

THE HAMPTON TERRACE
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

6 pm
2/10/14.

My dear little sweetheart:

I am listening to a most highly accomplished lady pianist one of the guests. She certainly plays beautifully, Chopin, Beethoven, Wagner and all. She must be some celebrity very versatile.

No news here at all.

Walked from Augusta out here last night 2 or 3 miles.

Got your letter today.

I must hurry to

mail this to catch
night train.

Will be home Sunday am.
sure maybe Saturday Noon.
Will wire our office Saturday
am. You call them up.

Rain here to day
Lots of work. Slow.

Many rich people here
Hope children will
now.

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Fillison

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AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

2/11/14

Pete:

Got your letter telling me that
Mrs. Kendal & Mr. S had
gone to look at flat again.
Hope they are not going to
give up the idea. I weighed
152 this am. - most in 10 years.

Beautiful weather here. I
shall probably not write
you again! Will be home
by Sunday am. if not
Saturday noon. No
News yet except work and

more work. Very few of ladies
here this time. Good weather
today. Bad yesterday. Good
eating. I will send you a
number.

Hope children are better.
Take good care of Hart's
neck. Next meeting is in
New Orleans La. March 23rd.
Maybe you can go then too.
Think well to little Fillie.

Stay out of school till April.
Affly.

Fillion

I got 9⁰⁰ from Tenn City today.

CABLE ADDRESS:
"RALEIGH, WASHINGTON."



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WASHINGTON, D.C.,

6/2

1914.

My dear little Wife:

I have worked till after 10 to night. It is now 11³⁰ after a short walk.

I fear I shall not be able to get home Sunday.

Please phone Mr. Blackman of Mrs. J. S. Gray 163(?) Anchnage or Mr. A. H. Blackman Chief Engineers office L M (#4500 main) and tell them what ever you learn from the office young on Friday noon. If I cant come, also phone Eugene Converse.

(2)

Send quick whatever bills
you want me to pay before the
discount expires.

Let me know how many
checks you have cashed.

I think you had best come on
soon as possible. I think I
shall be away for a long
time.

I have to day written up a
report for the committee and
I have been very busy.

I enclose letter from Uncle Jim.
Hope he will get on

O.K. from now on.

Affectionately,

Fillmore

Alabama Great Southern Railroad
 Alabama & Vicksburg Railway
 Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific R'y
 Gulf & Ship Island Railroad
 Illinois Central Railroad
 Illinois Central Railroad (Kentucky Div.)
 Louisville & Nashville Railroad
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 Association

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 Southern Railway
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 Tennessee Central Railroad
 Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad

M. P. WASHBURN, Chairman
 N. E. Cor. Second and Main

Louisville, Ky.

In your reply please refer to File No.

June 1-14

F. L. S. I enclose you deposit
 slip for \$15⁰⁰ deposited to your
 credit today in Southern Nat'l
 Bank. I thank you for the loan,
 and also for the opportunity
 of making the extra money this
 month. Everything going fairly
 well.

L.W.M.

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Mrs. J. A. Spender
613 Floral Terrace
Louisville Ky.

yet been able to get any information
from our landlord as to when he will
put the furnace in order - though I have
given the order for the gas heater to be
installed as soon as the furnace repairs
have been made. Gerche and Shirley
have been tennis playing several times
at the court over by the reservoir with
Miss Evelyn Bold or Mr Elliott or Hughes
Hamilton, a boy who lives across the street
from us. I do not know how hot such
work makes them, but I do know that
my farm work makes the perspiration
run off me. When I came in yesterday
evening my clothing was so wet that I
squeezed quite a lot out of my shirt
when I went to take a bath, and I had
to put on an entire outfit of dry clothes.
The profuse perspiration brings on a
great thirst, and I drink perhaps a quart
or more water (not all at once) before retiring
and it tastes very refreshing. It is
delightful on the porch after the sun
gets low, and the mosquitoes are not quite so
bad as they were and now few get in the house.
There is nothing of special interest to write
and as I wish to write Ted a letter, will
say no more all well, and "hope you are
enjoying the same blessing. Lovingly Dad

Louisville, Ky Aug 23/14

Dear Chick:

Your last "Wed" letter came
yesterday, and on account of the paper
and envelopes appeared to have come
from Washington, but the post mark
said Mitchell and the letter said
"moving to Washington and peaches."

You must have been robbing the
Raleigh of stationery to a considerable
amount. The little Mother says you
did not hear a word to say about
any of the children, which is an
omission to which she strongly objects.
Things at home ran the usual
uneventful course last week, the
cook having been here, and Mother
as usual busy with household affairs
and work in the garden. I cut the
grass in the front yard, and though

it has been but three or four days ago, it looks ready to be done again, the rains and the warm weather making everything grow very rapidly. I have also during the past week, worked over the potato patch. Prepared the ground for a new sowing of turnip seed, where the lettuce and radishes had been, and have sowed the seed. in addition to this I cut down or rather dug up all the weeds, on the unused part of the garden next to the street and about half of those on the side next to the Elliotts place. With the grass cut in the back yard and the greater part of the weeds pulled, it looks much neater, and more like I would wish our "farm" to look.

Watermelons and watermelons have always a strong appeal to me. Our corn has been eaten, and enjoyed. For it was certainly fresh tender and sweet. we are getting Okra, and tomatoes in abundance now and the egg plant is

ready to eat. in fact we have already eaten one, and yesterday our dinner vegetables all grew in our own garden. Our melon crop will be a failure as the bugs and worms are killing the plants, and only two or three water melons and cantaloupes are now left. the others having shivered up or rotted. though at one time the prospect seemed good for quite a crop. The squash is still doing well and we have eaten our head of cabbage and a small dish of butter-beans. Mother has just brought in to show me, a seed of okra, and it measures eight and a half inches in length - it has not had time to get tough at all for the bed is gone over every other day. Some of the plants are as tall as Mother and thrifty as any I ever saw. We have not had a tough post year. The potatoes all came up at last and are growing finely on top. We will have to wait, to find out what they are doing under ground. We have not

would find a nice set of boys, boys
who would not "pull you back." Though
I wish you might be able to come back
here. I do not like for all of you to be
so far away, and for so long a time,
you might forget all about Daddie Joe
and I would not like that at all.

I hope you all are getting job and strong
though Mother wrote that Marian had
not been entirely well since she went
to Cedar Mountain, and had not gained
in weight. Little Ann, who lives next
door to us comes over several times every
day. She came this morning and we
played ball on the front porch, until I
got too warm, and her mother came over
and took her home for a bath and fresh
clothes. She is a very nice, polite, friendly
little girl, and we like her very much.

You see from what I have written that
there will be lots of things for you to
tell me and I will be looking for a
letter from you, from next Friday on
till I get it. Give my love to Mother, Mother
and sister and yourself. Daddie Joe

Louisville, Ky Aug 23/14

Dear Fil Jr.:

I wrote a letter to Hank not
long ago, but he has not answered
it or even let me know that he got
it. I am going to write you now and
I think you will get Mother or some
one to write a letter to me, writing down
just what you tell them to write, and
then letting you sign your own name
to it. It seems like a long, long time
since I saw any of you and you don't
know how much I would enjoy having
you with me, telling me all about
your doings at Cedar Mountain. I
suppose the principal reason why
Hank has not written to me is that
his bunk, did not make him feel
much like writing or doing any thing

escape trying to get wall of it. You and
her must be careful. not to get hurt by
doing dangerous things. for you might get
crippled for life or even killed. Do not
try to "show off" but keep your daring
for times when you can rather help some
one else. or protect your self from hurts.
Friday evening two little boys named
Gust. just the age of Hank and yourself
started from their home on Keats ave.
to a picture show on Grand. job ave.

They had to cross the railroad tracks
and as they came near a freight train
was going out from town. They waited
until it passed and then started to cross
just as a C & O passenger train going into
town. came along. It struck them and
the older boy was instantly killed, and
the little fellow just your age was thrown
against a fence and so badly hurt
that he is not expected to live.

Little boys should keep away from
railroad tracks. and by no means
should they ever try to get on freight

cars. so many boys have been killed
or badly hurt trying to ride on them. and
besides the Rail Road Company does not
permit children to get on their freight
cars at all. I would like for you to
tell me in your own words anything
you would like if you were with me.
about Hank, Meriam and yourself that
has happened at Cedar Mountain. You
used to tell me of funny things you saw
or heard. and it has been such a long
time since you told me anything that
I would appreciate it very much.

I have not been out to Floral Terrace
we have any of us since you left
Louisville and therefore have nothing
to tell you about it. If your Father has
to stay in Washington all this Fall and
Winter. what will you and Hank do
about going to school. Do you think
you would like to live in Washington and
go to school there. I suppose they have
as good schools there as the one at Sixth
and Kentucky Streets - and may be you

is overrunning up fast. We do hope you
will be with us next Sunday if not
before. J. W. has not been back to the
office, thinking perhaps it was best
to wait for you to be here first.
He is alright but nothing to do here
which is hard on him. He has done
every thing about the place that could
be done at this time. Big crowds at
all the churches yesterday. We cut a
very complimentary piece about you, out
of the courier yesterday & sent to Harri.
When is the meeting to take place at
which they will decide about your
going to Atlanta we are very anxious
of course to know. Smith was telephoned
far to come up to the country yesterday his
brother was very ill, but Smith was in
bed all day himself & I have not heard
whether he was able to go yesterday

Louisville Mon. morning

Dear Fillison

I will write a little to you
before the postman comes. We have
not heard from Shirl since a letter
written last week. Hope to hear this
morning. We cant help feeling a
little uneasy about her after reading
of the terrible storms they have had
all up where she is. Wish she had
not made her arrangements to go
back to Boston by ocean. It may be
that they have decided to go by rail
Will feel relieved any way when we
hear she is safe back at Wellestey.
We were so glad she could be in
W. with Harri. She wrote how very
much she had enjoyed it. The weather
has been too cold for us to plant any
thing much. Got in a few rows of onions
radishes & lettuce about a week ago
Hope to plant more this week, as it

evening or not, will call up out there
after a while. Nothing has been done
at the office, they are all still working
there but I guess it won't be long until
some are let go for Mr Pettus says
they are not busy now at all, having
golden things pretty well straightened
out. The suspense is very bad, I wish
they would hurry & do whatever they
are going to. I am only afraid if they
keep him they will reduce the salary
& it is all we can do to pull through
as it is. But such is life. If it
is not one thing it is another. We
should not worry I know but have
more faith & trust in God. Gertrude
is kept as busy as can be all the time
We are so in hopes she can get in the
next school up here. Would'nt it be
lovely, she could come home to lunch
it is so near. I am in hopes you

will be able to read this in a catch.
but I am rushing to finish before
the postman gets here. Kind I have
to stop right here. Much love to
you & hoping to see you soon.
Mother Pettus.

From # 9 Eastern
Louisville, Ky.



Willson L. Speiden, Jr.
c/o Mrs. Geo. Latham, R.R. # 1.

Rapidan.

Va.

some of their friends may
want it. And be glad to
go a little more than one
who had no special interest
in the neighborhood.
Quite lovely here now.
Hi my one! The 16th
will do but no later.
Raining last two days. Cold.
~~See you down in Co. C~~
~~to Orange~~ I saw the boys about



THE RALEIGH
PENNSYLVANIA AVE. & 12TH ST.
WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S.A.
E.L. WESTON, MGR.

Saturday
9/12/1914

My dear little Sweethead:
No news.
I don't know whether I
gave you the enclosed list
before or not. You can
look them over for what
they are worth. Hope
you have gotten along
O.K. If you see Mrs.
Fielding Little or others
mention selling the house.

at Culpeper waiting for train
as I came back the
other day.

I will take Rent 10⁰⁰
You will fix up her furniture?
I will tell her to get
baby at Orange Wednesday.

Offe
Fillion

Saw Mr. Rains who has
had an apartment for 3 mos.
looking among the Rent
ads for apartments yesterday
guess he has to give his up.

I have already spend 135⁰⁰
on that house. Hurry and
spend one or two days in
it at least. I got fearfully
lost within a half mile of
home yesterday m. (cloudy) could
not get my point of compass. Took
a cab in despair.
Offe
Fillion

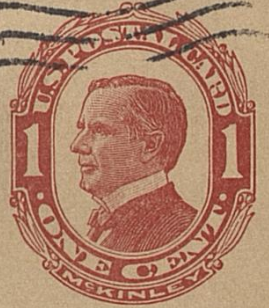
Kashmere Sept 13/14

15-17 Hawkins Street

My Dear Harriet:

Children
arrived safely, & I remain
as usual same night - had a
nice trip. Girls say you
are not coming here.

Can't you give us a day
or even a night? I would
like to see you so much
there is much I want
to hear, & can't visit
all. I rarely visit now,
at all. Thanks for
bringing children Love
from all. All our love
& say am. Post office
Expense has to, Arthur Rose



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs H. L. Spidner,
Care Mr. J. Petris,
No 9 Eastern Park
Louisville, Kentucky

Mat front door

Toys Books

Rubber shoes & Coats

Umbrellas

Slippers

Vests & suit

Shoes

Jewelry & Stocks & Cuff

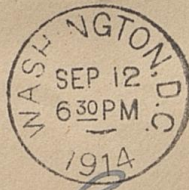
Suspenders

Leather bag

~~Rubber shoes~~

Tripda + Best pants

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Mrs. F. L. Speiden.
9 Eastover Dr.
Convent Hill
Louisville, Ky.

4 the state fair and enjoyed it, for I like
to see fine stock I wished very much that
you children could have been with me to
see, all the fine horses, cattle, sheep, hogs,
dogs, turkeys, geese, ducks, chicken and
pigeons. There were hundreds of fine chickens
of many kinds, many colors, and all sizes
from the little bantams to the big Plymouth
Rocks, Orpingtons and others. There the hogs
some so fat and large that they weighed
nearly half a ton, and there was one pen
that had a very large Berkshire mother-
hog and eight little black pigs all
alike and not one to be or fourteen
inches long. When I saw them half of
them were being given a lunch by
their mother and the other four were
trying to take naps in the other side of
the pen. They were about as nice a
lot of pigs, as I ever saw and as I
looked at them I wished that you could
be with me to see them too. I think
you would have liked to see the fine
dogs that were there, though they made
a lot of noise barking, and I could not

Louisville Ky Sept 20/14

My dear boys and girls:

My letter to day
will be for all three of you, though it
will be directed to Hark, because he
being the oldest can read it to you
little ones who have not yet learned
to read my writing. We all enjoyed
the letters written us by both the boys
and also from Ruth. Maamma says
tell Ruth she wrote a very nice letter
and she was glad to hear from her
I wonder if George did get to kill that
red ground hog, and whether if he
did you all ate it. I shot a young
ground hog once down in Tennessee
when I was a soldier fifty years ago
and when it was nicely cooked for
me it was about as good meat as
I ever tasted. You must be very ^{careful}

2) ²⁾Wash about trying to chop wood, because little boys so often cut themselves or some of the children, and the chips sometimes fly in people's faces and put out eyes. I have known several boys who lost an eye by being struck with a chip when some one else was using the axe. I wanted to write a special answer to Ed's letter, but when I went to look for it, Mamma said your mother had taken it away with her, without my "knowledge or consent", and all I can say to him is that it was a very nice letter for a little boy to write, and I hope he will write others to me. I won't write anything about the chickens, because your mother and Mamma can tell you all about them. They are well and growing, have just rate appetites and have had lots of bugs and worms to eat during the summer. We were ever so glad to have your Mother and Mamma with us though it was only for a few days and I did not get to see

3) ³⁾very much of them because your mother had so much to do down town and out at Floral Terrace and I was away at the office most all day, until the last day they were here, when my little vacation began. I have not been to the office since last Monday but will go back to work next Monday. If I can get off next Thursday I want to go to Elizabethtown, N.Y. to the Annual Meeting of the Orphan Brigade. I was one of Morgan's Men, but the Orphan Brigade has made us honorary members and we are invited to their reunions every year. I want to attend this one for it is at Elizabethtown, not very far away, and besides I did not get to attend the meeting of my comrades "Morgan's Men" which was at Olympia Springs, at a time when I could not get away from the office. I have been in town every day of my vacation, attending to several things I could not get time for when I want to work every day. Last Wednesday I spent most of the day at

8 although she graduated at the herts high school when she was half as old as she is now. I have not done much work at home during my holiday. It has been quite warm and there has not been much to do in the yard and garden. I think I will not cut the grass any more. I pulled up the weeds yesterday that had been left at the back part of the garden and it surely made me perspire as the temperature was about 75, when I was at work and it is fully that high now in our front porch. We expect to go out to your uncle Tom's home this afternoon late. I see the new home into which they moved last week on First Street and will go from there to Church Hall. I wish you would tell me something about Washington when you write to me again. Tell me how you think it was you got along seeing the things that you had at dinner in the family. Tell me how Washington during the week and on the home of the family will be visiting on Sunday will be for him, though we don't like to see it and I suppose my letter will tell you we don't know from Sunday.

to blame them for it must have been uncomfortable to be chained up in their little compartments, while a stream of people went by, that they were not accustomed with. Then the roosters did a good deal of crowing, though it was not to let folks know that day break had come, for it was nearly noon when I saw them, but they were telling the other roosters that they were ready for a fight if they could only get to them. There was another thing that I wished you could have seen. A boy thirteen years old drove in the Amphitheatre six pretty bay ponies, hitched to a neat farm wagon. He was a fine driver and the ponies were well trained and several times he drove the ponies in a track around a circle not more than forty feet in diameter. I think you would have enjoyed the music and the uniforms of the five Scottish Highlanders Band. They were dressed in kilts (no trousers) with stockings nearly up to their knees, funny little caps on their heads and they made

Your straggling appearance in those red
coats and caps, white socks, and pink
knives showing. They made fine music
and once played a tune on bag pipes
only. I did not know the tune, and I am
not particularly fond of bag pipe music
but it delights the Scots and is a kind
of music that no other country indulges
in to any great extent. Your mother took
Shirley full away from us a day or two
sooner than we expected her to leave us
but we are glad to know from a postal
received yesterday that she enjoyed herself
very much in Washington. You tell
Mother to tell Father not if he don't
stop letting such things as he wrote on
his wife's post card to us, that there is
~~some~~ danger that some people will
with suspect that the middle initial
of his name. ~~stands~~ for something
that is not Latham, but a shorter word,
especially if they do not know of your
father's fondness for what a little corner
of mine was called "jokealicious". His
friends understood him and know better,
but he should be careful, because little folks
especially are not always wise enough to tell
the difference between a joke and a lawyer.
Tell Mother that our cook failed to come
back when she left Thursday for her day
off, and that Maamma was in the kitchen
again Friday and Saturday. Today she
has hired another woman, one that had been
with Mrs Lay at Ancherage. Yesterday
Maamma finished making some nice
stuffed pepper pickles - and also some
kraut made from cabbages that grow
in our garden. I have not tasted it
yet but hope it will turn out the best
ever made, because of the matter, and
its being made at home, of home grown
cabbage. I suppose you boys will
start to school tomorrow, and as soon
as you find out how you like it write
and tell me. I really hope you will
find it a better school every way than
the one at Sixth and Kentucky Street here.
I suppose your Mother has told you that
aunt Gerche is going to school now.

1/2 compass with Louisville as a place
to live and how you like your new
home. I'd ~~so~~ I fully intended to send
you a better supply of "Kaiser Gum Orange
Flavor" but forgot it when I was in town
because I had ~~so many~~ other things to
think of and to do. The drug store up
here had only a small supply which
I got on the way to Crescent Hill Station
but you are living in the city now
and you get it any time, and it is
not like you were while at Cedar
Mountain with no drug stores convenient.
Tomorrow Kinglings big show will be
in Louisville, but I will not be able
even to see the parade. Don't remember
the last parade we saw together, when
we were at your father's office and we
had to run over to Market street when
we saw the first part of it passing
Second street. I guess you boys will
get to care very little for excuses,
as you can go to the Zoo so early
in Washington. How much does it

10/
cash to get in the zoo. Is it free like
the zcos in Central Park, New York
and the one in Lincoln Park, Chicago?
If it is I suspect you will get well
acquainted with the animals, and you
can write me which ones you like
best. Marion promised to write me
"eleventeen" letters and she will have
to see lots of things to tell me in
that many letters, and I will be
glad to read all she has to tell me.
Tell Mother we enjoyed a good dinner
today. All the vegetables we had on the
table, except corn, grew in our own
garden. The pea was especially fine
and I measured one pod of it that
was nine and a half inches long and
all of it as tender as could be. Now in
this long letter there is a little over
three pages for each of you if it
could be divided but the best way is
for each one to think of the whole two pages
being for himself and herself. so I will
bid you all a loving good afternoon, then
take a smoke and perhaps a little snogga.
Daddy Joe

From #9
Cretaceous Park,
Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE
SEP 21
1 PM
1914
KY.



Joseph Hank Spieden
1886. Ontario Place,
Washington,
D. C.

add paper
cancel
return
check

0	1 pad	5
	1 table cl.	5
0	1 bath towel	2
2	2 hand	2
5	4 Pillow C	8
1	1 spread	10
2	4 sheets	12
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X Sorry the rental and the sale of your house failed to materialize. We have not heard of any more "rubbles" from Mr. Farmer, having heard nothing for two days. Hope that a buyer or a renter will turn up soon and "that you may be happy yet." Mother's rheumatism is better though her fingers still have a tendency to "go to sleep" at night. "Lilli" is at present with us again. For how long I would not like to guess. For she is still looking for higher wages without car fare, and may "turn up missing" any morning. Clara the last one we had, is I suppose still sick. We have not heard from her, but she still has a lot of her things here. Whenever one leaves us, a lot of their clothes are left in our basement which they at their pleasure come or send for. We had a good meeting of the Titson Club last Monday night when all the old officers of the Club were re-elected and the paper read by Miss Myra Sanders of Shelbyville on 'The Friends of Eastern Kentucky' and the discussion following it were very interesting.

Louisville Ky Oct 11, 1914

Dear Chick:

I have just finished a letter to the "Kid" and will begin one to you before I have to move in order to have the letter prepared for airmail. Shirley is farther away than you and I give her the advantage of one train earlier than your letter, so that you both get them about the same time. Your letter came Friday with one from Shirley and we are glad to hear that you are somewhat settled in your new home and that you have been enjoying a visit from Annie and Billy Jr. If you can borrow or capture a picture of the latter I wish you would send it to us as we are desirous of seeing what the young gentlemen, of whom complimentary things have been written us, looks like. I am not like some men who think all babies look alike. though

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of the final outcome. It was the decision of
the consulting physicians, that an operation was
the only chance to save his life. While some thought
it very doubtful if he had really enough of
it to stand it. Mr Powell, I have mentioned on
having the operation performed. Doctor went
to check on him this morning and we may
get some later news when the case comes forward.
Mother has been out of the East of this
morning. I find it possible the morning
has a trace. I hope they will only delay a
bit of time. I hope they will only delay a
bit of time and that the package has reached
you by this time. Books have returned from
Lulu from Saturday noon. The Bulletin says
the operation was successful and that the
about the operative well and was at that
time recovering from it. He is reported to be
very happy and content of recovery, which
is the best kind of medicine for him.
Mrs of the house across the street that
was badly was also, have been a letter again
and the winter migration is already started
by a family who are out of their own
from Mt. Sterling. Do not know their names
yet

There are undoubtedly some points of
resemblance. We are now supposedly
prepared for cold weather. as the gas heater
has at last been put in the furnace and
motion and I have been duly instructed, by
the workmen who put it in, how to manage
it. While it may heat the house all right
it may at the same time have a depressing,
compressing effect on my now too plethoric
pocket book. but of that I can only speak
with assurance after a fair trial has been
made. We are assured that the furnace and
the heater are in perfect order and ready for
business just as soon as the temperature
demands their use. Bro Powell was operated
on yesterday morning at the Norton Infirmary
by Drs. Frank and Kockler. The newspapers
last night said that the operation (for stone
in the kidney) was successful and that though
he was still a very sick man there was a
chance for his recovery and full restoration to
health. Today's Courier says he is getting
along very well and we hope and pray for
the best though still somewhat fearful of
(page a little more)

8) I imagine that if I lived in Washington there would be so much for me to see and hear that I would have little time for books. How many have you read since you became a Washingtonian? Besides the school which I am told is better in many ways than the one at 6th and H^g streets the boys especially ought to learn a great many things there by sight as well as by unconscious absorption. How I do wish they were sitting by me right now telling all about themselves and the things they have been interested in lately. Tell Maria that as the boys have to go to school and have only Saturday to play in, they have not near as much time left to write to me as she has, and that I am still waiting for the first one of those eleven or twelve letters she promised me. Wishing the best things for all of you - and loving all of you "two bushels and a peck and a hugaround the week." I will stop right here. Dad

5) Mr Elliott, Mother, Archer and I want Mrs E could not go because she had no one to take care of Ann during his absence. The club is preparing for publication a book, which will be the paper of Prof Robinson of Maria College, which was read at a meeting of the Club last Spring, on "The petitions of Kentuckians to the Legislature of Virginia prior to 1792. In looking over the paper last Spring I found many familiar names signed to petitions on various subjects, some about personal matters and others pertaining to the settlement and welfare of "Kentucky County Va". The paper was very laboriously and carefully prepared and so perfectly indexed that one could find any name signed and the petition to which it was signed as readily as one could look up words in a dictionary. The Filson is a great club in the work it has done and is doing, and I regret that Filson has not been able to attend and enjoy its meetings. - I stopped writing to eat dinner, and then picked up a paper and began to read. After awhile Mother

6
asked if I did not want to take a walk
with her and Guecks toward Cherokee
Park. I had never been nearer this
side of the park than the junction of
Sitz Lane and Cherokee Drive or the
workhouse road. so we started out
about four o'clock, and walking in
Frankfort ave. to the Fulton Plant, went
around the end of it until we came
to Sitz Lane. then through it to the
Cherokee Drive turning to the right we
walk until we came to the park entrance
then we came home. There are many
fine residences with pretty grounds
around the park and we enjoyed
the walk although we had to be
continually on the lookout for automobiles
which go whizzing along without regard
to speed limits. The afternoon was
almost perfect for a walk not too
warm and perfectly clear. Lots of
people were out strolling in all
directions. The walk of about three
miles made the little mother somewhat

Tirey but I think she was about
recovered from it now and is at present
reading the society news in section 4
of the Courier. While Guecks and J.W.
are interested in some library books
I have been reading for several evenings
an old school book - Physiology & Hygiene
I found in the bookcase. It was published
in 1878 and it curious to note the changes
that have taken place in ideas since
that time. It seems real "old times"
I have read no other book in the
past week though there have been
several brought to the house by J.W.
and Guecks. There is so much war
news in the papers that it not only
takes a good deal of time to read it,
but the intense interest in all of it
horrible as it is, takes away the inclination
to read ordinary books. I will have to get
back to old habits perhaps, when the light on
the porch is too short to read much after dinner
and it gets too cool to sit out on the porch

From # 9 Cartover
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My dear sweet little girls:

Your letter to Mamma
and also one to me came with a letter from
your mother last Wednesday, and Mamma
wants me to answer both. We have not read
all of your two letters yet, perhaps it is because
we did not learn the same style of short-
hand that you use, but we can read
enough of it to know that a very dear
little girlie meant all sorts of nice things
in what she wrote. Maybe, she had
something to tell us about some pleasant
little playmates she has found in Washington
also about the elephants lions tigers, coyotes
and other things that make music for
you in the "Zoo" and I think there was
something in it about Hark and Fil
their school and how they play and
all the funny things they tell you, and
then there must have been something

about a mother that is just as good
and kind and loving as a mother can
be, and a father that is so quiet in
his ways that you hardly know when
he is in the house, though he often
makes you laugh and takes you to see
lots of places and things that you are
awfully glad to see. There may be
other nice things in those two letters, but
we have not found them all yet. I just
wish you could step in one front door
and after you had taken off your hat
coat and gloves and given me a good
kiss and a hug around the neck, sit on
my knee and tell me all the things that
you wrote about and ever so many
more. You can not imagine how
good it would make Daddy Joe and
all the rest of ^{us} feel. You must be
careful not to forget us, while you are
so far away, for such a long time, but
I want you to remember that every day
we think of you and all the time we
love you. Aunt F. M. Mother and Father too
when you have time send another letter to Joe.
Daddy Joe.

heard Miss Myrtle Sharlow sing. She is a grand niece of Mr Milton Smith and lately gave a concert at the Womans Club. The papers said she has the finest voice that this country has ever produced. Her singing today is reported to be very good. She sang a solo "Hear ye Israel" from Elijah - I did not know about it or I might have gone to hear her, - and perhaps cut off your letter somewhat. I hope Marian has overcome her "indisposition" without "calcuting up any more sickness." The dinner has been announced and I go to eat it - Have eaten and now am enjoying a few puffs of "Velvet" - Dorris Powell said at Sunday School, that Mrs. Powell had not been as well as we heard last week, but that he felt better today. Smith and your auntie want to the Warren Memorial Church with Mother this morning. Inquiry about them gave me no information and I suppose nothing unusual has happened at their house. Seldom see or hear anything about Stuart.

Louisville Ky Nov 1-1914

Dear Chick:

I would write an answer to your last letter if Gucho had not sent it away to Shirley after I had hurriedly read it. I am not much in favor of sending letters away, because they are sometimes necessary to have in writing a reply, and because I always like to keep letters. Sometimes in after years they are very interesting reading matter. We have ^{had} perfectly fine Fall weather for the past week, cool frosty nights and bright invigorating sunny days. The garden is now raked up and left to itself for the winter. The potatoes in the third story, enough to supply us for quite a while, but none for export. The trees though lately bright with color are fast becoming bare, and as our heater is installed and working nicely, we are so far prepared for winter.

There have been few things happening at home in the past week that would be worth writing. Our cook left a week ago another hired last Wednesday, and as Shirley's laundry came last week, mother had her hands full, and they are often rather paining hands. By the coming of the last hired girl the laundering was accomplished, ~~the~~ repairs made and it was ready yesterday for me to take to the express office yesterday afternoon.

It is sometime yet until Christmas but as it is necessary sometimes to look ahead, I want to ask what your plans for that season are. Will you remain in Washington or do you propose to come to Louisville or Nashville as some one has told me, just who or whom I do not recall. The reason I ask is that I will have to know what Shirley proposes to do, because she at one time thought of going to Washington at that time, though she would by no means be willing to interfere with your plans, Mother and

Gerche have gone to church to hear Dr Docker preach for Mrs. Powell who is reported to be getting along toward recovery satisfactorily since he was taken to his home a week ago. He is able now to walk about the room a little, and is slowly gathering his strength. I saw in the Post yesterday that Mr Edwards had sold his home in Anchorage. Mr Lacy had expected to rent it, and was to have had word about getting it last Monday, but another purchaser appeared, a Mr Hall, and the home was sold. Whether Mr Lacy will consider renting one of the Easton houses now, I have not heard, though he told me he preferred to rent a house in Anchorage if he could find one to suit. I noticed in the Courier today that the Rev. J. B. Conner died at Morristown Tenn. yesterday. I do not know whether you and Fuller know him or not. He was an uncle of Harry and Miss Ellen Converse - Mother and Gerche have come home, and report that they went to the Warren Memorial church instead of ours, and heard a sermon by Rev. Ford C. Otman of New York, and also

reason. Possibly it might be done.
I suppose you are too busy getting your
winter clothing made, to bother your
head with such disagreeable thoughts.
This country has not yet got scared
of such things, but as things
develop, some unfortunate act or
some error of judgment might
make it necessary for Uncle Sam
to take a hand in the scrimmage
then we would all begin to know
what war - with its war taxes
and high prices means. Don't get
scared honey, we will be able
to take care of ourselves when the
time comes, and I hope this country
will be able to carry out its program
as peace maker and peace preserver
for all the world. Tell the boys to
write how soon Marion will get
an answer, and how I would like
to answer some letters from them
with all sorts of good wishes
and of love for all of you I
am the same old Dad

2 Mother is still waiting to hear from
you whether or not you ever did get
that box of gloves she sent you by
parcel post, which was the cause of
a trace we sent in search of it.
Suppose you tell her the next time
you write, because I am not going
to ask you about it any more.
We sent a package to Shirley, and
she very promptly acknowledged the
receipt of her gloves, but also told
us the occasion of her wearing
them the first time. We had one
letter from her last week written
last Sunday, mostly an account of
"eats" and visits to and from other girls
with only a slight reference to school
books. She expects to go to Gaston next
Saturday to buy a winter coat
and may tell us about it if she
writes next Sunday. Have you
had any rent or purchase nibbles
for your horse since. Mr. Edmunds
and the party Mr. Farmer thought
might buy it failed to come across.

Do you get the Courier-Journal?
Sometimes I see in it items of society
news, which I think might interest
you but do not write of them because
you would already have read them,
if the paper is sent regularly to
you. Tuesday is Election day and
I do not recall an election in which
I have taken less interest. If we
were in the city limits I would
vote for the three candidates for
School Commissioners whose terms
are just expiring, but as to the
people that I could vote for as a
countryman, I do not care to vote for
any of them, and if I did it is too
far out to Two Mile Home to go to
vote. There was a good sized rally
of the Democrats at Masonic Theatre
last night for Beckham and Shelby
J. W. went for a little while but the
crowd was too much for him and he
came home. Since the weather
has become too cool to sit on the
front porch and enjoy the
moonlight, I have been doing
a little reading, nothing of much
interest or value, only some novels
published in Munsey's. There is
so much to read in the papers
about the war, and ones interest
in that makes other reading
insipid. We are being fed on
horrors until we pass over the
local and ordinary news with
hardly a glance at, and it grows
worse from day to day until now
it seems almost possible that
the greater part of the earth
will be involved. If only we
can keep out of it. Men are
beginning to clamor for more
ships and a big army for the U.S.
and even Teddy is adding to
the clamor by saying in a late
speech that he had seen the
plans of two countries now at war
for the capture of New York and
San Francisco, to hold them for

much as I would like to have done
and consequently did not remain there
but a little while. It was after eleven
when I reached home, and I had to
waken Mother to let me in. Mother
bought Shirley a winter coat and had
it sent to her last Wednesday night.
I suppose her next letter will tell us of
its arrival and how she likes it. Gerche says
it is a brown and black plaid of rough
woolen goods and the style is called the
"college coat". Shirley expected to go to
Boston last ~~Sat~~^{Wed} day to buy one, but Mother
saw the one here, and liked it so much
that she bought and sent it on at once
so it could reach her before Saturday
and save the trouble of getting one in
Boston. It was tried on Gerche and fitted
all right and will therefore be Shirley's
size. (Tell the boys that for several
weeks the beech trees which were
full of beech nuts, have swarmed with
birds, principally black birds though
there were some blue-jays that come

Louisville Ky Nov 8-1914

Dear Chick:

This is a real November day
with a cold northwesterly wind clouds and
considerable rain for an hour or two before
noon. Yesterday afternoon it was just
forty degrees warmer than it is now
at present the mercury is at $+7^{\circ}$ and
has been going down all day. I would
not be surprised to see snow in the
morning. It makes the gas furnace
feel very comfortable in the house
though we have only one burner going
and that is turned low, making
our temperature 70° . All last week
the weather was fine, not too warm
or too cold, bright and clear, until it
warmed up yesterday only to drop today.
Am sorry to hear you have had headaches.
Possibly they are nervous, due to too

strenuous living, better go a little slower, live longer and be more comfortable while you are living. We have been going along quietly at our home, since my last letter. It is true that we were without a cook until yesterday the one immediately previous to the present having been called out of town suddenly. The one we have now is number six, and one that preceded ~~me~~ ~~her~~ and re-hired three times. We are not altogether peculiar in this sort of experience as our neighbor Mr. Elliott is only one behind us, and we have one more in the family than she has. As for myself there was the usual rush of work at the beginning of the month, augmented by another visit of the examiners which took up a large part of two days of my time, and who promise us another visit in two or three weeks. Yesterday, I went in town for a loaf

mainly and went to the Casino, the first time I have seen a picture show since last June. The sidewalks were full of people on Fifth Street and out of probably a thousand persons I saw, there was not a single acquaintance, though there were a few that I had seen before and remembered their faces. Last Monday night I went to the Wilson Club meeting and heard, not the paper I expected to hear, "Some of the Causes of the Mexican War" by John C. Stoughton he was too busy about election affairs I suppose to come - but an account of the battle of Missionary Ridge written by Capt Alfred Pirtle. After the meeting we were invited by Mr Settle the librarian to go down stairs and see the museum, which is much better than I expected to find it, and in good order. It was so late that I did not have time to examine things as

with us wherever we went. It is surely
difficult to have all things just as we wish. -
When you were here in September you
mentioned that a certain person connected
with your family expected to get married.
Has the marriage taken place or a time
for it been fixed? We have never heard
anything more about it, and are interested
to know, but of course would not pry into
secrets. If you sent Shirley some beaten
biscuit last week they would probably have
been in time to go with the pickles and
other "eats" as Shirley calls them, which
mother sent her with the last batch
of laundry. Her last postal written Tuesday
said her room-mate Ruth Maull was to
have a birthday soon, and a box from home
and they were going to have a party in their
rooms to celebrate the occasion. I did
not vote at the recent election. Polls too
far away and I had no favorite remaining
that I cared to have elected. J.W. did all
the voting for the family and he is I
believe an all wool yard wide Democrat
who does not believe in scratching tickets.
With lots of love Dad

² to get the nuts. When the frost came the
nuts dropped to the ground and for
several days after, the ground was at
times nearly black with black birds
eating the nuts. We have a number of
squirrels that have nests in the other
trees (they do not like to live in beech trees
because the hard smooth bark makes
them too hard to climb). They like the
beech nuts and they store them for winter
food, but I think the black birds have
robbed them of nearly all the supply
and we have no other nut bearing trees
on the place except walnuts and they
did not bear this year, at least all
dropped off before they were near mature
on account of the dry hot summer.
From the window in my office I can
see the tree where one squirrel
family lives. two old ones and four
young ones. Nearly every afternoon about
three or four o'clock they all come down
on the ground to get nuts and to play.

The other family lives in a tree on the opposite side of the house and I rarely see them. Besides the squirrels the only animals I see out there are a number of dogs a few horses and an occasional mule, unless one counts the boys that attend a school next door to our grounds. Not much of a Zoo is it? Mamma stopped the holes in the fence and unbarred the gate, and let all the chickens have the whole back yard to range in, so they could eat grass & catch bugs and get all the exercise they want during the day, and they seemed to enjoy it. They are taking a holiday so far as laying eggs are concerned and we are anxious for them to resume business as soon as possible for eggs are going up, perhaps because other people's hens have had a moulting holiday also. Within the brackets is the boys letter. We saw an advertisement of your house being for sale in the paper today also in both Sundays - I suppose from that, that no

purchaser has yet arrived. Mrs Edmonds having sold her home and having ~~not~~ spoken of trading her home for yours and some cash in addition, might possibly be induced to consider buying yours if she has not already made other arrangements though Mr Farmer said, before the sale, that he could not get Mrs Edmonds interested. I wonder if Mr Farmer has had any communication with Edmonds since the sale of the Anchorage home. I hear that Mrs Lacy is coming in tomorrow to look at the vacant houses in Eastover. They are still in the house they had rented in anchorage, which has been sold for a location for the new school house to be built there, and Mr Lacy told me yesterday that they did not know yet just what they would do. What a fine thing for some reason it would be if we ~~could~~ ^{could} carry our houses with us like ~~Edmonds~~ ^{Edmonds} wherever we went and be rid of all the troubles of renting buying or building. Perhaps we would grumble at having to carry ^{them}

We note the new arrival at Hawkins family group, also the fact that Caloni seems determined to have a good time even if some one else has to pay for it. Some people can do such things, others do not seem able to do them. Mrs M. Prator Bealey Smith took dinner with us yesterday and took Guche home with her to stay all night. Mother had a real good little dinner for all of us, and Margaret as usual had something to say, though I do not remember anything of special interest to write of it. Tell Fil Jr it is his time to write to me next or a after that I think it is Fil Sr's turn. Tell Fil Jr that I know he can fix up a good letter to me even if he has to get you to write it, all but his signature. I don't know what kind of a little Dillan would write me. For I do not think I ever had a specimen, still I would like to have one. We are all well as usual though I did have just a little touch last week of what a cold some what like I imagine Limbago is, but it has left me, to my relief and satisfaction, just as you & Charles did you. Mother & Guche have just come in from church no run except that Mr Powell was injured enough to walk about a little and get out in the yard.

He hopes to be able to be at church on the last Sunday of the month - With love to all Dad

Louisville Ky. Nov. 15-14

Dear Chick:

Your Friday letter came yesterday afternoon, and having already answered Harts letter which we received early in the week I will get the first chance at answering yours, and leave a chance for Mother and Guche to write later in the week. To country people, who like myself only get to town on Saturday afternoon, there is not much to write about as I can not write interestingly of women's clothes, and have so few of my own that they are not worth mentioning. Yesterday I did purchase some underwear for myself to keep my lower limbs warm especially on my back platform rides to and from the office, also some "Old Hill Side" and "Velvet" to soothe and comfort myself on the way and during the evening at home while I read the daily war news and an occasional book. Yesterday afternoon

about half past four, Fourth street was crowded, both sidewalks and street, because the "Manuals" had beaten the N.M.S. 3 to 16 - and were parading in Fourth with their school banners flying, and their school yells crying, and about all the boys of the Manual School following, rejoicing over their victory. As I came in from the office a foot ball team gathered between Lakeside and St. Matthews were in the car, coming in to play some other team over on the water works grounds. They were a noisy jolly crew, and were more like a lot of young puppies pulling and hauling each other about on the platform and chattering like a lot of black birds. Their "make up" was not uniform but various, and I hope they went home in as good spirits, as they had coming in. This is another gloomy Sunday, the most gloomy of the kind there and a real Narambe drizzle has been falling all day, after another whole week of sunshine.

I have never known a pleasanter fall leaving out the Sunday weather. All the town seems stirred up this "Illiteracy week". The preachers are going to preach about it. A big mass meeting is to be held at Macaulays Tuesday night, and meetings and addresses at the library buildings all over town, during the week. Twenty thousand dollars is wanted to start the work here, two thousand teachers have volunteered to teach the illiterate specially the old ones how to spell and write their names, and the work is expected to become state-wide, particularly for the benefit of eastern Kentucky but for the rest of the state according to needs. That and the collection of money and food for the suffering Belgians has caused a charitable wave to pass through the city and seems to be the most notable thing going on at present. The horse meat vendors are getting some attention. One has been convicted fined and sent to jail, and others are being looked after.

like so many of the Doyle family, her
first cousin. I saw also the statement
that she would be buried in Washington.
Her brother Rob. Watts is the last member of
the family living, neither she nor her
sister having had any children, and Rob
has never married, nor, so far as I ever
heard, paid attention to any girls at all.
Bro Powell is still improving and was
well enough to go to the church last
night to marry Miss Cora Diabry and Lynn
L. Smith, and he hopes to be able to
preach next Sunday. Mr Gardner, once
our neighbor on Fourth Street died last
week. He was eighty one years of age and
had been in poor health for about two
years. Today is the first bright Sunday,
we have had for four weeks and it
is not very cold, 50° being the temperature
at this moment though the wind is
keen as I found when I went out to
mail a letter to Shirley a little while ago.
Last Friday morning it was down to
8° above zero. The coldest 70° of
winter at this place for forty two years

Louisville, Ky Nov 22/14

Dear Annie:

Your last letter to Mother dated
Nov 19th came yesterday with our dear
little Ed. which I will leave for Mother
to answer, as it was written specially to her.
This "high cost of living" and other unfortunate
conditions, seem to trouble us as well as
you, as I am just now somewhat nervous
as to the outcome of the examination just
made of the Citizens Nat Safe Ins. Co. not
that it is in a bad condition financially
for it is perfectly solvent but there is
such a thing as arbitrarily cutting down
its assets by the Commission's report
to the extent of impairing our surplus,
with a purpose of putting the Company
in the hands of a Receiver or compelling
it to sell out to some other Company, either
of which would probably deprive me of
my position, and leave me with very

doubtful prospects for the future. I will not know until the annual meeting next January just what will be the outcome. If the attempt is made to push us out of business, there will no doubt be a fight made by the present management to prevent it. In the mean time I am going ahead doing my work, with the consciousness that in my department they can find ^{up} nothing wrong, and that the work is kept squarely day by day, and I hope things will turn out all right for all of us, and so far we have so much to be thankful for, that our worries over the future should be small in comparison. Today at home we are again, as we have many a time before, been in that condition known as "cookless", that is we have no colored occupant of the culinary department. Our came last week, but she did not appear this morning, though she did telephone something about a visit to New Albany, and asked that the plan be kept open for her tomorrow.

This Mother declared to do, and told her she need not come back at all. She was slow, "set in her ways" complaining about the things she was asked to do, slovenly, and a very poor kammer, and her leaving did not cause much regret, although Thanksgiving comes this week and we will much probably prepare and eat our Thanksgiving dinner at home. A postal from Shirley yesterday says she has received from Mrs Hastings who has recovered from her recent illness, a very kind invitation to spend Thanksgiving with her. The invitation was promptly "accepted with pleasure" and there was no pretense in it either. We are very grateful to Mrs Hastings for her kindness in this and many other things to Kildie. I do not know whether any of us have mentioned in our letters the death of my cousin Julia Watts Mead. She had only a few days before her death been here on a visit to Mr Owen Mead a brother of Admiral W^m Mead, her husband. Her death from heart trouble was sudden

owing Mrs Hartings a letter and as she had been ill, thought she would write her first and send you a letter some time this week if she can find time, having no cook. She was busy the past week making and mending things for Shirley which we sent away Thursday night with Shirley's laundry. I have just seen the Lays going into Mr Elliott's house looking back at the stuccoed home across the street which, I hear they think of renting. They are great friends of the Elliotts, who have been trying for some time to get them to rent an Easton home. They had decided to take one on this side of the street but were too late a few hours and some one else got it. If they do move here, there will be four small children to come to this street in the past two weeks. Glad to hear that your health has improved - and I hope your home is not infected with bad colds. Kiss the kids for me, be just as good as you always have been.
Love
Dad

I thought maybe our thermometer on the front porch might get overworked by the many changes we are having and yesterday I went to the 10 cent store and bought two others, one of which we will hang on the third story to keep our potatoes from freezing. The gas heater works all right, but we had to turn on two heaters when the weather got so cold Friday. I do not think we will have any trouble keeping warm this winter. What the furnace may lack will be supplied doubtless by the gas bills, which may be exciting. The bill at the end of this month will give us some idea of what we may expect although they will of course be larger when the real winter sets in. We notice the good ventilation around the doors and windows and I think we will insert in some weather strips so as to tone it down a little. Unseasoned timber will shrink and the weather strips of our predecessors have mainly rotted. We had a little

snow fall Friday enough to whiten the ground for a while but the sun and wind dissipated it before night. It gave things quite a wintry appearance as the leaves have nearly all fallen off the trees. I think you might let the children open letters addressed to them. It is a pleasure to them, and you might curb what little curiosity you have, so they might enjoy it and you could witness their delight. We see much less of our neighbors since it has become too cold to sit on the porch and I have not been in any of their houses since the first frost came.

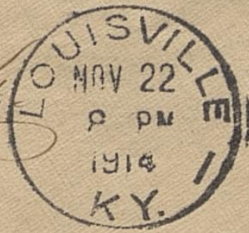
This week I expect to take down the screens as the flies have disappeared likewise the mosquitoes. The literary work is over and we have the Belgians and the Salvation Army on hand yet. The latter are calling for all the "old clothings" especially any thing linen, even old handkerchiefs.

The suffering and the distress of our own and other peoples have, certainly, aroused the giving spirit, and if "he that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord," blessings are in store for our people.

I have just finished dinner which ended with a salad of ground peanuts banana lettuce and mayonnaise dressing. If you have never tried it make some eat it and tell me what you think of it. It was the first of its kind I ever saw. Mother has lately made me some sandwiches for my lunch of the same ingredients except the peanuts were not ground - and I ate the banana afterward by itself. I found them quite as good as if made with pecans, and very wholesome as well as toothsome. We certainly do eat some odd mixtures these days, and find them very good. Shirley has not yet determined what she will do with her Christmas holidays but it is probable that she will come home. She will let us know as soon as she can. Mother says she wanted to write to you last week, but she was

From ¹² G. Carters,

Louisville, Ky.



Mrs. F. L. Spinden.

1886 Ontario Place,

Washington.

W.C.

years ago. I have always wished to see
some of the Governments fine lathes work
on money and bonds, done. I like to
take a magnifying glass and look at it
but it would be more interesting to see
the machines doing the work, which they
do far better than mere hand work could
do. When you uncle Hart was a boy a
little older than you are now. I used to
take ^{him} to manufacturing establishments
to see how things were made. Letting
him see the whole process of manufacture
and it was instructive to both of us. We
used to talk ~~about~~ what we saw at these
places, and he would put in a little note
book the things that were most interesting
to him. He was fond of working with tools
which he kept in the tool chest he made
which was out at Floral Terrace so long.
I hope you will find time to write often
to me, as I am always glad to get your
letters, and will answer them as promptly
as I can, generally in the Sunday after
they are received. Give my love to Father,
mother, brother, sister, as I give it to you.
Daddy Jr

Louisville, Ky Nov 10, 1914

Dear Hart:

I was ever so glad to get your
letter, though I had already answered in
part some of it in the letter I wrote last
Sunday while your letter was on the
way to me. There is no news to write
about the chickens. They are not doing
"business" to amount to anything these
days, and I do not know when they
will begin. The eggs they lay will not
hatch, and the hens have so far
shown no desire to go to setting. From
where I sit, I can see some of them
out in the back yard scratching for
bugs and worms I guess, and eating
grass and other green things. The cats
have not troubled us any lately, and
seldom ever come to our yard. We gave
them too many scares, and they have got
so they do not like us, for which we are

glad. Your mother told us how well you did in the spelling match, and we feel proud of you. I hope you will be able to stand at the head of your class in all your studies. I used to be "some speller" myself and I have in my book case now a book, that was given me as the first prize, for not missing a word the whole session of ten months, and my brother Will was next to me, and had missed only one word in that time. I think he did not understand the word that was given out, and he cried when the teacher said "next" He got to read my book just the same. I surely wish I could come to Washington and see such interesting things as you wrote about. Did I write in one of my letters about going to see our small museum at the Public Library week before last. It was much better than I expected it to be and I wished especially that you and Fil could have been with me. There was a fine

collection of butterflies of all colors and sizes beautifully mounted in glass cases, and in some other cases there were specimens of all sorts of bird eggs from the size of the ostrich egg to that of the hummingbird. There were many other interesting things but these two made me wish that you and Fil could be with me. There however were many curiosities, dead things and of course not as interesting as to see useful things being made, that are being used every day. The engraving of the Government officers is such fine beautiful work. I have never seen such things made as you wrote about, but I once had a very pleasant visit to a large lithographing and steel engraving house in St Louis, and was shown through the building while the men were doing all sorts of fine work. It was the firm that had made some bank checks and other stationery for the Paducah bank, where I worked at the time, and I had designed the work for them. That was over thirty

I Wonder.

Last Christmas I was three years old.

But this year I am four;
And every time that Christmas comes
I love it more and more.

And if it's nice every year,

As now it seems to be,

I wonder what it will be like
When I am sixty-three.

From * of Easton
Louisville, Ky.



Joseph Nath Spreiden,
* 1886 Ontario Place,
Washington,
D. C.

comparatively since coming to Canton to live. though I read more since the nights are longer, and I can not sit outside. Down town people seem to be busy from the number of people on the streets. The show windows give indications that Christmas is coming the picture shows seem to attract crowds, and there is nearly always some sort of a convention on Tap. religious political trade, or social order. and besides the sufferers in Belgium, our own poor and the illiterate of the state are calling for help. Tuesday the stamp tax goes into effect which is in our sense a nuisance and in another one of the most equitable methods of taxation. I suppose we ought not to grumble, if we consider the conditions existing in nearly all the world besides our own country. Will Miller sent me a statement of his bank's condition on Oct 31st but did not say anything about Annette. Helen F. Dilly Jr. or her

Louisville, Ky Nov 29 1914

Dear Chick:

The only communication I saw from #1886 Ontario Place last week was the Thanksgiving Card of Ed Jr. I did not know he had learned to write sure enough writing instead of printing and was surprised to see how well he could write. Tell Hart that his writing has improved too, but he will have to take care or Ed will catch up, perhaps get ahead of him in writing. Our Thanksgiving was a very quiet one. I went to town and at church time, went to church to the regular Thanksgiving day services, in the interest of the Orphans Home.

It was not a union service of all of our churches, as has been the custom heretofore, but each one of our

congregation had similar services at its own church. The idea being that more people would attend at so many churches than could be brought together in our church, and that the contributions for the Home would be increased if a little rivalry were aroused. I have heard no report about the collections yet. Prof. Fortune of Pennsylvania preached the sermon. Dr. Mullins preached an excellent sermon last Sunday night on the "Good Citizen" Today for the first time since his illness began, Mrs. Powell preached a short sermon ~~today~~ to a large congregation. Tonight instead of the usual meeting and service, there will be a union meeting to consider the "Men and Millions Movement". Several missionaries & others will be in the pulpit and the principal address will be by A. E. Corey, who has done such splendid work in China and elsewhere. I have heard him speak two or three

times and always enjoyed hearing him. But I do not wish to send you only a church bulletin, though there is nothing of special importance to write about only the common place affairs of home, and there has not been much in that line. Since the cold snap of ten days ago, we have had Indian summer up to noon today when a slight rain fell though it has stopped now, and I hope it will stay stopped so we can go to church tonight. I am not much inclined to run about at night in the wet. Last week I read a book "The Way Home" by Basil King which was well written but unsatisfactory in the ending because it breaks off from the story too suddenly. There are some curious characters in it. I have begun another entitled the "Turn of the Road" by Eugenia B. Frothingham which promises so far as I have read it, to be of very different character. I have read very few books

but I hear he has rented a home in
Forest Court, which is this side of
Crescent Avenue (where you boarded the
train and not so far north of Franklin
Avenue as Field Street where he lived
before moving out to Anchorage.

He has not yet moved in from that
place, and has never said anything to me
about it. We heard of it through the
Elliotts. They see and know lots of
people, and can tell more of what is
going on in Crescent Hill in one evening
than I would learn in a month. Shirley
told us in her last letter that she got on
the honor roll for the Freshman year
the reports having been given out only a
short time ago. She also said some other
girls got on it, whose reports were not
so good as hers. Several being from
14 Abbott Street where boarded in rather
lodged last year. She also says her
"block-head" is nearly finished. But did
not go into particulars regarding it.
As the doctor sometimes says, I
wish you well. Dad

The home and farm is getting along. In
fact it has been a long time since he
wrote anything to me, just as if I took no
interest in him or his family. I have
heard nothing of Jim or his family either
since he was here. I suppose he has very
little time to write and never was much
of a correspondent. We have a cook today
in fact have had one four days and a
half. She is no great shakes of a cook so
far as bread is concerned but may
improve under Mother's expert teaching if
she stays long enough. There being room
for it. Mother has one or two others in her
list if the one should "suddenly steal away".
Tell Marian that Christmas will be here
in less than four weeks and I have not
sent Santa a single letter yet. To let
him know what to bring me, and the
reason must be that there are so many
things he might bring me, that I am
afraid I would ask for the wrong
thing. Then there are so many little
folks and big ones too that need

food and clothing and shelter because their fathers and brothers and sons are dead and their homes destroyed that I think I had better not bother him at all. Of course the little ones can not feel that way, Santa will be glad to have letters from them even if part of the toy factories can not send things like they once did, and the gifts will have to be smaller and fewer. There is one gift that I am looking for and that is to see my boys and girls somewhere about Christmas time and that is going to make me feel very good indeed. Tell Ted Jr that in the football game last Thursday between the High School boys and the Manuals, the last match game they will play, because the two schools will be one next year, that the Manuals won by a score of seven to naught, which made up for some of the many times they have been beaten by the High School boys.

Hart is getting to be such a big manly boy, almost nine years old and as tall, that he will soon begin to think about long trousers and girls and may be going to a dancing school to make himself graceful but he can not outgrow Daddy Joe's love for him, which started before he was one day old, and if he has any spare time from studies or play, to write to me. I shall always be glad to get his letters, even if they are not as long as the "reports" I have been sending you, all since you went to Washington to live. I got my gas and electric bill for November yesterday and the indications are that the fuel bill will more than offset the difference in the rent of the place and the St. Charles apartments. It does not surprise me and while I am not hankering after paying out money, the comfort and cleanliness are surely worth something to us. Mr. Lacy did not rent any of the vacant houses in Eutaw Park.

a band there waiting for him
& a wagon with a house on it
& a big chimney for him to get
into to ride down to Bacon's
store. I suppose there were crowds
of children there to meet him.

He rode down town in the
chimney with the band playing
& all the crowds of children
following him. He has his
headquarters on the fifth floor
of Bacon's store. We are get-
ting very anxious to see you
all & I guess it won't be many
weeks now until you come to
Louisville. You must be a very
good little boy & I guess Santa
will bring that foot ball you
want. Tell your father Gertrude
got his letter & I telephoned to

Louisville Friday evening

Dear Little Will, Jr.

You must not think mamma
did not appreciate your nice letter,
because I have waited a week to
answer it. I have been very busy.
I did not have a cook from last
Saturday until Wednesday at
noon & then we were so busy get-
ting ready for Thanksgiving. I have
not gotten a letter for a long time
I enjoyed so much as the one you
sent me. Well old Santa came
to Louisville yesterday morning
on the C & O train I got off at
Baxter Ave. station. The papers for
several days had been inviting
all the children to meet him
at the station & he would give
them all a toy. There was

Mrs Fielding about the water pipes & she said she had gotten the key to the house from Mrs Dugan & her son-in-law had gone in the house & emptied all the pipes, before the cold spell we recently had. Did you have a nice Thanksgiving? A turkey & all the good things that go with it? We had a very small turkey for there were so few of us that it was just as tender & nice as could be.

We got your Thanksgiving card to-day & it was a very pretty card indeed besides being so nice for you to have written it yourself. Tell Hart he had better look out or you will soon be writing better than he does. We were

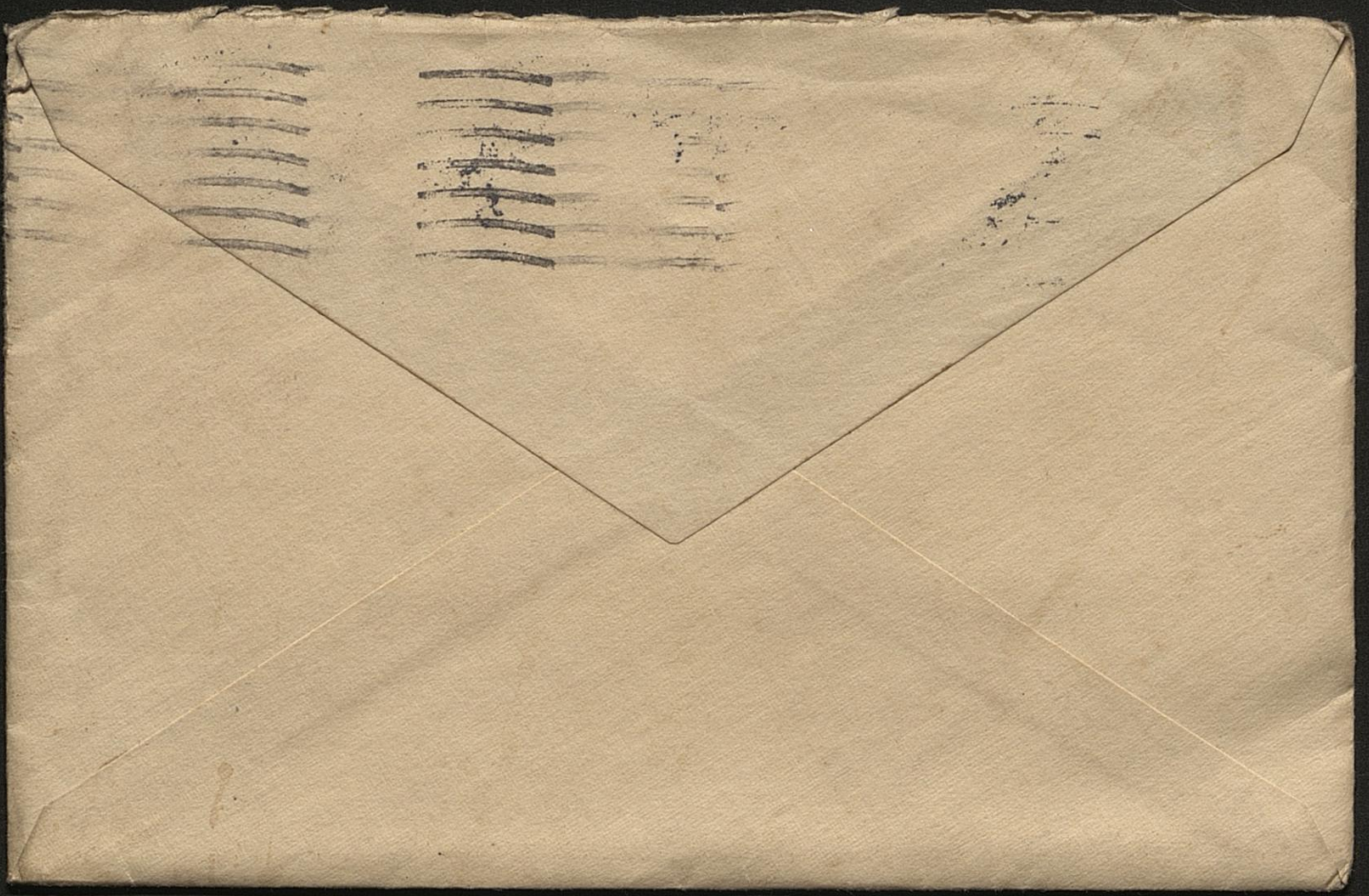
all surprised at the last letter we got from Hart, for I did not know he could write such a good letter. The boys on this block play foot ball every afternoon. I suppose you saw in the paper that the Mannells beat the High School in their big game Thanksgiving. This is the last time they will play against one another for next year they will both be in the new High School building, so it will only be one school here after. We hope to hear from your mamma the to-morrow. You must take good care of little Sister & give her a kiss for me. Give my love to your papa & mamma & Hart, & keep lots of it for your self.

Your loving
Mamma.

From #9 Eastover,
Louisville, Ky.



Mrs. F. L. Speiden,
1886 Ontario Place,
Washington,
D. C.



I suppose the kids have begun to get up some enthusiasm about Santa Claus, and have sent some messages up the chimney if you have one, and are looking forward to their visit to Nashville with delight. Miss Rose Hudson will have a big lot of automobiles for Santa's use Christmas, to take presents to lots of poor children who might otherwise be forgotten. The Sunday School at our church is to have its entertainment in the evening of Dec 22nd and Marian ought to be there to make a speech. She will not have a chance here this time but may be in time to help out the Nashvillians. Tell her and the boys to think up a whole lot of nice things to tell me when she gets to our home on the way back to Washington from Nashville, and all about their visit to the latter place. Santa Claus goes to Nashville doesn't he? That is right far South for a fellow that lives near the North pole, though I saw plenty of Christmas trees in Tennessee when I was there one winter a long time ago and I slept under one to keep the snow off me.

Louisville Ky Dec 6, 1914

Dear Chick:

Even if it is one day late, I will venture to offer my congratulations and good wishes on your ^{10th} birthday. I hope it was altogether pleasant and that you may have many happy and pleasant ones yet in store for you. It was also my half year anniversary, but the whole ones come around so fast now that I do not care to notice the fractional ones. Your last letter - to Mother - came in time and I think Mother replied to it almost before she read it, allaying your fears and annoyance about the front door key and other matters about which you were disturbed. What a fine thing it would be if we could get rid of all our troubles so quickly and so easily. This is Sunday but there has been no sunshine for us yet, and the past week has given us mainly gloomy

weather made up of clouds. fog and rain - though it has not been cold enough to snow. A postcard from Shirley dated last "Wed. morning says that a railroad man is coming to Wallerly next Tuesday to take orders for tickets to be sold for the following week - this gives the girls time to write home for railroad fare. Today's Courier says that Shirley will arrive in Louisville Dec 18 to spend her holidays which may be true but not having such information ourselves, we did not give to the paper and we do not know who did. However it is all right for us, if it is true. People here seem to be preparing for Christmas just as if there was no war in Europe. no Belgians to feed and clothe no military to be stamped out. no intercontinental fight going on. and no \$6,000,000 to be raised for the Men and Millions Movement none of our own poor to make happy no rent and gas bills to pay. and as if everybody was getting a good salary or prospering in business. if we can form

an opinion from the crowds on the sidewalks and visiting the stores where all sorts of Santa Claus wares are displayed. I suppose things are similar Washington and every other city. The most preparation for Christmas that comes under my immediate notice is the work of the girls at the office knitting crocheting sewing or mending affairs meant as presents for some body which will no doubt be supplemented with plenty of Christmas cards. They need to have something to give them pleasant thoughts. For they are all on the anxious seat about what will be the result of the next annual meeting of the Company in January. We are all in the dark as to what is going to happen. all we know is that a fight is on. along somewhat different lines from the last two. but its result is feared more than before. I have hopes that it will all come out better than we expect and that the Company will move on its way more peacefully.

I wonder what the kids are doing
right now. Maybe on a hike with
Father, or taking a street car ride
or over at the Zoo, or quietly playing
at home. I would like to have a peep
at them. As for us, I am writing on the
dining table because the light is
better than at the desk. Gerche is in
her room asleep until quarter of four
Mother has been reading Daisy
Fitzhugh Ayres letters in the Courier
and J.W. has gone out for a walk.
Mother has been out a moment ago
to feed the chickens all of which
seem to be in good health, and are
looking well. I will probably write you
one more letter before you come out
to see us, and you will hear also
from Gerche and Mother. Try to get
rid of those colds before you leave
Washington, for you can always get as
many as you want in Nashville.
Kiss the kids for me and write when
you have leisure to do so
Dad

21 We had a great audience at the church
last Sunday evening, although it was a
rainy disagreeable night. Representing the
Man and Millions Movement there were on
the platform about ten missionaries and
others. Five or six made short speeches
all of which were interesting some were
thrilling. "The Team" had meetings the
next and succeeding days at the Watkinson
Hotel for conference with church members
How much of the \$6,000,000 was raised here
has not been disclosed yet. There has been
one contribution of ~~half~~ a million by R.A.
Levy of Kansas, and I think one other by a
Californian whose name I can not recall.
The Baptist churches here and at other
places in this State have been holding
protracted meetings in the past two weeks
and report large accessions to the church.
The number in Louisville by yesterday's
report was eight hundred and forty
with the expectation of increasing the
number to one thousand today. The other
churches seem to be looking on, either to see

what will be done by the Populists or
may be they are taking notes for future
campaigns - Mrs Powell preached today to
a large audience and brought Delaware
& Scott is to preach for the C.W.M. on
"Christ's Commission to Womenhood"
The paper today says that John Gethers
is not willing to consider the Presidency
of Central University, which will become
vacant by the resignation of Dr Hinnett in
January 1st. I suppose you have not seen
or heard of John's family since you have
been in Washington. I am not sure that
they live in the City now, but his business
is there. You have never said anything
of Walter Pettus family or that of Dr
Wm J. Pettus although I wrote you about
them in a former letter. You have met
Walter at our home during the Knight-
Templar meeting in Louisaville, and I
wish very much you could meet Dr
Pettus, his wife and daughter. (she is his
step daughter.) They may not be in
Washington now, but he was stationed

there the last time I heard of him.
Life has been very uneventful at home
lately. I think mother and George went to
a picture show last week, but I did not.
I went into town yesterday to get my hair
trimmed but saw ~~how~~ I know in
the crowds of Fourth street. I stopped
to see Smith a few minutes. He had
no news, said they were all well as
usual, but their cook had been sick a
week. She had sent word that she
expected to return Monday. We have
had a cook ten days, but understand I
am not boasting about it, only mentioning
the facts. I suppose you saw in the
papers that Madison Cawein had
a stroke of paralysis last Friday
morning. He had not regained
consciousness yesterday afternoon and
his condition is considered very
serious. He seems to have been more
appreciated as a poet by the people
of England than by his own though
he has had considerable attention
shown him in New England.