

the Dr. We hope to meet him
some time. I will direct your
letters to the care of Miss
Myrtle as I don't know the
Dr.'s initials. Much love
to you from us all. Your
loving Mother,
H. P.

Louisville June 17th

Dear little daughter 1895

We have not written
before because we did not know
what time you would get to
Golconda & we have been quite
busy. We have been sewing & house
cleaning that is the 3rd floor.
Packing away winter things &
going through all the trunks
& boxes & it was quite a job
I tell you. We finished up
there to-day. Went up to
grandma's yesterday & it was
well we did as the boiler in
the kitchen bursted Sunday
morning while Mary was
getting breakfast & we had
no fire in the stove from
that time until noon to-day.

With the exception of hot coffee had cold breakfast. The plumbers came by 9 this morning & it did not take but 1 hour to mend the leak. Brother will go to the country I guess next Saturday. I don't see any prospect of sister getting away any where. She may later on.

Wiggie is having beautifully misses you though I know. You don't know how glad we were to get your postal yesterday morning. Papa & brother stopped by the P.O. on the way to Sunday School. Now my little daughter we do hope you may have a very pleasant visit & that it will be of great benefit to you. You must be very careful of yourself, & try & not to be imprudent in any thing. Grand ma Auntie & Stuart spent the day with us Saturday. We are all as well as usual. You must write mamma a long letter & tell me all about your trip & whether you are having a nice time or not. I seems very lonesome over to Mrs Nutty's. In fact the square has seemed unusually quiet since you all left. We have to put up our bars here to night on account of the mosquitos. It is fully one month earlier than we put them up last year. Brother has had his gun mended all ready to take to the country with him. He expects to kill birds when he gets there. I must stop now as I am quite tired. Papa was going to write you to-day also but he was so busy he did not have time. Remember us to Robbie, Miss Myrtle & also

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Miss Harriet Pettus
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cost and other things considered, by Saucaker Evansville, I do not yet know. Your mother wrote a letter to Mrs Nutty today asking if they could take care of you overnight if necessary, provided you come that way, and as soon as she replies we will inform you. In the meanwhile you might make inquiries of Dr. Smith's family as to the best way of getting you from Toledo to Louisville and write at once what they advise. I will then, as soon as I know what to send you, send you cash, or a post-office order for what you need, provided Toledo is a money order office. A letter to you would be deficient in an important particular if "Wig" the precious lamb, the darling child, the little snook was not mentioned. Well this so far has been one of his good days. an occasional "popsop" on the streets completely destroys his desire for short excursions, or long ones either, and excepting a few wanton charges around the hall and on the window seat, when a grocery boy or the milkman come, he has been quiet and very well behaved. Hoping with each letter from you to hear of your good health and continued enjoyment of your visit and with kindest regards to all those at Toledo who have been so good to you in making your visit so very pleasant. I am, as I have been, longer than you can remember
Your loving daddie
J. P. Jones
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Louisville Ky 14th of July 1895

My dear little daughter

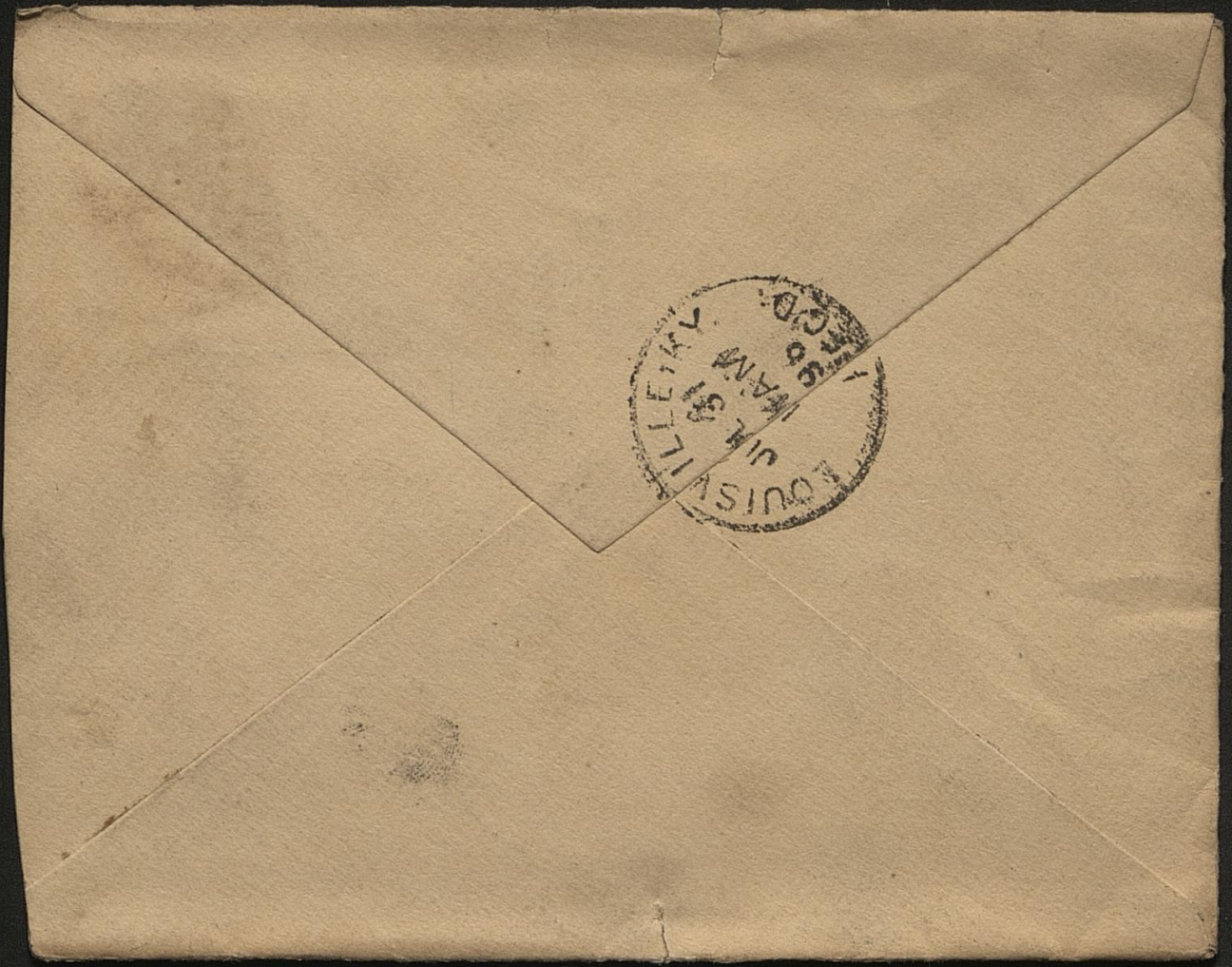
I can not think of any more appropriate way of spending part of the "glorious Fourth" than in writing to you, as I feel quite in a humor to talk to you if you were here. This being a legal holiday I concluded not to go to the office at all, especially as I have been very busy ever since the examination of the companies business by the Insurance Commissioner began. The examination was concluded some time ago, but after the examiners had left, papers had to be re-arranged and the end of the half year being at hand, making up statements in addition to the ordinary work, much of which has been outside of the office has given me all I wanted to do and will keep me busy for a week or two yet. No one has left the office for a summer vacation yet. I think Will has decided not to go to Kansas this year, none of the others have spoken to me on the subject, though I suppose Edmonds will take his usual fishing trip to Canada. Bro Powell and Mrs Powell left for Virginia yesterday. She will remain with him most

of the summer, but expects to start to Kentuck two or three weeks before he does in order to make a visit to friends and relatives in Mayville. As usual, most of the elders of the church will be out of town part or all of the summer leaving me to do the best I can. It seems that everytime Bro Bowell goes away some of the older members of the church die. This time is no exception. We had hardly started before Mrs Berry Bell the mother of Mrs Nellie Offutt died. Her death was sudden, though she has been ill for several months and a short time ago Mr Bell told me she was better and getting well. Jim. Mitchell stayed at the house with us last night and may do so tonight, though he has not been out to spend the week with us, he promised. This morning Will came out on a wheel, and proposed to ride with me out to Great Park, but I suggested Shawnee and as he had never been there he said he preferred to go there. It was well that we did not start to Great Park at that time, for there were to be road races on the Parkway this forenoon and besides the annoyance of crowds of wheels and all sorts of vehicles, I think no one but the racers were allowed on the Parkway until the races were finished. We rode to Shawnee going the same route down that I took with Bro Bowell a short time ago. The weather is very fine not too warm, a pleasant breeze and going down there was no dust. We went over next to the river, sat under the trees awhile, then went down to the river bank and took a drink from the big spring, had a smoke and thereafter a ride through sundry parts of the park, rode over to Fountain Ferry, where Will saw for the first time the celebrated bicycle race track. Then we rode up the Fountain Ferry road to 2nd + market thence to Jefferson + 2nd then to Broadway, up to 3rd out to Oak. 1st corner home I gave my wheel a good cleaning, oiling so as to be ready for the next time. Your mother has been at home all day, but we expect to see the fire works at the Auditorium tonight if it does not rain. The papers say the display will be very fine, but I presume there will be nothing very different from what we have seen before. This square is more quiet today than I ever knew it to be on the 4th of July. Poor little "Robbie" is the only child near us who seems to have any "shootin crackers" or other noise producers, and his stock does amount to more than a "quater worth" Gertrude is supposed to be at a picnic on the narrow gauge today, with the party invited by Margaret Proctor. Have not heard from her since she went to visit Margaret last Tuesday. No letter has been received from Bark, only a postal to me, announcing his arrival at Crab Orchard and that Corin John and Henry met him at the depot. Now as to coming home. Which is the better way



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Miss Harriet Petrus,
207 Park St.,
Louisville,
Ky.



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never neglect. Write
to me dear, when
you can.

Your loving friend,
Annette.

Louisville, Ky.
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Prospect, Ky.
Oct. 8, '96.

Dear Harriet,
You asked
me how I could think
of you, I think of you
every day and indeed
every hour of the day.
The night I thought
typical of Hart, pure
and sweet, a boy
whom everyone loved,
even in the sport
time I had known
him, I learned to
admire his character

so true, like all of
your mother's children.
Time will indeed
lessen your grief
but there is a Greater
Healer than that,
though I know you
have already found
comfort in His
only comfort, all.
Harriet dear, I can
not write what I
have in my heart
for you, for by sorrow
only can we learn
to sympathize or
rather to express our
sympathy and
that as you know
I have never experien-
ced, though I fear

that will only
make it the more
poignant.

It was very sweet of
you to write to me
so soon, I would have
written sooner but
I thought the violets
could express to you
what to me was
unexpressable, you know
the emblem, love.

Mamma and Liddie
send love and
sympathy. I will
close now for I
know you are
busy with your
school and home
duties which you



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Miss Harriett Pettus.

4th Ave near A.

City.

of Mr. Joseph Pettus.



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Georgetown.

Nov. 12, 1896

Dear Hattie,

I have been trying to find time to write to you but somehow or other I am always busy doing something.

We have drill three times a week. The captain is an Irishman and you never saw any one splutter words like he does. We have not commenced to drill with the guns yet.

I practice an hour every day on my mandolin.

If it were not for the time
I would not have any
trouble at all.

Will and I have two little
squirrels. They do not seem
to know what it is to bite,
for neither one of them
has biten us. They will
go up one sleeve and out
the other.

There are about three hun-
dred and twenty students
in this school.

I am studying two math-
matics, latin, and English.

We have got thirty seven

more days till the holidays
and I am nearly crazy
for that time to pass.

There is to be a Mac Kinley
torch-light procession here to
night. The negroes will be out
in force.

We (Flournoy, Will + myself) are
going to try to make some
candy Monday night.

As I have completely exhaus-
ted my news I will have
to close. Write soon to your
loving friend

F.O.H.

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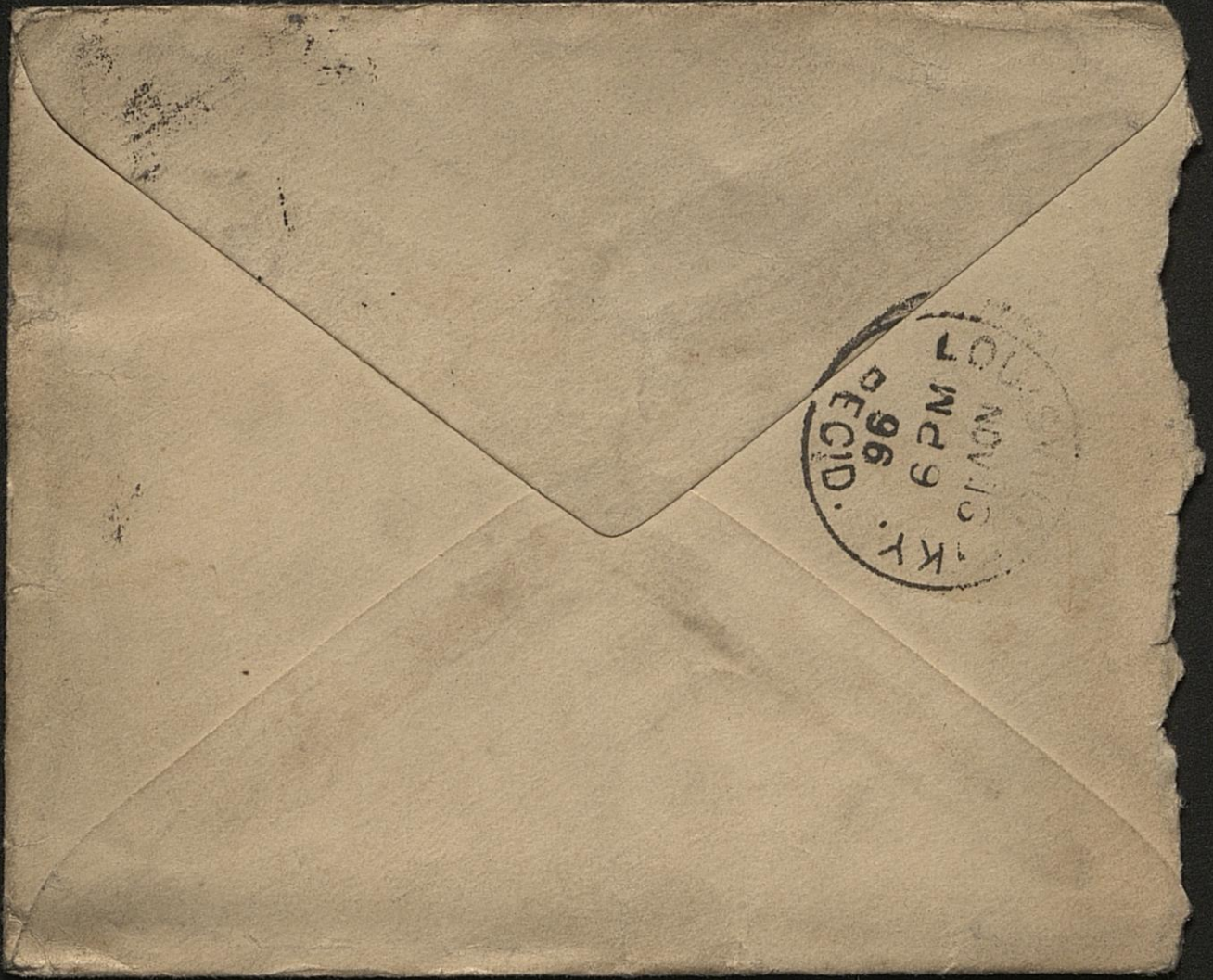


Miss Hattie Pettus

Louisville

Mrs. M. F. Nickliffe

Ky.



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My dear daughter #2

Your letter to me arrived in time to which my appetite for breakfast yesterday, because, among other reasons, it postponed until reading of it was finished the beginning of that meal. It has been my rule when mistakes were made by me, to correct them as soon as possible, in order to prevent, or at least shorten, the damage that might accrue from them. Therefore I take up in order, the two you were kind enough to bring to my attention in your letter. In regard to the letter from Rockport Ind. it never occurred to me that it came from any other place. The return card which I wrote on the upper left hand corner of the envelope was put there for a double purpose. In the first place I had spoken in a former letter of Rock Castle Springs as being on a river and in a county of the same name, which was an error



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so far as the County was concerned, and to correct that I placed the correct address of Capt. J. W. Mitchell on that envelope, as the shortest way that occurred to me of correcting the previous erroneous statement. In the rush place knowing the habit common to all women, without an exception so far as known to me of examining carefully, minutely and diligently the envelope to find out who wrote ^{the letter without} it, when there is any doubt in the mind of the recipient, I thought my act would perhaps bring a puzzled expression for a moment at least to the face of my wise eldest daughter, and afterward a smile at my little joke. The incorrect spelling of my youngest daughter's name is a more serious thing in that it is not the first time I have done so, and that not through ignorance or by intention, but owing to an idiosyncrasy which has on many occasions



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~~has~~ caused me to say the wrong word, especially name, sometimes to my humiliation and annoyance. As idiosyncrasy is a word of considerable size for you to masticate, without going into an explanation of the three Greek words from which it is derived which words would either be forgotten by you if you made them out or might necessitate the writing of another letter to explain my explanation I will just say in a loose, freak kind of a way that it means a craziness of ones own that makes him disposed to mix things in the wrong proportions or places. The way being now cleared I will state that the correct orthography of your youngest sisters name, as agreed on and determined by by the parties authorized and empowered by Constitutional rights, family relationship and the eternal fitness of things, to settle said important



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matter is Shirley Gill Pettus. now in this you see that there are 2 e's, 2 i's 2 s's - 2 t's a quarter dozen l's and sundry other letters thrown in at the proper places to make up the symmetrical euphonic whole. and the little Miss who owns and answers to the name is just as sweet and lovable, as self-willed and determined, as tyrannical and cute, and so on, as ever, and shows her smartness more and more every day. She has ~~about~~ recovered from her late indisposition, and when the weather gets favorable I think she will take another stab in growing. It was 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° the last time I examined the office thermometer yesterday, which may have been the top notch reached though owing to the Secretary's statement that my remarks about it made him "warm". I did not look at it after 2 P.M. I was not well myself, and tried to get a nap in the Medical Director's office but, sundry interruptions by telephone and otherwise



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made it a failure, so I arose from the sofa, looked at my watch up side down and left the office for home an hour sooner than I intended. I cut the grass and had a visit from Mr S. V. Bailey (you know the house of Simonsen Whitson & Co is connected with him now) who told me his wife and son had gone to the country that day, Thursday - Yesterday J. M. Pettus took a cold dinner with us. If his and Smith's ailments only had a marketable value, the problem of "How to get rich" would be of easy solution to them. The supply is inexhaustible and always available. No word from Capt. Jeeves yet. Mr & Mrs Mitchell are with the Matthews people on 3^d street at present and will most probably remain with them until they go away to some summer resort. I understand Hallie is coming home to go with them, in preference to remaining with Mrs W. S. Matthews & Mary Davis. Four young



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lady friends of yours called to see you Wednesday
afternoon. Miss Wynnond, Miss King & Miss Virginia Davis.
They had started to Jacob Park, but as will sometimes
happen to girls, they boarded a "Car barn Car" when
they did not wish to, and were compelled to get off
at the switch in front of Mr Howes. Whether they "argued"
with the motorman and got mad at the railroad or
whether their supply of car fare was limited they did
not attempt to go further, but sadly came back by
our house, ~~to~~ tell their troubles to you, but as that was
impossible, I served as your substitute, then gave
them a cup of cold water, let them kiss the baby, told
them the band was going to play in Dupont Square
and bade them "bob swore" The King of Israel
called Friday evening, though he expressed no
desire to see you. I failed to recognize him, owing
to the peculiar angle at which the electric light cast



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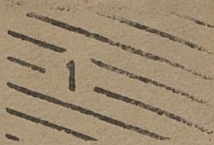
the shadow of his prominent feature, and had to
ask him who made the Electric light - he was, so as to
introduce him to your uncle Tom. My poor eyesight seemed
to cast a damper on his spirits and after an inquiry as
to the probable length of your visit, he started sadly
to some other mans daughters house, or toward the river
at least, and I have not heard of him since.
I am feeling much better today, and will feel better
still after I have finish a little engagement with
the man at the shaving store whether I am
bound in a few minutes. Nothing of more
importance than a real hard rain about noon
has happened today, under my observation.
Hope your pleasure will continue to abound and
that your hosts will not be diminished by
your visit.

Your loving Father
[Signature]

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