

Dear Fillison

I suppose I acted like a baby last night but you certainly took an exceptionally kind way of letting me know that my presence was not at all necessary on the night that Fred comes around to hear your organ.

Harri

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

Nov. 5, 1902.

Dear Harriet:

I am very much astonished at the tenor of your letter just received. I noticed last night that you seemed a trifle piqued, after having yielded to Gertrude's wish to ride home, and your actions, which your letter defines "like a baby", were attributed to that cause and forgotten.

Your letter which I have read several times and which I notice contains only one sentence, is very carefully worded. I am unable to conceive what the "exceptionally kind way" was; it was certainly not from anything I said or failed to say. You asked to come with Miss Carter when Mr. Cowler visited, and I distinctly remember a distinctly affirmative answer. I don't you?

Furthermore: standing just outside your door, I asked what time would suit you (plural) and Mr. Cowler to come. You remained silent, as you had been since you boarded the car on the way home. Gertrude offered to find out and let me know. The fact that you (singular) did not join in the conversation at that moment would not have been specially



② noted but for your letter,  
And again: You and Miss Carter are the  
only ones with whom I have made and, as yet,  
filled an engagement to see the organ, and I  
am specially sorry that it is you who have  
so misconstrued my intention.

I have engagements with two leading organists,  
for Saturday and Tuesday P.M. and I have never  
yet had the slightest discrimination to show the  
instrument to any one who was interested.

Now, in view of the above I shall feel disappointed  
and offended if you and Gertrude don't come and  
bring Miss Carter when Mr. Cowles comes.

excuse paper and haste.

Sincerely

Fillison



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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss Harriet Pettus,  
2104 - 4th Ave  
City.





LOUISVILLE, KY.  
NOV 5  
10--PM  
1902



said she would telephone to Fred  
you mentioned two or three even-  
ings of next week for him to  
come and see the organ and as  
I was not going to be in town  
any next week and had just  
told you so going down on the  
car I supposed you thought  
that I was acting so disagreeably  
that you did not care whether  
I came or not, and that is what  
hurt my feelings so dreadfully.

After I had written to you I  
said to Sister that I was real  
hurt that you should have selected  
a time when you knew I could  
not come and she said she  
was sure you had just

My dear Fillison,

Since I have come  
to think about it I am not sur-  
prised that you were astonished  
at the tenor of my note.

My feelings were very much  
hurt when I wrote it and I did  
not stop to reason much or I  
must probably would not have  
written it. If I had been a man  
I suppose I would have stopped  
to think but women don't reason  
where their feelings are concerned.

You see it was this way.  
When you were standing at the  
door talking to Sister and she



forgotten that I was going away. Which I suppose was exactly the case.

I am awfully sorry if I have made you sorry and as for showing me the organ it was lovely of you to invite me first to come down and hear it and you were just as nice as you could be about it.

The chief reason why I wanted to walk home was to talk to you about the organ and to tell you how exceedingly much I had enjoyed it. I knew if we got on the car we would be home in a few minutes and it is so hard to talk on those cars anyway.

It never occurred to me that Sister was so very tired, for you know she seldom is though she really was that night, and I thought she was just contrary and she usually does little things that I want her to.

I had made up my mind to walk and I was disappointed not to and hurt with Sister and when you hurt my feelings too it was the last straw.

Of course I see I was wrong and I hope you will forget all about it and burn that horrid little note up. When I see you I can further explain if you don't understand and figuratively speaking we can



kiss and make up if you will.

Also if you will wait until I come home in the following week I will be delighted to come with the others for I love to hear you play and never enjoyed any music more than I did the other night.

"And so that's all right Oh! Best Beloved. Do you see?" Isnt it?

Sincerely,

Harri.

Oct. 6-1902



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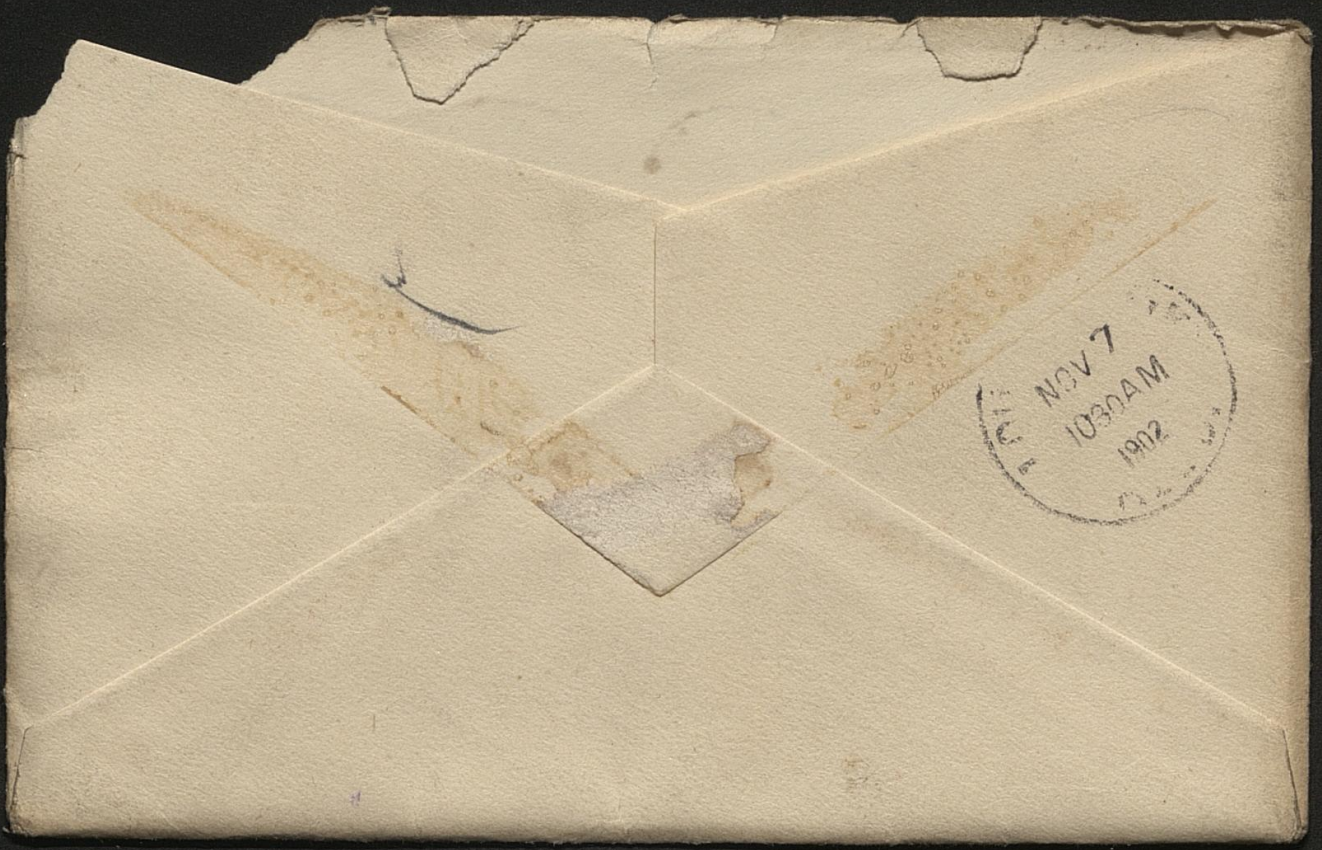
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Ky.





NOV 7  
1030AM  
1902



I think that if I were in her place I would take the soldier man. Though I would feel real sorry for the other fellow.

I suppose you had a very fine Christmas but I hope not the finest compared with many that are to come.

With best wishes for a happy New Year I am

Most sincerely yours  
Harri

Dec 26 - 1902.

6/26/02

My dear Fillison,

It was just lovely of you to send me such a beautiful picture for a Christmas present. I have been crazy for a Christ picture for months. You always give me something that I have been longing for.

I have it hung in my room and it just looks fine. It is not only so pretty but so suggestive of what which one do you think she will take?



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1/7/1902

My dear little Harri;

Would you rather receive a letter on this paper, or wait till to-morrow for some blue paper?

I have been very busy ever since your phone on Monday, and I am stealing a few moments now.

I went to a progressive love making party Monday evening (and Tuesday morning), and at the rate of one every five minutes, I fell in love with and proposed to "seventeen" girls!! They signified their rejection, most of them by "giving me the mitten"; it reminded me of Xmas. I have more gloves than I know what to do with. I'm going to start a men's furnishing store. Each girl was given a little heart which she was supposed to give to the right one. Of course some of them still had possession of their real ones, and these served when the paper heart had been given.



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LOUISVILLE, KY.

What are you doing, way off yonder in  
Simp? On the right side of the road that  
runs northward, (and I believe the first house,)  
about a hundred yards from the station, I used  
to spend some of my summers. At Mrs. Ryans.  
My Cousins, the Davises used to live about two  
or three miles from Simp. I have hunted all  
over that county. We used to swim in the  
L & M pond about a mile from town. So you see  
I'm pretty well acquainted.

"Louisville #400" gives it annual banquet this week,  
what did you want to go away for, just at this  
time?

Does it still take three hours to reach  
Simpouville?

Well, be good, if you can, and if you can't  
be good, be just as good as you can, and write a nice  
little sixteen page reply to

Fillison

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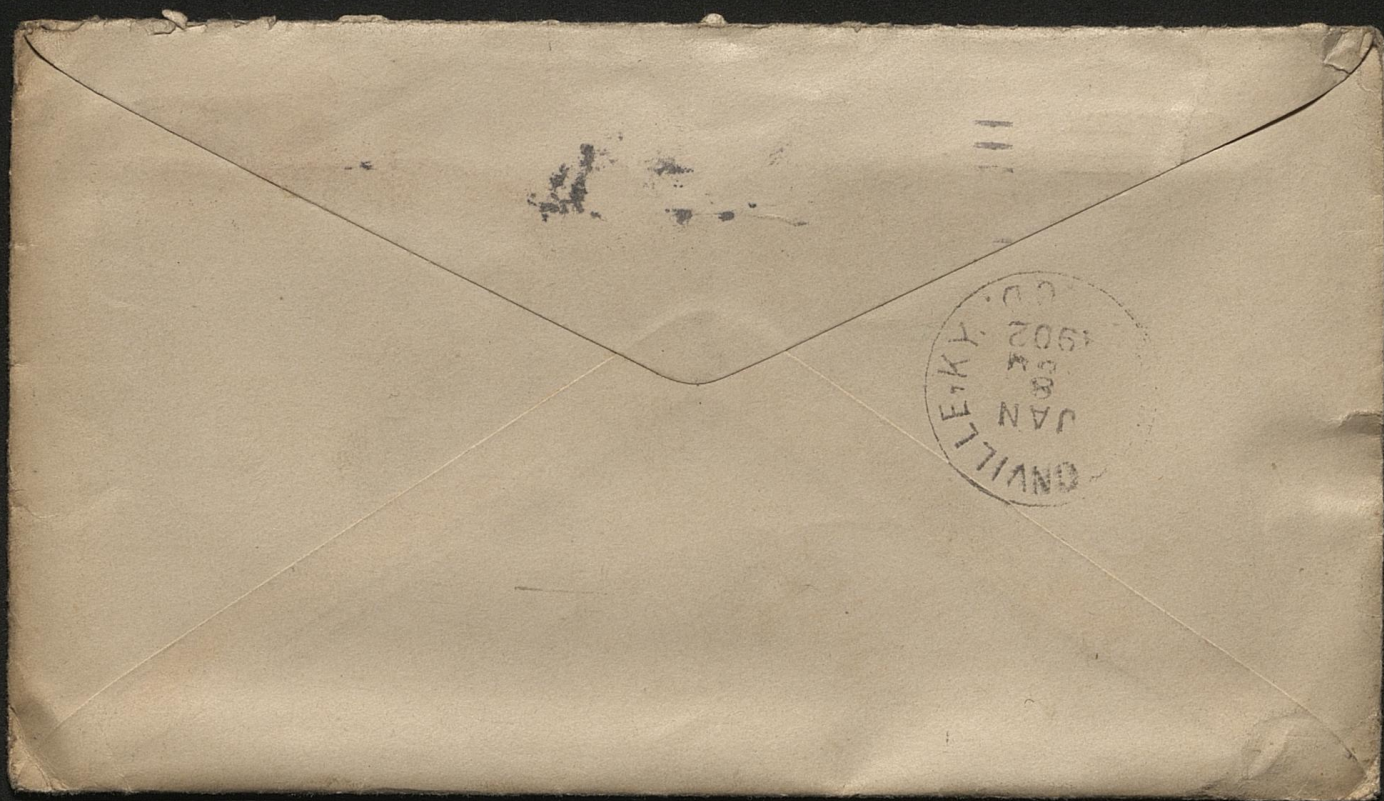
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Simpsonville  
Ky.

Common Station







yet. We expected them  
about seven o'clock and  
consequently have been ready  
for fully five minutes.

York! I hear jet prints!  
So au revoir for the present.

12-P.M. He have just come  
up stairs. So I will not  
attempt more than about  
sixteen words more. Until  
later in the day.

11-A.M. We all slept late  
after our late hours last  
night. This morning I am  
feeling very fine. This is

Dear Fillison

this 16 page one  
was somewhere  
else

While we are  
waiting for some boxes to  
arrive I will begin that  
sixteen page letter you  
suggested I should write  
to my best friend.

The afore said boxes, snow-  
ing that we are all from  
town, have decided to be  
strictly fashionable and  
though it is somewhat after  
eight o'clock have not  
arrived on the scene as



a beautiful place and will be still more beautiful when they have had time to fix it up more.

We have been on several long drives which I of course enjoyed very much. But we spend most of our time eating. In morning, noon and night at all hours we do nothing <sup>but</sup> eat. If I do not die I don't know what will be the reason why.

I really did expect to write you a real long letter but as I have only about five minutes to finish it in I will have to be brief. We are waiting to go to sleep for the doctor for the cook who is taken suddenly ill and if I don't mail this now you won't get it till long after I get back for I am coming in tomorrow morning.

I'll tell you more when I see you which I hope will not be a very long <sup>time</sup>.

Yours etc.,  
Harri.



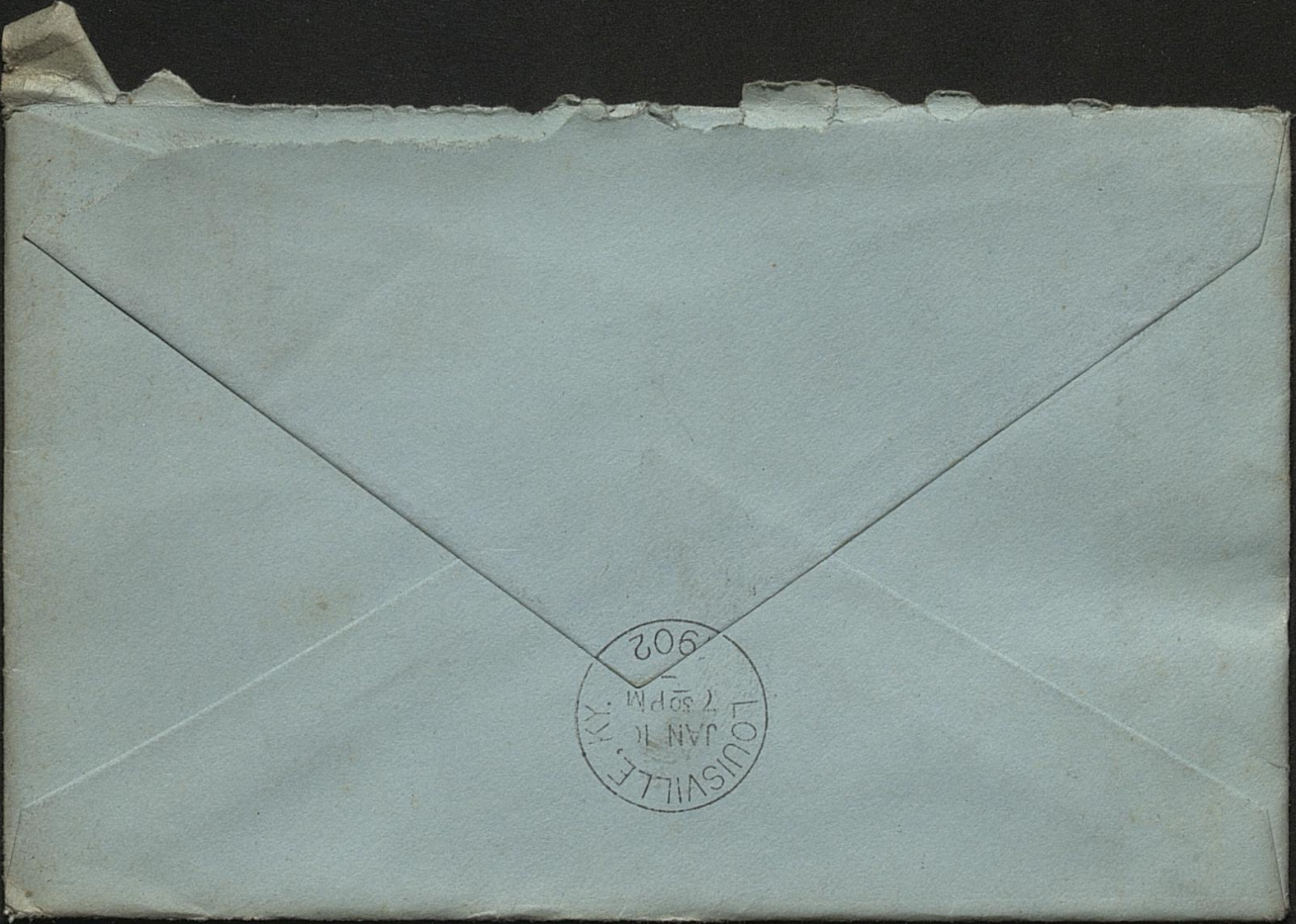
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Mr. F. L. Spinden,  
Louisville,  
Ky.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.  
JAN 11  
7 30 PM  
902



to Mr. Proctor he told  
me of the reception.  
Guess Margaret must  
have forgotten all  
about it!

So Friday is the  
only other day we  
can go.

Can you go Friday?

Wish you would  
let me know. Nelson  
has a carbuncle on  
his neck so if you  
can't go I want to  
telephone Mr. P.

Dear Fillison,

I am worn  
out with telephoning  
so thought I would  
write you a note to  
tell you Mr. Proctor  
says he and Margaret  
are going to a reception  
at Mr. Kirkpatrick's  
Thursday evening.

Margaret said come  
any evening this week  
but what I telephoned



later on in the week for if  
<sup>(Nelson)</sup> he is not better he might not  
feel like going out that  
night.

I have tried for a solid  
half hour to get Inarian but  
the telephone girl could not  
get any answer so if you  
will tell her that she and I  
are on the entertainment  
committee for the "club" for  
the next meeting I will be  
ever so grateful to you.

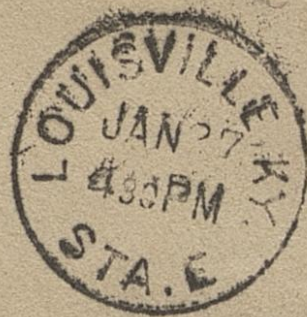
Hoping you can arrange  
to go Friday Jan.,  
as ever,  
Harri.

Jan 27 - 1902

# 2104 - Fourth St.



1/27/02



Mr. F. L. Spider,  
Louisville,

Room 301 - Columbia Bldg.

Ky.





LOUISVILLE  
JAN 27  
6-PM  
1902



to mention several others  
into a pack of trouble.

I believe I am sorry  
I said anything at all  
about the affair though  
I will admit that I  
sometimes enjoy seeing  
you teased.

So be a good, little  
boy and don't say or  
think anything more  
about it and I will  
dance at your wedding.  
I wonder

Dear Fillison,

Please  
don't say anything,  
to anyone, that could  
possibly get back to  
a certain person of  
whom we were talk-  
ing tonight for I am  
not at all certain  
that I have the name  
right, and if I am  
wrong you might get  
me and yourself hot



Really the whole thing does not  
amount to a row of pins and it  
was mere idle curiosity on my  
part which prompted the question  
how woud you please do as I  
ask you?

Harri.

11.30<sup>P.M.</sup> - Feb 14 - 1902

P. S. Saturday Morning - I don't  
think I treated you a bit nice  
last night especially when you  
brought me such a nice valentine  
so I will tell you all about what  
you want to know next time I  
have a chance. It woud be much  
when you hear it.

H. P.



2/15/02



Mr. F. L. Spinden,

Billie

Louisville,

Ky.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.  
FEB 15  
10 30 AM  
1902





it I concluded to send  
you another. So if you  
get two notes from  
me you will under-  
stand the reason.

Well and I expect  
to have five old times  
driving and riding  
horse back. Well has  
the cutest little puppie  
a Scotch collie.

We made a trip  
over to <sup>the</sup> big barn before  
dinner to see the lambs  
and little pigs both  
of us being somewhat

Simpsonville.  
Dear Gillison,

I wrote  
you a note this  
afternoon before I  
left home telling  
you I was coming out  
here to Well's but in  
my hurry I left it  
lying around some-  
where in my room and  
being very uncertain  
whether any one will  
see it and mail



daffy about them.

I don't know yet whether I will come in for Easter or not I thought I would before I came out but I somewhat doubt it now. But I must be home for the next bowling night. I am quite enthusiastic since last time

First I thought I would bring some sewing out with me but I finally decided that it would be much better for me to rest and get fat so I have only a little fancy work to do. Think I will read some for for I have not read anything but Daniel Deronda for several weeks.

If you have nothing better to do you might write to me some time during the next week

Mar 24-1902

Sincerely  
Habit



5/25/02

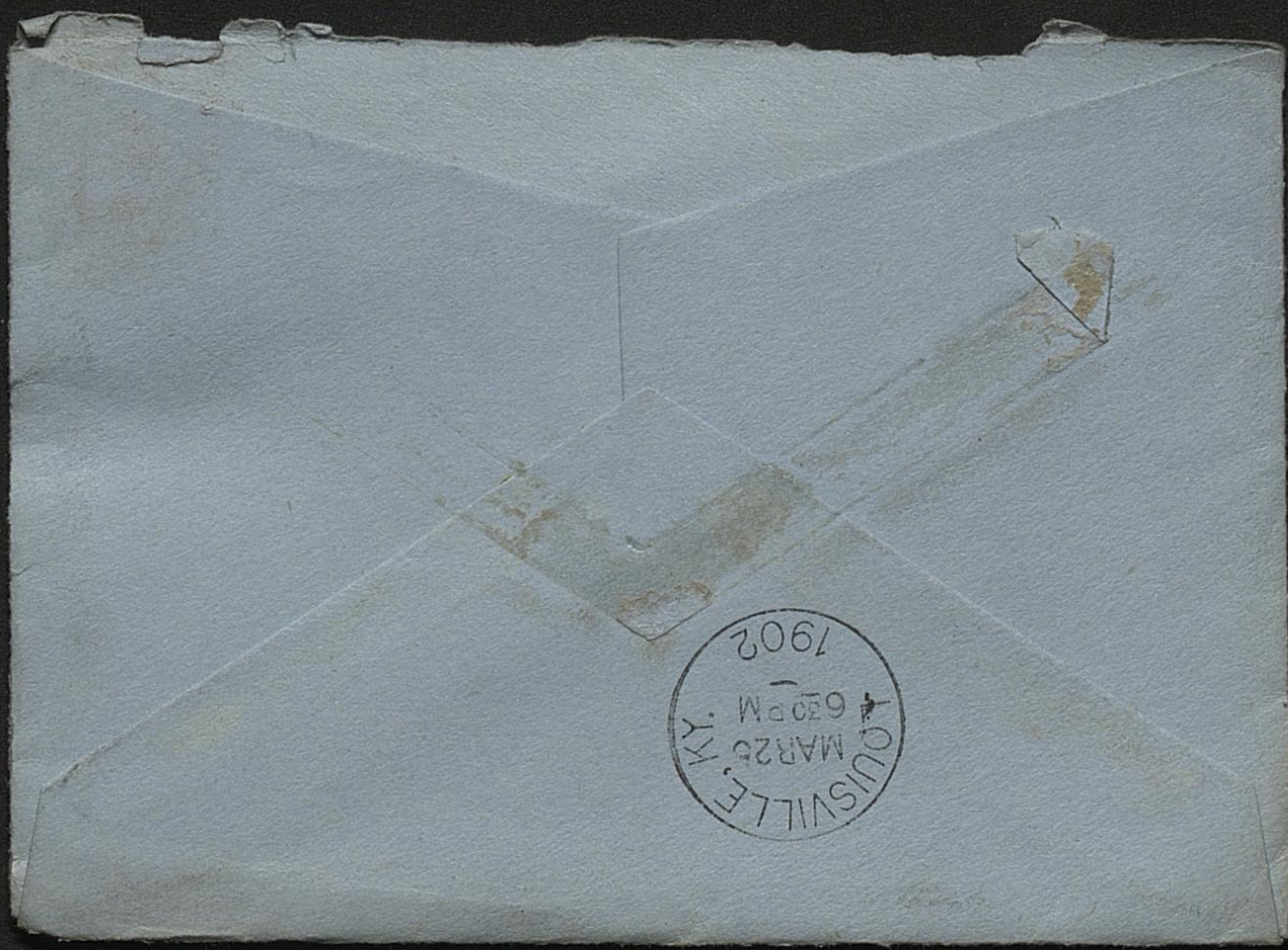


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MAR 25 6:30 PM  
LOUISVILLE KY



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3/26/02.

My dear Samiel;

I was just about to send you a note, when yours was laid on my desk a moment ago. So I will just change the address, and send it any how, since you will be home next week. I wanted to ask you to take me to see Julia Marlows Tuesday night, if you will, please invite me at once and I will see about borrowing the tickets, etc. for that evening.

I told you, what your sister said about house cleaning?

Sincerely

Fulton

Excess Paper.



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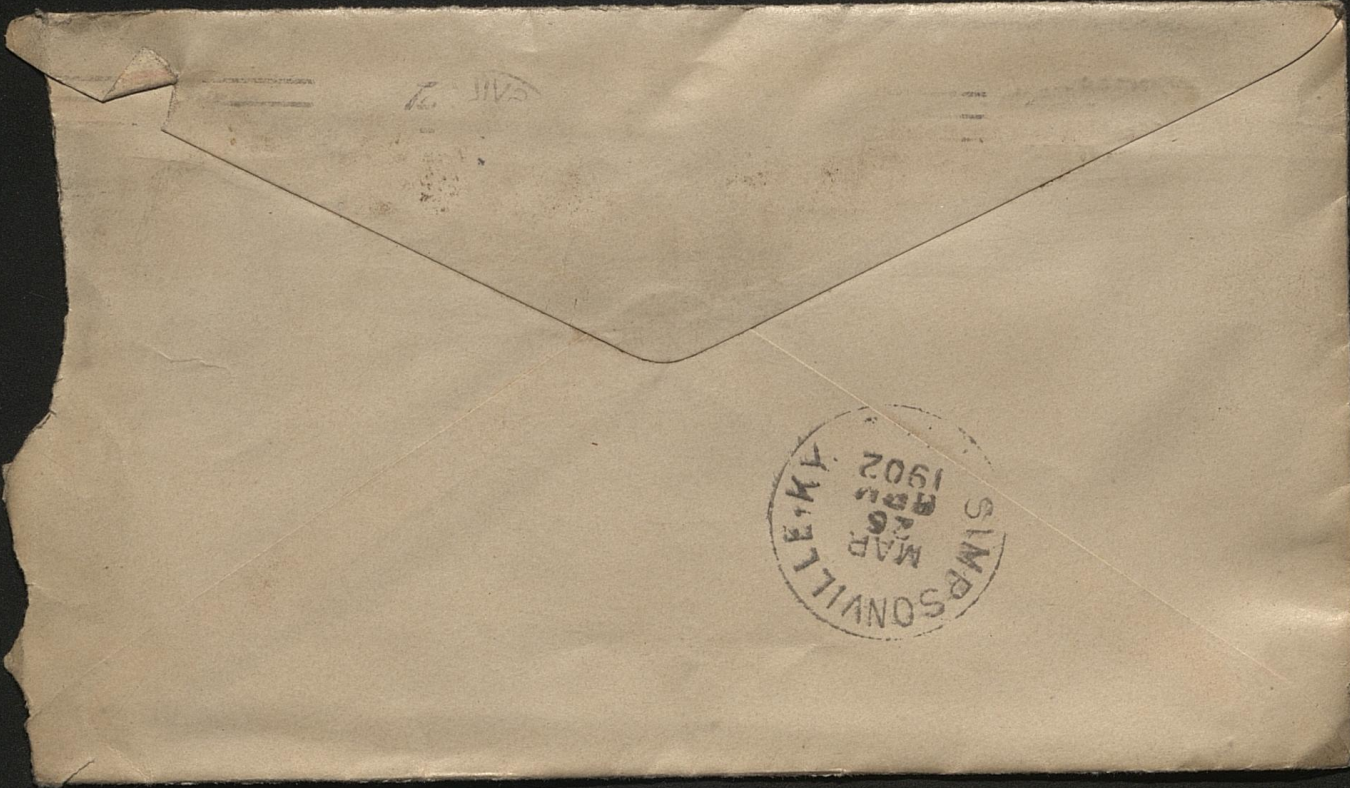
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Miss Harriet Pettus,  
Care of Miss Nellie Buckley,  
Simpsonville,  
Ky.





SIMBSONVILLE  
MAR 26  
1902



"Hyndemere".

Dear Fillison,

So long as  
you came right out  
and asked me to take  
you to see Julia  
Inglow I do not see  
very well how I can  
refuse. So if Tuesday  
evening suits you we  
will go then.

All remarks about  
house-cleaning I con-  
sider entirely in-



necessary.

I will come in Tuesday  
since you insist though I had  
intended to stay longer.

If I should miss my train  
take Miss "What's Her-Name."

On the quiet Miss — does  
not stand a very first class  
chance of going! Very hastily,

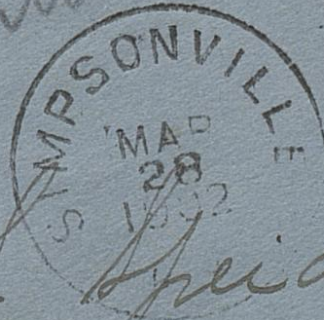
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Mr. Julia Marlow



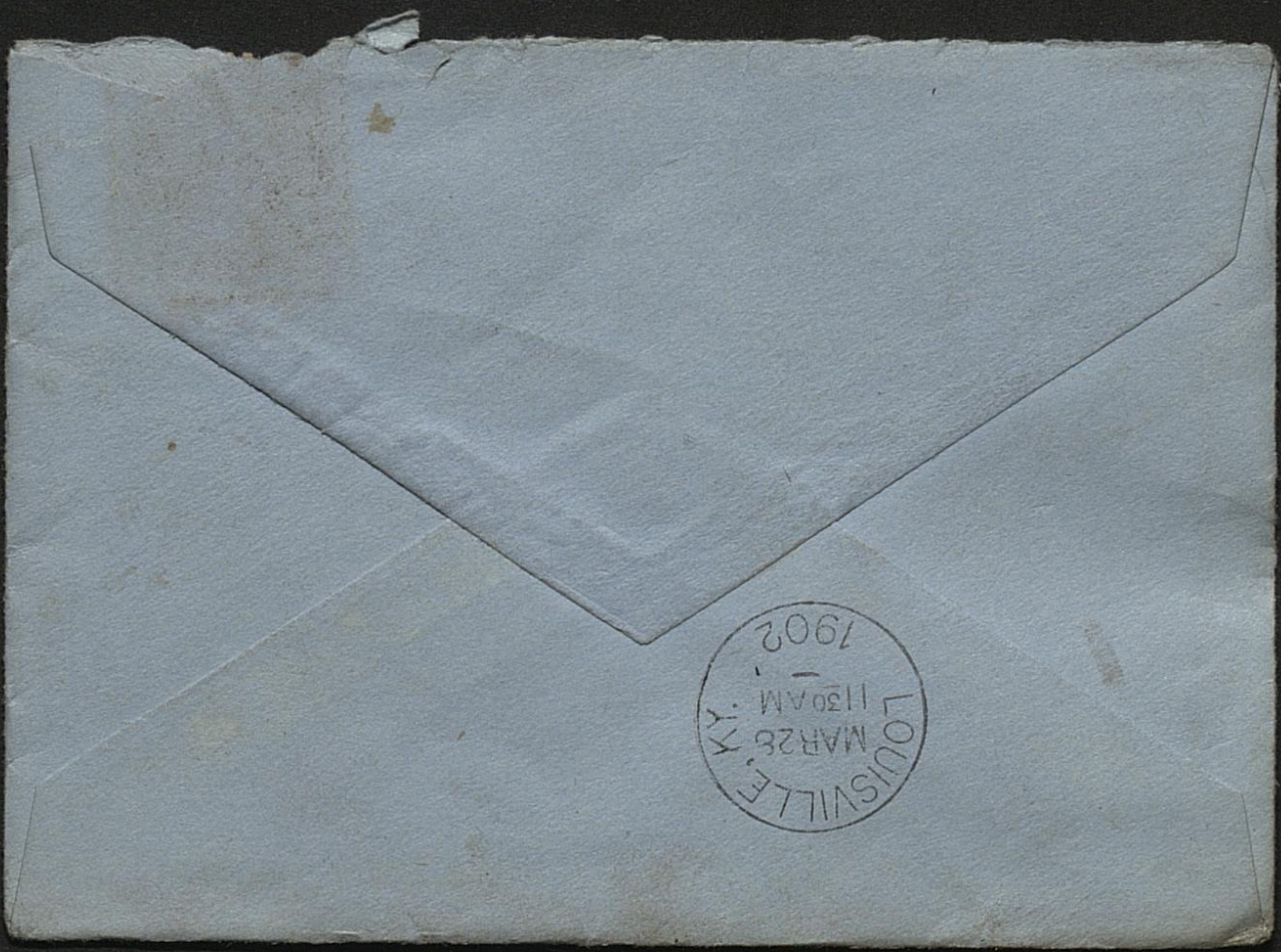
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LOUISVILLE, KY.  
MAR 28 11:30 AM  
1902



My dear Harri,

May 23rd

I expected to have seen you before this, but, but, but you know how these "buts" come "butting in."

I investigated the matter about which you were cautious enough to inquire, and find that you are quite right.

Then I went to the authorities, and told them if they would put on that second Vestibuled Pullman to Prospect I could give them some traffic. But that self important official looked down at his plate glass map and sighed - "Nix!"

Then! I told him who I was!!! He did not say any thing; it took his breath I think, or maybe he did not care. I tried every means of persuasion



but to no avail, I showed him what  
his road would lose, etc, etc. The prestige  
of two such distinguished patrons, I am  
sure our precedent would start an  
immense "movement,"

May I see you Sunday afternoon,  
and we may then discuss the conservative  
official above mentioned.

Fondly

Fillmore

What time did you get this letter? Let me know  
when I next see you.

F. L.



*J. S. Sherrill*  
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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss Harriet Petters  
2104 - Fourth Ave  
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Station E,



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LOUISVILLE, KY.  
MAY 23  
11-AM  
1902

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MAY 23  
11-AM  
LOUISVILLE, KY.  
1902



Mr F. L. Spinden

Dear Sir,

You may  
call next Sunday  
afternoon.

Very respectfully  
(Miss) Harriet Petrus

May 23-1902

P.S. (John).



5/24/02



Mr. F. L. Spieder,  
Louisville,

Room #30, Columbia Bldg.

Ky.



it has been between eleven and twelve when I have gotten home.

The something I wanted to see you about was to ask you if you want to go out to Annetta's next Sunday. I am not going out until week after next and thought we might go next Sunday if you want to. Now I want you to be perfectly frank about <sup>it</sup> and if you have anything else on hand or don't care to go just say so.

Hope you get this in time stop by here tomorrow when

Dear Fillison,

I am awfully sorry I did not get to see you tonight for I have wanted all week to see you about something. I know I should have let you know that I received that fourteenth letter but I have been so busy this week that I scarcely know what I am doing. We have practiced for that — — entertainment every night except one this week and every night



you come home to dinner and tell  
me what about it or if not let <sup>me know</sup> in  
the evening when to you come home for  
I won't be at home at night. The  
reason I must know tomorrow (Friday)  
whether we are going or not is that  
if we do I want to get a pin of Amette's  
which is down town and take it out  
to her.

I don't know whether I have half  
expressed what I have tried to for I  
have been decorating down at church  
all afternoon and practicing all  
night until I am so tired I feel  
like crying. I don't suppose you ever  
felt that way but I do so please  
excuse this scratch for I know half  
the words are misspelled

Your very tired

Harri

Thursday Evening, or rather Friday morning.  
The entertainment is going to be fun.  
Better not come.



6/6/02



Mr. F. L. Spinden

Louisville,

Room # 30 / Columbia Bldg.

ky.





LOUISVILLE, KY.  
JUN 6  
11-AM  
1907





Miss Harriet Pettus,  
2104 - Fourth Ave.,  
Louisville,  
Ky.





LOUISVILLE  
JUN 10  
9-PM  
1902

LOUISVILLE, KY.  
JUN 10  
9-PM  
1902



immediately a young man whom  
I did not know came up to  
me and asked if this was  
Miss Pettus and upon my  
telling him yes he informed  
me that Annette had asked  
him to tell me to come up  
to the store and wait for her.  
She had not gotten the mail  
Saturday afternoon and did  
not know I was coming until  
she started out on an errand  
Monday afternoon and found  
my note at the station. Then  
she had to go on where she  
started and did not get back  
quite in time for the train

Prospect, Ky.  
June 18/1902

Dear Fill,

You see I have shortened  
your name but Fillison takes  
three times as long to say and  
besides you shorten my name  
so if I may I am going to call  
you Fill. Of course if you don't  
like it I will call you Fillison  
Latham or anything else you  
say for I believe in calling  
people by the name they like  
best.

When I arrived at Prospect  
Monday afternoon there was no  
Annette to meet me but almost



Do you remember the man I tried to speak to just as the train was leaving the other Sunday afternoon? You know I had bowed to him out the car window before. Well he was not the man I thought he was but was the man whom Annette asked to tell me to wait at the store. Of course she introduced me to him when she came but I did not know until after we came home home that I had spoken to him for the other fellow. He caught up with Annette and went driving with her that afternoon and asked her who her friend was and Annette tried to convince him that I must have met him somewhere. I am afraid the joke is on me. I wonder what he thinks is the reason I did not speak to him Monday but I will see him shortly and explain.

Annette's birthday is next Tuesday and she is going to have a four-leaf clover hunt. There are about twenty-five invited and I expect we will have lots of fun. Country parties are just stacks of fun any way.

It has been so cool out here that



vacation soon and come to  
the country to board somewhere  
near here so you can come  
over to see me every few  
evenings? I think that would  
just be lovely.

Where are you going this  
summer anyway?

Bunnet and I both weighed  
the day I came and just guess  
what I weigh? Only ninety-nine  
and a half and Bunnet a  
pound less. I told her I was not  
going home until I gained that  
half pound if I had to stay  
six weeks. You know I despise  
to weigh less than a hundred.

I have most frozen and I sat  
out in the hammock the other  
night ~~with~~ until I was most  
frozen and have had a cold <sup>from it</sup>  
but don't mention the fact if  
you meet another by the way.

It is raining to-day and  
I don't like rain in the country  
but I have plenty of things to  
read so it does not make so  
much difference.

You know I feel like I had  
not seen you for an age. I  
did not get to talk to you  
hardly at all Sunday. Don't  
you want to take your



I hope you do not mind having your letter written on two different kinds of paper but I forgot my writing things until I was just ready to leave and did not get papers and envelopes to match. Next letter I expect you will get a blue envelope and white paper.

If you will answer my letters within a day after you get them I will do the same. I think it would be real much fun to get a letter every other day.

Now be good and you will be lonesome and dont flirt with any but pretty girls and dont leave me waiting many days for a letter I will look for in every mail.

Yours devotedly  
Harry.



6/18/02



Mr. F. L. Speiden  
Louisville

Ky.

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309 ?

not  
shot in show

Hodge.

12-16 pages  
Stamps



more devot.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 20, 1902.

My Sweet Har't;

You see I am emulating  
your example in the matter of abbreviating names.  
"Dear Fil" is agreeable of course. "You see" Harriet  
"takes three times as long to say. Of course, if  
you don't like it I shall call you" Miss Harriet Petter.  
"For I believe in calling people by the name they  
like best".

You see I liked your letter so much that  
I am almost about to copy it and send it  
to you between quotation marks. It was the  
best letter you have ever written - to me. It  
was longer than usual too. A long time ago  
I used to get twelve and sometimes sixteen pages  
in one little white envelope, but I had almost  
forgotten them until I received yours.

I forgot to ask your pardon for writing to  
you on this paper. If granted. O.K. If  
not. Then I shall take it home and copy



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it on blue paper and send it to-morrow. Which?

Yes I should be charmed and delighted beyond measure to get a letter every day.

You have time enough to write every day. Just as I started to answer your letter, I received a telegram that I have just counted, 84 words; (a small letter) this needed a little attention and so you do not get a reply by return mail.

I did not find any stamps in your letter this time. What was the matter?

I don't think you are the proper person to admonish me not to flit. That train affair is absolutely without a parallel in my entire flirtatious career!! I am surprised at you. I thought that it had ended with that Sunday afternoon. But that you should have gone back to Prospect at the last moment, found him again, and then not wait for an introduction, is more than I would have believed. Too bad! Two bad



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Of course, gain that half pound or else  
put shot in your shoes the next time you  
go to the scales.

If you don't mind, you might address  
me 309 Columbia Bldg instead of 301. It is not  
much more trouble and the letter gets to me  
sooner.

The Chafing dish Club met at Miss Stodges  
this week. It was a garden party, and  
we played "drop the handkerchief" I was trying  
very hard to catch a certain young lady, but  
I "fell down" - on the pavement and scratched  
off several layers of clothing skin etc. and am  
a "lame duck" in consequence. If another little lady  
had been there, I guess I would need crutches to-day.

Well I have written you a real long letter,  
(for manuscript; not like dictating to a stenographer) and  
I will in closing advise you to be good; if you can  
can't be good, be just as good as you can. (this has  
no reference to flirting).

Yours more devotedly.

Fillis



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Care of Miss Annette Ditzler,  
Prospect  
'Ky.



intention. Now it would be perfectly right and natural for you to write to me every day but for me to write is another matter. <sup>every other day</sup>

Allow me to say that all bits about twelve and sixteen page letters will be ignored for I never wrote a sixteen page letter in my life and I am surely to old to begin now.

I suppose being as you are such a busy man I will let you write on any kind of paper that is convenient

Prospect, June 21/82

Dear Will,

Your abbreviation of my name was a very ingenious one indeed but next time you might just write what you mean don't you think?

I am very glad you liked my letter for I like for people to like what I do as well as do what I like.

Can't imagine where you got the idea that I was going to write to you every day for I had no such



so you need not apologize

Yesterday we had a fellow from Nashville and one from Chicago to spend the afternoon and stay to supper with us and at night we went to call on some of our neighbors and had a very nice time. It's moonlight and I enjoyed the drive more than anything.

Floss is in town today. I took her to the train and expect I will go for her this afternoon.

Anneth wants you and Mr. Goff to come out Sunday afternoon. I hope you can come.

What do you mean by telling me to be good and saying that you have no reference to flirting. Please explain.

I am very sorry you played such a rough game and got hurt. You must be more careful next time.

Anneth has been sleeping the nap of the just for some time and I must finish up this letter or I won't get any nap at all so bye-bye

Harriet.



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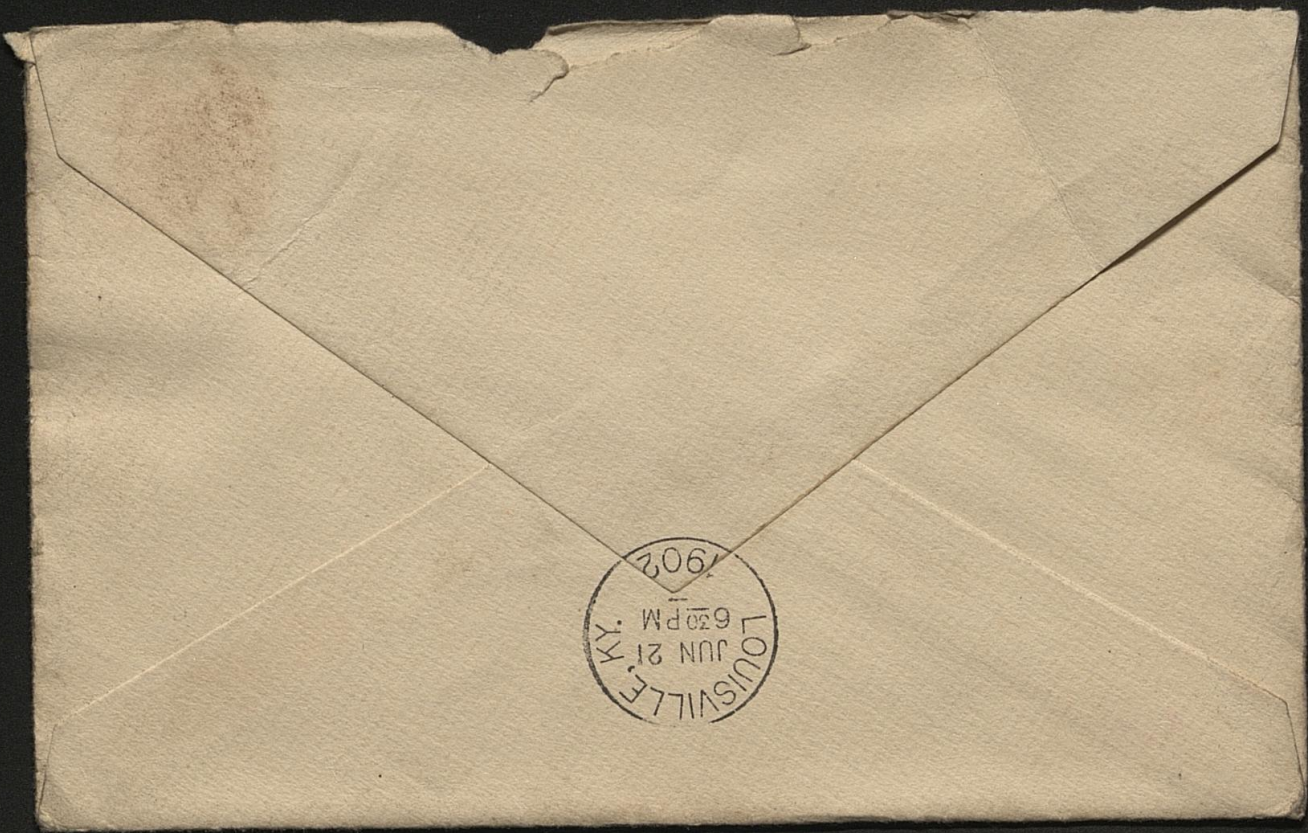


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Louisville

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Ky.







read my last letter  
carefully? I did not  
retain copy, but I believe  
I had a little to say  
of flirting. It's a subject  
I know very little about,  
but that don't hinder most  
people from talking.

Please thank Miss Annetty  
for her invitation. Did you  
mean June 29<sup>th</sup>? I received  
your letter this week, so  
"Sunday after next" would be  
July 6<sup>th</sup>. I don't believe  
I can make it June 29<sup>th</sup>,  
which will be "Sunday after  
next" from the time you wrote,  
but I expect I can arrange  
for July 6<sup>th</sup>.

My Lady Anne:

Your  
laconic facetious bit of a  
letter (<sup>3 1/2</sup> pages) would have  
received an earlier reply, but  
it collided with a "supplement"  
among other things and was  
sidetracked with many apologies.

I am very sorry that you  
cannot write more often or  
longer letters. I like to get  
letters from you.

My reference to flirting  
was in line with your  
remarks on that subject.  
I don't think I said anything  
without sufficient provocation.  
Did I? Did you



I am very sorry that I did not know Miss Floss was in town Saturday. I was out nearly all day with a member of the firm of Hook Hastings. I was down at Fish River at 5 P.M. Had an invitation to share my friend's stateroom on the "City of Louisville" to Cincinnati. He had two round trip tickets and two berths, and I came very near accepting. Going part way at least.

Have you been swimming yet? To day is warm enough. A regular Russia bath would

Make berry, and etc have gone to Va. and we are quite lonesome. I am very lonesome, especially Sunday afternoon and off nights.

Now that you have waded through the greater part of this scribble, you may run out and play.

Run after the quail, catch a deer or two and gain that other half pound. But don't gain too many. Lastly, be good if you can etc.

Yours fondly  
Filib.



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have never heard those words before and they sound like swearing to me.

They burned some brush here tonight and we all stood around and watched it until way late. The night is rather chilly and the fire felt real good. Then when the fire had burned low and the men had gone to the house we

My dear Till,  
It is getting dreadfully late - after nine o'clock - which is my sleepy time now-a-days - but I suppose as it is you I will have to write you a nice, long letter for you do not seem to think it the proper thing for me to do to write you an ordinarily long letter. Please do not call my letters laconic and facetious for I



sent one of the girls (there are only six of us in the house at present) to steal some eggs which we roasted in the hot ashes and my! but they tasted good. You know what is said of stolen fruit. We might have had all the eggs we wanted for the asking but we so much preferred to rob a nest. I really felt like I used to when I would steal sugar or take people down in our cellar to look pickles.

You did not know I was practicing for the circus did you? Think I will be an equestrienne! So I began practicing jumping on a horse with out saddle or bridle and just as I had managed by aid of a kindly boost from Annette to get mounted according to the Western fashion the horse suddenly



awfully nice fellow called  
on me. I believe he is  
about the most interesting  
fellow out here now since  
Lorbourne is married and  
I can not see Dick any  
more.

It has been such  
beastly weather that we  
have not had a chance  
to go swimming but we  
have two very fine  
chances when it gets  
warmer.

I do not seem to have  
been sufficiently clear

whirled around and  
little Harri landed some  
ten feet further down  
the hill and she  
thought at first that  
both her ankles were  
sprained but by the  
time she got back to  
the house they felt all  
right and have not  
given her any trouble  
since.

Yesterday we went  
to Harrods Creek to church  
in the morning and  
in the afternoon an



in telling you which one of your remarks  
about flirting I was referring to when I  
asked for an explanation so I will  
talk to you about it Sunday. Please  
don't ask if I read your letter carefully  
for you know I always do. Why I just  
keep reading it until I get another

It is too bad you could not accept  
your friend's invitation to go to  
Cincinnati. Wish he had offered me  
the chance but I would have accepted. I  
mean if I had been you.

If you are lonesome on Sunday  
afternoon and off nights why don't  
you go to see some one. That is the best  
thing to do.

But I hope you won't be lonesome  
next Sunday (July 6th) afternoon for I hope  
you will be out there and I will see if I  
can keep you from being so. I think the  
trains have changed times again so you had best  
look and see so you won't miss seeing Harri.



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just a beauty and I am  
so much obliged to you  
though Annette found  
my other and she says  
I must send this one  
back for she says I got  
it under false pretences.  
Hope you won't hold your  
breath until I send it back  
though.

Last night that fellow  
that I flirted with and  
Gill Hood took us rowing  
on the river. The moon



Dear Fillison,

As usual you  
could not have given me  
anything I would <sup>have</sup> liked  
better. Why I nearly stood  
on my head with curiosity  
before I could get the  
package open and I  
certainly was charmed  
when I saw this dar-  
ling little pin. It is



was up though it is not very old,  
and there was an immense fire  
of drift wood on the bank so we  
had plenty of light and I enjoyed  
it immensely. A big boat passed  
us and we rode the waves a  
little but we were pretty close to  
shore for the river is very high and  
swift.

Floss is going to a Japanese party  
tonight and I am going to make a  
call where I will have a nice long  
drive.

I suppose I will be home either  
Friday or Saturday I have not  
decided yet but I expect Saturday.

It is going to be a scorching hot  
day and I expect to spend most  
of it in the hammock reading. Wish  
you could do the same.

Thanking you again for the pin  
I am  
July 9 - 1902.

As ever  
Harri.



to telephone me. He did not do it, but as you did not refer to him in your letter I suppose he did not come. I told the servant who came to the door that I wanted to see him about going out in the country this afternoon. I presume Miss Annette will wish to make the engagement with him for next Sunday. If she does not, let me hear from you at once and I shall take great

My dear Harri:

Your long letter was appreciated to the fullest extent of my capacity. I am glad to see that you are emulating my example in the matter of letter writing. That's right, just you do what I do and then you'll do.

I was not able to see Mr. Wolff Sunday but left word at his house for him



pleasure in attending to the matter.  
Please let me know his telephone,  
place of business and first name.  
I told the servant girl that I did  
not know whom I wanted to see,  
but that he had a lot of dogs.  
She said "I guess that's Mr. Willis."  
So Willis got my message, I  
hope he was the right Mr Willis.

Has it been raining any in Prospect?  
After a concert a night or two ago I  
spent an hour and a half and quite a  
number of nickels on a street car, floating  
around the city. We kept on going  
around till my money gave out, or the  
rain stopped and then went home. The  
young lady's mother was waiting for  
me as I had insisted that it was  
not going to rain. And we had it.



Or rather she had it,  
and I got it.

I received another  
invitation to go to  
Cincinnati. Mr. Wilson  
is taking a small party to  
Chautauquaqua qua  
Will leave Thursday at  
6 P.M. on the "City of  
Louisville." I shall look  
for you as I go by  
your vicinity. Wave a  
big towel, or white flag.  
I shall meet Theodor  
in Cincinnati, spend  
the "4th" and return  
via L & N.



I expect to come up next Sunday  
July 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. (sooner or later).

Don't think you are "it" and get reckless  
among the fiery steeds of Prosper.

Will, Soap Powders and Washing  
Compounds, Ohio River to the Southeast  
are going to "change" and I must  
hurry up and change them, or the  
S.E.M.V. may want to change  
their S.E. Race man,

Yours

Fill



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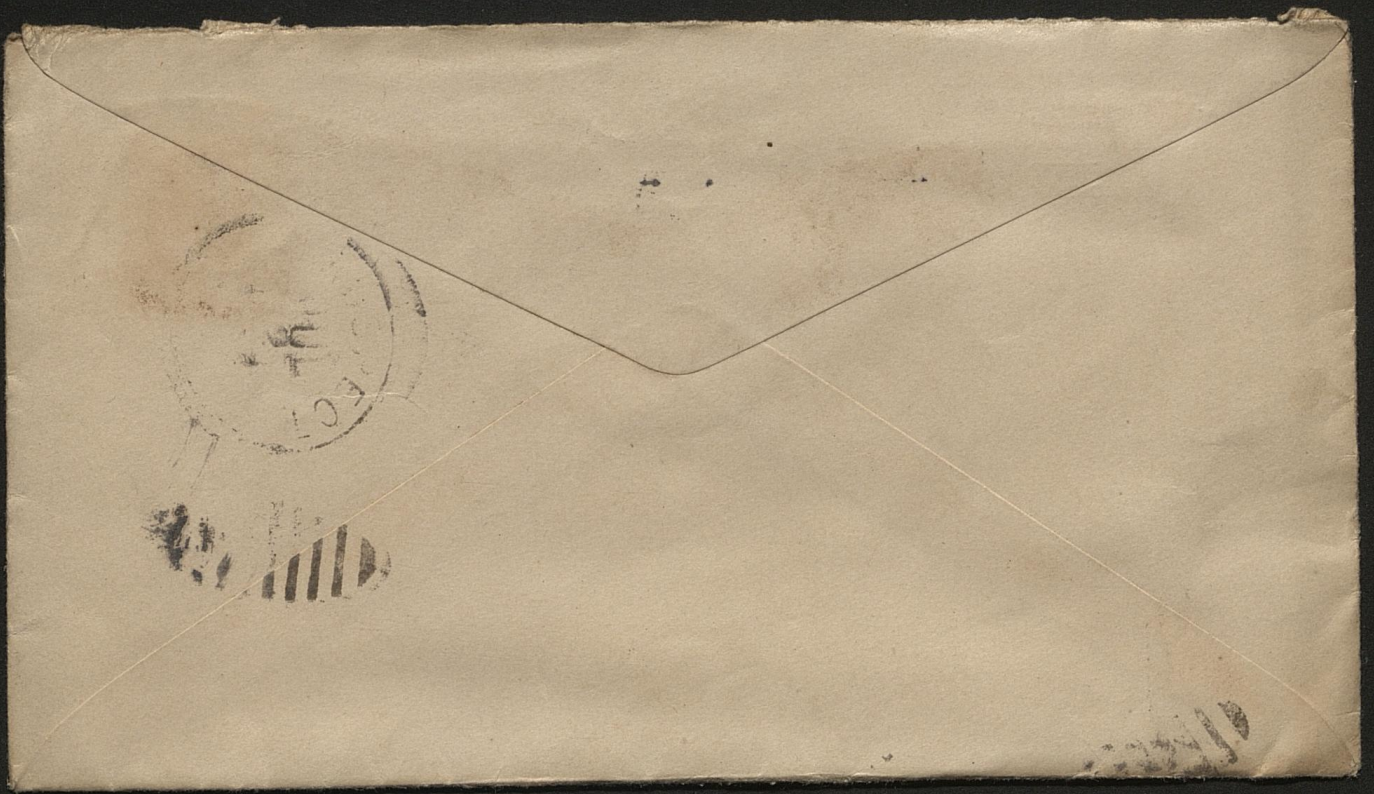
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Miss Harriet Pettus,  
Care of Miss Ditzler,  
Prospect, Ky.







If we were going to meet  
you at the station I  
in one tray and Surette  
in another, and were  
going to take you driv-  
ing all afternoon. Just  
get back in time for  
the late train. Would  
not that have been  
nice?

I am going to take  
you driving up the  
Browns Bros pike any-  
way but whether she  
will drive all after-

My dear 'Fill,

So you are  
really coming to see  
me next Sunday. But  
sad to relate Mr  
Hill Wolff cannot  
come. He is gone off on  
his vacation, and as  
it is quite impossible  
for him to be two places  
at once he will not be  
at Prospect on July 6th.  
You see we had it  
arranged so nicely



noon or not I do not know. Now  
you see you were a bad boy for  
not coming out last Sunday for  
Mr. Wolff could have come then.  
I will tell you so now for I know  
that I will be too glad to see  
you Sunday afternoon to fuss  
at you then.

I stayed out on the front porch  
and in the hammock more than  
an hour yesterday watching for  
the City of Louisville to come up.  
I watched it all the way from  
the Six Mile Island to Twelve  
Mile Island armed with some  
opera glasses and I could  
plainly see you up on the right  
hand side of the upper deck.



usual when I don't know exactly what is the matter with me was scared to death. I stooped down in the hot sun for a long time trying to reach the gallon to drink, and I most fainted before I got to the house! Then I had to lie down all day and every time I would sit up I would get dizzy and faint again

toward<sup>2</sup> the front part of the deck. I waved frantically at you but did not see any answer in signal but I trust you looked at me or thought of me at any rate.

What kind of a time did you have in Cincinnati? You must tell me all about it Sunday.

I was real ill Wednesday and as



Oh! I did not enjoy myself much that day except when I was reading which process when you do it most all day is rather tiresome on the eyes, especially lying down.

It is not ten o'clock yet but I have already begun (now look how I have written begun. Auntie says it's because Mr Ditzler has just fixed us a mint julep) and finished an awfully good book. Wish you could read it. It's "She & he will not when she may."

I want to ask a favor of you. Will you please go by home and bring me a package that Sister or Mother will give you for me? I will be so much obliged if you will bring it with you Sunday.

Now do you not see that I cannot finish my letter on this



last was no exception  
So Sunday I intend  
to make you explain  
and until then I  
am

Yours fondly  
Harri.

The Glorious Fourth.

piece of paper (or rather  
on ~~that~~ other one) but  
you must not expect  
me to fill up this  
entire sheet.

I do not think I  
am emulating your  
example in writing  
these nice long letters  
but I suggest that  
you emulate mine.

You always put  
something right at  
the end of your letter  
that I don't unders-  
stand and your

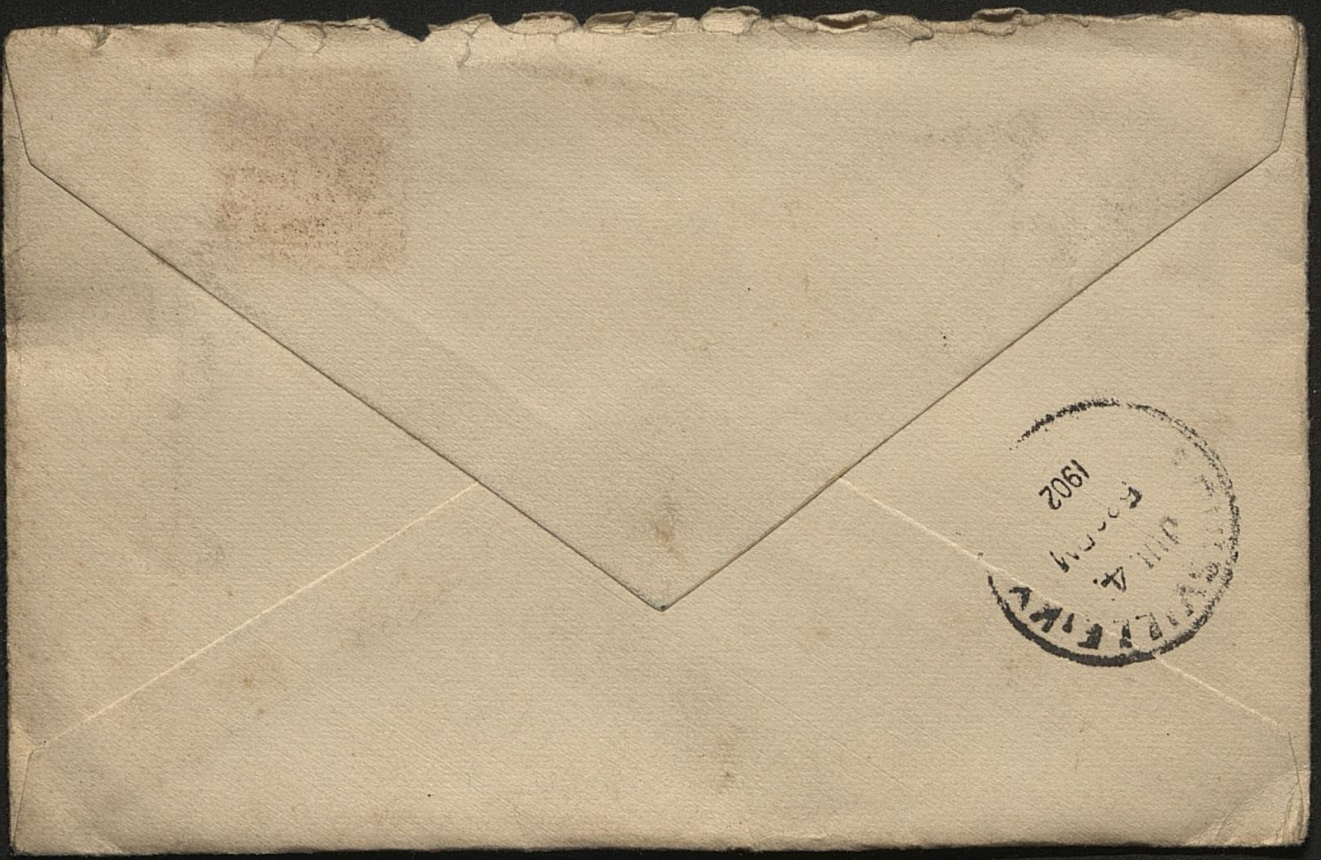


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Mr. F. S. Speiden,  
Room 309 Columbia Bldg.  
Louisville  
Ky.







July? 1903

Friday

Dear Fillison,

I have spent a very enjoyable evening thanks to the "Pop" tickets that you sent me.

Mr. Schmidt played very beautifully on the cello and Mrs Dotts sang and accompanied very well but I was greatly astonished at her recitations.

She recited to an accompaniment on the piano by Mr. Schmidt, and she is just a splendid elocutionist



you to grow young again and kinder  
I am afraid Georgia is beginning to  
think you are a dreadful "leather  
nut" to pay your duty call for so  
long.

With thanks for a pleasant evening  
I am

Yours sincerely  
Kari.

Why were you in such a  
hurry when you brought me  
the tickets. I was just prepar-  
ing to come down with that  
latest photograph of myself  
and I am afraid I will  
forget it next time you come.

You say you have been  
growing old in the last three  
months. I expect you had  
better take an evening off  
real soon and go with me  
around to call on Mr and  
Mrs F. H. Miller. It might help



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Miss Hamed Pettus

I am sorry to  
announce that Mr. Geo. Lewis is  
sorry to say that he does not play  
tennis. I have inquired of a number  
of my friends, and I don't know of  
one who lives in our neighborhood that  
plays tennis. I shall be out by 6 P.M.  
and hope Mr. Morgan will be on deck.

By the way! What time does Mr.  
Morgan cease his arduous labors and when  
does he put the nets to rest?

Sincerely

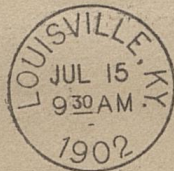
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LOUISVILLE, KY.  
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evening. Of course this  
latter fact alone would  
give the place a prestige  
not otherwise attainable.

I shall come over a little  
before eight if convenient to  
you.

This letter ought to  
reach you on the  
second mail this am.

Yours fondly  
F.H.

Miss Harriet Petters,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Harri:

As it is  
too warm for tennis,  
wouldn't you like to  
go out to hear the  
Brookes concert at  
Phoenix Hill to night?

The best people in town  
go to these concerts and  
enjoy them. Phoenix Hill  
is not the resort this year  
that it used to be.

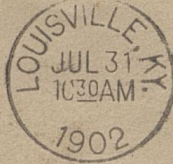
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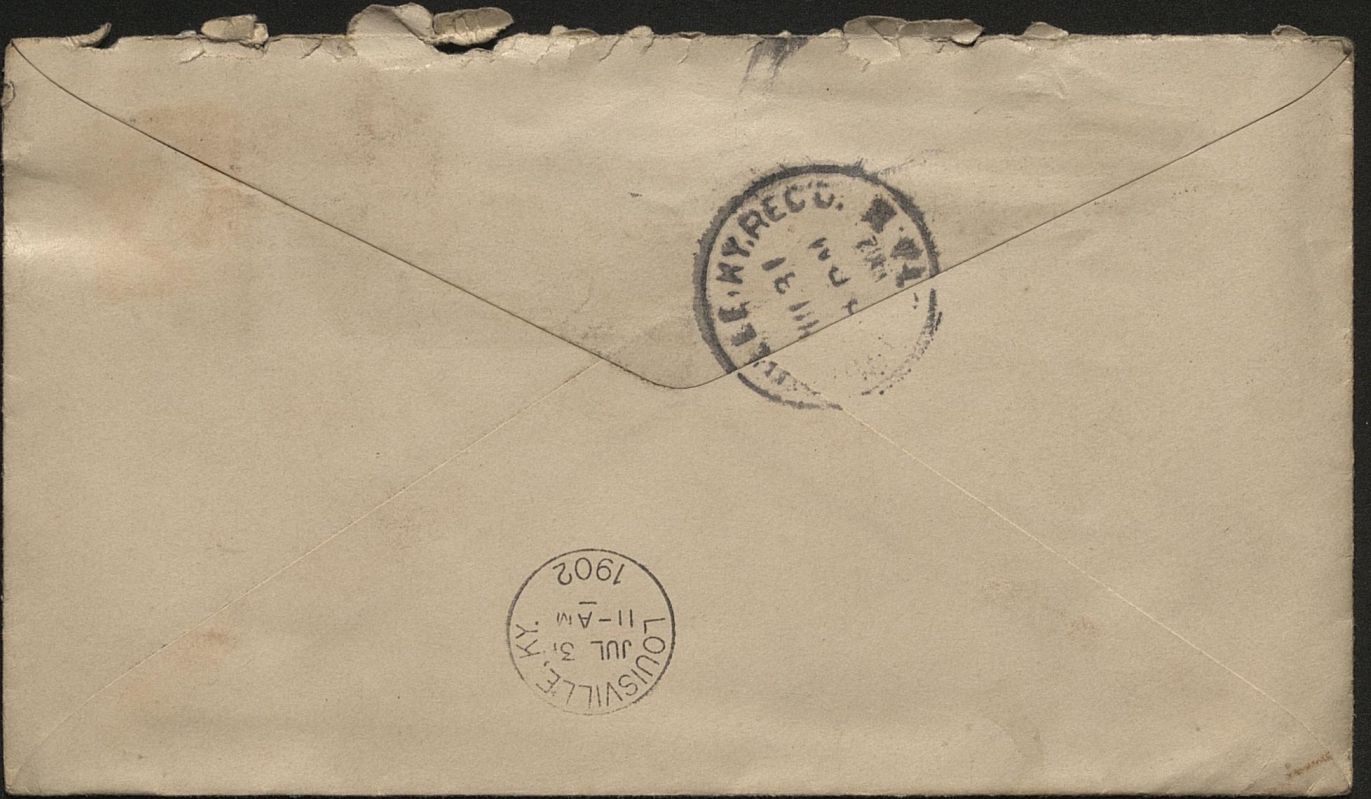
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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.  
T.D. GREEN, PROP.

Wednesday August 1902.

My dear little Harri:

I have not been traveling now for a long time, at least eight hours, so I will keep my promise to you and sling some in K. before I change my mind and start again. The hall is full of pretty girls in ball room costume and the strains of a waltz are just dying away. The roar of the surf is regaining its lawful supremacy. We can look down into the ball room and its merry occupants, and I'll have to admit that for to-night and three more this week I should like to possess the accomplishment. But then I would not be writing to



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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.  
T.D. GREEN, PROP.

you. It is now morning and I have seen a hundred things met lots of people, and heard of lots more. There are not many pretty girls here now. Only a very few.

I really did long for you yesterday. The surf was glorious, beyond description. This morning we are having a storm the wind is high and the waves white capped. I have seen more people bathing this time than ever before but I'm afraid not many will return in to-day. I know you would enjoy surf bathing



(3)



VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.  
T.D. GREEN, PROP.

The Parkland Pool looks like a bath tub to me now. The white dashing waves roll in as high as an ordinary ceiling. You jump up, are lost a moment and come through on the other side, and wait for the next.

Will I write you any longer now but will tell you lots when I get home.

Yours fondly

Fillmore

excuse this scrawl.



The Princess Anne,

T. D. GREEN, Prop'r,

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.



Miss Harriet Pettus

2104 - Fourth Ave

Louisville

Ky

(Station E)









from Georgia's house at  
eight o'clock.

Please drop me a  
note if next Thursday  
suits you

Sincerely  
Harri.

Tuesday,

Dear Fillison,

Georgia has  
the car for Thursday  
night and I suppose  
that night will suit  
you as you said any  
night except Saturday.

She said when I  
invited you for her to  
tell you that she cer-  
tainly would be  
charmed to meet you.

They are to start



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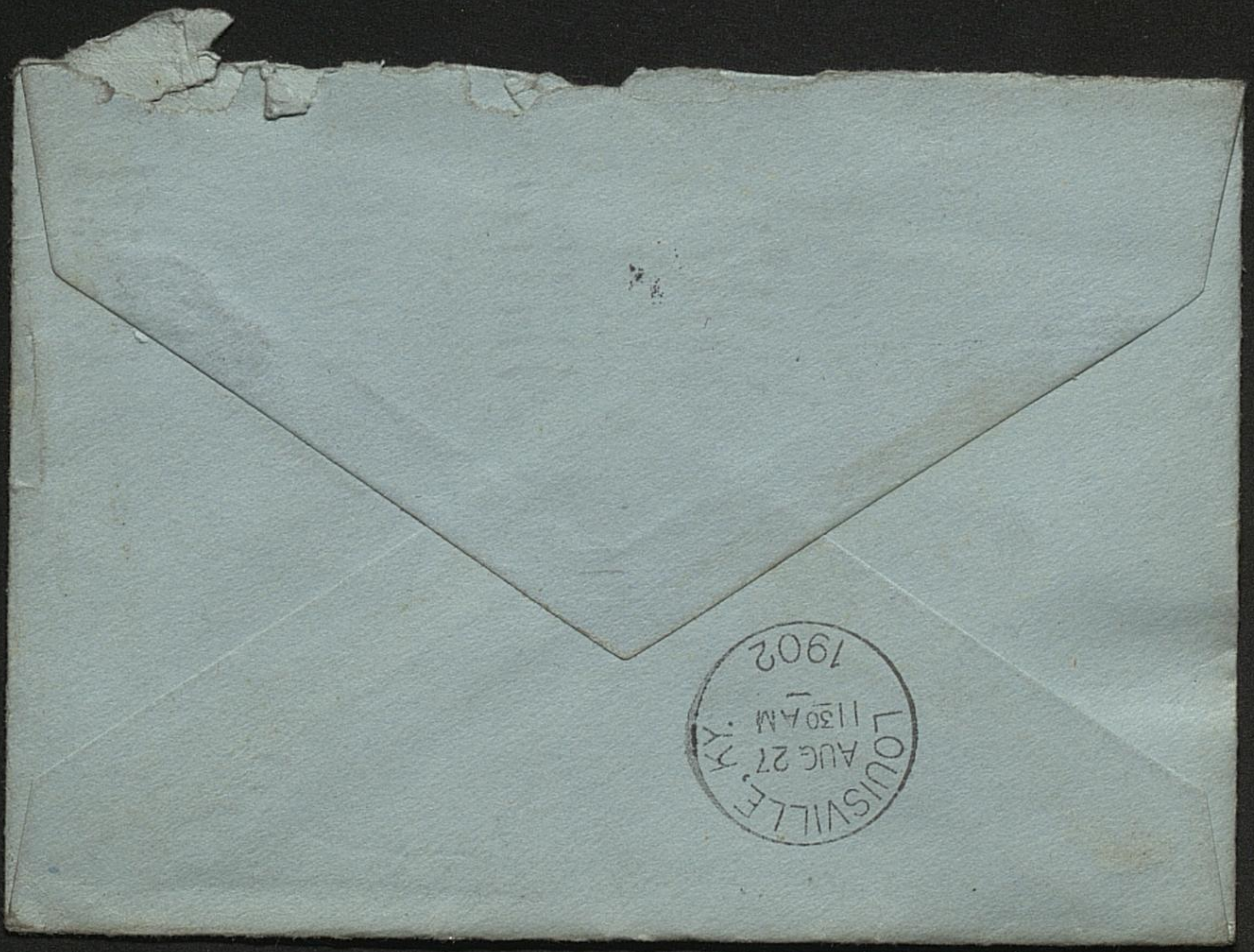


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Louisville

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Ky.







Dear Sam:

I shall  
be charmed to call  
for you at 7:52½ P.M.  
Thursday, August the 28<sup>th</sup>  
1902. This will allow  
us 30 seconds to catch  
the car. Think of it!!  
30 seconds!! That will be  
exciting. More fun than  
a chicken fight!!

Joking aside. I shall  
be on hand with my  
customary promptness

Sincerely

August 27<sup>th</sup>

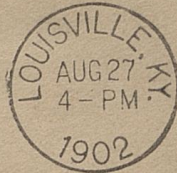
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wish it would stay this  
cool the rest of our trip.  
Wind always blowing up here.  
40° below zero in winter but  
they don't mind it much.  
"Day cold", they say.

We're going to bed early  
to get up 5<sup>30</sup> to morrow  
when the big mountains  
begin.

Write me at San. City.  
Los Angeles.

Yours,  
Father.  
Love to all the folks!!

8<sup>30</sup> pm Thursday  
Canadian Pacific Railway  
EN ROUTE  
8/30/28.

Dear Marian:

We are still riding  
westward. We have been gradually  
climbing a good part of the day.  
2600 feet a little while ago. It really  
cooled as we go further north.  
43° at Moose Jaw last night.

We ate lunch there. Had an  
hour and a quarter to see a  
fifteen minute town.  
Both well and husky. Fuel fire  
wood about gone. Will get  
to Lorne a little before noon  
tomorrow (Friday) our first stop



since leaving home Monday night,  
I've not seen "wound round" in  
Chicago - St Paul - Minneapolis town  
but that was because we are  
on a slow train.

Everything out here tastes of  
wheat. The eggs (wheat-fed-chickens)  
the milk (wheat-fed-cows) - the  
crust (rain falling on wheat fields before  
it gets to the straws) etc.

The moon is full - shining  
me in the face as I write on  
the observation car. The tracks for  
a thousand yards gleam like  
two bands of silver in a pool  
of ink. Now a curve in the track  
throws the moon to the side and  
the silver ribbons are gone.

Very few curves in this track.  
Very little water. Flat land mostly.  
Very few freight trains. 2 to 7 or 8  
big grain elevators every 8 or 10 miles  
Very few farm houses. All farms  
raise wheat and an immense  
No schools - a few churches.



Canadian Pacific Railway  
EN ROUTE



Miss Marian M. Spieck  
PO Box 1564

Mobile Ala

John E. Davis

U.S.A.



6 am

8/31



We start up the real mountain  
from here. Both up & full fine!