

Chucky City, Tenn.

Aug 11 - 1897.

My Darling Husband;

I am going to write to you to-night 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 Lillie tomorrow and it will be all I can do to get the baby & myself there in time. All of them at Cousin Maggi 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.

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 to
Julia, and second because
you have told me -

I never had any but
imaginary doubts for doubt-
ing your love for me, if
I ever really doubted you,
and now, if I could only
forget, there would be no
imaginary doubts within
me. If I could only see
& talk with you darling
it would be such a pleasure

now that I know what I
 have wanted to hear all the
 time. Two months will be
 a long time, but we will
 have to stand it. There are
 rates offered from Chattanooga
 to Washington for one fare
 the round trip good for
 15 days - tickets on sale the
 balance of this week - It is
 a great temptation to go on
 to see you, and I expect if
 it was not for the Greeneville
 position I would run in
 on you one of these fine
 mornings, but - I will not
 allow myself to think of
 it of course -

The baby has been pretty
 well today - Bowels are well

Every morning. I am
going to bring him beef
steak from Greenville.

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 a bucket
& his appetite is very good.
All during the day he is
munching on a biscuit or
something. It is a good
thing that he does not drink
milk now. Mr. Reames
cow was killed by the
vestibule going toward Greenville.

Good Morning
Love you and
Soap ?

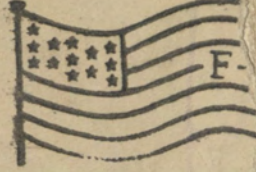
Thursday - 10 o'clock

Bobby and I are
just ready to go to
Cousin Tilly's to spend
the day. Bobby looks
well this morning. He
looks very sweet & pretty
in his little blue dress.

Nothing more to write
& I must go to bed to say
more than that I don't
to see you & love & a little
Love you dearie -
Your own loving
Wife

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Dear Mr. Kuffaker

The last Smithsonian
report which I have is that
for 1893. I should be glad
to have whatever has been
published since, and will
pay whatever charges
may be.

Yours Truly

O. Skarute

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Mrs E. C. Hoffman

Chucky City

Tennessee

...
more of the Derby than
than he did D.
...
...
... could stand
to be out-rivalled by
the Derby's hat. No

I want to see you awfully
bad that I can't and
so glad it won't be
long till I will get to
write to me ready soon
for I am always glad
to hear from you. Sincerely

WASHINGTON
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Mrs E. C. Heffner

Chucky City

Missouri

Washington D.C.

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August 25 1897

My Darling Wash-wish:-

I received your dear letter today and will see
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
in getting started off all right. You must go often
to Aunt Addie's and I am sure that after you
give to make new acquaintances and get into your
new work you will enjoy living there much
more than at Fullers. You must not fail to write
me all about yourself and the dear baby after you
get there. I remember & miss your precious letters
very much when they do not come. I did not hear
from you yesterday and as a consequence you
failed to write me today. Write me every day
if it is more than a postal card. I think
it may be a good thing for the baby to be at
the hotel, the cooking will probably be better there,

and he will have beef steaks. 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 bed he
got very sick and vomited profusely, his stomach seem-
ing very sour. That usually comes & I think from
the thing that he has eaten that disagrees with him. If
it agrees with him I would give him a good deal of
jelly, especially black berry jelly, and if he grows
restive try oat meal. It would not perhaps be
best to give him oat meal regularly, but a little
now and then will hardly hurt him. I should give
him all he wants or will take to drink. Biscuits and
crispbread or light bread I think 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 are they get-
ting better or worse? Have you ever tried washing them
with a slate dipped in sweetened water? Has the green
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. This

Maggie in efforts to economize and determination to
make a showy when her mother comes home,
has taken very precaution to stop 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 she 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 this evening after sup-
per 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 day light. I told Miss
Maggie that I had sealed the room and that I did
not mean to be dictated to as to the gas amount of
gas I was to use. And when she went on I told
her that I was paying all the room was worth, and
now if she lets out my gas again or says one
word about it I am going to give her half Colum-
bia. Think of the Howmonds, who are notorious
for this extravagance, trying to economize by turn-
ing out my gas!

Today I have been working on my article on

soaring flight, and am making some
improvements in it as I think. It will
a few days now to finish it. I want
a clipping from Har's paper, the Nashville Christian Ad-
vocate, which Charlotte sent me. I was glad to see it
for I had been thinking a little unkindly of Har
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. Per-
haps 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 Greene-
ville. Some time try 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 Greenville.

I sent you the answers to puzzles.
Your solutions agreed with mine. The cow was Hooker, I
could not make out the other one, the Goat's boy. Good night -
my precious darling. Draw out any money you may
need from the bank. Remember some one loves you
and the holy bible than his own life and thinks of you
many, many times each day -
God bless you both -
Sincerely your own husband,

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Mrs E. C. Huffaker

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Tennessee

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug 29 1897

My Darling:-

I did not hear from you today and I wanted to very much. I have hardly been anywhere - not even to church. But I read my Bible, two or three books, Amos, Job 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 come up to the parlor and talked with Miss Nora for an hour. It is no use trying to talk to the Harmonds as they haven't intelligence enough to carry an interesting conversation.

I spend very little of my time
less, talking to Miss Nora and you
are not to think that when I
am away from you I am
taking advantage of your ab-
sence. I need not tell you that
there is not the remotest possibility
of any one 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 sig-
nificance 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 any misunderstanding.

The Hommonds will be back to-morrow perhaps and I shall certainly be glad of it. I should not wonder if Miss Maggie has a story to tell and so we may all get into a great row. If we do I am going to show Miss Maggie up in her true colours. 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 loud lingo lies.

I thought of going over to see the Callins's this P.M. but went to sleep instead. I think your old man is not much of a man for visiting.

It is almost September, and
then it will be less than two
months until I see my doc-
trines again. Woud it be a
happy day when this separa-
tion is over? Soon the leaves
will be falling and the mel-
ancholly days will be upon
us. I wish so much that I
could spend them with you.
She is something about the
dying year that always appears
to me, and I have got them
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

through the woods and along the
streams with you. It seems
to me now that when I was
in the mountains I was al-
ways thinking of you, and
dreaming of the time when
I might have you there with
me. Think how sweet a ^{wild} night
would have been with you - lis-
tening to the stories of the moun-
tainers and sleeping in a gos-
set 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,

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 round us, and
we will pile the covers on a foot-
deep and cover up our heads and
imagine we can hear the wild cots
crying in the night 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 a-
gain. Good night - my loved
one. May God bless and keep
you both.

Yours very dear

E. C. H.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug 30 1897

My Darling - wish-wish:-

I received two good letters from you today, one which was due me yesterday (Sunday) which I found dove in the pocket where 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 I 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 Fullers. Why did it not give you a rich man

o. That you could be with him
all the time? Then your
present old man would have
had no wife and no body
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. S. Conway, Shool-
breds' father-in-law who seemed
glad to see me. He says they
are going to have a boom
at Elizabethton and that
Shoolbreds wants me having
me with him when work

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focus up. He says a short line of rail road - 12 miles, is to be built soon, to some new iron mines recently discovered. I may end by going down there.

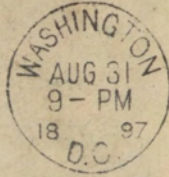
Today as I was on my way home, I stopped into a cigar store on F. St. for some cigars and a nut about 35 asked if I were not from East Tennessee. I told him I was and told him my name. He said his name was Robinson and that we were at college together 20 years ago. I remember him well. He is living here and we had a long talk about old college mates.

I am at work with the wheel-
ing table again. Got tired writ-
ting and had to lay it ^{my article} aside
for a few days. But it is
almost completed now and
I can soon finish it.

Lookout for whooping cough
dew, and measles or any other
contagious disease and be care-
ful when 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 Hounmand, got back last
night and are full of their
trips. I see old man
King standing in his kitchen
door, just beyond our little
home on eighth.

Goodbye my darling.
Your own old man.



Mrs E. C. Hoffaker

Morgan Run

Greeneville

Tennessee

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug 31 1897

My Dear wish-wish:-

I have just waked from a nap which began talking 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. Agos Soops - are me unexpectedly. In fact it is a little hard for him to do that now as I am always expecting him. He usually enquires very kindly about you.

We had a great row after supper this evening. Bessie came in to the parlor and wanted to know what Mary meant by taking the buttons off of her waist. Estelle and the old 'un did what they could to get her quieted, but she fairly roared until Miss

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 - any such style. So Bid-
die backed out into another room
and continued to cack & cry from
a distance. They are the loud-
est people I ever knew. When
they all get to screaming at
the top of their voices to the stars
to keep quiet, they raise a reg-
ular 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 dur-
rectly persistently for my class. The
fact that you are connected
with the school will be to your
advantage, and besides I have
faith that my old girl is such

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 mamma again. I would make it a rule to play with him whenever I could find time. It does him good to lounge and I

should like to see him grow in
to a laughing jolly boy. I
am so awfully serious my-
self that he can't see any thing
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. So tomorrow
is the 1st of September and the
summer will be over. Fall
is such a delightful season,
if we could only spend it to-
gether. 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 it
come home, won't it? Lovingly Ed.

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 Greenville.

I have just been over at the Army and Medical Museum to look at a work on the "Diseases of Children". I find that neither scarlet fever or diphtheria 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 walks 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 Collie and state how matters are. That the baby has had no chance to take

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 an what
time if any she could take you until the disease
had disappeared.

When school opens do not mingle with ^{any} the 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 reach-
ing 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 it - that
is never get so that the wind can blow from the
School house onto the baby. I do not think your time
is much longer at present. But we must take every precau-
tion. Write at once to Callie and Mrs. Clark. I think
I wanted not let the baby out in the streets for a few
days. Keep him away from the stores.

I guess I can't tell you just now what that was hap-
pened 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 here very in 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 ~~working~~ writing. How glad I would be to have you here with me, with no one to disturb us and everything to see 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 woman, 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 further 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

I take, on Sunday ^{night}, I usually spend 15 or 20 cts -
for a supper, and I spend a little for fruit - now
and then. But on the whole my expenses are light - and
I can very well afford a quarter to see an occa-
sional 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 peo-
ple you meet. I will turn the social side of our
life over to you - you have a knack of making your-
self 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. Will you tell me all about the baby and whether the
diphtheria and scarlet fever are spreading. Don't fail to write
to Calie & Mrs. Clark.

Your ever loving husband.
E. C. Huffaker -

P.S. I will look at some watches here and see how the
pieces run and let you know. I doubt if they are any
better here than in Gloucester - though they might possibly
be better -
aff Ed.

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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 begun 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 a pupil will do very well for a beginning. You know you would have to board somewhere any way and if it does not suit you

any more in Greenville, that is with your
music, than at Fullers, you will have
the pleasure of living in Greenville, 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 Melrose
was home we wrote right off early
in 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 every one
else will have to be sacrificed. Write
me all about it as soon as you
hear the particulars, as I am not likely



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to have it soon any other way.

This has been Labor Day, and a holiday
in consequence. We had an early dinner
and at 2 o'clock found me at the
base ball grounds with some 10000
other crunks. Every seat was crowded
and jammed and I had to stand during
the first game. The Washingtons played
against the Louisvilles 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

well. The Howmonds thought it would
be great to go, as it is the ladies say,
but they all backed out. They think
more of a ride to Chevy Chase and
back than of a Dodge ball-games.

Miss Maggie and me getting on speak-
ing terms again: that is when she
passes me the hay-stalk & say thank
you, which is a good deal more than
I have been doing.

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 so well again. The Anti-
diphtheria is very bad
a sore cure and I am glad there is a
doctor in Greenville who knows how to ad-
minister it; But I hardly think the baby will
take it. Keep him off the streets until
all danger seems to be passed. And dont fail
to change your dress before taking him where-
ever you come in, especially from school -
Yours Lovingly
Ed.



Mr. E. C. Kufjaker

Washington

General Delivery

W.R.

Cherkey City Tenn
Sept 11 - 189.

My dear Ed;

You will see that I am in Cherkey City with mean cut & Ada's new gold pen, that some of her numerous ^{work} has sent her. I am writing under difficulties. Baby & I got there yesterday about 3:30 after waiting some time at the depot - at Greenville.

Bob met us here & we came 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

of her, says he wanted a
girl all the time, but
Eddie 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 ~~boy~~ 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

that her milk is drying
up as fast as you can
find a bottle 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 Pitty, Tiffie &
Veda seem to be very fond
of him & I think he knew
them all.

Bob & Leon have been out
riding all the morning.
We left at 8 o'clock & got
back at 12. Went out to

Horse Creek where the
mountains stand up in
all their splendor, &
aid eyes 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-
side. Bob had to go
to see some parties and
asked me to go with him,
which was very nice.

I received your letter
yesterday evening, & how
glad was to hear from
you. I am glad you
will send the babies
on, & will look for it
this evening. I can't write

a Long letter today. Baby
is fretting for me & I
was away from him
all week long. Will
write more for Craigie
tomorrow.

All send
love to you. I wish
you were going to be
here tomorrow.

Good by - with love
Your own loving
Wife

-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 rose beef every day, which I think would soon build her up. I want you to enquire what it will cost us to have her with you and meanwhile 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 for several weeks before the baby was born, which I guess accounts for its being so

thin. It must though have a right good frame
to weigh as 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 Cousine 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 "mat-
ing with a clown" that dragged her down, for she
was really a very sweet girl. Still one cannot
always tell what sort of a woman a girl will
make.

I am glad you all liked the pins. They cost \$32.50
are solid 14 Karat gold, and I thought very pretty. The
3 linked pins are 10 Karat gold and cost from \$10-
\$6. I am glad I hit on something to please her
as it is her baby.

You failed to get a letter from me today on
your way back to Greeneville as I sent yesterday's
letter to Fullers. So you will likely get two on

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 soon
know certainly what I will probably do. I
mean to attend my examination ~~of~~ the 25 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
through 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 awhile at least, I shall enjoy. Sometimes
they feed very well here and at 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 crouch and
look a sight. She has been having trouble

with her false teeth, which some how don't fit - and
it makes dinner go off very pleasantly, to have the
mistle brought up every day while we are eating.

Ettie is a loud one - coarse and selfish - and un-
refined. Birdie isn't anything, though she can make
a great 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 a hardly
see how any one could ever love her. So this
is my parting shot at the Hammonds. I do not
think the prospect of my leaving disturbs their se-
renity - 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 any one else does. And you love me, don't
you, dearest?

I think I would not let the baby out for several
days yet as the fever might break out again.

Goodby my loved ones

Loveingly

your old man

Mr. E. C. Hughes,

Washington

Smithsonian }
}

H. C.

Greenville, 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 here
& 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 ex-
tended. If you should
do that, though you would

take some time off &
come to see your old
girl & Baby anyway,
wouldn'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 ~~but~~ 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,

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 a down,
but I have no idea she
will come - She will not
think it very wise 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 to up so much
at night with the baby.
Of course she is not up,
she & Effie go on to bed, &

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 on first
train. I moved into
my new 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 while I'm gone
or with Aunt Eddie later.

Aunt Eddie 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 a week, but if it will
do her any good I'm
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.
Hope to hear again today.

How do you like your
room at Mrs. Riley's?

Is she Miss Nora's sister?
Will you go back to Hammond
to see them.

I must stop to get
this off today.

Lovingly
Carrie Sue



Mr E. C. Hufaker
Washington
Smithsonian N.C.

Greenville, 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 & some citizens met & decided to postpone the opening of school indefinitely, on account of five cases of diphtheria in town. I should have left town today, but before knowing this I sent my clothes out to be washed & can not get them back until tomorrow. I will take the baby to Chucky City & stay there

until the danger is
over. People are very much
exercised over it today.
I consulted Mr 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 toxin 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 a-
way 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

a letter² 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 home.

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 any
one to advise me or comfort
me in these alarming times.

God sick - My loved people
in danger of Yellow fever &
my baby in danger of a
awful disease. I don't know
or blue all day - to make

matters worse I lost my
trunk keys this morning
in the street & 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 ex-
pensive - I will go to
Bob's & make some ar-
rangements some where to
stay until school be-
gins - 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 am gone until
school opens when I will
return to resume my
music class. There
seems to be a fatality about
my teaching in Greendale.

Was so glad to hear that
you are about well - Now
clear, do take care of
yourself & don't get
sick any more -

I must go to bed and
to nurse out sick every-
ing today not right well
either! Tomorrow my
baby will be 18 months old.
He is very well today feels
better - Will write more
tomorrow - Good night
my darling - Lovingly
(over) Your own I

Tuesday Sept. 21- '97.
My Darling;

It is just
after dinner. Bob & Ada
(your sister) have just left
here - they came down this
morning - and visit to visit
Addie, & I had not seen
them or heard of them un-
til 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
Fuller's, so I 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

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 had it there.

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
 just come through, but
 the gum looks swollen
 & white, & I think is almost
 through. Write me to tell me
 I must stop & get my things
 ready to go - I got a key to
 fit my trunk but haven't
 found my bunch of keys yet.
 Write soon
 Yours over
 Carrie

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. -
Washington D. C.
Sept 21 1897
your loving father.

My darling wife:-

I received two good letters from you
today, one on the 9th and one at 11 am.
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 some
point about it to-day. From what Robert writes
he seems to think there is little doubt that Ada
and her lover 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's marrying, and
while I think it may be best for her, still I feel

a little blue over it. I hope every thing will
turn out for the best. I woud 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 woud to go to Greenville 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 away entirely. She has no tact
whatever or sense of the fitness of things. It upsets
me to think about it all. Robert wrote very appre-
ciatively 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 a-
bout my eating. I promise you I will eat enough and

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 Tuesday, 28 Oct, and I 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 remem-
ber 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 am glad for peo-
ple 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 than I have and
I do not know any man who loves his wife better

thou & do.

I would love so much to see you now. Do you remember, darling, the day last summer that I left you and Cleveland at Aunt Addie's and rode up to stay all night with the Howorths, and what a sweet time ^{we had} up in our little room before I went away?

Do you remember how when I asked you if you loved to be kissed 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 round 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 Haglehurst 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 before reaching always to say how the baby is. Doctor him for his bills, and look after him closely. Get jelly for him from the Grocery.

God bless my own dear loved one.
Your fond husband.

Washington D.C.

Sept. 22 1897

My Darling Wife:-

I received your letter today saying that diphtheria 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 diphtheria. 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 three times 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

Lead sure remedy. Hence you will see the necessity of getting Dr. Fox there as quickly as possible.

Now, dear, if he should take the diphtheria 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 ~~the~~ once by private conveyance, unless he can get there sooner by waiting for a train. If you can't catch him by telephone, that is if he is not at home, send some one to Greenfield to see him by the next train, or if one is not due soon send some one 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

wait for him to come in, but get some body 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 diphtheria. If he does it will probably between
now and next Monday. After that he will be rea-
sonably safe.

Write me where the ^{new} 5 cases were located. Are
they near the Morgan Dura? How far away? Has
Madeland 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 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?

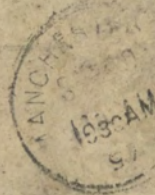
Your old man is feeling better today than he
has since he took sick. I received a good

letter from Chaute today, with photographs of his
and Herrings gliding machine. He speaks a little
discouragingly of the results. Jas Means, Esq. Aeronaut-
ical Annual, come out to see it; - but their longest
flight - was only 300 feet, down hill. He spoke
appreciatingly of my work here. I am anxious
to see the Secretary again, and to know something
of what I am to do.

I think, dear, you need not be troubled about the
yellow fever. It is a very mild form of the dis-
ease; scarcely anybody dies, and it is not spread-
ing 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 Chucky City in your troubles.
I have my little fears of the diphtheria, 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. Ford
time at once; that is the all important thing.

You will probably get my letter forwarded from Geneva
will send with this, Love for all -
Aff. Ed.

FIFTH STREET METHODIST CHURCH,
J. O. BABCOCK, PASTOR,
BOX 27,
MANCHESTER, VA.



Prof. E. C. Hoffaker,
Smithsonian Instit
Washington
D. C.

Manchester - Va.
Sept - 29¹⁸⁸⁷

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 Broeland that I am just waiting to send by you to him.

I thought he was a lovely child, & I can see his bright little smile now,

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 Belly" over again nearly.

It is pleasant in
Washington, I guess, even.

I like Richmond but
it ^{is} not anything like so
beautiful as Washington.

Ed. Garland is going
to the graded school
here in San Diego

this year. His Teacher
is a Miss O'Brien - I think
he will get on nicely
this year with his
studies last year, he
lost entirely on ac-
count of suffering with
his feet all the time.
He was vaccinated
last week, and has
been almost sick
^{from} ~~with~~ it.

I received a letter
from Jeddie yester-
day. She said Charlie
and Alice were
getting on nicely with
their school and
that it was a ^{very} ~~great~~
~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} to the community.
Eppie has returned

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 dread these
things & the struggle. If it
should sweep 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 this
next week.

Be certain to stop over
on your way home with us,
and write me soon that
you will.
Your loving Sister Anna

Next 3 letters
no salutation

partials?

There seems to be a lot of broid about every thing
this winter. It might be called a time of upbroiding
& suppose. I sent Ada a chert protector.

Tell her to wear it - regularly - it is not to be worn next
the flesh but just over the next garment to the flesh, what-
ever that garment may be. I saw not any families with
women's bodies' alive. I sent shoes and one pair

of tow stockings for Mordred, together with a knit
jacket, which I will be good and warm for him
a cold weather comes on. It is white, where per-
haps something dark would have been better for winter
wear. But it will answer for every day. It seems to
me he ought to have woollen stockings. I can get
them here, or you can get them in Greenwell as you
think best.

After you see the cape you
can will - me what you need in the way of
a dress: you can't decide there whether you want a
green or what and what style. It will per-
haps in the long run be as well for you to dress
right nicely, as you will stand a better chance

of obtaining additional pupils. If I could find
a suitable boarding place elsewhere I would make
a change. I wish I could be with you
and the holy this evening. It is a little chilly here and
we would get out on the streets and all take a bumper.
There are some of the prettiest dinner sets here you ever
looked ~~at~~ at. Pretties were from those I used to save over
on F Street.

I was very sorry to hear that little Helen Gladys was not
better. I begin to fear they may lose her, and it will
be an unnumberable blow to both of them and espe-
cially 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 a-
bout the Institution. Goodbye my loved one. May
God bless you and our precious baby. Lovingly
Ed.

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 interesting as it might be. It must be awful to be sick and have nothing to do. Think of every day being Sunday. If that 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. Oh I were with you I 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 Somerset would be extremely refreshing.

If I could even see a buzzard again ~~to~~ watch him so, it would not 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 is not 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 ~~the~~ her light is falling tonight on the fields and mountains and on the quiet housetops around the Morgan Run, 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~~ the Howorths. I can see the moonlight now on the cornfields - "As it shines on distant Bingen, fair Bingen 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 impassible for me to ever walk back. Think of walking from Greenville to Washington, and feeling that every step bore me farther from you and Maryland. I think I could never do it. I would be continually turning round and going in the other direction. Besides if ^{should} I 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 pulling out the lights and closing the windows. I hear a steambost in the distance and the everlasting roar of the street cars - ~~to~~ ^{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 sweet somebody that I am longing so to see.
Sincerely your own, E.C.H.

that after while Moreland would like to have them. So
I shut my eyes and took them at \$5.50.
You must not give too much over my exhorta-

gence, dearest, until you have a chance to look at

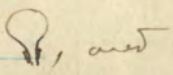
the buttons. They are yellow gold, in shape like this 

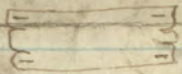
and lots fines. Then I got a collar button \$1.00. Mr.

Goldsmith let me have the lot for \$6.00. So off I come

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 , and

when spread out are like this . The great beauty about

them is that when the outer edge gets soiled, you turn them

and for and and ^{they} are as good as new if not better.

Then I come home and put them on and went back.

This P.^m. as I was working over some calcula-

tions with Mr Reid 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

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 25th and if necessary apply again next Spring. But I will wait till I hear from you before taking any action.

Would it be nice if after awhile we could 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 awhile 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 my baby - Love your looney 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.



M^{rs} E. C. Huffak

Chucky

Tenn

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 Aola's with him. If he needs anything in the way of medicine have Robert give him what he may need. Find out from Robert what the symptoms are, so that you can keep watch of him. I am glad you have decided to stop at Fullers for a week.

It has been regular wintry weather to day, 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. Of you and I,

dear, could room together instead of separated, we might keep warmer. 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 are 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 squares of experiments yet 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

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 be-
cause he wanted to help me along. But
he can hardly be expected to keep that up
indefinitely, and I very much doubt if 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, studying my examinations 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 applications 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

having to take care 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 Marceline 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. And 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

Your loving husband,

P.S. I send you a piece of music, & soup, which you may have heard but which I hope you will like. M. E.

Greenview, 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 any more.

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

feeling that our separation now will 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 rails him with
her more. I was saying
to Mrs Armitage tonight
that I would be so glad
when you came home
and I would have some
one with me in the eve-
nings. It is awfully
lonely here at nights.

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After supper we usually stay down stairs until the train comes at 7 o'clock, then unless there is music, which is not very often, baby & I come to our room play around awhile, 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. Selig's husband came home tonight & I could not help wishing it was you instead.
So you are leaving

some fun with the
ladies at my expense.

Tell Miss Griffith
is there still is she?

Give her my regards
when you see her.

Do 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 and
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

in the least ³ year. We
can not live 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 for-
gotten my old man, &
would rather talk to
them than to 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
wads you a merry dance,
couldn't she bear?

Isn't not strange that

whenever I say any
about "your wife" my
thought turn instantly
to Miss Cora instead of
to myself, and I find
that I do not like say-
ing "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 by 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
could desire & desire.

I shall do my best
about the baby & the
fire & the nurse. I don't
had a fire in the room
all day, and I cautioned
her very particularly about
it. She kept in the yard
all morning, & this after-
noon it got so warm &
poured & water me to the
fire & put it out. I don't

thought I would buy me
a cheap feeder 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
snorter 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 & there is
no danger here. I have not
had the baby up at
Aunt Addie's since I came

back, but will ^{be} careful
when we do go up.

Of course there is
always danger about
staircases, but it can
not 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 Mr. Fox this afternoon,
while out, and he said
there was no danger now

of diphtheria, 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,
& 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 pu-
pils now, & expect more
soon. The old teachers
are putting forth every

Effort to ⁶ get ahead &
they may n, but I be-
lieve in time, I will
come out even with
them anyway.

Mrs. Self & I went out
this evening to Mrs. Trues
Spinning, & then on to
Mrs. Patton Peers.

Eleanor is having very
little attention paid her.

The only young man
who has called to see her
was Elmer Harmon last
Sunday evening, & she has
been here since last

Friday. Winnie Peers
& Ethel Campbell are
the only ladies ^{who} called
on her. Rhea is boarding

at Mrs Milligans up
on the hill. Yet is stay-
ing 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 on account
of her she would have
been rushed with company
& invitations but not so.

She is going home the
last of this week.

Nick Earnest's mother
went up tonight to
Chucky City to see her
daughter. She is on the
same mission that ma-
ma was when she came
to us at Washington.

They went home as fine
a boy as ours was & is

will they?^{1 2}

I haven't heard nothing
from Fullin's 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 when
this reaches you, write
to Bob to send it on.

He had it to take to
Richardson to have fixed
up, & told me he
would do it the day
I left (Monday) & send
to you that day. Bob
is so liable to forget &

Put things off, you
will have to remain
here. 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 & bless you very
our dear old man.

Baby is sleeping peace-
fully now in the bed.

Good night.

Your loving
Wish wish.

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 & hardly ever cries. Lizzie put his hair up in kid rollers this a.m. & it is

now in curls all over his
head. He looks very sweet that
way. I had toothache 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
my precious boy to his dear Papa,
your own
Carrie Sue

- Washington D.C.
Smithsonian Inst.
Oct 7 1897

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 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 almost 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

been very welcome. The truth is I think you
have sometimes been a little jealous in a cer-
tain 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 nev-
er played but one game before and had that to pay
for, 13 years ago - before you and Macland 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, knock-
ing the balls around and as 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

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 pee 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 fool 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. It is too expensive.

I have been working pretty steadily today, finishing up some experiments with the sliding table. I will get through with these on tomorrow. It is a nice kind of work - something I like and which I can do well.

I brought home Hosper's + Lashie's weeklies

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. Kiss my furious
baby for me. wouldn't it be pleasant if
you were here to night! but somehow I would
rather be there. I am so tired of this room.

Good bye, my loved one.

Your affectionate husband.

E. C. H.

Greenville, Tenn.

Oct, 11 - 1877.

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

be here and I will love
you all to myself more
now! I can hardly re-
alize 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 too.

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, & stay for your
examination on the 25th
which will be Monday. Then
be on there to get there
Tuesday, or Wednesday
anyway. I wonder what
train you will come on.

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 Helevie's to spend
a 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 we used to.
Ada & Bob wrote that their

Wally was just "shooing it"
to use her expression.
Last Thursday night it
might seem a quarter
of eight that she would
might & for 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 "down hill" 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 all

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me to hurry up with her
case handkerchiefs. I told
her I would give it to her
if she would let me know
in time to get it done.

How you heard any
more of the affair?

If you are coming home
right soon, (& of course you
are whether you make
arrangements with Saugley
or not) I will not go to Fullerton
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 Bradson & some others.
I don't know of what nature
it is -

It is hot & rainy & windy

outside tonight. I have
a fire in the grate with
my window & transoms
partly open. Baby is
asleep now 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.

Mr Crumage has black
berry & dew berry jelly & I give

it to him as often as he
needs it. Now you bought
him any traps to bring home
with you yet? If not do
so, because the little fellow
has none, & there are none here.

This ball you sent is "busted".
I send it up nice, but it
has had such bad treatment
from him, throwing & biting
it, it has come apart again.

I don't mean any expen-
sive trap, but anything. He
likes to have a string tied
to a shoe or anything & drag
it about, he would like some-
thing of that kind. When
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

grow, 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 responsi-
bility it would be on me should
you die & leave me nothing
to bring our precious boy
up in the way we could wish,
and it almost frightens me.

I may not be able always
to teach, & even then it would
take more pupils than I could
get to make enough to live on

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comfortably, to say nothing
of educating & giving to
Moulton the pleasures
he should have. You could
insure your life, & then
we could get a home as
soon as we could without
it. Then when we had
a nice home & some
money too to leave to our
boy, or say, should you die
before Dad, which I hope will
not be the case, we could
leave something to keep the
home rich.

Tomorrow is the great show
day & I must go to bed to pre-
pare for it. There will be
a great crowd here, if it is
not raining all day.
Good night my dear Cora,
your ever loving wish wish

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, sister
to stay until we come
home from the show.

I could not resist the
temptation of going where
every body else goes.

Don't get to see much
any way - 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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My dear wife:-

Send me your measure - height &c. and tell
me just what you would like, style, color, cost &c. and how
best to fit you. There are some very pretty suits of green
as well as blue. Send me Lordlands measure and I will buy
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.
The baby and his mama - Affly Ed.

Grenoville, Tenn.

Oct, 23 - 1877.

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

I wish for you most.
We could have such a
good quiet time togeth-
er until bed time, 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 some ^{one} with me
constantly who loves me
devotedly, ^{and} whom I love
fondly, I would not wish
you, but that is the trouble.
Two long months of waiting
yet - But we will love each

other for this long separation,
for you know dear and are
still going to be true to your
old girlie until she sees
you again, isn't your
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 was 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

to your wife & baby if
you did not have real
business here 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. I had I do
want to see you most
anxiously - It is next to the
saddest thing I ever had
to hear - I think when
I had to leave you in
Washington to come down
to Fullin's 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

next. I have never wanted
to leave you since we have
been married, but some
way or how had a good
many separations & 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.

I wouldn't it be nice if we
could go down there about
March & stay two or three
months. How we would enjoy
it together & mamma & Mary
& all of them would be so

glad to have you go with
me - But I am anticipa-
ting for that is a long
time off, & we can talk of
it when you come. Oh!
if it was tomorrow you were

coming - but - no more words!
You will not stop long
to see Anna & Charlie &
the girls will you, dear?

This afternoon I met
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 - As I know 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 about, 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 on 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

it. If you feel that your judgement might not be altogether correct - a doubt - selecting it, suppose you were to ask Miss Mary Hammond to go & look at it & see what she thinks of it. She could tell whether the skirt was wide enough, & the entire suit was made right or not. Or I will be perfectly satisfied with your selection. You will write me something of the price & a little of the style of the suit you have selected & I will send my measure at once -

The baby's bonnet has been a little out of order this afternoon & night, & now every now & then she

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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 his head, & he is too cute
when he does it. He still
likes to roll his carriage -
and 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

does to that carriage
is a plenty - Moreland
has lots of sense - He
knows he is older than Lucy,
Mrs Armitage's baby, and when
Lucy is doing anything fun-
ny he stands off and
laughs just as he does,
When Lucy gets anything
of his he lets her keep it
just as if he thinks she
is the judgest - & he ought
to give up to her. He has
never been jealous when
I take Lucy in my lap
& love him. He will look
up at me & smile as if to
say "that is all right mate."
He is the sweetest child you
ever saw, & yet he has a
strong will as anybody - When

he wants to do anything
 he will do it on my very
 hard for it, but when
 he finds I am not going
 to let him do it, he very
 soon goes off to something
 else in a good humor.

I am afraid he will seem
 altogether different to you
 when you 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 one bear
 who is thinking of you
 hoping the best for you
 I wish you could make
 a grade of 100 but if not

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 going there
now at all. I'll venture
to say you will not go to
church tomorrow & will
spend almost all day in
studying -

Must go to bed now.
Will add a little tomorrow
tell you how baby is -
God bless you dear -

Lovingly yours
Wash Wash.

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Sunday Night.

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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

I wrote the note while I was dressing, intending to get an envelope down stairs 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. Huftaker 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. I 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

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,
and was down on the floor
playing with Mrs. Armitage's
baby & the two nurses. The
room was a sight where
they had played with every
thing 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. You have tried him repeatedly on milk, but he refuses. Now when I give him water in a cup where he can not tell whether it is milk or water, he will touch his lips to it before drinking any. It is not given he will eat meats of any kind. I shall be glad when he gets all his teeth, & his stomach gets strong & well.

Mrs. Wiley said tell you that the one thing lacking at the dinner table was your presence, & that when you

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
5 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
Exp. 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 be-
lieve I can stand it for months!
I will add a letter tomorrow -

Good night my precious one -
Your loving Carrie Lee.