

Chicago Ill.
Oct. 2-1911

My True Darling Sweetheart:-

your sweet letter
to hand and I was overjoyed at hearing
from you - the picture you enclosed me
was the cutest youve ever had made and
I went wild over it, ^{immediately} gee! but its a wonder
some-one dont kidnapp you, I wont
send you one of myself as I want to
see if you'll know me - Ive changed so
much that I hardly think you would.

Be patient darling one and dont ask
me to write again, for Im so anxious to
get news that you're bound for Chicago and
am afraid if I write much more you'll
soon tire of the same old letters and
change your mind about coming. Please
Sweetheart dont put your boy off another
day for I simply cant stand it.
Remember, no excuses go. (over)

Say you should see a song I wrote
about Texas - that is, I wrote the words
and Frank put the music to it.

I'm just wild to see you and those
dreamy eyes of blue - goodness I'd give
my right arm to see you tonight.

I'm so blue and lonesome, I hardly
know what to do. Please Please Please
come to me before the 20th - I can't
promise whether I'll hold out that long
or not.

Yes we'll leave the Van's and live
in a flat alone if you come

God bless and protect you as
my prayer. Love, kisses, hugs, galore

Yours forever, I'll never love another

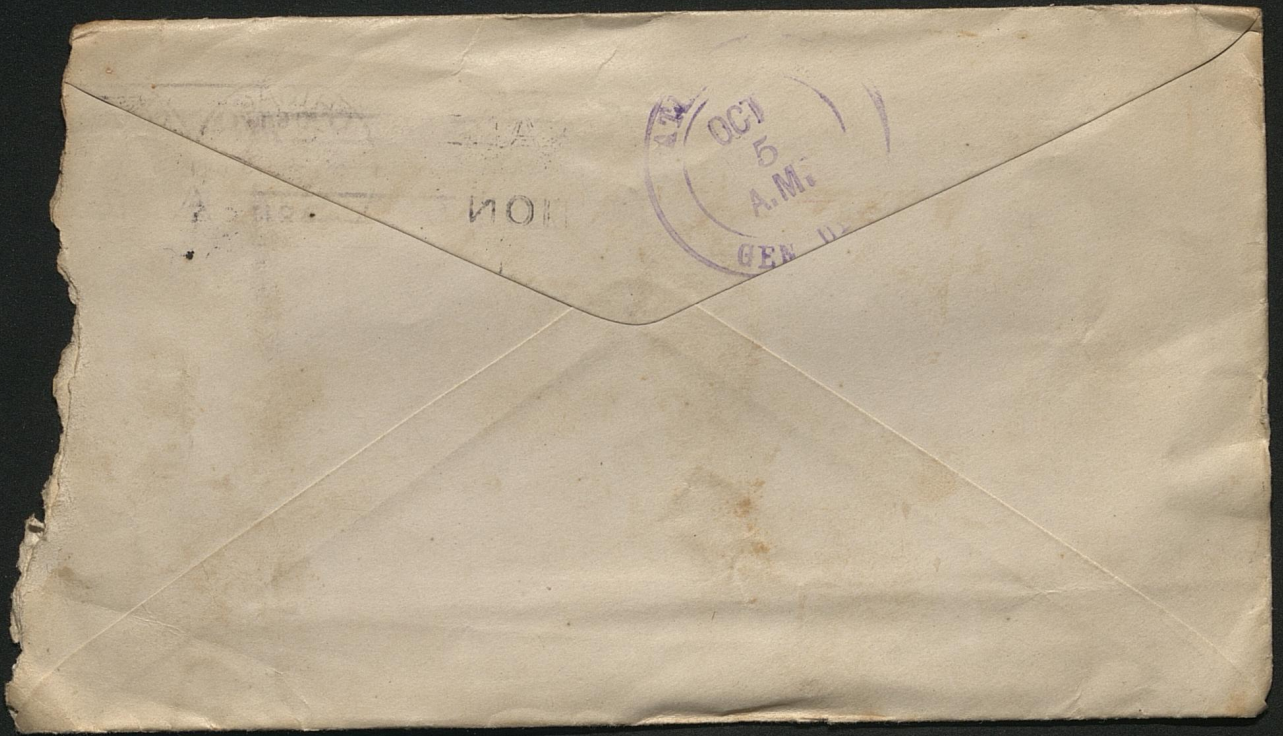
J. J. [Signature]

Excuse writing please — a cold again

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
H. E. VAN LOON
2237 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO



Mrs. Alene Dukes
c/o General Del.,
Atlanta, Ga.



Chicago Ill
Oct 5-1911

My true Darling Sweetheart:—

Today and yesterday I only received post cards from you - whats the matter you dont write me letters?

Received another letter from pappa today trying to get me to come home but you need have no fear for Ill be here till Oct. 20th, then if a certain party hasnt arrived, Im likely to go home without knowing anything about it.

Yes darling Ive waited long enough, so if you havent reached me by the 20th, Ill give up regardless of the excuses you might offer - This little affair has been serious with me all along and Im pretty sure it has.

been with you also, however I won't
be positive till about 15 days from
now.

God knows I love you Alice and
will never love another, so please reach
me by the 20th.

I try hard to get Cecil to come and join
me for I'm so lonesome I hardly know
what to do with myself. This is my tenth
week in Chicago and I haven't seen
half the sights either.

Yes! but I wish you were here
with me, I'd be so happy if I could
only call you my own. This is the
first time I've really known the meaning
of love's fame. and believe me it's a

grand grand thing - Bless your little heart. I'm so proud to know that I'm engaged to such a darling as you.

You've been so sweet to me and I want you to know I've appreciated it every bit. There was never a girl in existence that could half compare with little Aileen.

Remember to keep your promise and don't put me off even one day longer and I'll swear I'll treat you like a queen.

Be a good girlie, write me often and with love hugs and kisses, I am

Yours till death

J. J. Jenkins

Excuse him writing

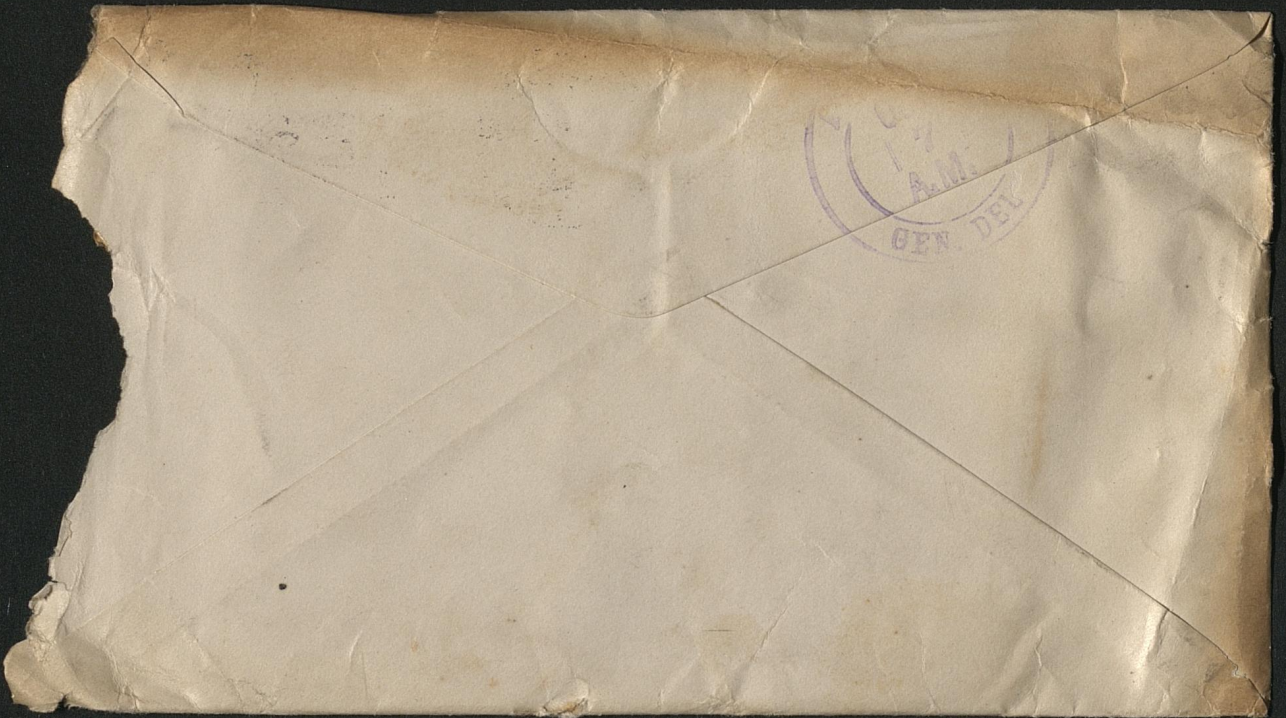
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CHICAGO



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Mrs. Annie Tucker,
C/o Gen. Del.,
Atlanta, Ga



Atlanta Ga.

10-7-11

Saturday -

Dearest, there is no end to how blue I am today and how hurt I am over your letter received today. - Have received only two lately and both scolding and telling me what you intended doing. I don't believe you are working or you would it with as you have in last two letters - and "cool" in them well I guess, yes

Sorry you are feeling as you are toward me - wish I could get an answer to this but can't so will go ahead and see how things turn out. - I'm going to Dallas, get my divorce case to Chicago with hopes of finding you at depot to meet me as Alvin Fletcher has marry you and if you are not.

still in Chicago, why, I'll remain
here anyway and work - I won't
come back here or to Dallas and
I hope you will be happy here after
but hope you'll never forget another
little girl. So you really mean it

when you say if you don't
arrive by the 20th I'll leave for
Dallas on that day - I don't think
you mean it you're, surely you don't
you quit you know you are not
going to let me come away up
there to marry you and you
run off like that - But-better dear,
if you feel you don't love me and
think that is good way to get out
of marrying alone why do you
let me remember, "No girl or anyone will

even love you as I do. I know
there's no love like mine for you
even if you return to Dallas
"I will always love you, yalés"
but never will marry you even
if you wanted to again - I won't
kill myself but will do next
thing to it "join the circus" as I

often said I would if I was
killed this way by you - I
wouldn't care if I died but I
wouldn't kill myself as I think
that is sinful. No, you don't
intend doing me that way
I know - I'm going to try hard
to reach you before Nov the 20th
and if I'm a few days late

you want be there, eh? alright you'll
be sorry just to late for never
would I ever marry you then -
But if you want to go back to
Dallas, you do it - Don't let me
be the cause of you staying away
if you do wish to return
I'm coming to Chicago just the
same and will stay but you'll
be waiting there for your
little baby wife who wishes you
and is coming away up to
Chicago to marry you, yes!
Some how I can't believe your
last letter - Surely you didn't
mean all as to the you said about leaving
I'll leave it to you

mean it and you will answer
my lost telegram by being down
at depot in Chicago to meet
your little rag doll who
loves you enough to wait you
for her husband and Oh, what
a dear sweet-see you are going
to make - and I am
going to try my very
"bestest" to make you a
perfect little wife in every
way - believe me there
and believe me when
I honestly swear I'll come straight to
you from Dallas as soon as I am
free - will write you again

gim coming and if you still
love me and still love me
enough to make me your ^{little}
wife for life time, you have my
consent and I'll be right
here as soon as train will bring
me after divorce - So sorry you
dont love me as much as you
used to - please wait and
find out for sure before you
give me up - for if you leave
Chicago, I'll no longer consent to
be Mrs J. J. Gehring - Better
thats we can get off tomorrow
night - wish we could have
gone tonight - will write
you on way also as soon as

I read Dallas. How I
wish I could leave here for
Chicago - or my little town in
"Ill." but not back this way -
my case will be heard the 16th one
week from Monday - I will break
a lee line for Chicago - soon as
it is over and try hard to reach
there before the 20th - Don't
write me in Dallas - I'll write
to sweet-heart - Darling boy
you would take back about
leaving if I didn't arrive by 20th
if you could write me and
letter - I am going to make
myself believe you didn't

~~Remember~~ before leaving -
Bye bye precious, with a heart
full of love and kisses galore
for my own "darling" boy -
from his

one little baby wife

Alma

Oh how blue I am for you

for today - want to see

you so so bad -

Made love and kisses.

from
little Sally

ATLANTA
OCT 9
1030AM
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1911



Mr J. Y. Perkins

Chicago
Ill.

2237 W. Monroe St.

Hobart Ind. Oct 12th. 1911.

Mrs Jinkins, Dallas Tex.

Dear Madame,

I hardly know how to
write you this letter but
first will say that a
lot of other good prompts me
to do so. I have been to
Chicago to visit my
sister & there I met your
son J. G. Jinkins
sipping with my other
& he clear Boy but hard
lines, he has no work,
has poured some of his
things, had his cash
lifted at the airship
meet Mrs Van Loon told

I beg to remain
and ask you
Mother
god bless the Mother
Mrs. Johanna
Paragon
Robert Grant.

box 64

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him ^{to} hide it somewhere
as he did not know
Chicago or ways but he
he had faith in himself
Mr. Pinkins I have two
sords therefore I write
you or mother to mother
whose love never fails
Mr. Van Loan thinks if
his father could come
to take him home it
might save him he
said to one of the other
roomers it would end
all by turning on gas
he seems such a

Mother Boy³ last
Sunday evening he
he looked so homesick
& lonely he expects a
Lady to meet him in
the City Oct 20th her
name is Olive so
Mr Vanloon said she
gave me the address
to you I told her I
would write you as
she asked me too I
am no black mailer
so I inclose part of a
letter to prove me
true to duty do to others
or you would be done by
hoping you may soon
embrace your Babgboy

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a comfortable & happy one
And I must remind
you that, Behind the
Cloud is the Sun -
still shining & I too -
hope that our Thanks giving
you may be able to - find
Mrs Higgo of the Cabbage
Patch in recounting your
many blessings & Have
you read this little
book if not I hope
you may be able to -
find it in our Hobart
library It is by Alice
Hegan Rice and is
a beautiful story of
the good one may do

Of in your busy life
you find time to write
Mrs Copel and again
I will promise a more
speedy reply. She
woud if she could
see every familiar face
in Hobart and will want
to be remembered with
much love to all those
who remember her

Very sincerely

(Mrs) A M White
634 Live Oak St
Dallas Texas

Mr
Van Loan
2237 N. Monro

Mrs Jenkins

2237

Mrs Jenkins
1827 Richardson ave
Dallas
Tex.

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Chicago Ill
Oct 16-11

Dear Darling Sweetheart:—

Suppose
you have already learned
of the move I'm about
to make but I doubt very
much if you realize that
I'm forced to do this.

Darling it breaks
my heart to know I'm
doing something that
will cause the only one
I've ever loved to cast

me aside forever — oh!
Aemie why didnt you
come to me on the
first as promised?
Just think if you had
Gates would have been
the happiest chap in
the world today and I
believe I could have made
you happy too.

Can it possibly be
true that you will never
love me again just
because Im forced to
return home

Please Almie be a little more considerate and give me the chance to win you once more You know I love you better than my own life and tried hard to prove it.

This is without a doubt the saddest moment of my life - I dont want to go home but I cant make good here - Oh! whats the use, thats the way I feel.

I'm so afraid some-
one is ill and they
wouldnt tell me — the
wire read "Have wired
you 35 today — Come
home at once — Business-
answer quiet, my expense"

Gee! but I'm the
unluckiest person in all
the world.

I can hardly keep
from crying when I
think of what you told
me about returning —
Chances are this will

be the last letter you'll
allow me to write little
Aemie "The sweetest girl
alive" Oh! God if they
had only waited a week
longer.

Darling you will please
not ask me to return
or destroy your letters for
I'm afraid I couldn't grant
your wish - I want to
keep them and your
sweet pictures to love
always for I shall
never love another girl

It's true you say you love me as much as I love you but I simply can't see it that way when you allow such a small thing as this to interfere. Darling you seem to forget that a person can't live on love always and that's what we would have had to do in order to stay in Chicago — why honest they don't pay enough salary for even one to

live decently on — It's a fine place to have a good time in but that soon gets stale. However don't let this discourage you if you've intended coming up to have a look, for you'll like it the first month and believe me you'll see a real gay city. At present I'm working at the Olympic theatre now playing "The Fortune Hunter" and by the way the

leading lady reminds
me so much of you
I sure wish you could
see her but please darling
dont you ever go on
the stage for its an
awfull awfull life and
you are too sweet a girl
for such - Its alright
for some people but when
you are use to the
other thing - why - its
imbearable - and the
groud you have to
me - Oh! please dont

ever do it, Almie.

Of course that will be none of my business after I return home but I'll always love you just the same.

Oh! if I could only see you this moment - I believe I could make you realize how much you mean to me - I can't see how I'm going to stand it just to think I came all the way to

Chicago - over one thousand miles from home, gave up everything and waited 76 days for my darling and now just because I'm forced to return home she says she'll never care for me again - Sweetheart why can't you marry me just the same - we can keep everything quiet and when I've saved enough money I'd be willing to go anywhere you should suggest.

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I had quite a bit of hard luck while in Chicago but was willing to stand anything for you and had they not wire me I'd never left.

You were mighty sweet about helping me out and I want you to know I appreciate it - have no fear about getting it back for I shall return every penny as soon as I'm able.

Bless your heart

there was never a girl
in existence who's
disposition could compare
with yours — By the
way you changed me
greatly in disposition
and again I want to
thank you for your
kindness. Gee! but you're
the grandest little girl
alive.

Darling if you leave
Dallas before I arrive
which will be about Oct.
twenty first. I want to

ask if you wout leave
the Loony News with
Ceil or some one as I
must return it to Dickie
and Sammie - The other
little papers, you may
keep them to Kinder
remember me by - if you
dout care to remember
me then burn them up

Oh! Alvie please
please dont give me up
I simply cant live
without you - You mean
everything to me, cant

you realize it.

I'm going to pray
strong that God might
let us be together.

Your little mottoes
do so much good just
now, wonder if you
remember what they
are.

I suppose I've written
a little more than you
care to read now, so
will begin the closing
act.

Darling I'd be very

glad if you'd remain in
Dallas till I come, as
I'd like to have a
little talk with you
before you leave, to never
return again

Think everything over
and see if you cant
make me happy anyway

Be a good girl and
may God protect you will
always be my prayer

With love and kisses
I beg to remain
yours till death
Gates Jenkins

Alma:-

If you give me up
it will break my
heart and I'll swear
I'll never marry—
yates

2237 W. Monroe
49 St.

wait even five
minutes.

You will please
send all wires
(not letters) to the
Famous Con. Madison
and Halstead streets.
as I shall expect
you to keep me
posted as to how
everything is progressing

VAN LOON
MONROE STREET
CHICAGO

CHICAGO
OCT 18
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Mrs. A. F. Sikes,
90 Gen. Del.,
Dallas, Tex.

