

9-2-11

Chicago

My dear Darling Gerlie:-

your letter
and post cards to hand
and were highly appreciated
I dont know what Im going
to do if I dont get rid of
the blues.

Looked through my
photo album this eve and
Im the lonnest chap in
the whole world. since I did.

Why is it we have
to be seperated this way,
its simply driving me
crazy.

Darling you're the
dearest girl in all the

would, I'd give my life
a thousand times for
you.

Please Alene don't
let it bother you about
what Mrs. Albright said.
Be independent and pay
no attention to what any
one says.

You say you would
bite me if in my arms
at this minute - now here
I'll have to call you down
a little there for you know
I'd be squeezing you so
tight that little Alene
couldn't bite.

Bless your heart, I'm so

anxious to see my angel
that I can hardly wait
Cecil will be OK by
time you arrive in Dallas
and says he will see that
you reach me as soon
as the divorce is settled
Gee! but its grand to have
a pal and such a pal as
he.

Wonder if my Sweetheart
has changed her mind
about sending the trunk
direct to Chicago, when
the trunk arrives I'll
feel a thousand per cent
better

Say dearie, you're about as bad as me when it comes to answering questions - its been a long while since you've answered one of mine.

Darling I wish you were here to go boat riding with me tonight - we would be such a cute couple on the boat.

I went to Haymarket Theatre last night to see "Merry Mary" and believe me its some show - a little blonde in it reminded me so much of you

Sweetheart why not send
me those pictures you
had taken in front of
boarding house. Im anxious
to see them.

Darling I'd give anything
if you could see this
city - Its simply beautifull
at night when all the
buildings are light up.

Wonder what my
girlie is doing now Gee!
I'd give the world to be
by her side.

Alone do you ever
stop to think how much
you really mean to Yate

You're the queen of
beauty and happiness
sweet one and if I could
only call you my own
I'd be supremely happy

You're my life darling
girl - I care not to live
without you. Come to me
precious one and let's
live happily in the palace
of love. I promise to
do just as you want
me to, yes I'd do anything
for a girl like you.

Can you picture us both
if we were together at
this glorious moment

Oh! why do we have to
be seperated this way, please
darling come to me let
first divorce or no divorce
if you wive me you cant,
come till later, then you
can gamble on little yates
being sent home a corpse
"I cant stand to be dissapoint-
-ed again" I simply cant
stand it.

Oh! God but I love
you Alene, I surely must
love you too much.

My ~~ambition~~ ambition
is to be a cartoonist so I
can stay home with my

little wife while I work
I think only a few
months training will
make me an a #1 man
as Im already talented
in that line

The Van Soons say Im
capable of holding down
such a position now, but
I dont think so.

Am going to cut
my letter a little short
as its nearly time for
my bath but dont you get
the Rabbit and do the
same thing for I must
have long letters from you

(9)

remember I'm all alone
and you're with your
brother.

Be sure and answer
the questions in my last
four letters.

Be true to me and
remember Yates is simply
wild to see you.

With lots of love and
kisses, I'm

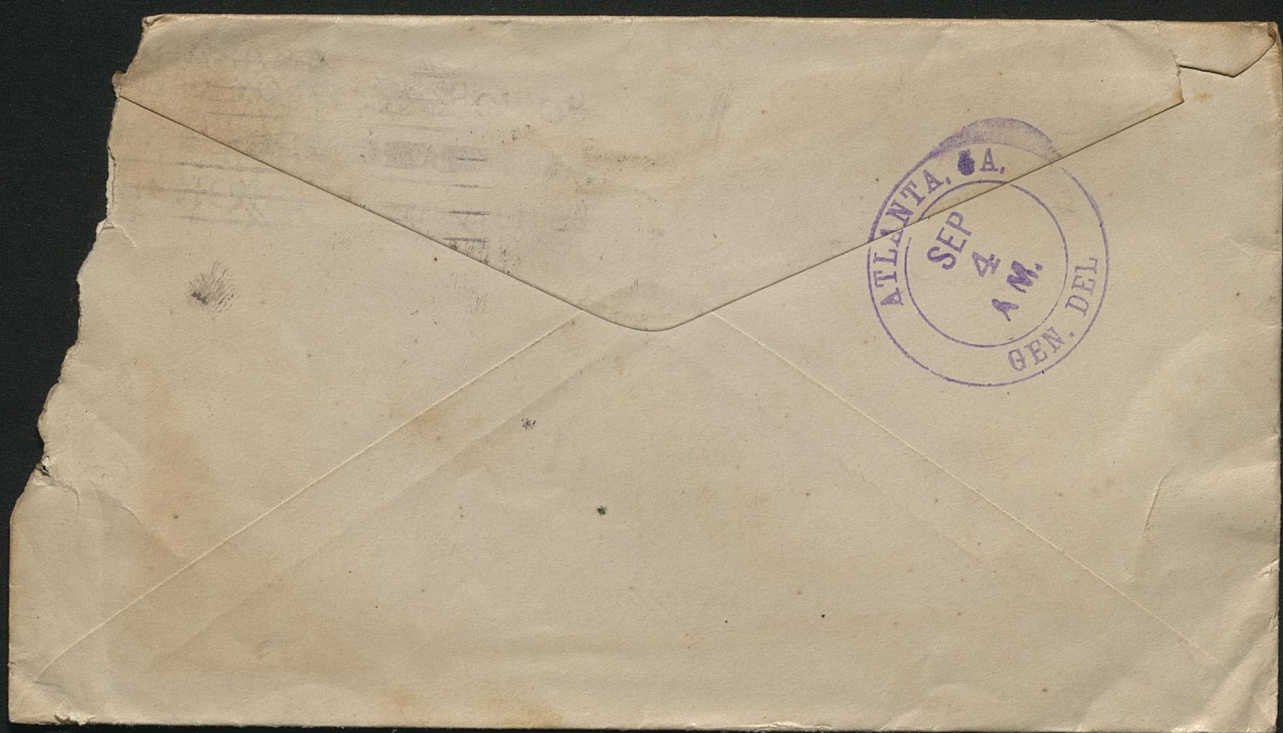
yours till death
J. J. Leapher

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
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2237 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO



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Miss Aline Duster,
c/o Gen Delivery
Atlanta, Ga.



ATLANTA, GA.
SEP 27
AM. GEN. DEL.

Sweetheart - they would it
have found out where
you were had you
taken your little from
him and forwarded
back to him -
I don't know how late
now - I hate to for-
get feel worried
for fear he will
do something -

Love, love Love!
and kisses
all the time

LANA
SEP 2
1130AM
GA.



Mr Gates Jenkins
Chicago
Ill.

2237 W. Monroe St.

9-6-11



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I
Dear Mrs Jenks.

I received your loving letter and was so glad to hear from you. I certainly will be so glad to be your "pal". I bet I will love you so much that it will make Jenks jealous. I can hardly wait till you get here so I can love you. Jenks says that he is too sick to write. Say "Darling" can't you make it sooner than Oct. 1st. My dear I am not through school yet I hope to finish school next June but will see you at noon and 3:30 every day. I want you to come this quick I can't stand such a long stretch at a time make it sooner and surprise me with a big fat letter please and I will try to do the same for you if possible. I hope



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you will like Chicago I.C. We have been trying to tease Jenks about Dallas being a little burg but he won't stand for it. But you bet your boots he won't go back though because Chicago is 1 grand burg, although there are many pickpockets. Jenks is busy making a newspaper. Daddy Van brought home some real newspaper and he is going to it. He got acquainted with a young man that mother knows and this man told him he should come to his office and he would see if he could get him a job. as ~~Cartoonist~~ ^{Cartoonist} this man wants him to be a cartoonist but Jenks refuses, he hasn't got enough confidence in himself to be one.



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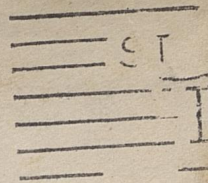
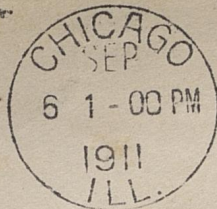
Well as I have nothing else
to back I will close for now
I remain as ever
Dickie Jenkins.

wonder if it will take
4 days for this letter to reach
you — love — yate

I'm trying to
make a little
news paper for
the kids but I'm
too weak I'm
afraid. The people
I was working for
cant hold the
position any
longer so I'm
up against it
again. A friend
of Mrs. Vans has
promised to get
me got as cartoonist
sent you an
important letter

Saturday but as yet (Wednesday) received no answer

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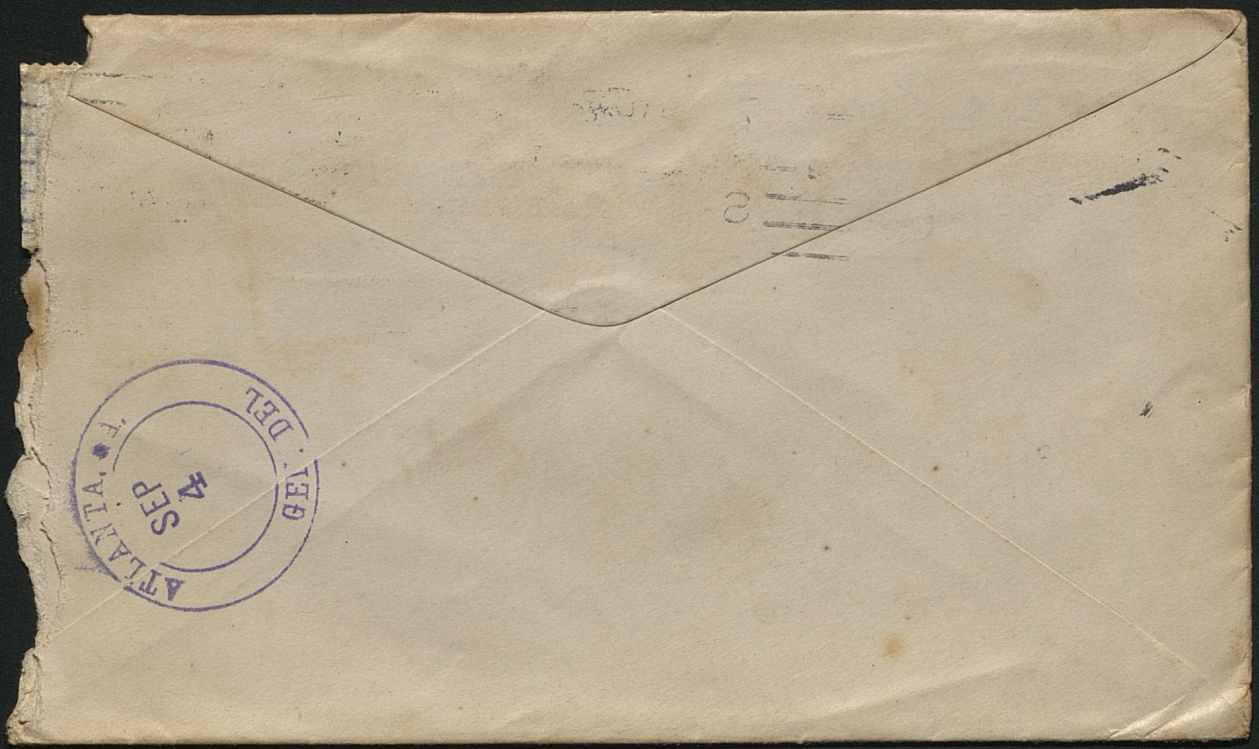
Miss Alevine Surkes
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Atlanta, Ga.



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CHICAGO



Miss. Alene Dukes,
C/o Gen. Delivery,
Atlanta, Ga.



Friday afternoon

9-8-11

hadn't been
sleep
of 2 3 4 5 6

Someone Oh, so lovesome

For whom? Yale's - "my darling boy" -

Sweet heart darling;

Sick, blue and lousome is the condition of Yale's boy this hot best-day. Yes, you so sick can hardly hold my head up to write but believe I'd write you today if I were almost dying. God bless you my blue sick boy at other end. I ain't it green we both are sick at same time. I must be in sympathy with my loyal that end - goodness, but I want you and more so today than ever did - Seems when we are sick we want each other more don't we dearest? I went to bed after writing you last night feel terrible - I kept it from you but feel so sick today just can't keep it from my darling I got up went to breakfast - then got an ear and went down for my letter so afraid I'd be disappointed as yesterday - but

I was greatly rewarded by going as bad as I
felt. For I got one small-letter with message
on back of Sammie's and Dickie's were
parcastic and catty. Remind (as you say)
I'll get you yet for it - You can't make me
mad with you but you can "sure get"
hurt your rag doll's feelings. Yes! But
Bless your heart - just the same - you
love me I believe and wouldn't have
done so had you thought "des" once more
before you met as you did. Now sweet heart
I guess I'll have to come up there" and
explain to my boy why your important
letter of Saturday was four days getting to
me - mailed Sat. from Chicago. Reached
Atlanta Sunday night or Monday morning -
Labor Day - P.O. closed all day Monday.
I got it from P.O. Tuesday - If you don't
believe that why you need it
I mean that - Sorry, as fully sorry

I failed to get Monday's money card with
 you Wednesday night or Thursday morning
 Hope it finally reached you in time.
 Look for me to send you \$5.00 more any
 time and don't you dare to return
 it - Boy, do you realize what you
 are to this little girl - you are my
 life my very soul! and I would
starve for years anytime if I had
 too - God ^{only} knows how much I do
 love you, adore & worship you -
 Oh, I am so sick, please come kiss
 me, and rest my head - Never will I
 get so sick for my dear to get
 me and kiss me - you could make
 me well in a minute I do believe
 I don't feel unhappy for 'tis nothing' cept
 a billions attack - I'll be O.K. soon
 you know I'm a healthy girlie - I
never get so bad if and if I was

You - you would be wired for at once
 if I had to have my washer woman
 send message Bah ha! But - I'm not
 going to ever get that sick away from
 my darling husband (soon to be) if God
 be willing - I'm so worried about your
 cold - I thought surely you were well by
 now and Sammie and Dickie were
 like you a very sick boy and scared
 are silly - Please hurry and get well
 and listen, do take up the cartoonist
 position if it only helps you a little
 bit and work yourself up up up!
 I know you will make good at
 that so please follow that line at
once - go right down to that office and
 hand around doing odd jobs for
 them then begin work when they
 find out what you can do - Please
 do this for your better wife whom you

have got to soon ^{d-} begin supporting -
the entire life just on love will have
to make \$ 2,00 a week any way.
I'm going to work second week in
there no matter what kick you
make against it - I will help - I
must help until we are up in
life making enough to live good -
I don't even want you to be rich -
never! but just make a good honest
living to support wife and child
some day enough to feed and
clothe and shelter them O.K.
Just comfortable - will be happy
I'll enjoy working and helping you
along. Please write your little
sweet heart - you are working down
at that cartoonist place - Please
even if you have to work for nothing a
week - tell them you are willing too.

Remember I will be coming over
 and it would kill me to think you
 had been up there two months with
~~nothing~~ out finding some kind of
 good honest work - you want too
 much for you work precise - and
 why not begin down and work up -
 when you will know it won't take
 my bright smart boy to work up
 you must set to work now darling
 you've played long enough - not scolding
 only telling you what's best for our
 future well fare - I know! Oh how
 I long to be there with you now to be
 your helping you, the grandest sweetest
 est boy in all the world - Little
 Sally loves you and is going to marry
 you next month making you the
 happiest man alive - you know
 I told you about the "Beattie murder

which happened in Richmond Virginia
well the jury found him guilty
this evening at 6 o'clock - Atlanta
had out two extra's about trial today
he murdered his poor little wife
for a fast ^{bad} character - they say don't
it terrible though? Am so sorry to
learn Cecil won't be able to go about
next month while Jim in Dallas -
well don't feel mean about me
for I can get it all by my
lonesome - I'll be right there
with Allen on the spot - wait
we be the "I" happiest people
alive when I do arrive on that
spot next month and will marry
Yale to live with him forever
until the end of time -
God bless you and take best
care of you so far away from
me today -

8-

I didn't go to lunch - Big brother came
for me and found me in the
bed "crying" of course but he didn't
know I was crying for years - I felt
so badly when I got home from S. O. this
a. m. - I undressed and went back
to bed - I have had cold clothes on my
head all afternoon to kill some of the
fever I have got - Brother, was so worried
about me - He hated to go to lunch with
me, he went to near by drug store
and bought me two late magazine
and a lemonade fixed up so pretty
I thank it to please him and took
a dose of medicine Mrs Camp gave
me - Lady here where we have our
room - Brother's roommate is related
to her - I must stop while and say
darn - Bye, for while please.
"Later on"

9-
I still feel awful. I took a little nap but
it didn't help my sick feeling. I'm so
billion - Atlanta is full of typhoid
fever but I don't bel- that scare me
I have too much to live for to die
yet. I have goals to live for and
make happy which will make
me the happiest wife existing
living so. I certainly did appreciate
the "van" girls letters tell them I'll
answer soon and for them to
take good care of my hobby
until I can get there - Oh how I
want want want you today
here by my side to soothe me
to rest - I'm so sick and so
blue for goals - and with all
frightened to death nearly
about - my legs had

cold - Do get well quicker or I'll
have ten fits at once Yah ha!

Never to sick to laugh a bit

am I dear? When have you heard
from home and what's doing in

Dallas? Tell me everything - Did

you get the Kodak pictures? and
how were they - you never mentioned

getting them - Sweet-heart, Every

day is dark without you - the sun -
light like your smile seems far
away - oft in dreams my arms

I clasp about you - the I live

again those bygone days & when

Yates gave his heart to me for
her and whispered, "come
what may you'd still be true" -

(11)
Dreams can never bring the sunshine
Like just one smile from Yale's
Deep within my heart I worship you
Each night and day I gaze upon
Your picture - I often wonder if your
Love is still true - Fate may keep
You from my side forever (No
god would never be that cruel to
us would he dash?) Still memory
Like my love will constant be
Even waiting for the sunshine
That just one smile of Yale's
would bring to me - without
Yale's, the world don't seem
the same - The love light seems
to fade and my dreams are
all in vain of my longing to today
Dear to see and be with my angel boy
again without you, the world don't seem
the same -

13-

You say, when you are gazing
at my picture, "She's coming to
marry me soon now". Some day
"real soon" too dear heart, from your
side I'll never part, years may come
and years may go, "But little Sally's
love will farther grow". Some day
soon when these last weeks have
passed away. I'll come up to you
any day. — "My life, my all
is yours yours for aye!
Some day real soon dear
darling boy — I wonder if you
miss me, just as much as I miss
you, I wonder if you cherish still
the love that we once knew — I wonder
if your heart is just as true, I
wonder if you miss me as I miss
you —

(12-)

Little's yales, Give your smiles to the
dear little "van" girls but - keep your ^{heart} ^{for} ^{me}
for me. Sweet heart - you know
I love you so, and dream of days
to be - when first my eyes met
yours - I knew that you were meant
for little Alma - Give your smiles
to the little "van girls" but - keep your
heart for me -

Now, I often wonder if you're thinking
of me - and love me still as in
the days gone by - Do you know
your sweet smile haunts me
everywhere I go - and in the very
corners of my room, and most
of all on my dresser and in
my trunk tray but - under my
pillow at present - I seem to hear

14-

Oh how I long for a "soul kiss" -
your kisses are divine to your
holy wife - I'm so blue today
I'm so restless - I must be
more patient - Write me every
day and longer letters if you
feel better - Do take up work I've
begged and pleaded so for you
do take up - work - your devoted
for your little girl's sake as
well as your own - Bye Bye
Darling until tomorrow when I
hope to be feeling lots better
I will now take a cold water
bath to see if that will reduce
my fever any - and then
try to dress and go to dinner

with brother ^{15. of 2x15 = 30 pages of this by paper} tonight for I would
 scare him silly to come home
 and find me still in bed -
 he'd send for a doctor at once
 and I would ever see to that -
 eh?? Love me always and
 be true to me - with a heart
 full of love, hugs and kisses
 From -
 your blue loving sick
 little baby wife -
 Alice

I don't want to dress
 under one bit "with a stamp"
 my foot "tigger!" Hah ha!
 I don't want to - I know
 my boy gets up feeling
 have me get up feeling
 as I do, would you
 you precious
 "more love &
 kisses"
 from
 your
 sick
 baby
 girl!

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1230 PM
1911



Mr Yates Jenkins
Chicago
Ill.

2237 W. Montrose St.

Love to all the
vars - and he says
for "my genies"

from
little wife

9-9-11

Saturday Morning -

10-30-

My own darling:

Had to be disappointed after getting up, dressing, and going to town just for my letter. You know my feelings sick blue and lonesome and, disa- pointed - now! I am scared to death about myself. Dache all over from my head down. But don't you worry about me for I'll soon be O.K. Just a bilious attack I have, real often. Oh, but how I want you just you and no one else near me - I believe you could soon have me feeling myself again. Please don't feel uneasy about your baby sweet heart. You have enough to worry about without worrying over ^{little old} me - Oh, how I want to be up there with you - will October never come. I wish Judge would hurry and write me when to come for I want it all over with so

I can fly to my boy Walter in his
bear loving arms forever and ever -
to marry him and try hard to make
him a perfect little wife in every way.
So sorry you had to get so angry with your
little girl for not getting money off to you
until Tuesday. I sent you \$2.00 more and
afraid you'd need it - wish Anne had wired
the \$1.00 to you on Tuesday instead of sending in
letter but thought it safer after I saw it
wire it to you Monday. Are you feeling
better precious? I sincerely hope you
are too. Don't worry so about you. Do
wonder how you are by now and if you are
working - God bless and protect my boy
so far away. Whom God is going to guide
me too real soon to never leave him.
Never! I can't let you out of my sight
& don't believe when I reach Chicago.
I'm insane nearly - I want to see you
who had. Be a good sweet boy and
don't forget your little sick girlie who

think of you all the time and long
so for you. will be coming to you
'ere long - do you better be out and
hurry and get to work darling - with
all my love hugs and kisses - I couldnt
squeeze you very tight darling today for I'm
too weak but Oh, you kisses - Bless
your dear heart how I love love love
you my own true sweet darling
boy soon to be my own dear husband
(until death) I am

"Jules own little"
"My sweet-heart"

Extra -

Just more love hugs and
kisses for Jules from
his little sick very dull
who worships you
God bless you!

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