!!! -A cake like that would be shoddy from top to bottom.

My Darling Girl:

I enjoyed your letter so much today. 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 anyone else could say. I have thought of you a great many times today 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 in no wise deterred by such obstacles I came down 7th street and struck the (illegible) 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 spittoon you may happen to see idle) and soon found myself in the second floor at Kauers looking at capes. From there I went so Saks; from Saks to Bon Marche; from the Bon Marche to Bournes;

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from Bournes to (page torn) Landsberys to the Palais Royal. I had been to Woodward & Lothrop's early this morning. I missed you very much and needed you as much almost as I missed you, picking choice of something that would please you is not an easy matter. I rather like some of the brown capes 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 sealskin plush and all day I have been refusing to look at them or to price them. I like the cloth capes 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 looking 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 always be wishing

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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 easily. They are perhaps better boiled than poached. So long as Moreland eats eggs he does not need much meat; but beefsteak might be good for him. If you could have his stock cooked with tallow (suet) instead of lard it



would be all the better. Gravy 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 does. What sort of bread do you give him? Light bread ought to be better for him than biscuit. How would it do to add a little milk . . . (page torn)

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It may be two or three months before I hear from my examination, and possibly several months before I receive an appointment. So that time is a probability I may be with you at Greeneville 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 mare for to go." The prospect of being with you again for awhile in Greeneville is a very cheerful one to me. Yes we will hang up the babys [sic] 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 we will 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 three years now since I made my first trip to Hazlehurst, and saw you for the first time in 6 years. That was a delightful time wasn't it the evening we first walked down (illegible) Georgias. (Page torn) I thought I (illegible) had seen so fine a ...

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Office of 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 anybody else in the world. It will be such a restful feeling when you are here. Now I am as restless 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 near about 7:30 P.M. Baby is down on the floor playing with his big glass

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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 in the floor & reach for it. Oh! this boy is getting to be a holy terror. When he doesn't like a thing he just squeals out until he gets to do what he does like.



I wish you could see him manipulate (thats 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, even hitting the sides of the doorway. He loves

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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 tonight, & it may [sic] me awfully blue 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

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same. The only thing I have to regret about my married life is that I have 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 and be the same Carrie Redding. But of course that can never be & I do not wish it, but I will be so glad when the day comes & I can go home to see 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 heartaches. I do not blame you dear for anything, for you are the best husband in

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the world & are going to let me go to my people some time before a great while. The Lord has been good to spare them all to us these three years, but they wont be here always. I must go to see my mother.

It is more than I can bear some times, & 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
Lovingly
Carrie Sue

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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.

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

Bob phoned me this morning that the baby is better so 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 as 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 I was there to go around with you. It is equal to never chase after chess for Bro. Kennedy. I am going to send you some 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 catalogue of Sternin & Bros of Chicago who send out some very reasonable & pretty capes. I will put a cross mark at the ones I like, & you will find the description below with the corresponding number. You will notice that

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the capes with the two box plaits in the back are the most stylish. You must remember the prayer of the dude in getting me a cape. I see in this catalogue that the cloth capes cost as much or more than the seal plush ones. I have seen some of his \$10 plush capes & they are beautiful – still I like the cloth ones too – you can do as you like about. 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 price 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 me

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when they could afford only one cape a season. But you are there and can see the colored ones, so you can use your own judgement. I paid \$14.00 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 before Moreland came. I must stop & get

this off today. Hope to hear from you today. I don't have to teach 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 some.

Good 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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After 10 days return to
Morgan Inn
Greeneville, Tenn.
C. G. Armitage, Prop.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian

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Office of
Morgan Inn
C. G. Armitage, Prop.
Greeneville, Tenn.
Nov. 5, 1987

My dear Husband:

You are a nice one I must say. You write a whole letter of two double sheets of paper without saying one word of wanting to see your wife & baby, I don't believe you ever mentioned the baby, then take up a page & a half of telling about the Chinaman & his wife as if I care whether they ever see each other or not – but of course they see each other every day if he has one. I am not a China woman, wonder woman or washer woman, to be

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left in "furrin" 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 move, I go with you.



Moreland 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 contented 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 cannot sing their anthems without me. But I thought Home Missions began at home, &

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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 Mag 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 malted milk will agree with

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her. Nick 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 to see it & I sent Mrs Earnest word that I was coming to see it the first time I was in Chuckey City.

Moreland 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



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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 jacket. 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

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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 like 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

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was going wrong or that a bicycle was near, "bine," 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 back 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 around a little further when I hear from you.

Speaking of oysters – speaking o' _____ – 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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Greeneville, Tenn.
Nov. 9 1897

My dear Husband,
I did not write you last night because I was so tired when baby finally went to sleep, and have lost 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 Moreland had some of his little old worn out shoes, playing with

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them. He would put them in a row on the chair then move them from 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 this morning told me 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 fret & cry when anybody came about him. I took him up to Aunt Addie's yesterday to see Cousin Lizzie. She said he looked so much better than he did a month ago.

I guess Moreland & I will go to Chuckey City Friday & stay until Monday morning.

I think you had better just

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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 more than \$12 or \$15 & if the dark greys 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 woollen [sic] stockings. I have no idea I can get what we want here. You might get two pairs of tolerably nice ones for every day wear & one or two pairs of nicer ones for dress occasions. How I would love to be there to go around with you getting our things. If you will find a wider shoe & get them buttoned instead of lace, I think No. 4 will fit baby. His instep is high & he has a ___al foot. 4½ would be sure to

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fit him, & I would get that too if possible. Get stockings a little large to allow for shrinkage. 3 pairs will be enough. Have you priced any little blue & green cloaks? Those with the white angora fur, but I don't know how much they are worn.

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 separate sheet so you can show it to the clerk & they can make any alterations necessary according to the measurement.

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Washington D. C.



Nov. 10 1897

My Dear Wife:

I hardly know just what to get for Moreland. 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 eider down cloaks for \$2.50. All very warm. There is also a nice light blue eider down at the Bon Marche at \$4, and nice cloth cloaks at \$4 and \$5. I wish you were here to help me decide. There is also a pretty dark brown heavy 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 Fullens by tomorrow night's Express. They ought I think to reach you by Saturday. You

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had perhaps better write me what kind of cloak would suit Moreland 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 Moreland see the new baby, though it is much he would care to look at. And we would stroll up the river to the old sycamore log where we there sat one Sunday morning and threw stones in the river. And then back to Fullens and up to Cousin Elberts and down to Callies for dinner and then out to Roberts for the night. I am glad the baby is looking so

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and I hope you will not lose any more time in having his picture taken. Have the artist take two or three shots of him. Perhaps he can take him laughing, 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 also. You will soon be making so much that I will not have to work any more. Think of it: Together we are making $\$83.33 + \$42.50 = 125.88$ a month. If we could only keep that up for 5 or 6 years we would get there. Whoop it up, old girl, and _____ 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. Some times I could bite my tongue off with



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with vexation 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 heard from Chanute a few days ago, and want to write him soon. He expressed himself as much gratified to hear that my time had been extended. I am glad 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.

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Chucky City, Tenn.
Nov. 13 1897

My darling Husband

Moreland & I came up yesterday on the local on time, and Ada Bob was not 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 in about two hours after I reached here. I felt so sorry for you I could hardly

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keep the tears back while reading your letter. There you were by your lone self in a big city when you do not like a city, and would have given anything to have come with baby & me up (illegible) yesterday. There you were 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 I would show you my appreciation of you love & kindness to me.



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

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this morning much to our disappointment, but it may go down in the vestibule today & come up tonight in the 7:30 train. I hope it will come. Cousin Lilly & I are going out to Nick Ernest's with the baby this afternoon so I can not write more now – will write a long letter tonight & get off to you tomorrow & tell you about everything. Cousin Mag is here now & Cousin Lilly will be after me pretty soon. Ada will keep Moreland for me. She did not want to go.

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

With love your own loving
Carrie Sue
Baby is well today & is enjoying his visit.

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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 Oliver Twist I wanted some 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 grandmother, on the Huffaker side of the house. My Grandmother Huffaker was a Randles and while she herself

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[did not?] have red hair, some of the Randles did – her great grandmother perhaps. Some of the Huffakers, though not of our line had red hair. The Ripley's all had dark hair. Robert has reddish beard, but I do not see that it follows from that that the baby should have red hair. It is curious how children's hair comes to be red. Take the Haworth's. Half the children's hair is dark as mine or yours, and the other half fiery red; yet both their parents had dark hair. Uncle Haworth had a very slight touch of red in his beard.



This has been a rainy Sunday. For want of anything else to do I went over to the Institution and spent an hour looking at the birds and fishes and (illegible) and corals and the like; things I never grow tired looking at as often as I have seen them. It some how does me good and makes a better man of me to spend time in that way. I never cared so much for plants, but animals

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I never grow tired of. When Moreland 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 coming home from Knoxville told me he came very near getting me a book full of pictures of lions and tigers and elephants, with accounts of them, and to this 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 I lacked. Though in the end it may have been best for me. Often the things we think are hardships are the best things that could have happened to us. Like the storms that make the oak strong and vigorous, our hardships work to our good in the end. It is for

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

How I wish I could see my darlings this night! By the time this reaches you, you will be back in Greeneville and at work again. I wish I could hear you had gone to Aunt Addie's to board. But wherever you are I should love to be with you, as I expect to be in but little than 1 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. Some time this week I will get my babies [sic] picture. How I long to see him again.

With my best love
Yours fondly
Ed.

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Washington D. C.
Smithsonian Inst.
Nov 17 1897



My Dear Wish-wish:

I feel so lonely tonight, 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 life for a man to be leading. If I had someone to play chess with it would not be so bad. I might go out of an even-

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ing and call on Miss Monroe, but I haven't the necessary energy to get up and go. She dropped to see me this morning to say "howdy," and was very nice. But my days of gallouting [sic] 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. Then there are some very

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
Nov. 21 97

My Dear Coz. Mary,

Your letter was received a few days since, but haven't had a chance to write until now. It doesn't seem to me that you were up here last week. I didn't see you five minutes. I can't blame you for going back when you did, after having made such a long visit. Never mind, I am still mad with you. You might have stayed over Sunday anyway, and then

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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 anyway, I got three prizes, and came very near getting four, so I feel some what repaid. Wouldn't you? Yes, I didn't expect 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 (illegible) as I promised to write them. I'll do so,

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Mrs Naslfolk – 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. Grawberry – 2nd prize – on collection – 12 plants – Miss Ellis – best single item. Miss E - best specimen plant. Miss E best floral design. Mrs. Grawberry best whites, cut blooms, cut roses – Miss Cola Miller best yellow. Mrs. N. E. Berry – best pink. Now don't you think I did well for my first year? I want to do (illegible) next year, but

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very likely I'll have the worst flowers there. Did you tell that young [man?] what I said? I was only joking, and hope you didn't. You save him for me anyway. May left Thursday for school and we heard from her today, and she is so homesick, she is most dead. Aunt Mary & Coz. Ida are still sick. Coz. Sallie sent us word yesterday 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

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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 something of the kind. I just hollered. She is right sick, but she wont [sic]stay in the house or take any medicine. I am going out there tomorrow night, and spend the night. Hilda has been real sick all of the week and she looks mighty bad. Well, I must stop now, so I can get this off this evening. Hurry up and come back again and

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Washington D. C.
Nov 21 1897

My dear wife:

(Sections of body of letter missing)

. . . I received the baby's . . . your dear good letter . . . as sweet as can be and I . . . a hundred times since his . . . At first it did not seem to . . . but like his Nashville . . . likeness grows. Now his Nashville picture looks as much like him as it can. I have a whole bureau full of pictures now, 1 of you 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 put 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 marble and very handsome. Altogether it is a much more attractive place than the . . . I love to think of the . . . had together at the old

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Gallery. I looked a long time at the picture of "Fire and Fright" in which the boy with the mark comes into the kitchen and frightens his little sister and comes near getting a beating for it from his mother. And the . . . which an old donkey with . . . in and takes supper with . . . ily. And the group of . . . children perishing from the . . . Egypt. And at some of the . . . Some of these were so fine that I could imagine myself out in the woods among the poplars and the beeches. The statuary is elegantly arranged and decorated 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 stirs me as little as a naked ballet girl, whose legs are so much in the ascendancy of her brains that that the . . .

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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 both . . . ing. How little any one . . . that I would end by . . . you! You need not distress yourself darling because I married you last. It was largely choice that kept me from courting you then, and I remember distinctly 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 found that day, as of a woman who could love with a depth of feeling and self sacrifice beyond almost all the other women. And afterwards, how . . . by night and day of having . . .

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wife. And now it is all a sweet reality. Sweeter than I ever dreamed it could be. A large part of the pleasure of my life has been bound up with you. And it is . . . darling, that I owe the . . . our precious boy. How . . . how we love him and . . . days seem very long . . . from you two . . . And I grow more and more impatient as the time of our reunion comes nearer. This 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 Hammond's this evening. They have a fine new mahogany \$400 piano, Iverson and Pond which has a fine a tone as I ever listened to. But Birdie could not get any music out of the fine instrument ever constructed.

Yours lovingly
Ed.

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Washington
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville Tennessee

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Greeneville, Tenn
Nov 27 1897

My Darling;

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

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

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in bed. He slept awhile this afternoon & tonight he played around until 9 o'clock. I notice such a difference in Moreland in just the ___ has been with as many other children. He is livelier, jabbbers all the time while playing and seems to enjoy the life more than he ever 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 brought baby a few apples & oranges. I opened the bag & put it on the floor

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Washington D. C.
Nov 28 1897
10:30 P
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville, Tennessee

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Washington D. C.
Nov 28 1897

My Darling Girl:

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

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 Dr Fox and Robert think it will 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 great risks in taking him. It is cold in Vermont but their houses are warmer and cold weather

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seems to agree with him. I am getting anxious to hear from Mr Ravenel again, and like you I will be disappointed now if I do not get the appointment at St. Johnsbury. Even if it does not pay so well it has the great advantage 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, ever 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

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differ, and all about how we are made. And we will [bus?] 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 renew all those old experiences.

I was thinking today of the long walk we had one evening, the longest we ever took, where night caught us around near the Band O Depot and of how glad we were to get 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 Capitol.

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

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great sin in it: not so much as in bicycle riding, though I do not know if there is much harm in that. Then I came 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 rattles for Cousin Minnie and a sack of marbles for Moreland, 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 as the rattles cost but 10 cents each I 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 churchill overcoat down on the avenue that I think of getting. But will likely wait until you come.

Goodnight my darlings
Lovingly yours,
E. C. H.

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Envelope
Washington D. C.
Nov 29 1897
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville, Tennessee

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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 out letters seem to be delayed both ways.

I was a little disappointed today 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 far as he is himself concerned I am pretty sure of having his



recommendations – in fact I suppose he has already recommended my appointment. But the man who really has the appointing power is the commissioner, a Mr. Brice 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 questions is can any republican get on the eligible list.

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I received a letter from Anna today. They are getting ready to move to Danville where Mr. Babcock has been stationed. She says she does not want to leave Richmond but that Mr. Babcock and Garland are anxious to go. She has not been well lately. She said 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 forwarded to her. She is anxious for me to come by and see them on my way home - but there 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 on account of hearing nothing from the Fish Commission.

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When I awoke this morning it was raining steadily, with a gentle roar on the 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 around over us like he used to do, and we would have had him talk for us and kiss us and I dont know what could have been more pleasant.

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

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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 general news, but I can't stir up any interest in local affairs and I don't care whether the Eckington line runs cable cars or stick to their old house cars from noon till doomsday. I learned that one of the employees from the Museum who has been dismissed by Langley has been ripping him up the back in one of the papers, but I did not get to see it. I don't doubt though Langley deserved it all, no matter what he may have said.

I wonder if the baby got his net of marbles today and what he is doing now. Fast asleep most likely. God bless him and his dear mother.

Lovingly
Ed.

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Thursday Noon

My dear Ed,

This is the loveliest day you ever saw. If you were here we would go up in the hills & have a lovely time together watching the mountains, and you would feel inspired to make love to me as if we were sweethearts again. Somebody would be glad to hear today you have decided to stay in Washington, then you could come here to stay two weeks. We would stay here the first week, then we would take Christmas dinner with Aunt Addie, & go on

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to Fullens to spend the next week. After that we would all three take the train for Washington. I think it would be nice this time to make a change in our route by going by Asheville. But all of this is mere speculation. You may be decided to go to Put in Bay. If the train is on time today will hear from you before mailing this. Don't the days seem long this week dear. It seems like months since you wrote me of your appointment & I have 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 over 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 so I could take him down town to see the Christmas things. The stores are full of them now. (over)

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Well, I have just read your letter of today & am not surprised at its contents. Poof old man! You have had a time of it this week first one wanting you then the other. I hardly know what to do yet. I may get a letter from you tomorrow saying you have reconsidered & will stay there. But you may feel sure dear that everything you decide on it will be all right with me. I am willing to go anywhere with you and perhaps it is best that you do not stay there. You have not altogether ever liked staying there & you

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might have regretted it. Anyway you will be home sooner. Tomorrow afternoon I will have the pupils & parents assemble here – have a short Recital & announce to them my intentions. I would not do this tomorrow, but on account of my collections. I can collect nothing until I tell them. Will write my last letter to you tonight & tomorrow. You will write as long as you stay there.

Good by
Lovingly
Carrie Sue

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U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries informing
John J. Brice, Commissioner
Washington D. C.
Dec. 4 1897
Mr. E. C. Hoffaker, [sic]
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:
Commissioner wire that you will be appointed. You can arrange to take oath as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,
W. Ravenel
Acting Commissioner.



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Saturday 9 P.M.
Greeneville, 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 I 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 get the other

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appointment at Put-in-Bay. The St. Johnsbury 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 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 appointment, you get the

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name of someone in the place where you expect to go, & ask them all about everything, the people, the accommodations for living, the climate etc. I should think Mr. Revenel 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 seige of it is almost more than I can bear. If you are not to go to the place until after Christmas, you have

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two or three 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 some 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 any way. We can dress as warmly as necessary, & there will be no necessity of overexposing ourselves to the cold, I mean baby & me, because you might

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have 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. Stands highest out of the three highest. I am real proud of

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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 goose to let you get away from there. Suppose he were to talk to you again & 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

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you wanted it. Twelve hundred a year would be better than \$600. What do you say? But I don't suppose that 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 that Mr Ravenel has heard [ere?] this from Mr Brice, & you know about everything, and I will get your letter

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

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

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or 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 homecoming very much, & we will be sweethearts 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 off at Charlie's?

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

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here see for themselves that I have 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 anywhere else or not, so get yourself in shape, so that at the last moment you will not be rushed. You know how you had to leave Washington before, in such a hurry you could get yourself nothing, & lost your grip. You don't mind me talking to you this way, do

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you dear? If I did not know how indifferent you are as to your appearance at the very times you should pay the most attention to your dress, I would not say anything.

Look at Dan Ripley, nobody thinks anything much of Dan, he goes around looking a rough & dirty as a tramp almost sometimes. 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

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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 and tell me how you and Langley come out on the problem. I am betting on a certain old man whose wish wish loves him more than he does her. I wish you were to be here tomorrow.

I must go to bed.

Yours lovingly
Carrie Sue

I have not heard from them at Fullens in a long time. You men had (illegible) than I.

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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian
Dec 1897

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Sunday
Greeneville, Tenn.
Dec. 5 1897

My Darling:

Have just eaten dinner and am hardly able to think have had so much. Moreland is at my feet in 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 with me over to Aunt Addie's. Just

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after church I ran over there a few moments while Moreland was asleep. Aunt Addie said she wanted us to take Christina's dinner with her. I did not know whether you had promised Bob to be there that day or not & Aunt A said Don was going to write to all them up there to come down here. That will be nicer, & we can go up there the next day & stay several days. Won't we have big time eating turkey dinners, etc. & be together

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too. If I just know we will not be separated again after Christmas, would fee happier. We would go on together if possible.

I can not stay here by myself. I hope to get your letter today & that you will have heard again from Mr. Revenal.

Good by my loved one - May God guide us & bless us.



Lovingly
Your Wife

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Sunday
Dec. 5th 1897

My Dear Wish-wish:

I have spent the day going to the post office and reading Davy Crockett's autobiography. I have been more successful with my reading than with my trips to the post office, for I am nearly a third through my book and I have no 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 our all going together to Ohio will depend very much on whether he is in shape for the trip, as I do hope he will be, for it will be a greavious [sic] 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 awhile longer. While if he is you will have to arrange to give it up. The whole matter stands this way: If Dr Fox thinks the trip and the climate on our island are safe and will not hurt him, then get ready to go. If he thinks it will, or if he hesitates there is nothing left to us but to let you wait and come on later.

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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 Saturday, 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 furtherest by the morning of the 16th. Let me know by Friday and again by Saturday, whether I am to come to Fullens or to Greeneville. I have agreed to stay here until the 12th so that as that day comes on Sunday, I hope to get away on Sat. 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 cornbread, sausage and sweet milk. I know I will eat myself sick and not be able to get any further. Then we will have popcorn and sit by the fire and then have music - just one week from this minute you understand - and then we will have a fire all to 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 days, and we will abandon ourselves to the enjoyment of each other's society. And then we will go to bed. How long it seems since I slept with a woman. I have lived an old



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bachelor's life and have been as virtuous as Deona himself. 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 reckon we will go to sleep at all next Sunday night? I mean try to go to sleep before midnight and if we go to bed at 9 we will have 3 hours to talk on before getting sleepy even, and by that time we may yet be such a way talking, that there will be no stopping us. And we may keep awake all night. I know I can think of more dismal things than that, can't you? But I do not get up now until after 8 and getting up before day will be fine with me. How I wish I could have spent 2 weeks at least with you at Greeneville and Fullens (illegible) as to how we would play at being bride and groom and thought there would be no end to the enjoyment we would get out 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 us 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 everything you can, especially what is heavy, and everything we can possibly leave behind and store at Aunt

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Addie's or Robert's. I want to take my mathematical 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 our chessman and the baby. Put in my mathematical instruments too. But make the trunks as light as possible.

If we get up there together we will have some fine times when Spring opens, boat riding and taking an occasional trip on a steamer. We will be but within 6 miles of Sandusky, 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 skating and sleighing must be the great sports. I don't doubt we are going to like it. If a letter comes to me from Mr Stranahan – open and read it.

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

Goodbye my own precious darling
Your loving husband [EC?]

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Envelope



Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville, Tennessee

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P.S. Jo's address is Cedar Springs Va.
Anna's is Danville, Va.
P.P.S. My picture was too bad, so I decided not to send it.
Washington D. C.
Dec 6 1897

My Dear Wish-wish:

I have just finished a letter to Mr Stranahan, the Superintendent of the station at Put In Bay and will only write you a short letter this time, as two letters of any length whatever 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 Moreland to Chuckey City, I want you to go up on next Saturday, & 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 wont let him out in the rain but it will pay just now to look closely after his napkins and “all that sort of thing.” This P.M. I went round to Woodward and Lathrop and found one of the cutest little gowns for him you ever saw. I think he won't kick out of it in a hurry. I also got him a pair of mittens and looked at some cloaks. I will get some

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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. Pipas and take it down and let Mr Armitage see it. But do as you like with it. But I am all right now, having today laid in a complete suit of underwear. I saw and overcoat this evening which I think I shall get. It is a Chinchilla and will cost me \$15. But I will need something good and think I had better get it. When we get up yonder I (illegible) in and give drawing lessons at night if I can 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 the week never will roll by. But Monday is gone already and Tuesday will be here tomorrow. Wont it be nice when we are together once more. We will have some good times and we wont go home till morning, 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.

Lovingly
Ed

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Greeneville, 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 together, & 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 Dr Fox yet – was too busy all day to see him, I will go to his house to-

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morrow morning before going to school & write you what he says. He lives in a house just four or five doors above here. I wrote to Bob today to call me up tomorrow morning to talk with me about the advisability of taking the baby to Fullens next Sat. or Monday & about our trip north. I will report what (illegible) say before sealing 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 Fullen's, then if there is no danger,

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Moreland & 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 Fullen's 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-

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

The hard problem is about my class. I don't know how to tell them or when, 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

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Saturday, so I will not be rushed next week. If I go to Fullen's Monday I would be compelled to come back here on Wednesday & start from here. Will we leave here on the 8 a.m. (Ross (illegible)) train or wait for the Vestibule, which will leave 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

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which now makes 18. Some of the pupils are going to hate awfully 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 I will have given up a good music class to go with you, & as the children used to say "and you are nobody's great-grandmother either," a fact I am very glad of for if you were you would not be my husband.

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

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to what is 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 again for so long. I calculate on nothing else but going on with you for I feel pretty sure that Dr Fox & Bob will both say we can go.

Good night my dear

Your loving wish wish.

Moreland went to sleep early tonight & is fast asleep now. He is so willful – has everything his way. I shall be glad when I do not have to be gone from him all day. He cries for me so much.

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Tuesday At school

Dear Ed

Well I had a talk with Bob this evening on the phone. He said he thought there would be no danger of whooping cough or diptheria that they did not have any right near them. He wanted to know when I was coming up. I told him that if I come I did not think I could go until Monday, that I guessed you would wait until then to go – that I would let him know in

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a day or two. I still am a little afraid to take Moreland up there, but by staying close to Bob's it might be all right. Bob said he did not know anything of the climate on the island, but he hardly thought that it would hurt Moreland – that sometimes those islands are pretty well elevated and the dampness would not be so great. Dr Fox said he knew nothing of it. But he said it was not likely to be very damp in cold weather as the dampness would be dried out by the extreme cold. He said

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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 him. Bob said if the baby could stand the changes in the weather of East Tenn. 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 preparations that way.

I do hope dear you will get you a good

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warm & heavy over coat, & a thick heavy suit of clothes. You are the one who will be exposed & should be dressed the warmest. Have you good socks & shoes? I think you ought to have woollen [sic] socks & good ones.

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

I am going by the post office on my way back to school to get your letter. The train came today at 12 o'clock.

Yours
Callie Sue



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Greeneville, Tenn
Dec 7 1897 11 AM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian

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Greeneville, Tenn.
Dec. 8, 1897

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 Mr

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Ravenal. I wish it was so I could sleep until tomorrow at 12 o'clock, & then I would not have those hours of suspense and uncertainty.

Sometimes I think you have decided to accept Langley's offer because it is a better salary perhaps better climate & all those sorts of things, and then I think you have decided on Put-in-Bay because you have been sworn in & accepted the place. Still I think dear, it would not be altogether dishonorable to give it up if you wanted to, and there are other ap-

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plicants who want the place & are ready to be appointed. There is one think 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 W 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

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believe you will want me to go too. Well, I hope I will hear tomorrow any way. I went over to the school this afternoon & told Prof (illegible) not to take any steps in the matter until I told him to again. I told him there was a possibility of me remaining here until Christmas, & that would give them time to get another teacher. He seemed greatly relieved at the prospect, & said he hoped they would not have to give me up this session, but I let him understand that it would very likely

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be no longer than Christmas.

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

Aunt Addie went with us this afternoon to return a few calls. I wanted to make all my calls before leaving if I have time.

Moreland has been very sweet today & tonight. About an hour before he went to sleep I bathed him & he called for the "gease." I greased him

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good & he laid down in my arms & sung & talked himself to sleep. I do hope he will be this well when 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 & do get very little sleep.

May God bless & direct you in this decision.

Lovingly your

Wishwish

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Mrs. E. C. Huffaker

Greeneville, Tenn.



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Greeneville, Tenn.
Dec 23,26 97
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(Illegible) the . . . she . . . tomorrow & Cary & Mary will meet them & take them out friday morning then I must finish my dress & get ready for Christmas. We didn't make our fruit cake till yesterday. I hope its nice will save some of it till you come love to Ed & lots of kisses for Moreland

Brookhaven, Miss.
Dec 22 1897

Dear Carrie
I've sent you by express today the box to let you know we are thinking of you dont expect much you know we cant send

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anything handsome . . . for you & we . . . you would appreciate it if it was only a little . . . from here we . . . wanted to send Moreland something . . . we looked around & found a Ball for Moreland & a thimble

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& work basket for you . . . sorry we couldn't find something for Ed but Mary is going to write is going to write him . . . annual letter . . . & tell him all about everything. I hope Moreland will . . . the little knife & Spoon. Teach him to eat with it at once

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I am writing on Marys letter paper Mr Mc got her in Wesson we . . . sending you . . . (illegible) papers . . . box but we forgot it will send them any way. Dave . . . was married . . . Miss Georgia . . . of Durant . . . he is very happy . . . write soon I am . . . for anything getting . . . off to the country to this (continues top of page 113)



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Mr. E. C. Huffaker
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Washington D. C. Feb 11

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Boston Aeronautical Society
Box 1197
Boston Mass USA
Feb 7 '98

Dear Sir,
Your assessment (\$1) 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
A A Merrill
Treas.

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Brookhaven, Miss
Mar 30 /98

My dear Sister -

Mama 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 letters to me. Monday I wrote Bro. Ed and was going to send him some little clippings that I knew he would relish but we had such "vedder" it rained so hard, I did not get it off and that Eve Stella had so much sewing on hand and no nurse that I had to go over there and keep the boy till yesterday eve I came home too late 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 the yellow fever this summer, and then I am not in love

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with 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 men in the "Gut 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 this trip will benefit me and then getting with you my sister once more will make me feel like my old self again. I think we could revive our old song duets solos etc. and O! what a good time we would have. I just must go but you might come on down 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 while you went 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 write and the baby wanting you.

Hurry up and go to housekeeping there as you say M will have more 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 if when ever the command is given to "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 (Nannie Wilson she used to be) had separated? Well it happened a year



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ago I suppose. She told him she was quitting him because she did not love him (a very good reason don't you think?) She was here on a visit to Mrs Wilson (Nannie Presser's Aunt) a few weeks ago and I saw her a few minutes but she told me nothing of Jim. He lives near Dr Young's a way down in the country west of Hazlehurst. You know Dr Y married Miss Sallie Nelson and you know about where she lives Jim went over to Capt. Hargrave's 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. On this other night he called on Carrye [sic] but she gave him to understand she did not like a married man's visiting her as long as he had no divorce but I guess she will not object

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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. \$\$ are scarce articles in this house now, but when I lay my hands on some I shall dispatch them to instanter[sic]. I have not been able to make money since you left us 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 can do.

Zula is to get off in two weeks from today and poor girl! I feel deeply for her. She is unhappy and unhealthy and she is not having much in her Trouisow (Trousseau). Mrs Weems is making everything and she cuts out and makes them just any way she dont seem to care how or what she does or gets

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Her dress has come from Louisville and it is right pretty. Henrietta new shade of blue not very light. It is trimmed in light yellow. Her hat, dress, gloves, all cost \$25. The hat is on the road not come yet. Zula is a sweet girl but O! how she lets her ma impose on her. I could tell you lots if I was with you. What are you going to have for Easter? Mama has her dress nearly done but I don't think I will have anything unless it is a little lawn I had and did not make all last summer. I have dressed very little since I came to Brook. Bird's boy had on the little sacque 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 to do with any thing 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

Mary R

Love to both & kiss baby for me



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Envelope
Greeneville Tenn
Apr 26 1898
Mrs. E. C. Huffaker

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(Top of letter)

Mr Webb gave me a note to enclose for you. he said you could write when you write to me. And the price of the music.

Greeneville, Ten
April 26 /98

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

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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 Greeneville got order today to leave. Mr. J. 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.

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I suppose you have heard that Cousin Nat Ripley, & wife had gone home. They came here last Tuesday. This day, week, Cousin Lizzies brothers wife & Tillie B came down with them. Minnie, & P and the baby, went up on Tuesday and staid [sic] until Saturday. D. S. came up on friday it was the week of the commencement. It seems so changed at Cousin Elberts. Agnes Brown said that Miss Arnold was to play for them at the close of the School, - but she has declined. Mr Bochbinder has for the past three Sundays been organist at the M. E. church. It seems as though

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it is a new organ. What a change in the music. Well since I began my letter Company K has gone, got order to go to Knoxville, to join others. it seemed as most every body went to the train to see them off. Arnold Reave is Capton. [sic] Grace is looking very healthy at this time, and also Tal Fowler or Mrs. Duger I should of said. I am anxious to get Morelands picture. I imagine he has changed considerably. We have one of the baby's you. I have been at Dave to send it on but he seems to be absorbed on the war question. he dont do much but read the papers.

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Ada Huffaker let me see her sweethearts picture – but could not find out anything 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 Patton Reves boys left. The Negras are making up a company. They have sixty. We still have our company she wants to stay till the middle of May. Agnes request me to say to you, that she wanted one of Morelands pictures. I have not been out but very

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[little] 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 delightful trip and I would enjoyed [sic] 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

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Note enclosed:

Mrs Huffacer [sic]

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 Respect J. B. Webb

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Envelope
Carr & Richardson (marked out)
Real Estate, Loans, and Insurance
TSVILLE PROPERTY A SPECIALTY
Hyattsville, Md
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Inst.
Washington D. C.
April 2_ 1898

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OFFICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Arthur Carr, Clerk
Hyattsville, Md.
April 27th 1898

My dear sir:

Given to hand, the dimensions of (illegible) upper front Room 14 x 14 ft. Alcove 8 x 6. There is in the House 16 windows without the Kitchen, size measures from the inside [casn?] 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 17 ft & 2 ft 8 in width. The above is the information desired I think.

I can-not engage the (illegible) you desired to be furnished tomorrow, 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. We will have to get some little (illegible) here until you can do better or until I can get you a (illegible). The key can be gotten at any time called for.

Yours Rspt [respectfully]
Arthur Carr

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The Constitution
Atlanta, GA
WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT
MRS. WILLIAM KING, EDITOR.
May 4 1898



Dear Cousin Carrie:

Berta has just gotten off today 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 will be together a great deal.

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

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but intended writing you and addressing it to Chuckey City but heard that you had moved to some place in Greene something and did not have your address. Now I did not get your address, nor did I know you had gone back to Washington D. C. until I went to [Experimeul?] on a visit about a month ago, and learned there your address, 812 I St. N. W. - so I hope you will forgive me and I will forgive you for not writing to me all this long time.

(Illegible) I write very hurriedly today to tell you that Mother and Clayton are in Washington at the Baucraft corner of 18th and H. St., and I would like

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So much if you would go and see them. Mother left her Monday the 2 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 Will's sister Mrs Howard who lives at Baucraft. 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 toward 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 Belle, 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 the leave the most important news for her to tell you. She will tell you

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Edward C. Huffaker Esquire
Smithsonian Institute
City

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ASSIGNMENT

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 RANGE FINDERS,
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 inconsideration 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 ($\frac{1}{2}$) part of all my right, title and interest in and to the said improvement and the letters Patent therefor [SIC] granted. The same to be held and enjoyed by the said JAMES MILTON FRENCH his heirs and assigns as fully and entirely as the name 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. Keuron
Acknowledged before me by the said Edward Chalmers Huffaker this 30th day of June 1898.
Solon C. Keuron
Notary Public

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Wedding Invitation
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.

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Envelope
Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Huffaker

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AGENCY FOR
The Singer Manufacturing Company's
Sewing Machines
No. 529 Church Street
Nashville, Oct. 15 1898

Dear Mama

Your letter from Knoxville Tenn came promptly to hand, glad that you got safely to that point & even if you were delayed then 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 safely – glad to hear from you & of your safe arrival at Sister's

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Now Mama don't imagine that you have to do everything that is to be done & work yourself down. Hope 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 don't fail to come this way, & if Sister is with you so much the better we have room for you all [Lena?] M 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

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We had a big frost this morning & if it extended down in Miss the beginning of the end is here.

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

[Lena?] Mae's baby is better though not entirely well they all enjoyed your letter very much – write again soon

Give our love to Sister & Ed & kiss the Baby for his Uncle

Your Afft [affectionate] Son
Frank

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Chucky City Tenn
Oct 24 1898

My Precious Brother,

I received your dear sweet letter yesterday, and I know you would have been amused if you could of seen and heard us as I read it. We were 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 death nearly and such long faces as we did have about it and Her "shucks!" and now "isn't that hateful" was enough to have made us think what your new baby's being

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a boy _____ calamity and if you would have heard us cheer when we came to the last of the letter and found that the boy was a girl you would have thought then that it was a president's election and we had just heard that her Republican had carried everything. And, my _____ old brother, 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 namesake, or how much I appreciate your naming her for me. I hope that her little daughter Ada will be smarter

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Envelope
Spring Valley
OCT 1898

Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institution
Washington City D. C.

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Spring Valley Va
Oct 25 1898

Dear Ed:

Your card received. Well I guess I will congratulate you and Carry 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 [sic]. There's nothing like it. I reckon you'll name it Charlie. We are all well. Our school is going along very nicely. We (letter torn) have unusually good hea . . . here. The people are all very . . . to us. I have no news in particular I believe.

I wish you would slate the 30th 31st 32nd and 33rd in Lyman Hall Algebra for me if you have a book of that kind – page 246 and 269.

Love to all
Your aff [affectionate] brother
C.W. HUFFAKER
OCT 25 1898
over

Never mind the (illegible) Ed. I have all but two I think I can get them.

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(torn). . . don & Eulalie says tell you all howdy from them and to kiss the little cousin for them.

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Methodist Pub. House,
Nashville, Tenn
Nov. 21, 1898
Prof. E. C. Huffaker,

Dear [Prof?]



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

Yours truly,
R. N. Price

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Memo

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.,

Inclosed [sic] 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. O.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM W. KARR
Disbursing Clerk

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Chuckey City Tenn
December 9 1898

My dear Sister Carrie,

I received your letter yesterday and was glad indeed to hear from you again. I fully intended writing to you ever week, but I eat so much dinner Thanksgiving day that I haven't been able to. I am half dead with a bad cold now. I calculate on it costing

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me, though, to write to you. Ada is sewing 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 nightingale that I anticipated, I developed now a second class screech owl. Mr. Dukes, the teacher

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[said] that you were now a rank republican. I believe that is what Carrie Sue wrote to Uncle Joe. Of course you cant be a Democrat any longer tho for you know you said when the Democratic came in power that if

they didn't do something great you would leave the party. I suppose the whole family are Republicans now but Charley. I noticed

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in the paper last week that Sam Slack had killed a man named Cole there in Bristol. He shot him in a saloon. I get the Bristol courier every week from Prof Keter. I haven't time to write anymore for I have to get dinner. You must write to me soon for I do love to get your letters. With a whole bushel of love for you I am your devoted little Sis.

Ada

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Envelope
Lancaster, Va
Master Moreland Huffaker
Chuckey City,
Greene Co. Tenn

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H. L. Milligan, Vice Pres.
W. H. Armitage, Cashier.
S. R. Earnest, Asst. Cashier.
Greene County Bank
Greeneville, Tenn., Feb 21 1899
E. C. Huffaker Esq
Chuckey City Tenn

Dear Sir:

Inclose [sic] your cancelled note for \$25.00 I overlooked or rather forgot your request when I went to write up the new certificate and drew it all in one \$400.00 Hope this will not inconvenience you in any way. Fully intended to draw them as you instructed.

Cf Deposit 450.00
Int 4.50
454.50
Pd note 25.00



	429.50
New Ctf	<u>400.00</u>
	29.50
Revenue on New Ctf	<u>08</u>
	\$29.42

The first time you are in Greeneville please come in and endorse the old Ctf I lay away for you as per your instructions the \$29.42 new due you Ctf. Yours W. H. Armitage

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Chuckey City, Tennessee
May 29 /99

Dear Bruce:

Your kind letter in regard to stove received. Many thanks to you for the discount you allowed 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 (\$11.00) Eleven Dollars. Send me bill and if there is a difference I will send you balance. Freight stove to me Fullens, Tenn. Bob says tell you to tell the girls that we are looking for them every day. Love to all.

Kindly
C W Huffaker

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June 13 1899

Dear Sister

I hear you are complaining (illegible) the Molliegrubs, 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 Megs I felt that you would scuse [sic] me and my neglect in writing you, but you didnt.

Frank & Stella spent the past 5 days with me leaving yesterday noon for Hazlehurst & Western Copiah. Of course I enjoyed very much their visit and mighty sorry they had to leave us, but - - - - they left.

Frank is looking well. so fat but a little bit grey. He is as cherry [cheery] in his disposition as



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Envelope
O. Chanute
CONSULTING ENGINEER
413 E. Huron St.,
Chicago, Illinois
JUL 24 3-PM 1899
E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

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O. Chanute
CONSULTING ENGINEER
413 E. Huron St.,
Chicago, Illinois
WOOD PRESERVING SPECIALTY
July 24 1899

Dear Mr Huffaker,

What with a trip to Denver, continue absence at Mr. 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 enclosed \$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 proportion 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 wind 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 established.

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

1. "That a plane surface with such 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 experiment, as well as those of Lilicuthal and Hargrave tell the other way. See Hargrave's remarks on the subject, as well as those of Breavey in Reports [Aerl Socy Aeronautical Society?] of Gt. Britain. He claimed that artificial flight would never be accomplished with textile surfaces, because of the unavoidable fluttering in wind gusts.

2. "That a broad surface carrying a light weight, is as stable as a narrow one with heavy weights, 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. "That a model with single surface 18" x 54" is really better than 2 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 the same area."

Here you are quite in error. Both theory and the experience with full size machines prove the contrary. You can test this by comparing the weight of our 5 Surfaced model with that of a model of same are if you have one. Deducting of course the weight of collision frames.

Yours truly
O Chanute

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Envelope
Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Chucky City Tennessee

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Morristown, Tenn Aug. 16 99
Prof E. C. Huffaker

Dear Sir:

Some time ago Dr. R. N. Price wrote you for me concerning some Relicts found in a mound near Holston River in Grainger Co. Tenn. The doctor advised me on yesterday to write you again and ask you to look after this for me. I did intend to ship them faster direct to the Curator of the Smithsonian, but he advised me to 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 relicts 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 at N. E. of Morristown. 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.

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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. Thornton at Nashville. He is said to be good authority on Prehistoric relicts, but he does not offer enough for them only [\$5__?]. The lady, Mrs. Noe, was not willing to let them go at that price until she could investigate further.

Very truly
Rev. M. C. Williams
Morristown, Tenn.

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FORM 321
OFFICE OF
The Singer Manufacturing Company
All Communications for this Office
should be addressed to
THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Nashville, Tenn.
September 21/99
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 [sic] 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 reference [sic] to little Mary Ada, I want to say for both Idabelle and myself that we have no other idea but to abide wholly by your wishes in regard to seperating [sic] 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 don't you think that we don't think of, and love the big baby (Moreland), for we do love him, adf [and] if I 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.

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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 rathers, 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 orphans. We trust she is with her Sainted father 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."

Accept my deep sympathy in your berievement [sic] 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 say, "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.

Frank

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Jackson La Oct 14/99

My Dear Haffaker, [sic]

I returned recently from New York just to learn of the misfortune which has covered your life like a cloud. Let a friend of old offer his heartfelt sympathy and while he would not pieces missing) has not yet commenced to heal, he would ask that in the privacy of your grief you would let him come if only to say

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that time alone must. . . the such a sorrow as this.

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

Your old and faithful friend

[Louis?] Levy

My Dear wife begs to join me in the message of sympathy.

I will be here up to Mar 1st after which I expect to be in New Orleans.



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Business Card

H. M. LIPPINCOTT, President.

A. G. BIRD, Secretary

JOHN O FOERING, Treasurer

SOCO LUMBER & MINING COMPANY

BALSAM, N. C.

A. LINCOLN, V. Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

574 BOURSE,

PHILADELPHIA

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Envelope

After 5 days, return to

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Incorporated

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

OCT 4 7-30P 1899

Invoice

Folio 35

Monthly Statement

Knoxville, Tenn. 10/1 1899

E C Huffaker

Chucky City

In acct with

General Office Cincinnati O

Standard Oil Company Incorporated

Sept 4 6.36

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Invoice

Greeneville, Tenn. Oct 4 1899

E. C. Huffaker

Chucky City, E Tn



In account with
R. A. BROWN
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
STOVE, TINWARE, HARDWARE & SADDLES
ROOFING and SPOUTING A SPECIALTY

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SUBSCRIPTION FIFTY CENTS A YEAR . . .
PUBLISHED 15TH OF THE MONTH
THE FEATHER
A National Journal Devoted to Poultry, Pigeons, and Birds.
GEORGE E. HOWARD & CO., Publishers
800 H Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.
February 23, 1900
C. E. Huffaker
Chuckey City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of yours for competition for the Andrews Incubator, the same will have our prompt attention. We have your 210 Egg Start Incubator shipped to your address and we will be glad to hear from you upon receipt of same. Believe me to be,

Yours very truly,
George E. Howard

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Envelope
O. CHANUTE
CONSULTING ENGINEER
413 E. Huron St.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUG 10



Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

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Deposit Ticket
Greene County Bank
DEPOSITED BY
E. C. Huffaker
Greeneville, Tenn. 1900
Oct 2 1900
PLEASE LIST EACH CHECK SEPARATELY
Currency
Silver
Gold
Checks as follows: \$264.39
O. C. Armitage

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Bristol RPO
OCT 9
Miss Carrie S Redding
Hazlehurst Mississippi

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Nashville Tenn
Jan 2 7-PM
1902
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Limestone

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Tulane Hotel
ON THE SITE OF THE OLD NICHOLSON
TWO BLOCKS FROM UNION DEPOT
Nashville, Tenn.



Jan 2 1901

From top of page: Jeddie's letter came to mama today she was glad to get it am so glad Carra is better
Where is Ada now? My love to her.

Dear Bro Ed:

Your welcome letter received yesterday New Year's day and we were delighted to hear from you and that the box had reached you all O.K.

Well here I am again writing you immediately upon receipt of your letter "Doing unto you as I would have you do unto me." See! Am sorry you did not get the doll you wanted and mama regrets deeply that she dressed it but tis done now and like spilled milk no use to grieve over it as it can't be helped. However I am glad Baby was

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pleased with it. I knew she would be for she being a baby girl, of course she is carried away with her doll old Santa brought her. The drawers we sent we knew would be a little large but the clerk said she sold No 24 for 3 years age for because they shrink so much in washing. We had no idea they would be so large that Moreland could wear them. However I am glad you could use them for him. I wrote you plainly if Baby couldn't wear them to return them to me and I would have them exchanged for the clerk said I could. I sent you yesterday by mail a small package. I went into town and bought Mary Ada a pair of drawers No. 22 and I think they are very nice ones. I do hope they will fit her perfectly, but if they are too large I will get her No. 20.

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Now please try them on her and see exactly about it and write me. I would not send but one pair till I know how they fit then tell one which you like best this style of drawers or the ones I sent you in the box. The only difference in them I think is in the color. Both are heavy fleece lined.

I regret more than I can express that we could not send our little darling Moreland and Mary Ada a nice box of presents Xmas and you something nice but in coming to Nashville we lost a box sent by freight valued at \$5.00 full of Bedding house

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hold goods winter clothing, books etc. etc. and as one had to buy some things to replace the lost ones we were left flat for Xmas. We can't get the R R to pay us and we can't get them to him over the _____, so it is

lost and I guess we never will get anything for it. We had no Xmas and gave no presents this year but I hope we can soon send the children something and then they can have another Xmas.

I am so glad that you all had a good time and that the children got as many presents. Ida B spent Xmas here over in East Nashville with her friend (Mrs Lord) and is still in the City and she told us of the nice things they sent you ones, and I am so glad they could and did send them. No one loves them more than I do and you know it and I am going to show them someday if I live long

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Top of page: Am glad Moreland liked his engine. What did you think of it? I am glad all the other things suited you call on me if you want anything else.

enough. 129 N. Spruce St is my no. or address. Who are the preachers folkes there this year? Did you have the M. E. Pastor or the Southern M. E. to dine Xmas? You did not say. I am glad you found the daughter interesting. Write me more of her.

By the way! how did you like your cob pipe I sent for you Xmas gift? I thot you could smoke the pipe of peace if nothing else, and I thot too you had rather have a cob pipe than the finest in the City. But you did not ever so much as mention it. Did you get your Xmas fudge? I sent it on

[letter abruptly ends]

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Partial Bank note drawn on Greene County Bank
Sept 10 1901 No. 27
2.00
Huffaker

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485 Maylin St
Pasadena Cal Jan 21st/02

Dear Mr Huffaker,
I am in Southern California for six weeks and have your letter of 11:



Also one from Prof Langley saying that the results of his aiding experimenters like Mr Spratt with small sums have been discouraging.

This is a rather fortunate turn, for Spratt writes to me that he is about to get married, and I fancy that he will need to attend his wife and farm more than to scientific experiments which promise such small returns.

Yours truly
O. Chanute

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Envelope
INCORPORATED 1900
THE DORNELL INCUBATOR MFG CO
ITHACA N.Y. USA
Jan 7 5-PM 1902
MR. E. C. Huffaker
Limestone, Tenn.
R. F. D.
Drawing of North America and Central America

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THE CORNELL INCUBATORS AND BROODERS
CORNELL INCUBATOR MFG CO
BOSTON CHICAGO NEW YORK
FACTORY AND HOME OFFICE
DIRECTORS
EZRA CORNELL, PRESIDENT
A. A. BRIGHAM, Ph.D., V.P. & GEN.MGR.
E. G. WYCKOFF, SEC'Y & TREAS.
J. T. NEWMAN
E. C. STEWART
ITHACA, N.Y. Jan. 9, 1902
Mr. E. C. Huffaker, C. E.
Limestone, Tenn. R. F. D.

Dear Mr. Huffaker:



We have your favor of Jan. 6 and are thankful for the suggestion relative to the damper. We will test this matter. At present we are having very little difficulty because the discs are made and adjusted in a more workmanlike manner. When the disc is raised a little above the heater there is more danger of the flame being extinguished by the sudden opening and shutting of the incubator door.

Many times we have wished that you were here in Ithaca in order that you might be in close touch with the frequent developments and improvements of the past months.

The undersigned and the President of the company have been considering the construction of your apparatus, and we think the matter will be in good hands since Mr. Hollis is himself considerable of a mechanic and has within reach the very best specialists within mechanical lines.

We welcome all your suggestions and hope you will write frequently.

Yours very truly,

A. A. B.

CORNELL INCUBATOR MFG CO

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Nashville, Tenn.

Jan 27 9-PM 1902

For Robt Moreland Huffaker

Limestone Tenn

c/o E. C. Huffaker

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Side of letter torn

129 North Spruce St

Nashville Tenn

Jan 27 1902

Dear Little Moreland

Gran Ma received the nice little letter you wrote to her and the nice little Paper. & She was so glad to get them. The letter was fine & Gran Ma is so proud of Moreland & She wants to subscribe for the little paper? What are your terms. Will you have a monthly or a weekly paper.

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Let me know. & Will you have pay in advance or at the end of the year. I am very anxious to take your Paper. I had a letter today from your uncle But & he said that Maimo had just received a nice letter from Moreland written on the Type Writer & Moreland said he is coming to see Maimo & stay a month. Uncle But said he

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hoped you all would come for they wanted to see you bad. How is sweet little Sister are you good to her & do you love her. You must write to Gran Ma again soon & tell her all about little sister & Gladys & Gordon & Eulalie. Tell little sister & Gladys to look out Granma will send them something nice before long. Get Papa to read this for you & give him my love

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& a kiss & give uncle Charlie & uncle Bob & aunt Effie & aunt Addie & aunt Ada my love. Write to me soon Aunt Mary sends her love & a kiss for Moreland Baby & Gladys, too. Granma loves her little boy & girl so much & wishes every day she could see them all of you come to see us

Lovingly Granma

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Tell Papa Granma will write to him . . . we are always glad to hear from them all tell papa to write to us What do you want granma to send Moreland

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Envelope
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
FEB 1 6-PM 1902
MR. E. C. Huffaker
Limestone, Tennessee

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Envelope
Henry X Roads Tennessee
MAR 1 1902
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Limestone Tenn.

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Henrys X Roads
March 1902

Dear Cousin Ed:

This rainy gloomy day finds me all about with my spirits no brighter than the weather.

I have been reading sewing & doing every thing imaginable to pass the time away. There is no one to talk or quarrel with me so I will write to you.

What do you do when such days come?

I don't believe it makes

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any difference to you whether it rains or the sun shines you always seem to keep your head up.

I just believe I am getting to be as sour and hateful as Mary Keener used to be.

Mr Larr just returned from a visit to coz Fannies. None of the children were at home except the two little boys.

Cousin Fannie makes a good step mother, but there dont seem to be much love floating around. You know it was never her nature to be affectionate with anyone.

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Bob Randles' wife died last Sunday – she had been sick for a long time. I dont suppose Bob had much happiness in his married life or that Kate ever tried to have a good influence over him. But he will miss her more than he thinks for.



Sister came down and took supper with me last night. She is the busiest woman you ever saw with her chickens, flowers, house work and Lallie to wait on most of the time.

Every thing looks so desolate and lonely at my old house now

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I dont feel like I ever could go back there & live by myself again.

Mother Frank says I must move to Sevierville. I just feel like something dangling in the air, and not knowing where I will fall next.

So you are getting rich. I am glad to hear it and I hope you wont forget me when you make your will.

Look here you are getting might old to be going to parties. But unless you are greatly changed I know you like to be with the girls, and I guess you will say, "yes & the like to be with me too"

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You spoke the truth when you said I was something of a sinner. I know I do a great many things that sister & the rest do not approve of and I wonder often if I will ever reach the point they have, where it is no effort for them to be good, and every thing moves along smoothly in a hum drum way. But as no one ever expected any thing of me the can not be disappointed When I get to be as old as you no doubt I will improve greatly.

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Where is Joella? you never have mentioned her one time.

Write to me again ever,

Your cousin

Lula J. Walker

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Envelope

INCORPORATED 1900

THE CORNELL INCUBATOR MFG CO

ITHACA, N.Y. U.S.A.

Mr. E. C. Huffaker, C. E.,

Limestone, Tenn.
R. F. D.

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Knoxville, Tenn.
July 1st 1902

Dear cousin Ed:

We are in recit of your letter this morning & we do not know of any thing special to be done here on the 4th.

We are sorry to say we have our house full now, but will do our best to entertain you the 4th and over night.
The boat leaves at 6 o'clock Sat. Morning.

We are are sorry we cannot entertain as we once did, but we are glad to see our relations any way.

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Velma, Mr. Slappey & the baby are with us.
Mama joins me in love to you all.
I will not write more as we expect to see you soon.
Your cousin
Josephine Keenes

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Limestone, Tenn.
Sept 2. 1902

Dear Ed:

I want to put out wheat this fall, and till and fertilize. I am going to quit fooling with these little old piddling _____ and try to make something if possible, but it takes money to make money and I can't get any money till my crops mature to get seed wheat fertilizer etc. I am thinking of borrowing \$50.00 Andrew Broyles he will let me have it at this rate: Interest for 1 year with mortgage on \$50.00 = \$4_____

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2 _____
Recording Mortgage 1.25

Reconcile Deed 1.50
Totals 6.75

I only ask you for advice not money. I know you haven't it to spare.

I send you deed with blank form of oath. Please appear before any Notary Public and have blanks filled in and take oath to deed attach same to endorse deed and return to me by return mail so I can have my deed recorded.

Much love,
Charlie

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Elkanah, Tenn 9/17/1903
Mr E C Huffaker
Eagle W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I notice in the Bristol Courier that you have accepted a position with a Coal Co at "Eagle" so I thought I would write you and see if you could not work up a job for me. I think you will remember me. I was Deputy Sheriff when you had charge of the Sheaffer Estate. I and the one that took all of those fellows to jail for pealing (sp)

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bark and cutting timber. The job I want you to get for me is on a Station Engine. I have been on an engine all my life I would almost say. I was in the Sheriff business. I can give as good papers as any man. I am at present running an engine for the Bristol Lime & Stone Co and would like to make a change. I can better myself and thought I might strike a bartering through you. I want to get on to a _____ Engine if I can. I think you

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can work the thing up and I will appreciate it very much and will pay you for your trouble. If your company don't need an Engineman at present will you please give me the name of some other Co.'s so I can write them? hoping you are well satisfied and can work the thing for me, I am

Ver Respty



Charlie Harklewood

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OFFICE OF
FLORIDA ADVERTISING SYNDICATE.
COMPILERS AND PUBLISHERS OF
Directories and Guides in the Interest of Southern
Farmers, Truckers and Fruit Growers.
H. F. REILS, General Manager,
Bloomingdale, Fla., Oct 18 1902
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,

Dear Sir: Your favor at hand & carefully noted. Glad to hear you have shipped eggs, which I will give prompt attention on arrival. Now as regards future shipments, if you can be sure of the stock you ship being absolutely fresh eggs, I can sell all you ship at a fair profit to both. I will protect you against any drop in market, the extreme of my commissions, altho' at this season there is no danger that, this market only fluctuates in sympathy with Tennessee and NC from which states no chief suppliers are received.

Therefor,(sp) you can forward every two days, as many cases of fresh stock as you desire, and we will close out each days arrivals promptly & send you check. We sell only for cash, and have trade which demands the best. Please also advise in regard to Fryers. We have been running our incubators full capacity, but cannot supply the demand for stock. Prices range from 20¢ to 40¢ for large frys, depending altogether upon their condition, small fat or plump fry often bringing more than a large poor one.

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I want 100 head of geese, for my place here, and would like to know if you can secure them & the price. Also if you can get something better than the small Gossamer goose.

It is possible that if you can secure sufficient stock Duarrant, I may place one of my men in Tampa to look after the business. It is the best small market in the _____, but the Commission Merchants are d---- thieves. They get it all.

Let me hear from you at once & oblige
Yours truly,
H.F. Reils

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Envelope
Return in 5 days to
H. F. Reils,
Bloomingdale, Fla.
Nov 19 1902
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City Tennessee

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OFFICE OF
FLORIDA ADVERTISING SYNDICATE.
COMPILERS AND PUBLISHERS OF
Directories and Guides in the Interest of Southern
Farmers, Truckers and Fruit Growers.
H. F. REILS, General Manager,
Bloomingdale, Fla., Oct 21 1902
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Mountain City Tennessee

Dear Sir: Your favor of 19th just at hand. I forwarded your check in last night's mail for \$23.31 account 3 Cs Eggs, which presume has reached you ____ now.

I would like you to ship me by first express, five cases of eggs to reach here as early as possible. I am anxious to keep sufficient stock coming now, to fill orders ahead, as I have engaged stock to 3 hotels who will take about 12 cases weekly, and will pay 2 to 3¢ pr doz over the market, but I can only hold this trade by having a regular supply, which I have promised them on the strength of your previous letters. If I am compelled at the start to break my agreement, I cannot expect them to stand by theirs, so that I would like you to get them here at once. <Sydney, Fla.>

I can get a demand for good Tennessee Butter in pints or 10 lb pails. Large heavy fryers are bringing 35 to 45¢. Medium 25-30 Small 20 to 22¢ each. They are very scarce. All my incubator stock go to market at 10 weeks old and am contracted for at 25¢ each. If you can get up a nice lot of Turkeys to reach us about Nov 15th or ealier, we

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can sell to good advantage. All you will have to do is to advise cost to you at shipping station and we will get a sufficiently good advance to make it mutually profitable.

About Chestnuts, we cannot quote market, as there are none in Tampa. We can get for a nice fancy price for new found stock, which is the only kind we could handle. Apples are plentiful, and unless you could get them at a very low price, and secure a reasonable freight rate, we would not advise shipment.

I can get you good prices on all produce that is Sound & fresh. Guineas are usually very low in your section. The Cuban trade here pay 35¢ each for them and if you can get a lot of them in nice condition, we can close on arrival at 40¢ each.

____City has a Cuban population of 15000, 7000 of them Cigar makers who earn every month \$125,000. This vast sum goes into circulation, and every dollar is spent fast as earned. We send our teams there 3 times a week, and this is the trade that pays. You can probably at times use some good Havana Smokers, the genuine article, and I can get you what you may need for your own requirements & of a few friends. We can get them at about 6¢ each.

Will close, hoping to hear at once, & any favors instructed will have prompt attention.

Very Truly,
H. F. Reils

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3 Checks drawn on Greene County Bank Greeneville, Tenn.
Oct. 27 1902 No. 28
Pay to the order of J. S. Mitchell \$1.75
One and 75/100 Dollars
E. C. Huffaker

Nov. 11 1902 No. 1
Pay to the order of J. D. Keebler & Sons \$6.72
Six and 72/100 Dollars
E. C. Huffaker

Oct. 27 1902 No. 28
Pay to the order of The MacMillan Co \$7.90
Seven and 90/100 Dollars
E. C. Huffaker



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OFFICE OF
H. F. REILS
Bloomingdale, Fla , Nov 7th 1902
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Chuckey City Tenn

Dear Sir: Your several favors at hand and will now have my attention. I have been kept so busy during the past week, that I could get scarcely any time to devote to any correspondence.

I will close out the sales of five cases tomorrow. Seven cases arrived today including the cases of Incubator Eggs. They still come in bad order, and I spoke with the Agent at Sydney, who was an eye witness to the rough handling these eggs got. They will have to pay or stand suit. We still got 2¢ over the market, eggs selling in Tampa now at 24¢ mostly stock from Petersburg Tenn. Paplanys ships about 100 cases to Tampa per week and at this season eggs are nearly always sound. It is not the best time of year to show the superante of the goods on which we are working up a trade, but in Summer we can command 25¢ when the usual commodity is begging @15¢. The loss of breakage also cuts into the showing made, but the claims should be considered, as the Exp Company will have to come to term.

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I enclose copies of claims put in today. Also copy of letter to Miller ____ Agent at Sydney about writing for Eggs. He was much embarrassed & placed the responsibility where it could excuse him. He is such a bright (?) fellow, I would be inclined to give him an opportunity to demonstrate his business capacity, did I not feel that the burden of loss would fall upon innocent victims. You find this class anywhere, but as long as they remain as helpless as Miller Tanner, it makes no difference.

Now as regards the number of cases of eggs we can handle per week, that depends entirely upon the profit we can make. Tampa uses about 200 cases per week. They sell at a close margin & this is what we are up against just now, until we can demonstrate the quality of the goods we handle. Some of your cases come badly mixed, with Guinea & very small pullet eggs. We repack every case, sort them out, and use more clean cases & fillers. This all takes time but we do not mind that now, as we are counting more on the future than the present. It will not be long before we can get a nice premium on our stock if we keep up present standard.



If you can get Turkeys at a reasonable figure, would like you to ship about 50 head of nice stock. If they make us any money, we can then arrange to handle about 200 head more. Let them come on at once, and we will

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wire you results. They usually sell at 12½ to 15¢ lb depending somewhat upon the supply. You need not fear any loss at any rate, and it may be that we can clear a neat little profit.

Chickens are in demand, and we can make you something on regular weekly shipments. Would also like to have that shipment of nice butter, either in pints or 10lb tins. Regarding Apples, Potatoes Et, Sweet Potatoes, selling at 80¢ a bushel. Two weeks ago the sold at \$1.50. Irish Potatoes are quoted at 1.00 bus. Peas <White> 2.00 to \$3.00. Chestnuts should pay well. There are none on the market. You can do nothing with Apples Potatoes & the bulky articles, except in carloads. It would be impractical & forward less than G L by freight as they never get here in good order. I have had apples 25 days enroute from NC & upper Ga. You could make a good profit as a mixed car, to contain Potatoes, Peas, Apples, & Eggs, and anything else appearing of a like character. Such a shipment should net \$150.00 profit at least. I will be in Tampa tomorrow and will look around & write you again tomorrow night.

For the present you may ship from 12 to 15 cases Eggs per week, butter, turkey & chickens, also Peas, _____ Fruit or any similar commodities in quantities to suit yourself. In the meantime I will endeavor to get standing <over>

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orders for eggs for say 25 to 30 cases per week, if you think you can get them when required.

I will ship you about 10 empty cases complete in few days. Will close for the present & write you more to the point on return from Tampa.

Can you get me additional eggs of some other breeds for a new 400 Egg Stas I am expecting any day? I prefer Bek Murcas, Wyandottes, Brahmias, or Leghorns in the order named. I want to contract for these in addition to our regular order for Barred Rocks, which of course I want you to continue shipping providing they are going to run _____ me faithfully. I will have second batch out day after tomorrow & will advise results.

With best wishes,
Yours truly
H. F. Reils



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Bloomington, Fla. Nov 16 1902

Statement

Nov 7/02

1 Cs 36@18 - <Clark> Cost 6.48

1 " 36@18 Keebler " 6.48

1 " 36@18 Emerson " 6.48

Case .25

2 Cs 72@19 Bitner P 13.68

1" 30/200@18 - 5.40

Express 8.28 47.05

Cs Sold

200 Dz @26 52.26

9 In Claim broken <2.11> 52.26

210 Profit \$521

Summary

Eggs Cost you \$47.05

Your share of \$521 profit 2.61

Check Enclosed 49.66 Less 8.28 Exp=41.28

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Bloomington, Fla., Dec 8 1902

Mr. E. C. Huffaker,

Chucky City, Tenn.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your valued favor of Dec 1st, enclosing statement, which I have checked, and I am glad you forwarded same, as I had entirely overlooked one lot of 9 cases which I sent in directly from depot, and for which I have now drawn draft on partners. This could not have happened under any other circumstances. I enclose you herewith statement showing credit in your favor of \$110.97. I send herewith check for 60.97 which \$50.00 sent you few days ago will balance same. This leaves open shipment of Turkeys & Chix & last shipment of Eggs – with 4 Cs of 19th from which I get reports in few days. The turkeys are all disposed of ___ probably 12 or 13 excepted, which we held on yard with some chickens, as they were hardly fit _____ in their condition. I will have them closed out this week, & returns forwarded you. The sales herewith do not show much profit, when considered, unless you consider claim against Exp Co an asset. I have assurances that same will now be promptly taken up, and we will get better handling of

our stuff in this section, where I believe the damage occurs. Then too, you were compelled to pay big prices when market did not show corresponding rise

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at this end.

We are now averaging 28¢, that was my report last week, and it is possible market is higher now. I will drop you a card tomorrow when I reach ____ City, so as to keep you posted.

You are right in your request as to having some understanding as to time necessary in getting your returns – Hereafter, I will make it a rule to get your returns made up every Sunday for previous weeks business – We cannot of course, at this time, give you returns day of arrival as our sales are not affected that way, as you understand, but there is no necessity for as long delay as has been, which I am sorry to say was entirely my fault.

I will close out as quickly as possible, everything concerning your statement, and from now on will follow out the plan of weekly settlement, for all arrivals of previous week, on which we have report.

I think you will find it profitable to keep a regular supply of chickens, butter & eggs here. I was forced to telegraph N.C. for 12 Cases to fill orders which I had taken, and for people I could not disappoint – There was no money in it, but I figured more in the future in this case.

When we get our ____ City branch opened up, after the holidays; we can get you sales as quick as March _____ in NY so far as that is concerned. I can forward

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you check whenever there is any little delay, and statement can follow. This will obviate the necessity of larger capital on your part, or for that matter, you can make draft on me in any emergency, when you require.

Fryers are now selling @ from 20 to 35¢ & if large 40¢ each – Hens to and 45 – Cocks – old 25 @ 30, Ducks 35¢ Guineas 35@38¢ Goose 65 to 75¢ Butter in pints 23 to 25¢ tins ditto.

In conclusion I beg to say, I regret that press of other matters should have kept me from giving these things earlier attention. This will be avoided in the future.



Can you get me up 500 Eggs of Brahma, Cochin, or other breeds for incubator? I have two machines idle now.

With best wishes,
Yours truly,
H.F. Reils

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WINDSOR HOTEL PHILADELPHIA
P. S. ATTICK Manager

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Tell your little girls "She's to late I got 5 or 6 now ahead of her all waiting _____. I'll do best I can to get her another one.

I think we will be at _____ very quick.

Phila Oct 17/03
E. C. Huffaker,

Dear Sir,

Yours forwarded to me here I came up two weeks ago today and have been trying to get all our matters fixed up but owing to fast cant reach one or two partners who are absent we are at a standstill until they return next week the Company are aware of the 158 due you and are anxious to pay me my present salary due me of \$450 and _____ received on expenses so I can fix all up but cant get cash until can

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see these parties one officer is Wood of Baltimore who is in woods & has not been heard from this week but they expect he will be back Tuesday or Wednesday or when we can reach him. Everything is working all okay soon as can get matters closed up here on Murphy matter we are closing options on 60000 acres fast as possible 40000 now in and the RR question

I spoke to you of will power up there very soon on Whittier road we I think will have money in hand before 1st of month C B is knocked out all round not in it would like to see you & think will before long I will send check minute we got our money & shall remain here until I do. F A Swingle

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Dear Moreland:

Aunt Effie & I had such a nise (sp) time in Johnson City. I swung in the hammock & rode on the street car and had bananas and oranges & I got acquainted with Edgar & Elmer Braiding and had good eating and we slept in a folding bed in the

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parlor. They are coming to see us in a week or two. We are going to gather raspberries on our hill when they come.

Your corn & butterbeans are coming up & I got a great big radish out of your little garden. Your red rose has bloomed three times & it has three flowers on it now. Aunt Effie says it is the prettiest rose in the yard. We have wild grapes on our land. Write to me soon.

Your loving Gladys

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Dear Precious Darling Aunt Ada:

You're so love-birdie We have a walnut tree with walnuts on it. We are going up in the fall and gather up the walnuts. Sid Dobbins said there wasn't any walnuts but there are.

Papa got new hens and we have lots of eggs to sell. We get a dozen a day and we get 12 cts for them. Papa is pasturing four new horses McCorkle's

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horses and we go to pasture every evening. I wish Moreland and Mary Ada were here to go with me.

I am going to keep all yours and Moreland's letters in my trunk. I must close. Write soon to your precious baby, Gladys.

Dear Mary Ada,

Aunt Effie was so glad to get your letter & she wants to see you so bad. The chickens & calve's I made are all _____ is here & wants to write you a letter. You have a pretty rose. My flowers are doing well. I got some flower crocks in Johnson City.

Write to me soon.

Aunt Effie



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Envelope
E. C. Huffaker
Eagle
West Virginia

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Chuckey City Tenn
Nov 10 1903

My dear Papa,

I have waited a little longer than usual this time to write, but every one has been so busy no one could find time to write for me. Aunt Allie and M____ and her baby came last week and we were all so glad to see them. Aunt

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Allie isn't very well. Little Charlie Birdwell is a big fat baby and as pretty and smart as can be. Uncle M____ went over to his home yesterday. Uncle Charlie came home Friday and staid till Sunday. Uncle Joe was up and the preacher was here, and Mr. Moser. There

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was just 17 here last week.

It is a regular show to see all of us little children Just 7 of us. I am still getting beadmarks. I get so many I cant keep a count of them. They have a foot ball at _____ now and I

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could watch them play that all day and never get tired. We have mighty good eating and I am just as fat as butter. I need a new pair of shoes.

You must write to me soon. Little sister was just _____ up. She is awful lazy and fat. The end Gladys will write to you soon. Goodbye your little boy Moreland



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Check No 15
Greeneville, Tenn Dec 13 1902
Pay to the order of James Russell \$40 00/100
Forty and 00/100 Dollars
E. C. Huffaker
Small Bank Book Ledger
E. C. Huffaker
1902
Sept 8 To bal 14.48
24 " Dept 107.85
Nov 10 349.78
24 95.69
Dec 10 110.60
15 143.97
30 7.24
Jany 12 1903 9.84
10 348.96
Balance 3.28
1191.69
1904
Mch 24 By cks rtd 1191.69
Mch 24 1904 By Bal 3.28

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Envelope
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY
BALSAM, N.C.
E. C. Huffaker
Whittier NC

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Check No 16
Greeneville, Tenn., July 10 1901
Pay to the order of H. C. Remine \$4.25
Four 25/100 Dollars



E. C. Huffaker
Receipt
JNO. M. JONES & SON
HARDWARE, TINWARE, STOVES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS
Greeneville, Tenn. Oct 2 1901
Received from E. C. Huffaker
Twenty two and 61/100 Dollars
The amount in full to date
\$22.61
JNO. M. JONES & SON
Per Welker

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Note
In making soap bubbles
Castile soap piece _____ or a walnut
1 teaspoonful _____ enise. strawberry piece for pink orange piece for yellow ones _____
Robert Sories Stevenson
Peter Fenelson
Collier
New York
Henry's Y Road
Aug 9 1902

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Two Greene County Bank Deposit Tickets
Greeneville, Tenn. 2-17 1902
120.40
11/10 1902
349.78
W. H. Armitage

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Greene County Bank Deposit Ticket
Greeneville, Tenn. 11/24 1902
H. F. Reils #1301 41.38



DO #1296 39.57
Wellenstein Bros
#59010 14.74
95.69
O. C. Armitage

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3 Checks drawn on Greene County Bank Greeneville, Tenn.
Sept 3 1902 No. 19
Pay to the order of Brandon Printing co \$.78
Seventy eight cents
\$0.78/100
E. C. Huffaker

Sept 18 1902 No. 21
Pay to the order of M. & L. Finkle \$5.00
Five and 00/100 Dollars
\$5.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

Sept. 26 1902 No. (torn)
Pay to the order of E. S. Ripley \$15.00
Fifteen and 00/100 Dollars
\$15.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

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(1) Check drawn on The National Bank of Bristol
(2) Checks drawn on Greene County Bank

Bristol, Tenn. Oct. 28 1903 No. 6
Pay to the order of Miss Joella Huffaker \$13.50
Thirteen and ½ Dollars
E. C. Huffaker

Nov. 10 1902 No. 32
Pay to the order of M. & L. Finkle \$5.73

Five and 73/100 Dollars
\$5.73/100
E. C. Huffaker

Nov. 11 1901 No. 20
Pay to the order of F. M. Marsh & Sons \$2.00
Two and 00/100 Dollars
\$2.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

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3 Checks drawn on Greene County Bank Greeneville, Tenn.

Nov. 11 1902 No. 33
Pay to the order of J. W. C. Rolles \$1.18
One and 18/100 Dollars
\$1.18/100
E. C. Huffaker

Nov. 15 1902 No. 5
Pay to the order of Kelly _____ \$21.60
Twenty One and 60/100 Dollars
\$21.60/100
E. C. Huffaker

November 15 1902 No. 4
Pay to the order of Bitner and Prater \$18.50
Eighteen and 50/100 Dollars
\$18.50/100
E. C. Huffaker

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3 Checks drawn on Greene County Bank Greeneville, Tenn.

Nov. 27 1902 No. 3
Pay to the order of Wm Clark & Co. \$1.95
One and 95/100 Dollars



\$1.95/100
E. C. Huffaker

Nov. 20 1902 No. 10
Pay to the order of C. T. Emerson \$12.00
Twelve and 00/100 Dollars
\$12.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

Dec. 8 1902 No. 12
Pay to the order of F. G. Pilzer \$3.00
Three and 00/100 Dollars
\$3.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

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(1) check drawn on Greene County Bank
(2) notes of protest of non-payment

April 13 1903 No. 28
Pay to the order of Miss Effie C. Huffaker \$15.00
Fifteen and 00/100 Dollars
\$15.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

Tampa, Fla. 12/15 1902
To Nat Bank of Louisville Ky
PLEASE TAKE NOTE That a check for \$50.00 Drawn by H. F. Reils upon Ex Nat Bank endorsed by you is
PROTESTED for non-payment, after demand and refusal of payment, and that the holders look to you for
payment thereof.
Your obedient servant,
J. P. Glenn
Notary Public for the State of Florida

Tampa, Fla. 12/15 1902
To City Nat Bank of Knoxville Tenn



PLEASE TAKE NOTE That a check for \$50.00 Drawn by H. F. Reils upon Ex Nat Bank endorsed by you is PROTESTED for non-payment, after demand and refusal of payment, and that the holders look to you for payment thereof.

Your obedient servant,
J. P. Glenn
Notary Public for the State of Florida

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Tampa, Fla. 12/15 1902

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J. P. Glenn
Notary Public for the State of Florida

Tampa, Fla. 12/15 1902

To Greene Co Bank Greeneville Tenn

PLEASE TAKE NOTE That a check for \$50.00 Drawn by H F Reils upon Ex Nat Bank endorsed by you is PROTESTED for non-payment, after demand and refusal of payment, and that the holders look to you for payment thereof.

Your obedient servant,
J. P. Glenn
Notary Public for the State of Florida

Tampa, Fla. 12/15 1902

To E C Huffaker

PLEASE TAKE NOTE That a check for \$50.00 Drawn by H F Reils upon Ex Nat Bank endorsed by you is PROTESTED for non-payment, after demand and refusal of payment, and that the holders look to you for payment thereof.

Your obedient servant,
J. P. Glenn
Notary Public for the State of Florida

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Check from H R Reils & Co.



Nov. 30 1902
To E. C. Huffaker \$50.00
[note and business card]

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Poll Tax, Greene County, Tenn
Greeneville, Tenn Jan 16 1903
Received of
E. C. Huffaker
The sum of \$1.50/100 Dollars
In full for State and County Poll Tax for the 1902, in
District No 15
No. 388
J J Mitchell Trustee

(2) checks drawn on Greene County Bank

July 14 1903 No. 38
Pay to the order of Frank Eulas \$5.00
Five and 05/100 Dollars
\$5.00/100
E. C. Huffaker

Feb. 6 1903 No. 21
Pay to the order of Miller and Morrow \$12.10
Twelve and 10/100 Dollars
\$12.10/100
E. C. Huffaker

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[three checks drawn on the National Bank of Bristol (typed)]

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[two checks drawn on the National Bank of Bristol (one typed)]

April 8 1904 No. 22

Pay to the order of Gordon Coal & Coke Co. \$5.00

Five and 00/100 Dollars

\$5.00/100

E. C. Huffaker

June 1 1904 No. 28

Pay to the order of The National Bank of Bristol \$600.00

Six hundred and 00/100 Dollars

\$600.00/100

E. C. Huffaker

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Big Creek Tenn

Jan. 28, 1903

Mr E. C. Huffaker

Chuckey City Tenn

Dear Sir

I drop you a few lines in Reference to Some Surveying you done for me about ten years ago you Ran out and divided a track of land for me and Esqr L. G. Driden in St Dist of Sullivan County Tn and failed give me a copy of your survey and some of the Parties that joins the land is disputing my lined I want you to send me copy of your work So I can Establish my lined Without any further trouble it is the land that Driden sold. Over

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to A. C. Smith of Bristol Tn and Smith sold to Pollings Probably if you havent got the information at hand you can get it of Smith at Bristol you Promised me a copy of your work and a map But for some cause I never got any thing to Show for what I had Paid you to do Please look the matter up and let me hear from you at our earliest convenience

Please don't overlook this for it is a matter of grave Importance to me now If you cant help me out I may loose (sp) the land

Resp yours, J. A. Booker

Big Creek Tenn



Sullivan County

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P. S. Please write me if you can or cant get the papers for I am compelled to make some kind of a move if I can get a copy of your work I think I can make it all right.

J. A. B.

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Greene County Bank Deposit Ticket
Deposited by E. C. Huffaker \$348.96

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Envelope
Statement for Lumber for E. C. Huffaker

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Envelope
Bristol April 1 1903
E. C. Huffaker C. E.
Balsam, NC

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Envelope
HIRSHBERG ART O
Baltimore MD
Apr 2 1903
E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City, Tenn

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Envelope
Chuckey Tenn (Date torn)
Prof. E. C. Huffaker
Civil Engineer
Bristol, Tenn

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C. K. Remine, Postmaster
United States Post Office
Chuckey City, Tenn
Apr. 3 1903

Dear Sir:

Everything went off smoothly in our board meeting the afternoon. Thompson and Miss Effie were unanimously elected with salaries at \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

It is understood that where the principal and assistant cant agree as to detail, the board is to take action.

The (illegible) sheriff has his men in custody, and is and was hunting for evidence when he was here – so I guess you Salvation men are wanted for other crimes.

Dr. [Frakn?] was rather badly hurt in the Afton wreck.

Hastily
C.K.R

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Envelope
R. F. O.
Apr 6 1903
EMMETT TENN.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn.

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Emmett, Tenn.
Apr the 3, 1903
E. C. Huffaker C. E.

Dear Cousin, I write in regard to brooders. Two brooders will not be sufficient if my eggs hatch well, & I wish to know more about the Cornwall brooders. I do not think that he has much confidence in his own mate & I believe you did not recommend it very highly. How will they do at this season?

You seemed to recommend the Peep O'Day. What size is yours? No. 0 or No. 3. I see them quoted at \$5 & \$7.00. Does the peep O'day have a

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Regulator What size would you recommend. I want as good as can be obtained to not have too great cost. I do not want to go to too great expense on the start I want to drive with care but I want an article that will give satisfaction. I believe the thermostat you sent me will work all right, but I do not think the other very good. F. F. Potter & Co. (illegible) sent me the price list. He deals in poultry houses coops etc. It would be a little nearer than N.Y. Please advise me about brooders. Does then not a drinking fountain & feed trough go with each of those brooders you sent me.

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I set 15 eggs in the incubator & tested them on the night of the 5, 6, & 7 days & opened 3 one night & one was the night of the 7. They were all living. It was while they were in that I received the thermometer. In the meantime I purchased a cheap one & was using to keep the temperature about 103. I put the one I rec'd from you in with the other & I (illegible) out to each of tube showing I was keeping it too hot. So one of them is wrong about 8°.

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I took the ballance [sic] of the eggs out & gave to her & on the 1st of Apr I put in 216 eggs. I had the temperature about 90° have been gradually increasing and tonight it regers [sic] near 103. The incubator seems to be doing well now. It warped a little some of the [vicats?] are not very tight. If this proves to hatch well how would it do to send another to try. It might be the means of setting it.

I sent you \$15.00 Did you get it? was I to pay freight? Will close as for already written too much.

Yours
O. T. Haworth



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Postal Card
Chuckey City TENN Apr 7 1903
E. C. Huffaker C. E.
Bristol, Tenn

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Dear Ed,
Polly Low, Greeneville, was up yesterday to look at your incubator. He wants you to write him prices on
Cyphers & others. All are well. Your books have not come yet.

Aff. Bob

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Envelope
HELLER & BRIGHTLY INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURERS
Philadelphia PA Apr 13 6-30P 1903
E. C. Huffaker Civil Engineer
(Jackson Co) Balsam, North Carolina

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SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY
Bill of Lading
Bristol 4/11/03
Received of E. C. Huffaker
Books Valued at \$5

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Envelope
HENRYS CROSSROADS TENN
April 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Balsam NC



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Henry's Crossroads
April 1903

Dear cousin Ed,
I know you think I have treated you mean this time about answering your good letter.

Rosa was right sick when I rec'd your letter and I just kept putting off answering until this late day.

I have just

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from a visit to Coz Fannies. I told her you were talking of coming over from Dandridge soon and she said for me to tell you to be sure to come to see her this time.

She said lots of good things about you. I guess you will hear from her soon.

Floyd has come home to stay – her eyes failed and she couldnt work any longer.

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There has been a wedding in our town at last. Will Pyott & Lena Murphy were married last Tuesday – They went to Asheville on a tour. Now Cousin Ed I hope you wont think we did not want you to visit me because I did not answer your letter immediately. We are always glad to see our own people, you especially. Write again soon.

Yours
Lula W.

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Top of letter:

Write me more of Balsam N.C. as to location and size. How much of your time is spent there etc etc. Mary has written so much & will write later write to us often while you are so far away. Hope you will keep well.

Affectionately Mother



620 Boscobel
April 21 1903

Dear Bro Ed:

I have just read a letter mama has received from you. At last! we know your address. I knew you had gone to the mts [mountains] you are always running in that direction but as there are more than one in this little world of ours, I could not hardly know which one had the distinguished honor of having for its guest my big brother (Ed) so how could I get a letter to you? Miss Effie said you were in N. C. but that was not saying where you were

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Top right corner of letter: mama will write soon

not by a jing full. It seems you never rec'd the letter I wrote you last to Bristol I have written two lately and if you had left your forwarding address you should have gotten the one I wrote after you left there, but before I knew you had gone. Now you must get that letter.

O! when I read in your letter how the dear little sister came so near falling from the second story window the blood runs cold in my whole being and I tremble now at the thot of such a horrible thing happening to her. I dont blame

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you. I am sure you can not soon get over the fright. I know I never could I am so glad she was not hurt – but if her papa had not been near - - - ah! - - - but I cant bear to think of it. Now I know you are happy to be even within 34 miles of Ashville [sic] The dear little city where you and I had such a grand and glorious trip to once you no doubt recall every detail of that never to be forgotten trip. And O! that night at the Hotel! can you ever forget it? I can't. I wish I had time to write you a long letter, but my

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time is limited this one. You spoke of our coming to keep house for you there. You are such a wanderer I don't see how you are ever settled long enough in one place to start keeping house Well let us know your plans and when you are ready for us we'll try to be on hand. We want to visit you all this summer but I guess are going to be away off in N. C. three months then where are we to come to? O! I with Jeddie or Ada would come and bring the children while you are so far away from them. Why don't you suggest that

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one of them. While you are making \$150.00 a month you can't be at home then why not let them come to see us then we all join you somewhere where ever you are. Now I must close. Write soon and send for that letter in Bristol then you will see I have written Mama joins me in lots of love. Don't let the wild animals of the mts get you.

Lovingly
Mary

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P. S. April 23

Mama is going to add a letter to mine so I'll cut this short for today and at some future day try to interest you with a lot of my gab. I just want you to know I am keeping up my end of the line, and you'll have to get a move on you and write or you'll lose out in the game. I know you are lonely at night when you come in from your day's labor away off from the children and no doubt you are home sick at times but as you say \$150 a mo. is not to be despised and will

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add greatly to the store you are laying by for the little ones. And do you know I think you have much to lay up for. I am so glad you had such good luck but sorry you had to leave B so soon. I know right today you'd give lots to see the precious little darlings you had to leave. I know Baby is a beauty out in the wheat fields flying her little red kite and what wouldn't I give to see her? I wrote her a letter a few days ago. Moreland ought to answer my letters for both of them he is getting a big boy almost a man. I'll hush now and let mama have the floor. Write very soon to

Your "ugly" sis
Mary

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Envelope
PHILADELPHIA PA
Apr 30 6-PM 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker C. E.
Whittier N. Carolina
Check drawn on Greene County Bank



No. 31 April 30 1903
To Mr. E. E. Coswood \$6.25
From E. C. Huffaker

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Envelope
Return in 5 days to
THE AMERICAN POULTRY JOURNAL PUB CO
1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Whittier N. C.

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Envelope
The Chattanooga Daily Times
CHATTANOOGA, TENN
MAY 4 630PM 1903
E. C. Huffaker
Whittier NC
Huffaker Camp
Invoice
Times Printing Company
Chattanooga, Tenn May 1 1903
E C. Huffaker
Chucky City Tenn
Local gl 4t 5.40

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Envelope
R. F. D. Boyds Creek
May 20 1903
Balsam N. C.
Prof E. C. Huffaker
Whittier NC
Pressed Leaves (twig from a vine over Cora's grave)



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Address
Trundles & Roads
May 18 1903

Dear Cousin Ed

Now will you forgive me? I have not been forgetful of you as my actions indicate, but procrastination was and is my only excuse for not writing to you long ago. I had put it off so long that I just came to the conclusion that you were glad I did not write, and perhaps it is that way yet.

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I was so disappointed that you did not come to see me last summer on your visit, of course I know the reason. I hope you do not blame me with any of it. that is your old troubles and I do trust you both will get over it soon. Next Sat. May 22" is the day set apart for the annual decoration of our friends and loved ones graves at Seven Islands church grave yard. Can't you come down then, if not and any of your family want to send flowers I will take delight

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in placing them on the graves. I put flowers on them every year, the same as I do my own and can scarcely keep from shedding tears over Cora's grave every time. I think of her as being there a stranger in a strange land so far away from any loved mother father or even acquaintance, but she knows nothing of this it is all imagination on my part. I send you a twig I plucked from the vine that grows over her, and dear uncle's & aunts grave. My love to all the kin & yourself & children.

Write to your aff. cousin
Fannie

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Bristol May 18th 1903

My dear Huffaker,

Have been looking for a letter from you but guess you are busy. How are you getting along, and when do you expect to get through. I have got through with the Mill Creek R.R. survey for [Strempe?]. They want me to take a permanent position with them having charge of the railroads. Survey – construction – and (illegible) but they dont want to pay me as much nearly as we could make outside. Now they want and



have asked me to make them an offer on a resurvey of their Stony Creek lands, about 25,000 acres and possibly 6000 more added say 30,000 acres.

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Mr Huffaker I want your advice in this for we would have to (illegible) this together. It would be a big job. What they want is this a survey of all the outside lines of the property, which is very much (torn) up. The bulk of it lays on the Holston Mt. And is very rough they are also a good many small tracts that run down to the valley of course this would necessitate a map showing all the valley with the [railroad?] etc. in it. They also want all the creeks that [go] through and (and all the branches) . . . the lands located on the (illegible)all the mountains ridges that form the watersheds of each creek [or land?] shown. - some the areas tributary to each creek & (illegible) in fact they want a topographical map of the lands with the boundary lines marked in the trees.

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Of course they want a nice looking map made of all this and blue prints. My idea would be to take this by the acre and to put several parts in the field at the same time. We could get surveyors or [engineers?] for \$3.50 to \$4.00 per day. I guess one of us would be looking after the work and one keeping up with the plotting and other [work?]. But the question is what would it be worth per acre – I don't believe myself it could be done for less than 10¢ per acre. They asked me what it would cost & I tell them for 20¢ to 25¢ per acre, but I think now that was excessive. Any way please write to me at once and tell me what you think and would advise.

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You I know have had more experience in land surveying than I have. So let me know what you think and also how long it would take with say 3 parties in the field (illegible) at once. I feel sure as well that I can hold all the (illegible) building - and they want (illegible) if not there more lines run this summer. They also own 3,000 acres of timber lands in N. C. and if we did this map (illegible) would most likely want(illegible) map of that also.

H. E. Graves sent for me in a (illegible) the other day - he has some 18,000 acres to (illegible) who wrote wanting him to recommend a surveyor to (illegible) build (illegible) 4 miles of main line and some other lines – at once I told James I would take it at 150.00 per month and all expenses

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I said that would be perfectly satisfactory and wrote if one expects to hear about Thursday. I told G that you and I were practically working together & he must be understood so and that we could get all the work in the county. It looks as if we are going to have a busy time and would require some help. Let me hear from you as soon as possible. I will try and hold things till hear from you. This R. R. for (illegible) is in N. C. below Bushmull on the S. R. K. If you want me I can take a run down – especially if I go down to see this other work.

With my kind regards (illegible)
(Illegible) truly
John N. Shoolbred

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Three Envelopes to E. C. Huffaker in Whittier NC
From
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA PA
FROM
JOHN W. MCMASTER
MAY 25 1903
NASHVILLE TENN
FROM
HORACE MATHER LIPPINCOTT
JUNE 3 1903
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

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Two Envelopes to E. C. Huffaker
From
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
BALSAM NC
From
HIRSHBERG ART CO
BALTIMORE MD
May 29 1903

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Envelope to E. C. Huffaker, Esq.
Chief Engineer
Balsam & Black Rock R R
Whittier, NC
From
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
Office of the Professor of Civil Engineering
Knoxville, Tenn.

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Henrys Cross Roads
June 14 1903

My dear Cousin:

Well we are back from the picnic and we didnt eat quite enough to founder us either. There were lots of pretty girls but none of them seemed to have any beaux. Floyd came up and went with us.

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Her eyes are some better but she will not go to work again before Sept.

Bob Huffaker came home from his school yesterday – he is about the finest looking Huffaker I have seen for some time. I dont mean to say that any of them are horrid ugly, but some of their noses are not a thing of beauty.

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Your reasons are many why I should love you and I cant think reason why I shouldnt love you more than any one else. And perhaps I do.

But I dont think I have loved any one well enough yet to marry them. I would need to be reasoned & persuaded into marrying a

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Envelope



Bristol, Tenn
May 18 1PM 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Whittier NC

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June 16/03
E. C. Huffaker Eq [Esquire}

Dear Sir

Yours noted and I think the work is going along as it should now if you can put a man on in Frank Greens place he best come in Saturday as I can get him a good place at 10_ per day & board and steady work so he can be at home nights & also steady place for Claude so you will please tell him and look up another man as you will only need one short time to complete this survey Is Clay working or has he worked since I was over? I hope to have the right of way questions in hand very quick now as I hope you have got it down to a (letter abruptly ends)

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Envelope to E. C. Huffaker
From
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
BALSAM NC
Jun 1903

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SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
June 25/03
E. C. Huffaker, Eq

In answer to your question viz the Rtrn of the Church property condemning some would relieve the Trustees because then they do not sell lease or use for other purposes but are bound by the Course of Common law and let it be understood they objected and could not prevent being condemned under state law thus they do not invalidate their title I think you are getting on all o.k. I want you to talk so it will reach Fergusons ears that you are daily expecting orders to survey from Balsam's end via Black Rock & Black Rock creek to [connect?] on SoCo That will kill his ideas of Charter being now effective see I will be at Whittiers Saturday noon & you best run down there as I will only be there between trains.



Yours truly,
F. A. Lincoln

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Three Envelopes
If not delivered return to Mrs. J. S. Wheels
1233 Market St. Nashville Tenn.
Jul 3 1903 7-PM
Mr. Huffmaster,[sic] Civil Engineer
Bristol Va Tenn
Office in St. John's Building
Respectfully declined

If not called for in 5 days return to
JOHN W MCMASTER,
Esq Boscobel
NASHVILLE TENN
Jul 2 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Whittier N.C.

SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA PA
JUL 21 1903 4-PM
E. C. Huffaker, C.E.
Whittier N.C.

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Three envelopes to E. C. Huffaker
Whittier N.C.
From
HORACE MATHER LIPPINCOTT
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA
JUN 17 1903 1 PM



From
I.M. HYATT
CHIEF ENGINEER OF ROADS
HAYWOOD COUNTY
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.

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I.M. HYATT
CHIEF ENGINEER OF ROADS
HAYWOOD COUNTY
WAYNESVILLE, N.C. July 23rd 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Whittier N.C.

Dear Sir

We haven't been able to get our Township bonds on the market yet we think we will sell them in a short time will right [sic] you as soon as I no [sic] what to tell you

Yours Rspt [Respectfully]
I. M. HYATT

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Envelope
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA PA
JUL 25 1903 130PM
E. C. Huffaker, C.E.
Whittier N.C.

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BALSAM AND BLACK ROCK RAILWAY COMPANY
BALSOM N.C.
OFFICE, 574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
July 25th, 1903



Mr. E. C. Huffaker, C. E.
Whittier, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your favor of the 23rd instant, with payroll, and understand that you have let all these men go. Colonel Lincoln expects to return the first of next week, when these accounts will all be settled up.

It may be of interest to you to know that I have received very flattering letters from the gentlemen to whom you referred us.

Very truly yours,
Hue Lippincott, President
(Dictated H.M.C.)

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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Whittier N C
Held at . . . office to be called for

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HOTEL KENMORE
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
C.H. & L.W. KNIGHT
Aug 6th 1903

E. C. Huffaker

I express you 166.83 to cover checks

E. C. Huffaker 11.33

Mrs Hendrix 38.00

Horry Everdon 42.50

a/c E. C. Huffaker 75.00 166.83

Also enclose check for 85.00 covering balance of \$150 check give you and including \$10 due the niece For Monday Tuesday work I did not get cashiers check for this reason I did want to draw my a/c so close as if I had it only left me .81¢ in bank

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and before I fixed this I spoke to them for [discount?] of \$500 which I will get on the 15th In meantime I have today mailed the Company Extra bills which I did not know of amounting to \$135.00 & [as such?] we at Balsam also you will get a check from me at Bristol for the 150.00 this week or so as I wrote company had not paid you & you please use enclosed 75.00 check at Bristol first of the week & greatly oblige. I now think you best figure with school closed on building road Also I think from correspondence I have you will be called to Murphy soon will know by Monday or

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Tuesday I am working it well and parties are very much interested & keep me closely posted on your whereabouts & let me know fully on school as soon as you can I will do all I can for you

Yours truly
F. A. Lincoln

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DEPARTMENT AERONAUTICS
Merchants and Manufacturers Exhibition Association
MECHANICS BUILDING
BOSTON, MASS.,
August 3, 1903

DEAR SIR:

Cannot we look to you for the loan of such interesting material as you are willing to place in the Department of our Exposition

A typed note seeking a submission from E. C. Huffaker

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Continuation of invitation to enter exhibit with list of acceptable entries.

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Three envelopes to E. C. Huffaker
From
THE CHATTANOOGA DAILY TIMES
CHATTANOOGA, TENN



AUG 4 1903 630PM
From
HOTEL KENMORE
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
C.H. & I.W. KNIGHT
FROM
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMP
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA PA
(DATE MISSING) 1903 230PM

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Envelope
In 5 days return to
. . . .Redding Saltillo Tenn
Aug 17 1903
E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn

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Saltillo Tenn
Aug 15 1903

My dear Bro:

On yesterday I had letters from mama and Mr McM saying she'd get home next Friday 21 so I must go home Monday 24th Mama is going sooner than what she would when I wrote you two or three days ago and my going depends entirely upon her going. She must get there before I do.

Now I write this in order that

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I may let you know exactly when I leave so that you will hurry and address this answer to my last letter here (Saltillo, Tenn.) I have a whole week and a day in which to hear from you and that is old before I leave this. I shall after that expect you to write to the same old address in Nashville 620 Boscobel. Trusting you are all well this lovely hot summer day and that you'll write soon.



as ever
Your sister Mary

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Envelope
Chuckey City Tenn Aug 15, 16 1903
E. C. Huffaker C. E.
Bristol Tenn
St. John's Bldg

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Aug 16th 1903

My dear Brother
Good letter received. Moreland seems to be all right now. I have been two see him twice since you left. One evening he had some fever due perhaps to something he ate. I hope he will have no more trouble.

Effie is getting about well again.

Mrs Fitzgerald was buried today.

I want to go to the Springs on tomorrow if I

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have time and hear the bidding on the property. I do not suppose I will make any bid as I want none of it, yet if the land next to Charlie's should go for 35.00 an acre I would buy it. I wouldn't think I could make anything by giving more.

I hope you have gotten your instruments by now.

aff [affectionately]
Robert

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Two Envelopes to
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
St. John's Building
Third Floor
Bristol Tenn

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Check drawn on Greene County Bank
To Hain Hayes 4.80
By E. C. Huffaker

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Envelope and Letter
Bristol Tenn
SEP 7 330PM
E. C. Huffaker
Eagle W. Va
9/4/1903
E. C. Huffaker C.E.
Bristol, Tenn.

Dear sir -

Mr. Wood and myself expect to arrive at Balsam on Sept 15 & I hope you can arrange to be there so as to go over the R. R. route with us. I want to make a thorough inspection.

Will wire you if anything intervenes to prevent our coming.

Very truly
Hue Lippincott

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WINDSOR HOTEL PHILADELPHIA
Sept 8th/03
E. C. Huffaker Eq

My Dear Sir



Louss noted I came up here last Saturday to see Mr Bowman and the rest and I find everybody away & have been for 3 or 4 weeks & Mr Foernig came here today Mr Lippincott still absent and goes from Rhode Island to Asheville direct to meet Mr Wood on the 15th Mr Bowman is in Chicago expected here last of week so I have had no chance to do any thing Mr Bowman wrote me he expected to arrange with Richards of the Co RR

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to take up Murphy deal at once and last letter I had from him he reported the deal was coming on but he had to go to Chicago for few days and he could do nothing until his return he has been absent 10 days & so I have been able to get at no one & I decided to come up to see what the trouble was. I expect Wood Lipp & others will meet the 15th Now I may not get there as it looks as if I will be detained here on Bowman deal but if I do need not mention it there now confidentially I want you to have Schoolbred go with you & take it all in your only way to bid Lump sum for the job grade tie Gastlo & C Clay is

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good figurer and you want to get inside.

I note what you say on Check 158 the other a/c I wish you had rendered before as I told them I had (illegible) a/c all in check I will have to fix it up with you myself now. I will send you check next Monday to Bristol for the \$158 if not before and the other I will fix when I get my check from Company for myself If people had been at home or were I would had cash to send you before this trek as the

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Company paid me once I have to get up this myself to keep a/cs square as I paid out so much on my a/c left me short. Now I am your friend on these deals as I think you found me to be when it came to who was who & I hope I can see you Shoolbred through as John is a tall [Swiss?] & English as you know Now you can also know that we have to figure against as far as C. F. is concerned I would do all in my power for him as to the other well so goes the world. Write me to this hotel.

Yours in haste
F. A. Lincoln
Regards to your sister & all

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Chuckey City Tenn

Sept 11th 1903

My dear Papa -

We got your letters yesterday and were proud as could be to get them. We are going to a tray supper up at the church tonight. We have all got us a diner [sic] a piece for my own suppers (illegible). Uncle Charlie

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and Gordon are here today. Gladys and little Sister and I all went out to the Springs Wednesday evening and stayed till the next day and little Sister didn't come home till this morning. She came with Aunt Jeddie and Gordon. We had a good time out there. Gordon I guess

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will start in to school here Monday. I am getting along fine. I have another three headmarks since you left. Two in arithmetic and one in speller and I will get another in the speller about Monday. I turned 15 down yesterday and two today and

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I nearly always turn two or three down. In arithmetic Uncle Bob gives me a penny for every headmark I get and I have three cents in my money box now. I dont go to school but half the day but I go back at dinner and recess in the afternoon to play. We have a good time

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Two envelopes to E. C. Huffaker
C/o Gordon Coal & Coke Co
Eagle W. Va
Sept 11, 17 1903

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Chuckey City
Sept 26 1903

Dear Papa:

I am at school now and I am learning fast. I have got three headmarks and I will soon be head again. I work little examples and I like to play with my bat.



I am having a good time at school
I want to see you
Your loving boy
Moreland

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Envelope
Chuckey City Tenn
(illegible) 24 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle West Va.

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Chuckey City
Sept 22, 1903

Dear Uncle Ed:

Mary Ada knows a whole lot of A B C's. Mary Ada and Moreland and I went to school yesterday and took our dinner and we had such a good time playing at dinner time. Lila went too. Lila had to go every where we went.

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Eulalie is taking music lessons and learning very fast. She is going to stay here this winter and Uncle Charlie are going to board at Whig where Uncle Charlie will teach.

All of Grandpas folks came down and spent Sunday with us and we children had such a good time playing together. We had a fine dinner. We have seven gal. of apple butter. Write to me soon.

Gladys

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Sept 22, 1903



Dear Papa:

Aunt Anna wrote me the nicest little letter yesterday that ever was. She didn't write to anybody but me and it was on the prettiest little paper and the paper had printed on it "Come to my Party" at the top, and the prettiest little envelope.

We all went Tuesday out to

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Rheatown in a wagon to see the soldiers. There were over a hundred passed through on their way to Va. I like to ride in the wagon. Uncle Bob bought Uncle Charlies. Uncle Bob wants to take us after (illegible). I want to go to school today if they will let me. I love to go to play.

Moreland needs two warm gowns and I need a warm flannel underskirt and Aunt Effie wants you to let us know what to do about getting them. We are all well.

Write to your baby Mary Ada

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Envelope
JOHN W MCMASTER
620 Boscobel
NASHVILLE, TENN.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle West Va.

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620 Boscobel Str.
Sept 24 1903

Dear Bro Ed:

Just one month ago now we arrived home. Mams from Miss, I from West Tenn. I brought three of the girls I was visiting home with me and they staid [sic] until about a week ago so you see I've had very little, in fact no time to write letters. But now that we have a good servant and company all gone I shall spend much of my time in chatting my Brother (Ed) and a few friends in the distance, so it behooves you to "get up and dust" if you keep



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up and answer all my letters. Mama is very busy today sewing for baby Mary Ada trying to make her a few clothes. If she knew what baby needed most, she would do better. She says she will write you soon. I have thought of the dear little ones constantly this summer and wished more than I can express that I had been permitted to visit in the East instead of the West. We (Mama & I) live thinking only of the time when we can visit you all and mama says she is going there and no where else the next time she gets away from home and you know I'll be with her don't you?

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What are you doing away off there? for it seems you are indeed far off now. Miss Effie wrote mama you had written you were not well. I truly hope you have not gotten that Malarial in your system and that on this you are yourself again. Am glad that Baby keeps well and I do not doubt all you say of her beauty and sweetness is true and more. I know she is the dearest & sweetest and most beautiful baby on earth to me and I love her more than any one on earth and had rather see you all right now than anybody else.

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I wonder if you and the children want to see us half as much then for the life of me I don't see why you don't try to arrange your business so that you can come, but you never speak of coming.

Ida Belle and ___ are here now across the St at Mrs Ford's Capt Brown (their father) died last Friday night in Jaxon Miss. And they buried him in Hazlehurst Miss where his first wife is buried. Ida B. will go to Frank in Louisville in a few days I guess. Well how is the weather where you are? It is perfectly delightful here. Just cool enough to be pleasant.

We have decided to stay here

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at 620 Bros. another year and we are soon to have Electric lights and Bath room which will be a wonderful improvement and the lady who has been renting our front room moves out on Oct. 1st so you and the children come and we'll have lots of room to make you comfortable now. O! how nice it would be for all of us to live together My! then the children would be with their grandma and we could all be so happy together once more. You have often spoken of how nice it would be and I am glad you see it that way. then

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Grandma is foolish about her little ones and there is nothing she would not do for them. Mama often speaks of you too and she wishes often she could talk to Ed, says she always enjoyed talking to you.

Well just here Ida B. came over to see us and now that she is gone I'll finish my letter. Not knowing any news of interest to you I'll stop and leave the rest to mama as she can beat me when it comes to writing as well as in all things. How long do you expect to be in W. Va. and how do you like there? Write me all about your where abouts etc.

Lots of love mama joining
Affectionately Mary

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P.S. When you write the children give them lots of love for Grandma and Aunt Mary and tell them we send kisses to both dear little Moreland and precious little Mary Ada. Glad Moreland is doing so nicely at school.

Bless his heart! I know he is smart and I hope soon to get a little letter written all by himself. Miss Effie wrote mama of his rapid progress. says Baby is too little yet. I am glad she is for I love

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to think of her still as our Baby. Do you think you will send for them and decide to live at Eagle? I am always glad to know you and the children are together for I know they miss their papa and you must be lonely without your darling little ones. Well I must close as my P.S. is as long as my letter. I did not mean to write so much but it seems I never know when to stop after I once begin so I'll "ring off" now. Do hope you'll write me real soon at once if you can.

M. L. R.

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Check drawn on the National Bank of Bristol
Oct 2 1903 No 3
To S. Spencer Moore 1.05

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Envelope
JOHN W MCMASTER
620 Boscobel St.
NASHVILLE, TENN.
Oct 5 1903 4-PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle West Va.

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620 Bos St
Oct 5 1903

Dear Bro Ed:

Your letter received a few days ago and as usual I was just as glad as I could be to get it. I read and reread and read again for it was a very good interesting letter and as soon as I find time I'm going to answer it to the best of my ability but to day we are going over to look for the Macintoshes you wrote for and Moreland's night shirts or gowns and mama is going to make Baby's gowns and shirts. We already have the goods for them. I bought it last week and we shall send all just as soon as we can to them. But I am writing to day to tell you we have just rec'd this a.m. the dearest sweetest Photo of our

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precious little boy Moreland and I do know he is a beauty My! but how natural he looks. But of course he is a big boy now but still I think he had changed very little. I am so proud of him and the picture is very good. We thank you so much for it and now we want to see him more than ever. But where is Baby's picture? You said one of hers was to come and they failed to send it. We surely want it and we can hardly wait for it to come so do hope it will come in the next mail.

Now I am awfully sorry you had to go to W. Va before you came to see us Xmas. O! can't you come anyway we'd be more than glad to have you Why I'd be tickled to death to see you and the dear little ones walking in. Can't you come!

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While we'd love best of all to go to see you all at Fullens I feel very much afraid we can't do that Xmas for you see the winters there would probably be too severe for mama's health You and the children then, and



Ada might come to see us Xmas or you and the children (if Ada can't come) and we go to see you all in the Spring which we hope to do. You know I am coming my first opportunity and so is mama – now the rain is pouring down and tis very dark in here so I can scarcely see how to write. Write real soon to me. Mama will write soon.

Lots of love for you & the children
Lovingly Marie R
(over)

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Did Mrs Ripley get well of Typhoid fever you all never did say.
Who took the children's pictures He is a good artist I think. Was it Mr Hull in Greeneville?
Now the rain is still pouring down and we may not get off to town but we are going the first chance we get as we know the children need their things.

Where is Baby going to wear a Macintosh. I guess Moreland will wear his to school. We are going to look for them and if we can find them to fit her we'll send her one and Moreland one a brown one just as you want. Don't I wish I could go and carry the things to see them in their Macintoshes. I know they will be sweet and cute. Our love to all when you write home a kiss for Gladys from us

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Envelope
THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
MUNN & CO., Editors and Proprietors,
361 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
OCT 6 1903 6-PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle W. Va

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361 Broadway New York
CABLE ADDRESS: ETMAN NEW YORK
October 6, 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

We send you copies of the Scientific American and Supplement as requested by this mail. Terms on card herein.

We should be pleased to have you become a subscriber. We also send you a copy of our Hand Book on patents and should be pleased to attend any patent business for you or your friends.

Faithfully yours,
Meunobe

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Envelope
Envelope
JOHN W MCMASTER
620 Boscobel St.
NASHVILLE, TENN.
Oct 4-PM
Mr. Edward C. Huffaker
Eagle West Va.

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Oct. 15, 1903

Dear Uncle Ed,

How do you like the cold wind. Papa has gone down to (illegible) to teach school and Gordon has gone with him. I am staying at Uncle Bobs. We all went to the supper at Rheatown last saturday [sic]. And we all went to here [sic] Mrs. Gum

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Speak night before last. she is a real good teacher. Mrs. Mathews is boarding here and a little boy about as large as Mary Ada is staying here his name is Troy. Mama is coming here to stay Troy sister.

Your niece
Eulalie Huffaker

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Returned Postal Front
Oct 15 1903 Chuckey Tenn
Return to E. C. Huffaker

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Returned Postal Back
Oct 16 11AM 1903 EAGLE W VA
Received from Chuckey City
To Eagle W. Va.

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Envelope
WINDSOR HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA
P. S. ATTICK
OCT 17 1903 3-PM
E. C. Huffaker Eq
Eagle West Va

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Chuckey City, Tenn.
Oct. 19, 1903

Dear Papa:

I want you to send me some money. I got that thing last week. I like to go to school. I play ball at school. I went to the supper. Grandma sent me some nice things. What are you going to send Mary Ada's gray overcoat fits me. My nightshirts are nice. Mary Ada's cap is pretty and Mary Ada's cloak is pretty. I have



goten [sic] seven Headmarks and aunt Effie gave me two cards for them. Eulli and I are going to Rheatown after while to get some oatmeal. I like to work on that thing you sent me. I want to see you so bad.

Your loving boy
Moreland Huffaker

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Envelope
After 10 days return to
Miss Ada Huffaker
R F C Route No
CHUCKEY CITY, TENN.
Oct 22 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, West Va

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Chuckey City Tenn

Dear papa
I went to the supper last Sat. Grandma sent me an overcoat and to [sic] nightshirts. I like to go to school. I am in the third reader.

Moreland

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Envelope
CHUCKEY CITY TENN
Oct 26 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, West Va.

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Chuckey City
Oct 26 1903



Monday

My Dear Papa

I received your letter a few days ago and was just so glad to hear from you. We haven't been writing to you quite so often as we did because every body is just so busy they can't find time to

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write sometimes - but we will try and do better after this and write at least twice a week – There is a such a home full of us now you never did see – There are six of us little folks, and of all the big time playing that ever was we have the biggest- When it is warm we play out

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of doors and ride our bicycles and anything, and when it is cold we have a good warm fire upstairs and play store and dress up, and look at picture books and play cards and “Flinch” - I like to play “Flinch” and I can play it as good as any one, too. Troy and I are great “cronies” we dont either

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of us go to school and we just play and eat all the time. Mamie and Gladys and Moreland all go to school part of the day, and Moreland always goes up at recesses and dinner times and after school to play ball. He is a dead match for Uncle Bob when it comes to playing ball – He weighs 56 lbs now and

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is so big and fat you wouldn't hardly know him. I weigh 36 and we neither of us have been sick a day since you left – We don't eat candy for Uncle Bob keep us great big red apples all the time and I like them the best Moreland and Aunt Jeddie went to Greene

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ville to day. She went to get her and Aunt Ada and Aunt Effie a hat a piece, and Aunt Effie a cloak, and me and Gladys a little cloak a piece – mine is going to be red and Gladys' blue. And next Thursday Aunt Effie and Mrs Mathes and all of us children are going to John

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son City and stay till Sunday afternoon. Aunt Effie and Moreland and Gladys and I are going to Mr. Donnelly's and Mrs Mathes and her children 2 some of her kin about, you know we will all have a good time.

We use that "thing" as Moreland calls it, just lots and I think I'm going

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to get the first page, altho' Aunt Effie and Aunt Ada and Aunt Jeddie are running me a pretty close race. They think it is just about the timing and they get as much fun out of it as we do.

And we got the pencils you sent and we have just marked over (illegible) thing with them.

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I had me a birthday party and had the nicest time.

And we are going to have a Halloween party the 31st. The (illegible) and Doggett and Doyles, and Eulalie Shoun and Cousin Elbert's and Cousin Lillies are going to be here. Will Birdwell has quit railroading and taken up his old occupation of loafing

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I don't think he likes to work much Charlie and Gordon haven't been home since they went to ____ School but Uncle Charlie is coming home in about two weeks. Aunt Allie and Uncle Mose and little Herschell are coming to see us. They will leave for Tenn on the 3rd of Nov. We will be so glad to see them. We heard

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from Aunt Allie this morning – she said she wished you could be at home there too. They only expect to stay 3 weeks. don't you recon [sic] you could come?

I must close now or I won't get my letter in this evenings mail – you must write to us soon. You were sick when

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you wrote last but I hope you are well by now - if you are not you must come home and get well. We want to see you mighty bad and now goodbye.



Love from all and a whole lot of kisses from your little "ignoramus"

P.S. Aunt Jeddie said tell you the month was out tomorrow and she reckoned your bill was about eleven dollars (\$11.00). That includes washing and ironing – I'll have to have a new pair of shoes before long. Gladys got a new pair yesterday and I cried cause [sic] I didn't have a new pair.

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Damaged Envelope
MILLER SCHOOL VIRGINIA

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THE MILLER MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL OF ALBEMARLE
MILLER SCHOOL P.O., VIRGINIA
October 29, 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, W. Va.

My dear Sir:

The duty of looking over so good a book as you sent and of doing it well, is no small job to a hard worked man. I have greatly enjoyed them. You have done a good work. Are you going to print it? I return them to you by express today.

Yours truly,
C. E. Vawter

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Envelope
After 5 days return to
WOODWARD & LOTHROP
MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON D.C.
NOV 10 1903 930PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, W. Virginia

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Envelope
Chuckey City, Tenn
DEC 8 1903
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle West Virginia

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Chuckey City, Tenn
Dec. 8 1903

Dear Papa,

I want to see you. I went to Raetown [sic] this morning. I will tell you what I have on. I have on my coat and then my sweter [sic] and then my boots and then my flannels and then my pants. Uncle Bob is making a new smokehouse. I staded [sic] at home part of the day a watching him build the smokehouse. When it was snowing we rode sleds and planks. And when we stopped we threw snowballs. I like to go to school. I wrote a funny letter to old Santa Clause I will tell you what I wrote for

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Santa Claus to bring me a bushel of corn a twenty-five jars of vinegar to [sic] jars of molases [sic] and fifty yards of [dometric?] and a sack of potatoes. I have joined the Junior (illegible) league, there are forty children belong to it. We all have a silver star badge. I have learned the 23RD Psalm. I am just as fat as I can be and so is Mary Ada. I think I will get the 40c. I will work some samples for you. I got me some overshoes and gloves.

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Sums/Samples
Wrote soon to your loving boy
Moreland Huffaker
MCMIII 1903

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Envelope
JOHN W MCMASTER
620 Boscobel St



NASHVILLE TN
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, W. Virginia

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620 Boscobel St
Nashville Tenn
Dec 10 1903

My dear Ed

I dont know who wrote the last letter you or me. Mary had a letter from you last week I believe & oh you ought to have seen her when she read it. She sat down & cried. You said you would be in the mountains for the next 20 or 30 years then you would bring the children to Nashville to see us. Now Ed that is too bad, but of course I dont feel like it will be that long before I see the children. Now I will try to go to see them before another year passes, but wont you let them come to see us. Effie writes that Alice is still with them & will be till after Christmas & that Ada or Jeddie will go home with Alice

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& they said they might come by Nashville & stop to see us. Now wont that be nice. We are so glad. & will do all in our power to make them enjoy the visit & now Ed Cant you let the children come with them & stay with us awhile. Moreland is in school & I fear you wont want him to leave school now. but if you can let him come you could let the baby come. We will be so glad to have them with us. & we will take the best care of them as you well know. Tell us you will do this Ed & we will be the happiest folks in the world. I am making the baby some aprons for every day wear & will send these with the Christmas gifts. What are you going to get for them this Christmas. Will you come to see them to spend the holidays I suppose you will as you havent seen Alice & her little boy yet

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I am sorry to hear of Alice's ill health. I guess Mr Rambo will have to transfer to Tenn where she can be near her family I expect it is too cold for her up there where they live. We are having our first snow now, the ground is white this morning. This has been a mild winter so far. We all went over to McKendric Church last night to see the Presentation of several Portraits of former Pastors & it was real nice. I will send you a program to let you see what they did & who the portraits were. I will send you a Paper if the addresses are Published Dr Hass looks fine now & he has such a jolly good face I wish you could see him. I hear from Frank & Bird right often all well



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well with them & Ida Belle's Sister. Cutie is to be married on the 23rd of this month. No wedding as they have so recently lost their father. Mary has gone over to town this morning with Mr McMaster who is home now on his vacation of a few weeks. will have to start out again about the first of Jan The Postman is coming & I must give this to him write soon & as often as you can I hope you will keep well many join me in lots of love

Affectionately
Mother

I sent the baby three little dresses two skirts some Drawers for Thanksgiving, & Effie wrote me that they fit her nicely & that she was the grandest little girl in Tenn. I love to make her clothes

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Envelope
Chuckey City Tenn
DEC 17 1903
E. C. Huffaker C.E.
Eagle W. Va

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Typed Letter
Chuckey City, Tenn
Dec 14/03
find-:

I want to see you so bad. Uncles Bobs type-writer. I like to write on it. I will write you tonight. I am so glad we have the machine, yor [sic] I like to write on it. He says it is part mine. I want Santa to bring me a sled, A cap, some oranges and apples. I wish you could come home Christmas and eat nice things with us. I must stop now for Uncle Bob hast to write.

Your living little boy,
Moreland.

I think the machine is going to do all right since I have found where the trouble was. It is for physicians and I wll [sic] (illegible) some some [sic] of the characters: s d f g h j, z. This, you will (smudged) [rec]ceive, it is



a great joke at least Moreland thinks so. I failed to press the shift key. What I meant to write is (medical characters). I will have to go to work now. Robert

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SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY
574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
JAN 6 1904 3-PM
E. C. Huffaker Esq
Eagle W. Va.

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SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY
BALSAM, N.C.
OFFICE, 574 BOURSE BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Jan 7th/04

My dear Huffaker

Am as you see up in civilization came on a (illegible) to meet parties here – That man Fuller whom you met down at Whittier has taken or bought out the (illegible) B. & B. R. R. Company. He is now pres. of the concern and has assumed the liabilities. I am just starting to go down with him to Whittier. He wants to start work very soon. He will pay your bill for the accounts - I would suggest that you wait for two or three weeks and then write him C. D. Fuller Kalamazoo Michigan – How are you getting on Write me

[Yours in ear.?] [earnest]

[F.?] N. S.

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Postal Card
Chuckey City Tenn
Feb 8 1904
E. C. Huffaker
Eagle W. Va.

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Back of Postal Card
Chuckey City Tenn
Feb 8 1904

My dear Brother,

The children received your letter yesterday and we were all glad to hear from you. I wish you could see the children now. They have all their books and playthings down on the floor and they are having a such good time. They are all well none of them have been sick a day this winter. They go to school in the morning and stay home at play in the afternoon. Moreland learns so fast and little sister is learning a little but she goes to school just one day in the week (illegible) gets up his (illegible).

Cousin (illegible) is a little better today. Uncle Joe was a little better when we heard last which was a week ago. He is staying at (illegible).

Brother has gone to Hire Creek this afternoon. Jeddie's address is Walnut, Iowa. We heard from them a few days ago. They had reached home and had stood the trip all right. The children will write you. (bottom corner torn)

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Check drawn on Greene County Bank
Greeneville, Tenn Feb. 13, 1904
C. T. Emerson Chuckey City, Tenn.
\$6.97
E. C. Huffaker
Check drawn on the National Bank of Bristol
Bristol, Tenn. Feb. 12, 1904
\$2.00
Harper and Brothers

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Envelope
Postmark torn
Mr. Ed. C. Huffaker
Montgomery W. Va.
Gordon Coal & Coke Co

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Rheatown
3/21/1904

Dearest "Mr. Ed":

Pardon my delay in answering your kind letter. Have been rather sick for a few days hence writing has been impossible.

Really, "Mr. Ed" scarcely knew how to thank you for your invitation for me to accompany Ada and the children and there is nothing would please me quite so much pleasure. When Ada first mentioned the trip the idea delighted and at once began to plan

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for the great pleasure.

Often have thought of visiting Bluefield, W. Va. as some my dearest girl friends live there and they have so often begged me to come.

Dr. H tells me Ada is going sooner than she planned hence it is impossible for me to come with her, this certainly is a source of great regret to me as the thought of the trip had been so fascinating.

"Miss Shiner" is so lucky or un-lucky as to be House-keeper and cannot leave without securing a substitute and that seems impossible here

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as I have almost plead with (illegible) "Aunty" to come and stay with "Mother" for a few weeks but my pleadings have been vain

"My kingdom for a cook" Ada wrote me a note last eve and she says I am giving that as excuse will not be accepted.

Moreland asked me several weeks ago if I could not go to W. Va. with him.

Almost feel tempted to go on a strike and just have "Mother" and the boys without a cook or House-keeper

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This is one time I can't greatly appreciate my great importance at home as coming with Ada seems impossible sup-pose will have to live in hopes of coming later in the Summer. My friends in Bluefield are very anxious for me to come in May or June

You made a terrible threat concerning Mary Ada's love you may expect me to be a bitter rival for her favor and unless you treat me just right I may challenge you for a duel.

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Of course the idea of that sweetheart is very tempting so please secure him.

Again allow me to thank you for your kindness and how much I regret being unable to come no one knows.

Please add an extra [clause?] to your prayers and let it be that Dr. Morelys may find a cook.

Certainly wish that I could write and say you may expect to see me in W. Va. Very soon.

Am planning to go over

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and see Ada tomorrow. Don't forget that you are to secure me a sweetheart and I forbid you to [win] all of Mary Ada's love.

With many thanks

Truly

Eulalie Sherman

P. S. Hope you may succeed in reading this though I doubt it. It is an evident fact that letter writing is not my forte Please do not Judge my other characteristics by this one please.

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Check drawn on the National Bank of Bristol

Bristol, Tenn. Mar 5 1904 No 20

R. J. Kyle

\$36.00

E. C. Huffaker



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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle W. Va.

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Address
c/o B. F. [Avery?] & Sons
15th & Main sts.
Louisville Ky
Apr 4/04.

Dear Ed:-

Your letter of first inst just rec'd, & it is a great disappointment to me to have to say that we are boarding, and in a house too small to entertain the party mentioned, beside this my wife is preparing to go south in a few days to be gone six or eight weeks - but for these conditions I would say gladly send them right on to us. We are so anxious to see the little ones

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we think of them often & wish that we could see them. & I hope it will be so that we can see them some time in the near future.

Now lets us make a proposition. it is a little different from your present plans, but it seems to me worthy of serious consideration: Mama has not been so well all of the winter. & a considerable part of her trouble has been on account of your two babes and her longing to see them. Now why couldnt you arrange to send them to her for a few weeks, it would be really a charitable act on your part – the children would be well taken care of

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& a few words of gladness & sunshine would be added to the loving grand mothers life. I will also make it a point to go down to Nashville & while they are there Ida B will be there & we can all get to see them, as to how to safely get them to N – that can be easily managed as Mr Mc could meet them at some point & bring them to Nashville they have a nice little home, nice yard - & no time of the year is more healthful there as now – Think it all over & decide to do this I am sure you will not regret it. Of course I know you are anxious to see them



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but being a man & busy can afford to wait a little longer to contribute this great pleasure to the loving mother of your beloved wife. I know you will decide justly for the interest of all. I dont believe mama will be with us a great many years & I know she is wrapped up in these two little children God bless them & you.

Write to me again soon

Ida B. joins me in love to you and yours - & you have our very best wishes all the time

Your brother

Frank M Redding

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Postal Card

Chuckey City, Tenn

APR 4 1904

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Eagle, W. Va.

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Back of Postal Card

APR 5 1904 11AM

Plague on you!!!!!!-----

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Two Envelopes, One Check

If not called for in 5 days return to

Mary Redding

NASHVILLE, TENN

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Montgomery W. Va

CURTIN, ST. JOHN & SHELTON

LAWYERS

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

APRIL 11 1904 11-30a



Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
Eagle, West Virginia

Check drawn on the National Bank of Bristol
April 19 1904 No.24
Gordon Coal and Coke Co. \$10.00

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Limestone, Tenn.,
June 9 1904

Dear Moreland,

I recived [sic] your letter a few days ago and was glad to here [sic] from you. I was glad to hear you were so well pleased with the place, and were having such a nice time boat-riding and going to shows. How I would like to be there. Moreland we have had peas a good while

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and Uncle Bob has to. beans will soon be big enough to eat. Moreland your pretty red rose by the paling is in blume [sic]. it is the prettiest. My pinks and roses are in blume. and a whole lot of other fleruers [sic] of mine are in blume. next saturday is the deceratiene [sic] day at Fullens. I am going to it.

Aunt Effie & gladys is going to Johnson city next saturday and stay till tuesday.

Papa has the head ach [sic] bad he has had it all morning. Straw berries

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are all gone. Gordon is going fishing after dinner. Moreland there is a little bird nest on our porch with some little birds in it, and ther [sic] were some in our to [sic] boxes in the front yard and some little ones on the sistern [sic] here in that box.

Well will have to close. Write soon.

From your lovingly
cousin, Eulalie
Limestone, Tenn
R. F. D. No. 3

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Chuckey City, Tenn.,
June 13, 1904

My dear Ada;

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday. I came back from Johnson City and found it here waiting. Gladys & I went up to Mrs Matthews Thursday & stayed till Sunday evening. We had a very nice time. Gladys especially. Troy seemed a better child, but Mamie is 10 times worse. I never saw as disobedient a child

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in my life. I felt like annihilating her. We rode on the street car several times – went to Soldier's Home & to church & opera & to Mrs. M's sister's - Mrs. Brown & to Mr Donnelly's. The Donnelly's seem to be getting along all right. They have a nice home fixed up nicely & a pretty yard with pretty tea roses & good garden & chickens etc., but

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they say they didn't like it at all. They say the people are not social. Rome is keeping house near them.

Mrs. Matthews is just the same. You know she said if Mr. Miser ever married any body she would want it to be Ollie Cox, and now it is any body on earth but her. She says that has been her greatest trouble

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since she went to J.C. I don't suppose he wants to marry her any more than he did Eulalie Shoun, but she imagines everything, and she is so foolish about not wanting the children to go to the Presbyterian church. She said Mamie's life was blighted on account of not getting to go always to the Methodist church

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And Mrs Mores lets her go where she pleases. If I were he I would tell her once & for all that the children would be Presbyterian. She said he said that was all the trouble he & Jessie had & now she is keeping up the same old things about the children. I'd be ashamed. And she quotes as much scripture as ever. She is a very good woman, but she is certainly foolish. she talked lots about you and "Dr." I enjoyed going to the opera & church. My mind craves something better than Chuckey City, but still I was glad to come home. Mr. Wyrick preached a good sermon here last night.



I will close & write to Mary Ada & Moreland.
Write soon
Lovingly Effie

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I see I skipped these two pages so I will write a little more. For my garden, Schmidt & Bosley sent me 11 geraniums, 10 begonias, & 10 chrysanthemums, so when I was in J.C. I bought about 30 regular pots for flowers – jarius with holes in bottom. So I think I will be satisfied now. My flowers are

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doing very well.

There are seven rose bushes in bloom and they are so pretty. I saw so many lovely roses in J.C. The bushes were set in hedges like mine mostly. I am selling a dozen eggs a day at 12 cts a doz. Ellen & Hubert take music lessens. [sic]

Now write very soon to your loving sister
Effie

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Two checks drawn on the National Bank of Bristol from E. C. Huffaker
June 25 1904 No. 39
The Gordon Coal & Coke Co. \$5.00
June 18 1904 No. 31
C. D. Caldwell 53.60
Envelope
Mr. Ed Huffaker
Eagle W. Va.

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Envelope
CHARLESTON W. VA
JUL 19 1904 3-30P
E. C. Huffaker



Eagle W. Va.

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James J. Laidley
WHOLESALE GROCER FEED & PRODUCE
286 KANAWA STREET
CHARLESTON W. VA.
July 18 1904
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Eagle, W. Va.

Your letter to Sam Snyder was handed me. I am agent for Stanley.
Rates asked for are as follows:
Rate for adults to Cin [Cincinnati] \$4.00 each – children half four – leave Charleston Sunday to get to Cin. Pocket & is longest boat on the river – Round trip rate from Cin to Louisville \$5.00 - this includes meals & berths.
Resp J L Laidley

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Envelope x 2
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Pennington Gap Va.

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Waynesville N.C.
Oct 16 1904
Capt E. Huffaker
Pennington Gap Va.

Dear Friend:

Your letter at hand I went and seen Mr Welch to get him to enter write for you. He said he did not want to fool with the claim as they did not have any thing to get a hold of.

I then went and seen Mr H. R. Ferguson and he said he would try them a full. He said he would start the suit in the morning. We are going to run a attachment on there [sic] grading outfits. I think we can make

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the debt out of that.

This is all we can get any hold on at all. Will do all I can for you in the matter.

I wished you could see if you could get me worke [sic] to do at something that I could make fare [sic] wages at. I dont mind the work at all.

How is work at Eagle now I have got to find me some work to do somewhere?
Sorry to hear of old Tom getting killed. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours very truly
W. C. Kinsland

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Emmett, Tenn.
March the (illegible)

Dear Cousin Edward:

Since studying on the matter of poultry raising I have decided to enter at once into the business & concluded that by getting one of those incubators that you spoke of (illegible) I could get much quicker & by trying or experimenting with one of those by the time I could get one of the kind that you are now using, I will have gained some patience. When I get the

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literature on the Cyphens and get [posters on the?] (illegible) and upon your communication think I will purchase one of them, but for the present, for the sake of getting into it earlier, will buy one of the Cornell. I will take one of the 320 Egg Cornell Incub. & two of Cornell Brooders. Please send literature with machine in full detail if you have it. It is now about mail time, so I will write you more fully later. Please put it on bound cars as early as you can

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Envelope

EDWARD W. CARMACK
NASHVILLE, TENN
SEPT 22 1905 9-PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
111 Eight Ave. South
City.

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Typed Letter

EDWARD W. CARMACK
Nashville, Tenn, Sept/ 22 1905 9
Mr. E. C. Huffaker,
111 Eight Ave. South
Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Sir:

I appreciate very much your very kind note which I today received. Of course no man in public service can please all his constituents and no man is free from human liability to make mistakes. I have no doubt made my share, but I can truly say for myself that every position I have taken in the Senate has proceeded from a conscientious conviction of right and duty and that I have guided always my own conception of the true principles of Government. I believe that man will render the best service to the people who dares to follow his own honest convictions of right even though he makes mistakes, that the man who tries to govern his conduct according to what he considers the public opinion of the hour. I am ready for my public record to be subjected to the most searching criticism and to be held responsible for all my mistakes, and for this reason I have asked that my competitor meet me in joint debate face to face.

I assure you that I appreciate your support and thank you most sincerely for it.

Very truly yours,
E. W. Carmack

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TUESDAY EVENING POST, JULY 1 1905
TUESDAY EVENING POST
Published every week at Chuckey, Tenn.
Editor . . . E. G. Babcock



L. Editor . . . J. G. Huffaker
Bus. Man'r . . . R. M. Huffaker

Editorial

A Question

Do we place in classes every thing of which we have heard?

Answers to the above questions are in order.

In Christianity, toleration should be an important watchword.

King Alphonso is to have an American tutor. Perhaps Alphonso would, also, like to have a few of Un-Sam's battleships.

The reason the Russian Bear does not hug the dove of peace is because there is not enough of the bear left.

The Yellow Peril has come. It has arrived in New Orleans where it appears in the shape of fever.

Social Lies

Most people who wish to appear with polished manners, and, in fact, almost all people, seem not to regard as lies the little untruths told in social life. But no difference why told, an untruth is an untruth, and an untruth is a lie.

Society or no society, truthfulness is the main factor in the make-up of a gentleman.

Always tell the truth.

G. B.

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Contract

THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY

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Other side of contract

BRISTOL, TENN. Date 10/27 1905

Received of E. C. Huffaker

Valued at \$5.00

Signed H. Baker

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Envelope

After 5 days return to



A.D. REYNOLDS
BRISTOL, TENN
NOV 10 1905
E. C Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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A.D. REYNOLDS
BRISTOL, TENN
NOV 10 '05
Mr. E. C Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed, I hand you my check for \$8.80 in payment of a/c as per statement.
Thanking you besides for your prompt attention to this matter, I am,

Yours truly,
A.D. Reynolds
(Encl)

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Envelope
E. von Quast, M.D.
Office Rooms 309-310 Century Building, Opposite
Postoffice,
Office Telephone 2016 Long Distance
KANSAS CITY, MO.
NOV 11 1905 630PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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Envelope
CALDWELL & DELANEY CO., INC.
BRISTOL VA-TENN.



DEC 1905
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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THE CALDWELL-DELANEY COMPANY INCORPORATED
BRISTOL VA-TENN.
Dec. 4 05
Mr E C Huffaker
Bristol

Dear Mr Huffaker:
Your letter of the 2nd is put at hand.
For the present the editorial work on the Courier will be done by Mr. Remine. If I find we can use you I will take great pleasure in doing so.

Your friend
John H. Caldwell

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Envelope
RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO
R. O. HUFFAKER M.D.,
CHUCKEY TENN.
DEC 19 1905 A.M.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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Chuckey, Tenn.
Dec 19 1905

Dear Brother:
I want you to please get Gladys a doll costing from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and I will pay you when you get home.



I noticed Pitzer's adv. of dolls and I expect you could do well there. Get one already dressed. If you get Mary Ada one please get Gladys one as large & nice as hers, for last Christmas she was disappointed in hers when she saw Mary Ada's.

The children are looking forward to Christmas

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and to your coming. We are going to have turkey then & Charlie's are all to be over.

Please write me or Moreland a card to let me know whether you will get the dolls.

Aff [affectionately]

Effie

Mary Ada needs shoes No 11

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Envelope

Return to, in 10 days

L. A. Gratz Bristol Tenn.

RFD No 4

1906

Mr. E. C. Huffaker Esq [Esquire]

Civil Engineer

Bristol Tenn.

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Document

SULLIVAN COUNTY COURT

Blountville, Tenn. Dec 21st 1905

Mr. E. C. Huffaker

Bristol Tenn

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed warrants as per your order. I will get receipts for same when I see you.

I am hoping that you will have a happy Xmas - and pleasant sojourn with yours to (illegible) children



Yours as ever
T. J. Cross

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“THE MAN AND HIS GUN AND THE MOUNTAINS”

Once upon a time a man thought he would like to go to the mountains so he took his gun and dog and started off. About the first thing he did was to get a place to sleep and eat. He hunted all around to find a house but couldn't find any so he had to build him one.

It was a log cabin that he made and had hard work making it. He painted it yellow and made a very pretty cabin. The first thing he saw was a bear he was so afraid of it he went a running as fast as he could. The next thing he saw was a snake and he thought well now I will shoot it because it is so little. He lay down and put the gun right in front of it so it couldn't see him but the snake was watching him all the time. He thought he heard a dog barking like something had hurt it so he turned his head around to see for sure. While he was looking around the snake came up and got in the barrel of the gun and when he turned to shoot it it [sic] wasn't there so he went on and saw a squirrel and he shot at it and when he saw the snake flying out of the gun he was frightened worse than ever so he said to himself I don't think I will like this as much as I thought I would. He soon got better than getting frightened so bad. He killed a whole lot of things and skinedt [sic] them and got rich.

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HORACE A. MANN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ROOM 16 DEADERICK BLOCK
KNOXVILLE, TENN.
JAN 21 1906

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JAN 20 1906 630PM
MR. E. C. Huffaker
Chuckey City, Tenn.

Typed Letter
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U.S.
WASHINGTON D.C.
Knoxville, Tenn. Jan 20th, 1906



Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Huffaker;

As I have heard nothing with reference to what the County Court done at the January term, I thought I would write you and find out. Did they take action with reference to the entire piece of work to Blountville? I will leave to-night for Washington and would be glad to have you run up, if you can spend a few days with me. Will guarantee you a good time, and will attend to other matters as suggested when we were last together. Write me in care of St. James Hotel. I intend as soon as I return home, the weather permitting, to move my entire outfit to Bristol and get quarry opened, crusher set, and we can then fill up bad places when the ground is frozen, if nothing more. I sincerely hope that we will have an early spring so that I can get to work in earnest.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,
Horace A. Mann

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Literary Society Announcement
ALETHEAN PHILOMATHEAN
ANNUAL
MCCORMICK HALL
FEBRUARY 9, 1906
7:30 P.M.

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Other side of Literary Society Announcement
BYRY WHITFIELD PAINTER, PRESIDENT
USHERS
NELLIE KIRKPATRICK
LIDA MAE PETTY
GROVER PLOTT
FRED EINSTEIN
WILL RIPLEY

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Envelope
CHUCKEY TENN
FEB 15 1906 P.M.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn

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Chuckey, Tenn.
Feb. 15, 1906

Dear Papa,

I want to see you. We killed one of our hogs and one of Uncle Charlie's and we have a big dishpan full. I helped Uncle Bob make it and you don't know how good it is. Our sausage grinder wouldn't work right and it all came out where we put it in. We all think the valentine that you sent us yesterday is just beautiful. I sent 7 valentines and I got 7 valentines. I sent Sue and Lila and Mary and Edith one in town. Mary Ada stayed over at Aunt Jeddies last night and hasn't come back but if she were here she would write to you. The meeting has closed. Mr. Remine's baby is getting all right.

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Cousin Lillie is tickled to death over the valentine. She shows it to every body that comes in and they think it is the funniest thing. Mrs. Earnest is going to have a musical next Thursday and they are going to wear clothes like they wore when George Washington was living. I know it will be good I know. We are all well. Write soon. Your loving boy,
Moreland

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Bristol, Tenn.
Feb. 17, 1906
Mr. L. H. Denny,
Chairman, County Court, Blountville Debtor
To E. C. Huffaker, C. E.
To Engineering work on Blountville pike De. 5 \$90.00
T 2 days attendance on court, by request of
chairman of road committee 10.00
" 1 axe .85
" 1 box tacks .05



" 2 stick keil	.20
"1 pick and handle	.75
" 2 note books	.70
" Drawing ng materials	1.70
Livery bill, to and from Blountville	<u>1.50</u>
(One Hundred and five dollars and .75)	105.75

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County

Personally appeared before the undersigned authority, E. C. Huffaker, and makes out in due form of law that foregoing account is just and true as the same now stands stated.

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this Feby 17th

1906

E. C. Huffaker

Geo T. Hammer Clerk & Master

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Chuckey, Tenn.

Feb. 29, 1906

Dear Uncle Ed,

Papa will be at home Monday. I would like to have a jobb [sic] this summer if you can get me one. I think I am strong enough.

We had a good entertainment Thursday night Washington's Birthday. The children are tickled to death over the new lamb. Aunt Jeddie is making them some molasses candy with walnuts in it. Your nephew, Gordon Huffaker

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Bristol, Tenn.

Mar-6-1906

E. C. Huffaker

Chuckey City, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your card received and in reply, will say that I will ready for stakes by Monday 12th if the weather stays favorable for dirt work.



Yours respt [respectfully]
D. Gratzf

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Envelope
HOTEL TIP TOP and Café EUROPEAN
E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tennessee

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HOTEL TIP TOP and Café EUROPEAN
SANDOE & EVERETT, PROPRIETORS
Bristol, Va.Tenn. Wednesday 1906

Dear Huffaker:

Wish you would write panorama that picture of Nap's return from Elba – page 40 I think. OC. Taylor says that is the finest thing in it. His judgment there coincides with what I wrote you on from Washington. He says paraphrase "Regulars you are to return to the Carthage." Not to elaborate of course, but just about know who we have now. I have about twenty pages pretty pat and am going to put in type.

Yours,
M. Slack

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Envelope
L. H. DENNY
Chairman County Court
SULLIVAN COUNTY
BLOUNTVILLE, TENN.
MAR 1906
E. C. Huffaker Esq
Chuckey Tennessee

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Office of the Chairman



Sullivan County Court
Blountville, Tenn. 3-5-1906
E. C. Huffaker Esq.
Bristol, Tenn.

My dear Sir: I have delayed the issuance of a warrant to you for our services as engineer on the road in question, until I could confer with the Commissioners, as it will my purpose not to pay any account incurred in the construction of the road unless the same has been examined and approved by the board of Commissioners on a majority if said board.

My opinion was, and is, that your account was not in proper form, as you failed to State the number of days for which you claim pay as engineer, and the Commissioners agree with me in this contention. The board also declines to allow your compensation for the two days you attended Court, & expenses, for the reason that ex Chairman Grass Says that your attendance at Court was of your own election, and not by any request of his.

The board further wish to know what disposition you made of the tools you purchased, as they will be the property of the County when paid for.

In compliance with the wish of the board, I return to you your account, with the request that you cure the defect which

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I have pointed out, and omit the Eleven & 50/100 dollars you claim for attending Court, and I will issue you a claim for the one hundred and five 75/100 (\$105.75) dollars, less the Eleven & 50/100 dollars. If you can satisfy the board that you are entitled to \$11.75, it can be corrected later on.

Yours very truly,
L.H. Denny
Chairman

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Envelope
Mar 1906
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn.



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Chuckey Tenn.,
Mar 23, 1906

Dear Papa -

As Aunt Effie is writing to you I will just write you a short letter to tell you that I am well and having a good time playing with games and Walter. I think those cards are might pretty and I have been playing with them. Thank you for them.

Papa please send me a suit for the entertainment. I want to look nice that night. I am in three things. We have 15 turkey eggs. I like to find turkey nests and get the eggs.

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Chuckey, Tenn.
Apr. 25, 1906.

Dear Uncle Ed:-

We are so anxious to go to Washington, we cant hardly wait till the time comes and we will be keeping the days marked off of the calendar. We had a big fire here Monday night. The Depot burned down and Mr Emerson store caught on fire but they put it out.

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We had a lecture Monday night it was right good. We got those seeds you sent us. I have planted all of my flower seeds. and am going to plant my other seeds before long.

Moreland and Papa and I went to the springs the other day. I am glad school is out but I studdy Gramar [sic] and arithmetic under Aunt Effie and algebra and

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Rhetoric under papa. Moreland and Mary Ada and Gladys study under Aunt Effie.

from Eulalie Huffaker

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Envelope
CHUCKEY TENN.
JUN 1906
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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Typed Letter
Chuckey, Tenn.
June 10, 1906

Dear Papa,-

I want to see you so bad and I can hardly wait for you to come home so that we can go to Washington. They have old time singing all day to-day but I didn't go to it this-morning and I am not going this-evening either, Mary Ada and Gladys and Eulalie and Aunt Effie went.

Mary Ada and Gladys are over at Cousin Lillys playing with James and Madge and Hugh and James. I was sick a day or two but I am well now. We had fried chicken for dinner and it was the best. I can't think of anything else to say so I will close.

Write soon. From your loving boy, Moreland.

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Postal Card
BRISTOL TENN
JUN 12 1906 6-30P
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol Tenn.

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Note on Postal Card
Chuckey, Tenn.
June 12, 1906

Dear Papa,-



I received your letter this morning and was just as glad to get it. When I was sick I had the headache and stomachache but Uncle Bob gave me some calomel and I got well the day after that. I ate some honey and I think that was made me sick I haven't eaten a bit more since then.

Some of Aunt Effie's turkeys hatched.

Bring me a pair of stockings and Mary Ada a pair of black slippers and some little drawers if you can find any. Last Sunday night Worley Foxes barn was struck by lightling [sic]. We are all well. I can't think of anything else to say.

Moreland.

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Postal Card
BRISTOL TENN
JUN 15 1906 PM
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Bristol, Tenn.

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Note on Postal Card
Chuckey Tenn.
June 16, 1906

Dear Papa,

I want to see you so bad. We can't hardly wait to start. You must be sure to come home tomorrow. I am well and have a good appetite. I got your postal card and we thank you for the magazines that you sent. I can't think of anything else to say so I will close. Write soon

From your loving boy Moreland

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HOADLEY ICE CREAM CO.
MANUFACTURERS OF
PURE ICE CREAM AND CANDIES
MEMPHIS, TENN.



JOHN W. MCMASTER,
TRAVELING SALESMAN
Nov 16 1906
Hazlehurst Miss.

My darling Mary Ada:-

Aunt Mary wants to hear from you. Can't you write her a nice little letter? You wrote her one and it was a sweet tiny one. I love it because you wrote it. Grandma and Aunt Mary have moved away from Brook. We got on a tram one day (Nov. 1st) and rode 20 miles north which brought us back to old Haz.[Hazlehurst] where I was raised. Tell papa we are boarding at the same Hotel where we stopped one week years ago but the old man (Mr Robertson) who (letter torn) . . . house is dead now and . . . is the one whoIt's a very nice place to . . . we like it. Grandma is sick and is nice for her to have Aunt Georgia . . . and all the other kin visit her . . . relatives are good and . . .

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Chuckey, Tenn.
Mar. 3 1907

(Letter is badly torn with pieces missing)

Dearest friend on earth,

. . . will try and write a letter as I have not . . . to do. I certainly do love you if Ibody. If you love me like Iknife can cut your love in . . . blowing so hard this evening . . . like Mattie . . . a good cook and I like her to . . . so . . . going to church to . . . go to Rheatown to night . . . will come to church up here. To youcourse. I believe I have told you all the news only I love you better every time I see you. So I will have to close as you . . . downstairs, left me. Answer . . . sweet letter

YOUR BEST FRIEND ON EARTH OR ANY PLACE
Name illegible

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Type-written letter

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO THE COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1816
REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY FIREARMS
CABLE ADDRESS "BAYONET N.Y."
AGENCY 313 BROADWAY, N.Y.
ILION, N.Y. February 10, 1908

Mr. J.I. Earnest
Chuckey, TN

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of the 7th instant and are pleased to know that the parts we sent you last December enabled you to remedy the trouble which you had been having with hammerless double gun No. 124957.

In this connection, however, we might state, 3 ¼ dr. bulk smokeless powder or the equivalent in dense or black is the maximum load in 12-gauge 2 5/8" shells and 3 1/2 dr. in 12-gauge 2 ¾ shells.

We thank you for informing us in regard to the condition of the gun and with best wishes, remain,

Yours very truly,
REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY
[illegible]
B.S.

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Alexandria, Va. R.2.
Mar. 11 1922
Mrs. Julian Patton

Dear Kate:

No doubt you will be surprised to have a note from me. We have just heard of the death of your father. We were very sorrow to hear of it. But the Lord knows best. You have our Sympathy. I know what it is to loose [sic] a parent. Our dear mother passed away

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almost seven years ago. Give my love you your mother. No doubt it is very hard on her just at this time. I hope the rest of the family are well. We are all very well.

I would be glad to hear from you at any time you may have time to write.

Your friend
Estes.

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Greeneville, Tenn
April 21, 1927

Dear Moreland;

Your letter received. I have only time to write a line to say that Mississippi (illegible) Levee has broken 16 miles above us the worst break in the history of the country and by night the floods will be upon us as we are bringing the

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stock away and things transported to a neighbors house who lives on higher ground. Mary Ada is leaving for Oxford, Miss to stay with the McCalls until the water subsides. There is no danger for us, but it may be a good while before you can hear (illegible) from us.

Good luck for your wedding
Lovingly Grandma

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Envelope
THE BOARD OF TRADE OF THE CITY OF TORONTO
CANADA
TOLEDO ONT.
NOV 19 1931 830PM
E. C. Huffaker Esq.,
The Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Company, Inc.,
381 Westgate Ave.,
Kenmore,
Buffalo, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

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Typed Letter
THE BOARD OF TRADE OF THE CITY OF TORONTO
ROYAL BANK BUILDING
TORONTO, CANADA



November 18, 1931
E. C. Huffaker Esq.,
The Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Company, Inc.,
381 Westgate Ave.,
Kenmore,
Buffalo, N.Y.,
U.S.A.
F. D. TOLCHARD
GENERAL MANAGER
T. MARSHALL
TRANSPORTATION ADVISER

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, I would suggest that you communicate with one of the following Patent Attorneys located in the City of Toronto:

H. J. S. Dennison
Fetherstonhaugh & Co.,
835 Richmond St. W.
25 King St. W.

I trust this information may be of service to you.

Yours very truly,
F. D. Tolchard
p.

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Envelope
A. Klemm
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
NEW YORK
MORRIS HTS STA NY
FEB 11 1932 630PM
Mr. Edward C. Huffaker,
381 Westgate Road,
Kenmore, New York.



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Typed Letter
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, NEW YORK
DANIEL GUGGENHEIM
SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS
TELEPHONE: RAYMOND 2000
January 11th, 1932
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
381 Westgate Road,
Kenmore, New York.

Dear Mr. Huffaker:

In answer of your query of December 24th, I am writing giving the corrections necessary to make your formulae correct.

Centrifugal force which you denote as f is given by expression $\frac{w v^2}{g r}$ where w is the weight of the airplane, V is the velocity in ft. per. sec. g is the acceleration of gravity and is equal to 32.2 ft. per. sec. and r is the radius [sic] of turn. You are quite correct in equating this force to $W \tan Q$, but the equation for the radius becomes $v^2/g \tan Q$ instead of $v^2/\tan Q$ as you have written it.

Sincerely yours,
Alexander Klemin
AK/RW

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Envelope
A. Klemin
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
NEW YORK
MORRIS HTS STA NY
FEB 4 1932 2PM
Mr. Edward C. Huffaker,



381 Westgate Road,
Kenmore, New York.

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Typed Document

Professional Services on Examination of Inventions or Patents

Professor Klemin is frequently consulted in regard to the value of aeronautical inventions or patents. It is impossible to give off-hand opinions. An opinion, to be of value, requires experience, knowledge, time and thought. Professor Klemin refuses to give off-hand views but prefers to study the problem submitted carefully, and to render written preliminary reports covering:

- 1 – Merits and possibilities of invention
- 2 – Suggestions as to experiments which may be necessary
- 3 – Commercial value
- 4 – Suggestions as to possible methods of marketing.

The report generally takes a week to prepare.

Documents may be submitted by mail or at an interview by appointment.

All such work is regarded as strictly confidential.

Such service is as much of a professional character as that of a Counsel of Patent Attorney, and a fee of \$25.00 is charged, payable with instructions to proceed with examination.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, NEW YORK
DANIEL GUGGENHEIM
SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS
TELEPHONE: RAYMOND 2000
February 3, 1932

Mr. E. C. Huffaker
381 Westgate Road,
Kenmore, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 1st.



I am most certainly in a position to investigate the merits of inventions and to assist in their development work. I am in a position to use the experimental equipment of the school, which includes wind tunnel, model laboratories, structural laboratories, engine laboratory, etc., etc.

The subject of stability in aircraft is one in which I am particularly interested.

I would suggest that the first step would be to allow me to make a preliminary investigation and write a preliminary report on your invention.

I enclose a leaflet regarding such preliminary inventions, and if this statement of policy meets with your approval, I shall be glad to hear from you at an early date and go right into the matter.

Should you prefer to pay me a visit before starting this preliminary work, I should be very glad to know when you could come to town and to make an appointment with you. But if you would rather write me in the first place, we can certainly get a good start by correspondence.

I shall await your reply with interest, and remain

Yours very truly,
Alexander Klemin
AK:LC

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Envelope
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
DEC 18 1934 9-PM
Mr. Edward C. Huffaker
Oxford, Mississippi
General Delivery

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Typed Letter
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LETTERHEAD
Washington, U.S.A.
Mr. E. C. Huffaker

General Delivery,
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution requesting a loan of the copy of Langley's Internal Work of the Wind has been referred to the Library. As this publication has for some time been out of print, we have had difficulty in finding a copy that we could lend to you and Dr. Kennon. An unbound copy has, however, at last come to hand. But we don't feel like trusting it to the mails or express during the Holiday rush of packages. We are therefore planning to send it early in January. It will go by express collect directly to Mr. Whitman Davis, Librarian of the University of Mississippi, who will be instructed to make it available to you and Dr. Kennon. He will also be asked to return it to us either by insured parcel post or express. We trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you both.

By authority of the Secretary,
Very respectfully yours,
William L. Corbin, Librarian
C:L

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[typed story, titled The Haunted Mine]

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Typed Publication Titled
TO FOCUS THE CROSS-WIRES OF THE TELESCOPE

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Partial letter - (possibly from Mary Ada)

Top half missing

Santa . . . the nicest present you ever saw, and we never did have as good a time in our lives as we did Christmas day playing with our things, and we are not going to break our things. My tea-set and toboggan & gold pin & doll & ring were so pretty. We are playing out in the sun-shine

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I found the library has a different lense [sic] that works better.

These may have been a.b.c.d. sections you need to fit together – 14a to 20d.

Did I send you a copy of 1a & 1b that I wrote words off from machine by hand? Let me know if I didn't.

I reprinted most of first batch of papers much more readable. 2 thru 12 and copied off more words from the machine by hand.

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Letter with right side missing

Mar.

My Dear Brother:

What in the world has become of you that you never write to me anymore. Have you completely forgotten me? I certainly believe you have. Maybe you . . . written and I never got your letter . . . mail has about . . . coming out . . .

I am getting . . . real will I . . . in school. I think

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Left side of letter missing

. . . a fine teacher . . . large boys had . . . last week to . . . I wish so much . . . a great deal . . . and I know . . . do me.

Every one speaks so highly of the school. I want to stay at the school-house all the time, for I just hate the (illegible) and I can't help it.

I do hope you will . . . Jeff sometime and . . . everlasting . . . out of him. I would tell you . . . if I could . . .



I would give the world

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to see you this evening and have a good [old] fashioned talk. I would tell you a love story. Would you like to hear it? Of . . . love of a "black eyed" man for a little plain uninteresting girl?

If you would, I will likely tell you sometime. I guess though the girl will say the "black-eyed" "nay" for I think her heart has gone out to another Of course it's the most interesting love story ever [told]. I have been studying Spanish this winter and I like it. I just studied the . . .

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. . . think I can read . . . wall when I . . . reader. I went down to see . . . He is liked . . . well. I had (illegible) as (illegible) time . . . over last . . . nday night. I was so glad to see them. I have not been home for three months. Perhaps they like Emmy . . . family. I think they expect to make . . . their home . . . you will enjoy . . . next summer. You . . . Mattie will have a good old time sometimes I think

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together. We got the same preacher back. We are to have quarterly meetings soon. We are also to have an Entertainment Sat night. Gordon has the cutest little . . . to say and I have just finished . . . a (illegible) white . . . to (illegible) with . . . little _ark suit. I think the little . . . you sent of Eulalie's . . . just a (illegible) as can be and she certainly lost interest in it. It might fit right well

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exception of the yoke which was a little small. Many many thanks for . . . (illegible) you have Bro. Harkson back for . . . preacher and . . . Kennedy for . . . P.E. I know . . . are all pleased . . . them.
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Envelope
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D. C.

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My darling old man,

You can't write to me I know, but as I am getting along so well it will not hurt me, as I will do the writing for the family at present.

The doctor was here about two o'clock – after taking out the stitches – leaving numerous directions for us to go by, dismissed the case- said I must sit up tomorrow, but not all day – as I will be pretty weak. (He thinks little Bills not bad with thrush & Mama was using the medicine al-

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ready that he wanted her to [use and he?] had slept nearly all day & better last night than usual. Billy gets sweeter and sweeter every day. I sit up (illegible) and I expect that (illegible) I asked Dr. B. this a.m. if I might come home tomorrow (illegible) gave me until Sat. but he thought best for you to remain there until Sat. Morning, when you must put on an entire change of clothing, and let none of your clothes you take off while here be brought here until they

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Two envelopes
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Washington D. C.
Smithsonian

1008 8th N. W
Washington, D. C.
Mrs. R. C. Howell
McComb City Mississippi

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Typed Contract
SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY
Rec'd of E. C. Huffaker

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Other side of Typed Contract - torn



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Three envelopes to E. C. Huffaker
825 Main Street
Bristol, Tennessee
Box 28
Chuckey City Tennessee
University of Va Virginia

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Partial note and Business Card
Dear Sis & Carrie
Anne & I
How would you like this for a crowd. If you have any objections speak now or forever more hold your peace.

Anne & Steve
The doors are open always to you.

MORELAND HUFFAKER (printed with pencil)
SOCO LUMBER & MINING COMPANY
BALSAM, N.C.

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TYPEWRITTEN QUESTIONNAIRE
WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
663 Main St.
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Two envelopes to Mrs. E. C Huffaker
825 Main Street
Bristol Tennessee

Return in Five days to



TAYLOR & PARROTTE,
ADAMS & MARKET STS
CHICAGO
Chucky City Tennessee

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Partial Envelope
HIRSHBERG ART CO.
Partial note
Square with measurements

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Postal Card
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Mr. H. B. Emerson
Whittier Swain Co NC

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Back of Postal Card
Notification of a parcel

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Envelope
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY
BALSAM, N.C.
E. C. Huffaker
Whittier
Phila

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Note



I think on houses and other men you best keep enough men to push this work to a finish because the importance of it is very great even if you need an extra man or two to help out. I don't think will be done with Fullen we want leases less than 10 year find out push all you can

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E. C. Huffaker Esq

Dear Sir

I have instructed Clay to see how he can handle Ferguson & Bottles also I think best get 10 year lease from all hands along line by paying so much a year 1st payment when contract is figured & then each year (illegible) suppose let Clay talk with them because they may not feel just right with you any way I

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want this done or tried by Clay right now & you push your work close & fast as possible this week dont fail to utilize every hour it is important to do so If Clay finds cant work it I will then get his Father to go over but under instructions I have given him I think he may be able to do so

Yours truly

F. A. Lincoln

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Envelope

Miss Carrie Redding

Hazlehurst Miss.

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Partial Letter

Jeddie tonight and tell her about Wish- will also write to Bob and tell him about Carrie Sue. I had a letter from them this week. They were all well.

Allie & Effie are both back at school. Effie is glad to get back to her school. She had a right good school yesterday considering the bad

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earlier. We are having more snow than a "bushel." Mr. Mitchell was here. (Illegible) to see if his little engineering book was here. I looked every place for it but couldn't find it so (illegible) you must have taken it with you. He told me to write and ask if you had it please send it to M. L. Mitchell 402 Main St. I must close now. Hoping to hear from you soon and with a whole bushes of love for you I am looking at post.

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Note

Embossed with a Phone HELLO! HELLO!

There were several up to spend the day there yesterday, from Knoxville I mean, Ida Davis & Mr Rose Liza Keener (page torn) and one . . . Mamma . . . off for over . . . Eula and I haven't yet decided which one is "boss" of course we both feel our own importance. We get Bro Clemine (back)

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some one that I would never have any more use for him when he and Mark can get up courage to be gentlemanly (illegible) them to (torn) as (illegible) rude Great merit then I will treat them as great gentleman till then they "may go." Tis getting late and my room cold so good night. write very soon your cousin Kate

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TYPEWRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Notification that the
SEMI-CENTENNIAL CATALOGUE
EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE
will be mailed to applicants.

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TYPEWRITTEN Invitation to the Fiftieth Anniversary

EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

June 5th 6th 7th and 8th

[1886? College Founded 1836]

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Top right hand corner torn

he has . . . I can't see any . . . family have changed much unless it is uncle Fayell.



Two young men called on us last night and the first thing they . . . almost they began running down our County. We were a good match for them though and they were glad to say stop before we got done with them. Will you be at home Xmas? I heard that cousin Ed would be in Seclusion Bend Xmas.

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Left hand corner torn
Everybody sends love . . . write me a long letter

Your cousin
Lula L

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Sunday "Eve"

Dear Mr. Ed.

Here an entire week has passed and your letter is not answered, and as it was such an interesting one I meant to answer at once were you only to realize what the past week has been here I am sure you would be glad to ex-cuse me.

Epworth League Conference convened here 21st to 24th. and we had only 25

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Delegates besides other visitors. One day we had to prepare dinner for 150 persons.

On the Eve of 23rd we had the "Baby Cottage" Dedicated Dr. Tigest, Adkins Cook and others were present.

We served lunch after the services were over to more than 400 persons Methodist preachers most took us, and it seemed as though they were all Bachelors or widowers "(illegible)."

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Of course this made it ex-tremely pleasant for lots of (we) Old Maids? Of course Eulalie was lucky as I had the horror and pleasure of ex-plainig orphanage to them and sure was kept busy. Am confident that I answered 1000000 questions. Patience happens to be one of my charms? or I sure would have lost my temper and disgraced myself.



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But hope to be ex-cused from Methodist preachers in future.

Enough of this.

I had the pleasure of attending my Cousins wedding Wednesday Eve and have a lovely time the house was beautifully decorated and of course the Bride looked sweet and so so happy I had the honor of being Maid of Honor and ---- ---- ---- [sic] you may use your imagination and fill those blanks as you think best.

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It seems that you entertain an idea of my work being easier than yours hence if you wish I shall be so glad to exchange this for a month at least. I am very fond of the mountains and would enjoy a trip there just now and am sure W. Va. Would be fun for a mountain trip.

Almost daily regret that I couldn't go with Ada Am getting very anxious to see "Little Sister."

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How long will Ada stay in W. Va?

May I have some proof on that Snake Story? My little patient is slowly improving but yet very sick she has never set up any as yet and Dr. Fox comes out daily While our girls were here we moved her up stairs.

I could have taken no more care of her had she been my own sister and when Mrs. Wiley came over I was so worn out she sent for a nurse and tried to keep me idle until I rested but that was impossible.

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But Mrs. Wiley is so appreciative of my efforts that she tries to make my life here pleasant and she is so anxious for me to stay should I decide to stay here I am going to school Aug. 25th and take a Course in Kindergarten Dr. Cook offers me a free Course in the school in Kansas City but the entire family are so opposed to my being away from home that I can't decide

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Just what is best. Believe you said you were old in wisdom Etc so please tell me which would be wisest stay here, go home or got to Kansas City for 2 years! I don't care to stay here under present circumstances but think the other work might be more congenial. I have to decide in the near future as to whether I should



go to Kansas City This Conference can only send one girl and Ada Hawley is an applicant and very anxious to go while I never thought

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of such a thing until Dr. Cook gave me the certificate Signed Etc. Greatly doubt as to whether I could leave "Mother and my Daddy" for so long a time.

I am a great baby and get homesick here.

Three new Babies have just arrived and there is a great commotion in the hall porch am expecting to hear a call for Miss Eulalie.

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What a long letter I am writing and I sincerely hope you will not have such a desperate time reading this letter as you did my last one believe you had to take it up (page torn) 2 or 3 miles.

Did my letter cause you to fall over those logs, briars Etc.

Don't forget Eulalie when you are enjoying that lovely mountain _____ and you might gather me a bunch of those lovely flowers

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Envelope
HORACE A. MANN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ROOM 16 DEADERICK BLOCK
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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you are as old as he is to be 45 – so now old man you have told your wish wish one big prevarication for which you will have to answer. It was too funny. He talked that way when they girls were out of the room, & when he left & I told them about it they were very indignant. I knew he was mistaken but thought I would let him have his way. I told him though that if you were that old I did not mind, as I preferred you older than younger so he made nothing off of me.

Ada is going downtown and will want this from me so I will have to



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stop. After I receive your letters this evening I will write a long letter. Perhaps will write tonight, so can collect my thoughts better – They are all sitting around talking & you know how that is.

Cousin Frank promised to stay with the girls a good deal while I am away & then promised he would get someone every night. Ada was very well when I left. This letter is unsatisfactory dear, I will try to do better next time. Write me every day and tell me all about your self. Your wish wish loves you my darling – Good by -

Your devoted wife
Carrie Sue H

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Typed letter from W. H. Armitage of Greene County Bank

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#608 Fatherland St
Nashville, Tenn.
Sept 29 (illegible)

Your letter received today glad to hear from you as I always am. also glad to know that you recovered your \$1.50 from R. R. Co. & that Moreland is well (page torn) and all the good news your letter contained.

Now as to the letter I asked your for - it was not wanted for the purpose of ordering a dress for Ida B – at least not for the present – but we will remember your request if we do order from her

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Yzna Mai & baby went out to St Louis with Harry over two weeks ago, & they are still there, & have to remain until the fear is over, unless they come back here on 27th rec'd telegram from Mr MC asking if I could come to Nashville - I answered yes with health certificate have heard nothing further but I expect him up in few days – his house was (page torn) in Tenn & K . . . too while he is here in Tennessee.

Mrs Wills baby died - and while it grieves us all still we can't help but feel that under the circumstances it may be best as it is, but what hurts me is that after holding out so long battling for his life so bravely – and after going through so much suffering . . . to all when he deserved to live he (illegible) in the thought that had . . . might have been afflicted for life (illegible) gone - but he might not (illegible) the first, that the Dr.

was able to (illegible) I expect Will & Nelson will come (illegible) winter. In reference to the letter (illegible) lost J. B. & Shaun tried to find (illegible) but have failed so far (illegible)

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Blue one in town & the white ones we have seen are 25cts each would have sent one of these, only you were so particular about its (page torn) blue I also (page torn) . . . as the . . . function for the Blue & send above . . . we find it

All join me in love also . . . Ed when . . . soon
. . . Bro

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[blank order form for materials]
FROM
HIRSHBERG ART COMPANY
334 N. Howard Street
Baltimore, Md.

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[back of order form with drawings of color tubes]

Box 03 Folder 03

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Two Envelopes
Miss Carrie Redding
Hazlehurst
Mr E. C. Huffaker
Smithsonian Institute
Washington D C

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Partial letter

I will send the money in a day or two as follows

1 incubator \$10.00

2 Brooders @ 2.50 \$ 5.00

I do not know what the freight will be If you will prepay freight I can send it to you by mail (the Amt frt)
[amount freight] please send at once

Resp. Your Cousin

O. P. Haworth Tenn.

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Partial letter

& told him to come to see what Mother had brought him. He peeped into it & when he saw he looked up at me & smiled saying Oh! then dived down into them & rolled them all over the floor after biting out a little of three of the apples. Apples do not hurt him now, & I let him eat them whenever he wants them. At first, a few days (letter torn) he would not eat many at all, but now he likes them very well, & I will let him eat them in the morning. (illegible)

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had something to tell you today & that I will hear of it tomorrow. I am to sing a solo at church tomorrow morning. "(illegible)Redeemer" is the [title of] it. I will [be thinking] of you at the time I know, and I hope it will be inspiration to me. I wonder where you will be and what [you will be] doing at that time tomorrow.

Minnie was over to see me a little while this evening. I sent baby & his nurse over there this morning while I gave a music lesson as

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Partial letter

it was undoubtedly the finest singing I have ever heard. she sings with such ease & so loud & so sweet I wished for you all the time she sang. The Church is beautiful & so large & it was packed. I saw Dr Hoss at McKendree yesterday. I am going to the Publishing house this week & I hope I can get to speak to him. I want to ask him the word he pronounced for the Preacher yesterday. The Preacher said it was a word if he spelled it, he couldn't pronounce, & if he should pronounce it hear it pronounced he couldn't spell it he then turned to Dr Hoss & said can

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you pronounce it Dr & the Dr got up & pronounced it at once but I didn't understand it & I intend to ask him for the word & I will send it to you Mr Brown Cutie & Ida Bell have gone up town this am I dont feel at all well & I did not go this time its [sic] very warm here now & I haven't been well for a week I think I ought to get home as soon as possible but oh how I hate to go. No home is a miserable feeling. Mrs Howell wants us to board with her & I am about half inclined to go there what do you think of it she has a nice tent at the Camp ground & we can

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enjoy the Chautauqua & the camp meeting too. sometimes I feel like I dont want to go anywhere down there but ___ Mary & I cant live alone & we will have to board somewhere & we liked to board with Mrs Howell, but you were with us then. I have never felt right since you left us but enough. To take care of my baby I love that child as I have never loved a baby that was not my own it feels like its [sic] my child & it is, of course it is. I am foolish about it some people would say but its [sic] the sweetest dearest little thing I ever saw dont leave it too much with the

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woman keep it with you and take it over to Minnie she is good I know but the baby must not forget you are its own mother Now you can regulate its time to eat, every two hours is the time you know, that is if its [sic] not asleep. never wake it for anything I wish I could see him does he laugh out loud now tell me all about him. We are to go out to a picnic Next Thursday at the Hermitage a very noted place will write you about it when I get back, then if Mr Mc sends me the money in time I will leave here friday night & reach home Saturday at three oclock. will write you again before I leave Frank Ida Belle & Cutie join me in lots of love & kisses from Moreland bless his little heart write often

Lovingly Mama
From top of page
Tell him I love the baby more than I do Maimo if you want to

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Note
I address you according to the "New Woman" idea as I cant remember your initials
S

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Envelope and badly damaged note



Missent
Mr. E. C. Huffaker
Princeton West Virginia

(letter badly torn)

. . . could buy it quite . . . help from . . . it just them . . . a real fondness . . . candy, just picked it up when . . .
left my room. Today I received . . . piece of candy . . . By the . . .

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Badly damaged letter
. . . many many good wishes . . . I am your true true friend

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Page from catalogue with drawing:
The Compass
The Telescope
The Cross and Stadia Wires
The finish of our Transits
Tripods and Cases

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Page from catalogue with drawing:
Engineer's Y Level with prices

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"THE HOME" RHEUMATISM REMEDY
Advertisement/Typed Letter

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Partial Note
we shouldn't notice what we write to each other about John so I will close for this time write soon and fail
not

from your friend



Elen Wyett

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____ box then John was looking for Callie and Lloyd up yesterday but they never come (illegible) and he went to (illegible) I will try and have your half moon pie and chicken ready for you John told me he seen you in Bristol on the fourth when I went to ____ Grays I never staid but two weeks when John

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Partial Letter

Little Sister and Gladys will write to you next time. Gladys was sick yesterday but is well to day. I am as well as I can be, and so is Little Sister her head hasn't hurt her any more since you left. She is over at Lilo's now playing. We will writetwice a week

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Left side of letter torn

playing with my ball and bat. Uncle Bob is having . . . since made to-day . . . Bolinger is . . . on it. Gladys and I are going to . . . over the river with uncle Bob this (illegible) he is (illegible) now and I must close so I can mail my letter as we go

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Business Card

HIRSHBERG ART COMPANY
334 N. Howard Street,
Baltimore, Md.

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Typed Letter from Eulalie Shoun to E. C. Huffaker on
E. von Quast M.D. 310 Century Bldg. Kansas City, Mo. Stationery

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Montgomery Va.
Jan (illegible)

Dear Ed,

Your kind letter (illegible) came to me a few minutes ago. I wrote to you a day or so ago. The last two or three times we have written our letters have passed each other somewhere between Montgomery & Jackson. As I have very recently written to you I will devote this letter to giving you the best, humble & honest advice I can give.

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You seem to have but one objection to a Miss N. M. That is not a serious objection and need not be in your way. A great many women know (illegible) and don't make as good wives as women who don't know so much. I know women who at the time of their marriage were ignorant of every thing pertaining to domestic life, could not cook, make a bed, sweep a house or any thing else, yet they learned these things afterwards from necessity and so made the best of wives. What Miss (illegible) lacks she will learn if she loves you, and no doubt she does that.

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You seem to (illegible) to make a choice between marriage and unmarried life. I have heard (illegible) say he would (illegible)

God made woman for man and I guess you ought to take a sure present from the Lord Most bachelors are (illegible) cross and unhappy and don't do the good in

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the world that a married man would. You would be happier (illegible) would do better every way I think if you were moving along with a sweet little companion. That's saying a good deal for you for you are a noble brother the way you are I dont mean to say you are a bachelor yet. So the advice of a true and a devoted brother is marry. I think all of us would be pleased with your choice. I know I would. Your brother
C.W.H.

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Badly torn and damaged letter

Tell Bro. Ed I shall write him real soon that I certainly did appreciate his . . . sisters my love too.



Mama joins me in lots of love to both of you. Write very soon to
Your loving sis -
Mary R.

(top of page)

P. S.

That was all right about the two lectures one on the company I keep and she later with regard to helping
mama. The first was not needed as I was not shirking (illegible) never (illegible)

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O how (illegible) it is to know you are only come on a weekend and then go back to your husband. That is
what hurts to think this is no longer your home.

Has mama written you of Mag Marx (Mrs Julius Marx) death. She was only sick one week and died about
a week ago. Such a sad death she left (page torn)

P. S. When you . . . the top of this letter go on to top of page 7 then 6 and so on till you finish excuse the
way I have mixed it up.

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Grindles X Roads
Jan 24th 18 (illegible)

Dear cousin Ed -

At last I have had time to answer your much appreciate letter. I always want to (illegible) a good letter
writer, but more than ever when I am writing to you. (Illegible) this I am not and always troubled over my
feeble attempts. If my correspondents would write to me without my replying how happy I would be this
they will not do and in order to get your good letters I must send and effort on my part. Please take the will
to do well.

I was at church when your letter was handed me when I opened it you asked me if I ever felt like (illegible)

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Better and that with the opening this new year you had made many good resolutions. Why my dear cousin
if any one in this wicked world ever felt their unworthiness and inability to do and be good it is I. how often
I almost "faint by the way." but prayer strengtheneth the weak. How good God is to spare our unprofitable
lives. Mr. Aldrich held a revival here two weeks on the same style as Thom Grove hope . . . did some good



people . . . to like him. a great many promised to do better and (illegible) go to balls or "little hells" he calls parties. This is a g (illegible) place for dances. I do hope . . . will be the cause of their (illegible) downfall. Drunkenness associates with the dance here. the young people had a dance Xmas and it is

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Reported that every young man was drunk, except John Pitner and one or two others. This is a sad beginning of a new year for some of our friends. You no doubt have heard of Uncle Jacob's death he died . . . Mr. Rays about two weeks since . . . full of faith and ripe for . . . Uncle Howe Keener's house . . . burnt last Friday saved (illegible) of his household goods but lost his grain fruit lard & etc a great loss to them. Cousin Ellen McFadden or Solomon had her barn burnt again and every thing most that she had. a horse was burnt alive and another one injured very much. Poor woman what will become of her? they say the man she married is . . . any more of a gentleman than Bob Dotson. what could be the . . . to marry him.

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I heard this evening that Bob Randles has had his wages . . . now get \$40.00 per month. Bob (illegible) nice young man. Gray is full of fun he takes music lessons. learns very fast. Linnie has ten in class. she is great company for one. I do love Lins she is a good girl. I tease her about cousin Sam all fun though. Sam boards here also. he is now in Nashville attending the Grand Lodge. Are you a Mason? When will . . . be home? dont spend all you (illegible) at Mags. is he married sure we heard he was to be married Christmas. M is still waiting (illegible) watching for you. dont . . . to be with her. I saw Eliza too (illegible) good as ever and I hear will (illegible) marry some time is it true? (Illegible) know more of her than I do. All send love to you. Don't wait so long to write. Pleasant dreams and sweet sleep is the wish of your devoted cousin

Fannie

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HOTEL KENMORE
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.
C.H. & .L.W. KNIGHT
Aug 12th

Mr E C Huffaker

Yours noted from Chuckey City where I send this as I don't know any other address I have just returned from Whittier where have spent 2 days with Mason & Horn's Sow Ferguson and I think that will agree with him O.K. Clays says that cave [broke/brake] is surely on Morelys land and you can cross ok, but as it may



be you can deal with Ferguson Clay also says he did not use small tent or set it up but left it for you supposing going to use for your Kitchen wish you would write him to Newport Tenn about it

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It is not the value of it but dont like to lose same I got drawings ok and mailed them on or rather Expressed same to Lippincott Mr Bowman wrote me from Brandon Vt. And will return I think this week (illegible) to me next week (illegible) big I have to go to Whittier again to day you see I love the old place so I cannot stay away and I may go over Masons Indians and if so wont get in here until Saturday am when I will give you further attention etc 16683 was the contents of Express pkge [sic] for you

11.33 Frank Green
42.50 Emerson
38.00 Mrs Hendrix
75.00 Self
166.83

Check 85.00 75 for you \$10 for four men for two days will leave more for you on my return
F. A. Lincoln

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Badly damaged typed letter
REED & CARNICE
MANUFACTURERS OF PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS
AND ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS
JERSEY CITY, N.J.

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Partial letter
two, and Minnie said he had a good time over there & did not cry. she asked me to send him over just whenever I wanted to. I will go over there tomorrow evening I guess.

Somebody wants to see her old man tonight very much, and somebody loves him dearly, too. We are going to be together hereafter aren't we? I don't think I will ever want to go anywhere without you. May God bless you.

Good night

Lovingly Your
Wishwish

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Partial letter
married? Warren & Tommie are to be married before very long.

I hear it thundering in the distance, wouldn't wonder if it rained before morning it has been [dark] and gloomy all day. I long that I could write something comforting to you, dear, but think of you often and sympathize with you always in your great sorrow. Kiss the little ones for me. Write whenever you feel able to I am always

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glad to get your good letters.

Goodnight
With much love
Carra F

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Typed letter from Moreland – right side torn off

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Partial letter – right side torn
Point where we know . . . are ok. On Fullen I am . . . satisfied in my mind on . . . programme yet and . . . he gets shaped up . . . am afraid it wont . . . at all I understand . . . has been raised . . . property if so it is . . . cause long delays if . . . such as to knock him . . . I hope however he . . . ____ all ok. Now one question . . . what saving in cash do . . . going through the . . .
Yours Truly
F. A. Lincoln

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Order ticket from CARHART & LEIDY
No. 928 7th St. & 706 K.N.W. Washington, D.C.

2 Hose 34

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Note with cost figures and scribblings in regard to sewing
Lining, whalebone, stockings etc.

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Partial check (torn) drawn on the National Bank of Bristol
To Mrs. J. W. McMaster
Five dollars

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Partial letter – top portion missing and writing very faint
Possibility (illegible) with you I thought of you and wished so much for you while I was sick. Bud? was with us but he is not like you would be. I have changed a great deal since you left I can stay by myself now can go to bed and not a soul in the house with me & I care (illegible) little on anything (illegible) I don't want confusion and I don't want to see anyone when they come to the house. (illegible) is so strange she goes off and don't seem to think she wants to stay with me and Carrie she (illegible) herself (illegible) as I (illegible) perfectly satisfied to get

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Top portion missing
(illegible) saw Guy & all of our friends and they asked a good many questions about us Didn't say he saw Mag Webb or any of them at Millwood. I know you have a nice time Carrie and I wish I could enjoy the sights with you but I guess such wishes are vain as I never expect to get so far from Hazlehurst we often think of you & dream about you but some how we or I never expect to see you again. its so far and will take so much money to come & go back, I expect Mr Huffaker will always say lets talk about something else. If you had never gone so far

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Envelope
Hazlehurst
May 23 (illegible)
Mr. E. C. Huffaker



Ora Virginia
c/o Frank Duff
Partial hotel or boarding house ticket
OFFICE OF THE BROWN HOUSE
E. W. BROWN, Proprietor
Sample Room No Charge for Fires

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Partial letter

. . . could feel better about it Mr Huffaker is mighty good & will do what he can I know but there are very few men willing for their wives to go far from them I guess its [sic] as . . .

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Partial letter - torn

the bees don't know it. You asked about Maggie I don't know what has become of her and suppose she is at home you never hear from her she didn't think enough of me to write to me. I received a letter from Will K Burt Sunday they are in Ohio (illegible) they both seem to like (illegible) going to school . . . that winter & y (illegible) suppose y will go to school anywhere y did intend going to Locust Springs and staying with my sister and going to school if my school had been out sooner, yes

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my dear, I will pardon for not writing sooner if you will promise me that you won't do so again. Y thought you would had forgotten me though Well it is about mail time so I will close (illegible) and will I . . . have you write (illegible) and time now you just . . . sure and come by . . . sweet heart Write soon

Yours lovingly
Alberta Harrison

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Envelope
NASHVILLE
(Illegible) 14 96
Mrs E. C. Huffaker
Chucky City Tenn



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Partial Typed business letter regarding an order

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Partial letter faded right side torn and self, and so I must . . . or else . . . polished . . . Cove Springs . . . was not merely a warm . . . he was hot; and this glowing . . . friend, whose friendship had go . . . up to a glowing, (illegible) within two days after our . . . tradition volunteered to tell me . . . he liked me better than any one else at the Springs. From . . . day I made it my business to avoid that friend, and the more I avoided him the hotter his friendship waxed, and vice versa the hotter it waxed, the more I avoid him. I was afraid to be found alone with him for fear he . . . give his love making over as

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Left side torn

. . . a friend I have a strong inclination to tell her so my inclination where the friend belongs to . . . the (torn)intelligent . . . to not . . . and I fancy I . . . about . . . My flattery . . . though it comes from an honest heart, and is likely to . . . an effect directly opposite that intended. What I do need is the diplomatists [sic] art . . . Somebody I know is quite . . . and I have been . . . lingering for three weeks . . . some delicate way of . . . you that I count you as one of my most cherished friends . . . & I dearly love to get your letters. (This is why I have not written sooner.) But no such . . . method has presented it.

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Two Envelopes
MISS.
Mrs E C Huffaker
Chuckey City Tenn.

Miss C

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Typed notes on surveys of land for the railroad

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Partial letter

P.S. Excuse my failure to answer your questions concerning Prof (illegible). I know no cause why you should doubt any proposition to make (illegible) to (illegible).

As to positions in the Public Schools of Nashville I do not (illegible) there is any vacant places to be filled. If at any time, either here or elsewhere, I can be of service to you, I will do all in my power most cheerfully.

(illegible)

T. J. D.?

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Partial letter to "Cousin Carrie" (Oct. 3, 1896)
has a nice place in Administration Building, with the Exposition Co. -

Will sings tenor in 1st Presbyterian Church (my church) at \$30 per mo. - I dont sing at all now i.e. in church, but have been studying vocal with Mr. Barili - with whom I am delighted as a teacher - for the present, however, I have given up - but will resume my lessons in Jan. for three years I had a mean throat trouble, hoarseness, but I am cured of that now & I hope to sing better when Barili finishes with me. I sang ten years at St.

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Phillips Episcopal Church then when Robert was born my throat trouble began, & I then sang a year at Trinity - on this throat trouble O! I had a hard time with my throat & health being bad I couldn't build up the voice & and it grew weaker & weaker, till I had to quit before they turned me off.

Don't you know I am anxious to get back to singing again, so as to redeem my past failures & to get the cash. Mr. Barili is teaching me gratis. - & I think he is so kind - Cousin Carrie. I am so nervous, & you

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know that kills the voice. Are you singing? I wish I could hear you play some. - oh for a chance to see you, after these long 8 years - Well, I will go to bed now and take up this letter again -

Goodnight

Oct 6 1896

I will take up my letter now, - have been so busy since I started this letter three days ago – last night Mother & Father – Will, Clayton & I went to Exposition and enjoyed the Fireworks immensely - I don't think I ever saw such magnificent displays in my life

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Exposition, & they enjoyed it so much - They are coming again in Oct. Sometime. I am rather bored with the thing, for I am out there every day & hardly glance at the beautiful things that are before me even. I have a place at the Telephone Exchange – which is quite tiresome and confusing – It pays only \$25 per mo., and that is much better than nothing – I have to be there by 8 o'clock & get off at half past five – I get up quite early in the mornings to get breakfast & lunch prepared and oh! How tired I get of all of it except the money - Will

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Partial letter
like to be loved.

I like to know that some one thinks of me oftener than any one else in the world. Every woman likes to be loved by some body. I am afraid to sit up here any longer by myself, so good night.

Yours
Lula

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Chucky City Tenn
Dec 9 19__

My dear Papa -

I take that thing five minutes every day send me just one doll. I am standing by Aunt Ada trying to think of something to say but I cant think very fast and I believe I'll let her think for me.

We are all upstairs

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by the best warm fire – Aunt Jeddie, Aunt Ada, Aunt Allie and Hirschel and Troy and I, and it is just a snowing and a snowing outside, and Troy and I are now standing by the window, wondering if after a little while we are going to put on our cloaks and mittens and rubbers

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and go out and play in it – you never saw how well and fat we have all been this winter – never have had the last bit of a cold we have on so many warm clothes we cant take cold – I wear my nice wool underclothes, then I have on a good warm flannel undershirt, and then I have on a pretty old

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(Illegible)all wool dress lined through and through, that Mrs Mathes gave me, and then my apron, so you see I am warmly clad. Then we have rubbers and gloves that we wear every time we step out side the door – my rubbers cost 30 cents and Morelands 40 cts and our gloves 1 pair for a quarter

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We all have the best time playing in the snow. We coast down the hill out here in the road on a chair and such a jolly time we do have. Troy and I are the greatest cronies we play together all day long. Mr Moser has a Kodak and we are all going to have our pictures taken together and send to you – There are

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seven of us - We are all in a big way about Xmas now – We are going to have a lovely little Xmas tree all lighted up with wax tapers and we are going to have our letters at the foot of the tree telling old Santa what we put on it. I hope he will bring me a sled “with bright shining runners and all painted red” - And Xmas after

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noon Aunt Effie is going to have a party for us and invite all the little boys and girls in town and we are going to have cake and custard to eat -

And Christmas Eve they are going to have a big Xmas tree at the Church -
We are going to have a big turkey dinner Xmas day and decorate everything with the evergreen

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Uncle Bob got a big lot of mistletoe over at the mountains – It is just beautiful, all covered over in the little white berries - you ought to be here – Eulalie Shoun is going to be here and you might catch her under the mistletoe and kiss her - or Mrs Mathes – She’s the best ___ lady you ever saw, only she is not so very old - only

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up in 50 somewhere – She isnt a bit like my Grandma – for Mrs Mathes just tries to see how little trouble she can be and just works all the time – Cleans up all the front part of the house, scours the kitchen for us and keeps all the windows washed, and the lamp cleanded [sic] and filled, and carries in

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her wood and makes her fires, and combs and brushes us childrens hair, and keep Uncle Bobs clothes mended up and I dont know just what all - It's a woman right – There is no news of interest in the City. Everybody’s well and nobody married – Laura was over here the other day said tell you she was still

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looking for those oranges and that nut - Eulalie Shoun was over a week or so ago – She had just heard from you, and was tickled to death over it – said it was the best letter she ever read in her life -

And now I must close write soon and often
With much love from all and wishing

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we could see you,
I am your
Baby Per Ada
Aunt Allie is still improving and little Herschel is as fat as a pig.

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Typed letter from Moreland undated on letterhead
OFFICE OF R. O. HUFFAKER M.D.
CHUCKEY, TENN.

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Partial letter

matter how dark or how thick the snow or rain I know where all the switches are and the crossings and all the dangerous curves. But with all these things to look out for my mind wanders and my spirit leaves me and wanders out on the most beautiful bridge in the world the bridge that connects the present with the past - memory is the name of this bridge Some times I wish it could be destroyed

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Partial letter

I wish I had remained at school in place of coming home when I did and some things might have been different.

It was not my fault that such a report started for I had treated Rufe like a dog at times.

I dont know that he thinks any more of me than he does the other girls and if he did it would be useless. I will not say any thing more about it but will tell

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you all about (illegible). Please dont tell any body any thing I have told you about this.

I certainly wont like to be related to some wealthy people and I see no other only for you to marry a big lot of money. None of the rest of us are smart enough to catch a rich man it seems, so you make sure of yours & then lend me a helping hand please. I am sure I will never get one without some assistance. What do you think of

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Two Envelopes
SOCO LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY
BALSAM N.C.
MAY 2 (illegible)
E C Huffaker Esq
Whittier NC
(illegible)
May 18 (illegible)
Miss Carrie
Hazlehurst Mississippi



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Postcard addressed to Mr. Steve Hensley
May 1979

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Typed letter from Edward Huffaker's great nephew to Mr. Hensley.

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S:

This is xeroxed from Rita Huffaker D'Amico stuff. She didn't have what she thought she had. Some typed papers are missing as you will see because it starts at page 28 I doubt if she has them.

There is one other thing of hers I will xerox, but it is just an article (published) of Langley's, but ECH made a couple of checks on it.

I still have more personal letters to have copied and typed to send you
M.M.

Jerry has a large framed picture of ECH in his later years, a large framed picture of CSRH and a medal he got from Emory & Henry I think. I can't get him to look for them right now.

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Partial envelope
Sept 23 1986
Mary F. Macaulay (ECH's granddaughter)
98 High Street
Woodbridge NJ 07095

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Typed Letter
CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE
THE MAGNOLIA MANNER

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Letter
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(Possible date 1984 as Mary Ada was born 1898)

Dear Steve,
A friend in Greeneville sent me the article about Uncle Edward Huffaker and it was so interesting.

Will look forward to the one in July.



It is very commendable of you to work and give so much time to the project. I really appreciate it and so does his daughter, Mari-Ada.

She still lives in Oxford, Miss. About a year ago she had a massive stroke and was critically ill for some time. But she is improved now and can talk on the phone. I keep in touch with her. She is now 86 years old. She is still full of spirit, one leg is paralyzed, but she walks with help. uses wheel chair – She even plays the piano for Sunday school at the nursing home. Her 3 children visit & take her out to eat. They closed her Apt. and she expects to continue living at the Convalescent Center in Oxford.

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She told me she wished she had encouraged you and given you more information. I believe she thought her son (Dr.) Jerry McCall, who lives in Gulf Park, Miss. might write about his grandfather. He works for our Government safety program around the world, travels extensively and we do not believe he will get around to it now. He has the records and display at his home of Uncle Ed's awards and medals that were on display one year at Ole Miss. Univ. at Oxford and also at Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Uncle Ed's grandfather, Wesley H. was a mathematician & a musician. He left him a number of mathematical formulas he had worked out, as he was his eldest grandson. This must have stimulated his interest in math at an early age.

All three of the brothers finished college at Emory & Henry and Uncle Ed went on to Univ. of Va. At Charlottesville [sic]. He was then offered a scholarship at John Hopkins Univ, but turned it down, saying he was tired going to school. It is my understanding

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that his brother Dr. Robert Olin H. graduated from John Hopkins Med. - Sch – His other brother was a Prof – and taught school for several years near Montgomery, Va.

Uncle Ed told a friend that they were all scollars [sic], including the 5 girls, who also finished college, but that they never made a lot of money. However, Uncle Ed did make good money as a Civil Engineer and writing for magazines, Harpers, Scribners & Century. Also as long as I remember him he wrote an editorial nearly every day and sent it to one of the Knoxville newspapers.

He and my father, Rev. Moses H. Rambo, were great friends and admired one another very much. When he was a young minister he went with Uncle Ed on surveying trips. He had a contract with one R. R. Co. and went to N. Carolina & W. Va.

He spent a lot of money on the airplane parts. I also think he helped most of his Sisters go to College. His Mother and Father lived with him

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during their retirement years. Part of the time in Limestone.

I will try and send some other information about the Huffakers as their lives intertwined [sic] and affected many people in the Chuckey area.

Aunt Effie, Frances Cameline Huffaker, taught school there many years & touched the lives of generations past - I remember hearing "Oh, she was my teacher at Chuckey!"

And Uncle Bob, Dr. Robert Olin Huffaker, practiced there many years, and delivered a lot of babies. Later he moved to Tusculum and then on into Greeneville.

The Broyles family bought Uncle Ed's house on the hill & later had it torn down as people were tearing the boards off for firewood. The stairway was unusual & they moved it into the brick house Ernest Broyles lived in. One of our Ripley relatives built the brick house, his daughter married Dr. Robt. O. Huffaker, they had one daughter, Gladys H. Smith. They lived in Chuckey a couple

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of times and their 3 children attended Chuckey School. They were E. B., Bobby, and Frances Smith. E. B. has attended some of the reunions at the school. E. B. is a Dr. of Political History and is a Prof. at the Univ of Maryland. He has lectured extensively at Univ. of Moscow, Russia – A year in Japan and recently in China. Bobby is a Dr. of Political Science at Saratoga Springs N.Y. at Skidmore College. Frances has a masters in Music, voice, and teaches at Lanham, Md. - She plans on coming down to visit this Summer. She has a beautiful voice as do her 4 children, her youngest child Margaret, named for her great grandmother Ripley is doing Opera roles & hopes to study in Europe. Gladys and her father, Dr. Robt. O. Huffaker, had excellent voices. His first wife, Mary Ada B. Ripley, daughter of the Ripley who built the brick house died when Gladys was 3 mos. old and she was raised by Aunt Effie Huffaker & the other aunts – Robt. O. Huffaker married a second time, Bertram Hill, from near Sunbright, Ky. She was a very lovely & handsome woman and taught piano occasionally.

I know my information has been very sketchy, but it may in-

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terest someone in Chuckey.

So sorry I could not write sooner. My husband became ill shortly after my daughter and I were up there & visited with you. He has been in and out of the hospital with 3 or four illnesses. He now has heart failures & his Dr. wants him to have a heart valve replaced & 2 Coronary by passes. So I have had constant interruptions. Of course the operation is very serious and I am not very much in favor of it as we are both 76 yrs. old. But he has decided he wants to go ahead with it.

I have been making notes on the Huffaker family for the younger generations. Have not had time for many corrections or typing. Will send you some copies anyway. It gives insite [sic] into a family that lived and loved Chuckey for a very long time.

Shirley R. Terry

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Steve,

Did you ever receive the prints from the microfilm that you gave me? I sent it I think summer before last or last summer? Was it clear enough to be of any benefit? I didn't think to have it put on larger paper. I still might be able to if it would help you.

Mother is doing fine at the nursing home in Biloxi, MS close to Jerry

Mary M.

Please send address of Kitty Hawk museum. I will send picture