

and I must close now
with lots of love and
many prayers - from
Your devoted Mother
Frances G. Broadnax

P.S. Your father is
trying to pack your
gun and will send it
to you in a few days
and also another package
Mother

January 15. 1905.
135 Remond Street
Brooklyn

My dear Sonny -

It is almost church
time and the bells are
ringing but I am going
to drop you a line to tell
you how our thoughts have
been with you waking
and our dreams - sleeping
and how we hope you
have recovered from the
snippe and how we
hope you will try to

from the conversation and calculating.
Your father's trouble with the
car makes him absent from
the cold windy air - but to-night
we are going to Holy Trinity which
is only a step or two - from here -
Grace has not written of late
since she returned but I suppose
she is very busy - preparing for
her exams - etc -
My love to your mother -

be careful and dress
warmly and keep your
feet dry above all
things -

We are having very
cold windy weather to
day but dry - neither snow
nor rain - for which we
are devoutly thankful
I went to church alone
this morning and heard
Mr. Humphreys or Peter's
fearless and courageous
spirit - and how much
more such people accomplish

BROOKLYN, N. Y.
JAN 15
11:30 PM.
1905



Mr Geo E Woodruff
933 Second Street
Louisville
Kentucky
Cof
Miss Clark

LOUISVILLE KY
JAN 17
3:30 AM

Marion H. Wood
H. K. Wood
Frank

135 Remsen St

BRlyn N.Y. Jan 13, '05-

My dearest son, your letter was
a cause of grief to us, although
you made light of your trouble,
we cannot reconcile ourselves to
the thought that our boy should
be ill and away from us. We have
always been close enough to you
to come if you should need our
presence until now and of course
should you need us we could
come now. Of course I do not
expect you to remain always
well and free from illness

but we hope that you may
escape the serious ills of life.
I know that the Grippe or
Colds are not to be avoided
for ever. This Winter during a
wet cold spell. I developed
a slight catarrh which attacked
my Rt-middle ear, which had
never suffered before and it
has taken all the fun out of
the Winter. I could not tell
how it occurred at all. Your
Grip. probably came from
your changing your sweetie
as you told us, but you could

have prevented it or have foreseen it. The best I can say is that you must keep yourself in as good condition as possible, using ordinary care in dress, and after exercise dry off and cool gradually and look out for your appetite. Feed well. If you get off your feet a day or two, then I think a couple of quinine pills will do good taken for several days in succession. I think quinine is the great thing in L. You know you have had malaria for years. I regard

all your attacks of fevers
which occurred nearly every
Spring at Hamilton and also
at other places as due to Malaria.
I suffered from it when I was
living in L. for many years. I
began to have attacks of chills
and fever when I was 10 years
old, and I had attacks nearly
every year for many years.

So pay a good deal of attention
to your health. Talk it over to
Dr Hoehler and ~~see~~ hear what
he says. I think the tonic pills
I sent you are very good but
of course you need not take
them constantly. Take them for

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two or three weeks and intermit
for several weeks. Drink
pure water by all means.

In my day there was very little
lyphoid but nowadays I hear
there is very much.

You must write us soon if
only a line to say you are
getting along O.K.

Mother is going out this
P.M. and we are just going
down to lunch.

Mother joins me in sending best
love and our prayers for your health
and happiness. Your loving father
Esra Hordcraft



Mr George E. Hoodruff
933 2nd St.

Louisville
Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, KY.
JAN 14
8³⁰PM.
1905

135 Remsen St
Brooklyn NY.
Jan 10 1905.

My dearest son, the new year is progressing, all too fast for me, but I suppose youth can keep up and march ahead of the times. Our Ther is about 32° and the snow most all gone. There has not been so much skating as there was last year but more snow. We are quietly trying to enjoy life but are

thinking more and more of our
Southern hegira. What we
should like would be a
week or two at Washington
and then several weeks at
Saint Augustine. In all my
service I never had a South
Eastern station and we have
always desired to see St. August.
There is a military station there
and I might possibly meet
some one I knew. At any
rate we would be away from
this dreadful Winter climate.

You may have had some cold
weather in L. I know it can

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be awfully cold, but not every
winter and not for long
spells.

I suppose you are nearly
through your bookkeeping work
at night. Bend all your energies
to mastering the Key note of
trial balances, and to correctives
in detail. I know by this time
you must be quite a clever
accountant, for work will
tell and with your training
you should succeed. If you
need any special books on
commerce, let me know and

and I will send them to
you. Keep after Gracie
until she sends you the
Chem, or let me know
what book you want. Chem
is undergoing a revolution you
know, but still facts are facts -
and you Chem is all right.

Mother has gone out to the
dressmaker and I am writing
you this little note just to let
you know we are thinking of you
and praying for your health and
happiness. Aunt Hattie wrote to Mother
~~yesterday~~ about Cairns recovery and we
are all extremely glad.

Old Gen Grierson who made
a famous raid and ride in the

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Civil war. through Mississippi
was afterward Col of the 10th Cav
when we served in Texas. He used
to be on expeditions after
the Apaches in Northwestern
Texas and Arizona, and had to
ride pretty hard chasing old
Victoria & Geronimo & other friends
But when he was through the
work and was driving back to
Fort Concho hundreds of miles
over the dry sandy plains of Texas
in an ambulance with four smart
mules, he could not go fast enough.
and he was constantly admonishing
his driver, Let em go! let em go! tails
over the dashboard. I suppose
he thought that then, the mules

would be doing their best

Now you are harnessed to the
golden chariot of opportunity
and you must keep the
traces tight and get over the
road in good shape, - face to
the front and eyes everywhere,

until you arrive at the goal
May our Heavenly Father have
you in his keeping and give
you grace and wisdom.

With mother's love and mine
I am your loving father.

Ezra Woodruff

BROOKLYN, N. Y.
JAN 10
3:30 PM
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Mr George E. Woodruff
933 Second St
Louisville
Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, KY
JAN 1
8 30 PM
1905

things in preventing colds
and sickness - Cold weather
in Louisville is the coldest
and most penetrating of any
places I know of, and you
need be extremely careful
about dry feet and plenty
of warm underwear -

I hope Carrie is better
or entirely well by this time.

Our Father has gone around
to his ear doctor - he has had
trouble with one of his ears and
was so deaf that he concluded
he had better have it treated,

There is no news to write
you but I send quantities of
love and many prayers for your
health & welfare - Your devoted Mother
J. M. Woodruff

January 9, 1905

135 - Remsen Street -

Brooklyn -
N. York

My darling Sonny -

This is Monday
morning but not as
early as it might be -
and I shall write you
a letter to begin the
week - It is the first
bright morning we have
had for many days - so
of course I hope to get
out to-day - Yesterday
we did not attend church
in the morning but in the

time although it has only written us
once since she returned which will
be a week to-morrow - I am your love
had some pretty cold weather in Lincth
12 above zero - we have not had a
much lower temperature here (but the
quantity of snow and the frequency of snow
storms have made it very unpleasant and
we have been house bound more than
usual - I hope you dress warmly and
keep your feet dry - There are the main

evening we went to old
Trinity in Clinton & Montague
street - and heard the
regular minister in the subject
of the Flood in the light
of modern thought and
science - we did not
think much of the sermon
Mr Melish is preaching
a series of sermons on the
old Bible stories in the
light of modern thought -
he began with the Garden
of Eden -
Grace managed to take
cold before she left us - and
I hope she is over it by this



Mr Geo E. Goodruff
933. Second Street
Louisville
Kentucky.

C. of
Miss Clark

here this morning and will
be here for the next two Sundays
He preached a mighty good
sermon this morning - I saw
him afterwards in the Senior
parlor and had a very
good view of him.

Ruth and I went up
in the new Library this morning
just before chapel - we went
way up in the tower - a man
showed us all over - It is a
beautiful building by far the
handsomest on the campus -
There is a great deal of stone.



June 8 - 1905 -

My dearest Brother -

Mother wrote me
that cousin Carrie was ill - I am
so sorry to hear that she is and
I hope she will be better very
soon. You must be careful to
keep well this weather - It is
very dangerous - first it snows
then rains, freezes - snows &
rains again and you don't
know what to wear or what
to expect in the way of the weather.
Mr. Seymour Abbott preached

carving on it - The seals of the colleges
are put all around and other ornate
objects -

I havent been skating since coming
back - the lake havnt been very good.
Frances Dodge said that Marie Stoddard
asked her to furnish some swains & they
would all go to the St. Nicolas rink -
Marie appeared in a white Yale sweater
with a large 'Y' on it and removing
her hat, contrary to all rules of N.Y.
etiquette, commenced to skate. Fanny
said that Marie was engaged to three-
men. Doubtless you are very much interested
in this 'gossip'.

Continue. Haxton sent me a card
Xmas - It was here when I came
back as no mail is ever forwarded during
holidays. I must write and acknowledge
it -

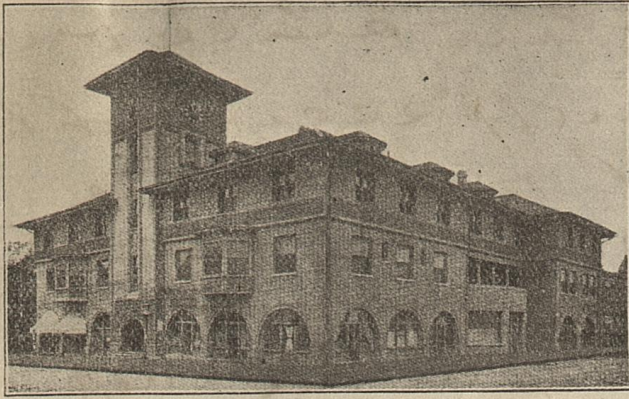
I sent the Chemistry, at last - and
hope you have gotten it by this time -
we have just been studying about carbon.

Your loving sister
Grace.

POUGHKEEPSIE
JAN 9
11 AM
1905
N.Y.



Mr. Geo. Ezra Woodruff
933 Second Street
Louisville
Ky.



[Jan 6, 1905]

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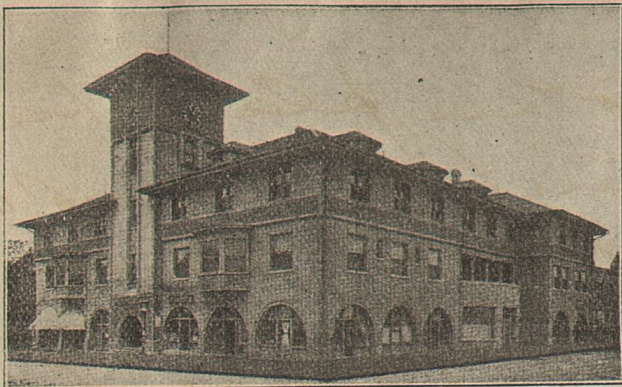
Dear old Woody. Your
last letter just received.
They held it at W. Pullman.
also just got one ~~at~~ from
Pete. His address is now
west Pullman, To Opaque
Shade Cloth Co. If you
were here now it would
be the triumvirate almost
desired. Your Penelope Coff.
similk was good, but its
all off now as my address
shows. Am now making
hickory handles. Used to
spend most every Sun.
with a Cousin in town
who is Pres. of a handle
factory here. He wanted me
to come out here & learn
the business & take charge of
it in about a year.

chided any other place but
this opportunity seemed to
me a "flood tide." Have
been here a month, working
a lathe from 7-6 & spend
every evening in the shop
till about 9 or 10. Hard work
but honest & woody think I
like work in spite of college
education. Wished I had
worked in college. You got
more good from college
than I but hope now we
may both get a lot of it &
I haven't a doubt of it.

I never was happier.

But now as to Pete.

They didn't want me to
leave at W. Pullman but I
was determined & so they
asked if I knew any college
men (such as I've ready
if there were any more "at
home like me") I wrote Pete
& Garrett. Garrett too
in suited to reply but Pete
arrives Sun. & takes up
my shoes. I am very glad



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He is here for think there is
a fine show for him if he
only likes it. At any rate
fine for him to get away
from ~~the~~ home to support
himself. How I appreciate
any home & mother. That
alone is worth leaving for.
Well Woody I am tired.
will write again. Write
to Pet & I'll regard it as
to us both. I mean your
next letter not all of them.
For Pet may need some
cheering up. as ever
A.P.

Victoria Hotel

Chicago Heights, Ill.

B. A. Coff



Mr. Geo. W. E. Woodruff
Louisville
Kentucky.

* Peaslee-Gaultbert Paint Co.

LOUISVILLE, KY
JAN 7
8³⁰PM
1905

I send you by mail the editorial page of several papers so you may see what the New York papers say about Port Arthur fall.

Gen. Stoessel made a gallant stand and died at about the right time when he could do nothing more. When the Japs took Port-A. in 1895, from the Chinese their barbarian rage could not be restrained and they massacred most if not all of the Chinese who were captured, but they were much ashamed of this uncivilized procedure and in this war have shown exaggerated courtesy to their enemy. Of course it is not so long since European armies followed the old rule of vae victis. When Henry 5th of Eng. that Shakespeare hero beat the French at Agincourt, he heard next morning that a new French army was in sight. The first order he gave was to kill all the prisoners (about 15000 of them). Cromwell took Wexford in Ireland by assault and slaughtered every man woman and child in the place, hence comes, the "Curse of Cromwell" which is the worst evil an Irishman can wish his enemy.

Mother joins me in sending you our best love and dearst Gracie wrote you a line before she left. Be a good boy and stick to business and school. Your loving father E. G. Woodruff

135 Russell Brooklyn
January 4th 1905.

My dearest son, this is the first letter I have dated this new year. Gracie was with us for seventeen days and we hated to part with her but of course it is the best for her that she should go and prepare for her part in life's battle. She left us on a very stormy day but it is no longer a trouble to get to the G.C. station. You take an express at the bridge and in 8 minutes you step out at the G.C. The air is always warm and regular and the contrast in leaving the icy air of the street and plunging into a comfortable temperature in the Subway is great.

I suppose you are having some winter with you. I have seen winter in L., where there was neither snow nor ice, but lots of rain and mud, and such mud, - three or four inches deep

but I hope that the streets are better paved and kept cleaner nowadays.

I shall pack up your gun and send it to you in a day or two. I was kept busy in doing up little bundles for Mother & Grace, so that I neglected so sending the gun. I hope you will become a famous shot and next season you must endeavor to get some practice with the birds, but I suppose the days of birds and other game are about gone. It requires very stringent laws to preserve some few specimens even for sport. When I went to Pembina in 1870 the Buffalo had been gone three years and when ^{we} went to Texas in 1877 the buffalo had just gone north and never returned again. The men killed one young buffalo which had not left the Concho valley with the others and we found lots of smoked buffalo which was very nice and the plains were covered with horns and skulls. But there were plenty of prairie chicken in Dakota then and there are still plenty for they get along with farmers very comfortably. You will find however that clay pigeons are fine sport, lacking live pigeons.

^{for many hours}
I can remember when the sky was dark with clouds of wild pigeons as they took their winter flight to the South, and they flew in their myriad right over Louisville. They have long since disappeared and are either extinct or have gone to South America. Audobon, the famous French naturalist who used to wander over the ~~east~~ region of the Ohio valley about 1820-30. once witnessed a flight in Southern Kentucky which lasted nearly all day and he made a calculation of the number which I do not remember exactly but it was about 150 000 000 000 000. By the way his widow used to live in L. and I once called there (7th & Jeff or thereabouts) and saw a lot of Audobon's pictures and curios. He was a fine artist and painted in water colors life size pictures of birds which were very beautiful. He published a work on American birds of several great folio volumes with colored pictures of the birds, it cost several hundred dollars. I expect you can find a copy in the old L. Library on 4th St.

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Mr George Ezra Woodruff
933 2nd St
Louisville
Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, KY
JAN 1
1915

LOUISVILLE, KY

of my studying -

was that a five pound box of candy that you sent - It felt so heavy, but we measured it by a 1 pound box and it was about four times as big - Father said it was 5 pounds and I said it wasn't so please write and ease our minds on the subject.

I didn't see Edna this vacation, she owes



dearest Mon Frère -

See about to give me leave to dear old U. C. to spend the rest of my days living the life of a quid - so you must expect to see many epistles coming from my little 2 by 4 - This next month is to be the acme of the zenith

me a letter and there or
two visits, I don't know which.
Nuth and Georgie Spooner are
going down to the college
settlement to-day, but I think
they will have to swim as it
is so very sloppy and horrid
out -

Some words me on
short skimpy little letters,
I'm going to instruct her
in regard to the art of writing
epistles.

It is time for luncheon
and it's well to be early because
when the mad ding crowd
comes in there is a much
attention to be had -

Am revoir with a
great deal of love

Yours affectionally

Leslie

Grace

Jan 3 - '05

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
JAN 3
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Mr. George Ezra Woodruff
933 Second Street
Parisville
Kentucky

LOUISVILLE
JAN 4
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and disagreeable most of the
time there was little pleasure
in going out -

You must begin now to be
very careful about dressing
warmly and especially about
keeping your feet warm and
dry - Louisville is a wretched
place for taking colds and the
months of January and February
are very treacherous - so do
be very careful - to wear over-
shoes and put on extra flannels
if necessary - Where did you
take your New Year dinner & when
was Carrie taken ill - with
much love from your devoted Mother
Frances G Woodruff

135 - Remson Street -
Brooklyn - New York
January 3, 1905 -

My dear Sony - Your
letter has just reached
us and we have read about
Carrie with anxious spirits -
and both pray and hope
she will not have a serious
time - but the disease is al-
ways alarming enough even
in mild cases - You must
take no risks in going there -
as you could be of no use
or service and there is no
sense in taking needless -

this morning - and had no milk or cream
for breakfast - I think Grace must have
reached Pangloss before the worst part
of the storm began - as the snow came later -
but the girls who left in the Six P. M.
train must have had a swell time of it -
Several of them wanted Grace to meet
them at six and go up with them but
she finally decided to follow our advice
and take an earlier start - we had a very
quiet Christmas & New Year - it was a stormy

risk. Aunt Hattie has seem
to have more than her share of
trouble and sorrow - and I
hope Carrie will be spared to
her for many long years -

Grace left us yesterday
Tuesday afternoon on the 4.10.
Clock train - The weather had
been very warm & temperature
of forty-four on Monday and
even warmer Sunday - but just
before Grace started it began
to freeze and sleet - then
came the snow - followed by
high north winds drifting
the snow in great heaps
so that we were snowed in

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
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Mr Geo. E. Goodhueff
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LOUISVILLE, KY
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