

135 Remsen St

Brooklyn N.Y. Feb 15 1905

My dearest son, we see by the paper that you are having some cold weather yourself at L, ~~and~~ and we hope that you are well prepared with merino socks, and plenty of warm clothes. Take good care of your precious body for it necessary.

We are still in the midst of our cold snap, but are promised warmth and snow to-day. We are nearly ready to go and will make a landing at Washington for a few days, and will write as soon

as we are settled.

In rummaging in her trunks,
Mother found some handkerchiefs
which your Uncle Will brought
you from Europe. ~~when he went~~
You must mark them again
for they are such nice handkerchiefs

Gracie wrote us that she had been
coasting on Sunset Hill on a
trolley and she had a glorious time
she says.

I am just about to go to the city
and will stop after sending you
your mother's love and mine. We heard
from Uncle Wm Woodruff yesterday. His health is ^{fairly} good
He says Mr Jones speaks highly of you.

Your loving father
Cyrus Woodruff



Mr Geo C. Goodruff
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Louisville
Kentucky

Cop
Miss Clark

February 14, 1905 -

135 - Remsen Street - Brooklyn

My dear Sonny - This being
St Valentine's day - I hope you
are well and merry to rhyme
with February - and to be in tune
or in other words that you
are well and happy -

We hear accounts of so much
Arctic weather in the South -
that we are not so anxious
to get off as we might be if
it were warm and balmy there -
and as the houses and hotels
are not very cosy there we
think it may be risky to start
in such cold weather -
however we hope to go to
Washington for a week and

to get off in a few days -
He read accounts of the
most unusual cold in St Louis
but have seen no mention of
Louisville - but I imagine it
has not escaped the same
experience that St Louis is
having - and Louisville cold is
the coldest possible - hence
cold weather is bracing and
exhilarating - and much more
desirable than damp, wet, sloppy

times - Old Mrs Pitts died last Friday
and her funeral services took place
Sunday evening - at 7 o'clock "Sharp"
At the funeral notice read -
Old man Silver has rented the
house to some man whose name
I have not learned - He did not attend
Over

Low Sather had a letter
from his Knoxville brother
this morning - he wrote that
Sister Ella's sister Mrs McElroy
had died a week ago -
but that he seemed better
and was much relieved
upon finally getting the In-
surance for the fine - you
remember his business stock
burned to the ground - and at
first the Insurance people
refused to pay up - but have
since done so - He says he
will not go into active business
again - but that Wallace &
some of the younger men may do so.

He also wrote the Rev Mr Jones
had been in Knoxville to preach
some one's funeral sermon - and that

He had spoken kindly of you,
which made us feel very
happy -

I also had a note from Miss
Mary Hopson asking us if
we would not like to engage
board with her for next summer
as there were other applicants
for the rooms - and she wanted
us to have first-choice - but
we told her not to hold them
for us - as we should not
care to spend another summer
in Kent - we would prefer trying
new fields

Grace passed her exam
successfully for which we feel
most grateful - and at last she
is tettering for her trip - it will be an
immense relief to have that condition
cancelled - Her Spring holiday
begins on March 24 - to most

unheard of thing to have an
Easter Holiday a whole
month before Easter - but I
suppose it is wisely arranged
both for teachers & students -

I hope you are taking
things moderately and philo-
sophically - and not leading
a too strenuous life - Do
not make haste to get rich,
your reward will come
when you least expect -
if you do your duty faithfully
and well -

And I pray that all good
things may be yours - and
with much love

I am your devoted

Mother -
Francis C. Goodhue

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
FEB 14 1905
6-PM



Mr Geo E. Woodruff -
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Ed.
Miss Clark

Kentucky

OTTISVILLE, KY
FEB 16
3³⁰ AM
J5

[Feb 12, 1905]

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hamilton

request the honor of your presence

at the marriage reception of their daughter

Elizabeth Jane

and

Mr. James Cox Brady

on the afternoon of Saturday the fourth of March

nineteen hundred and five

at five o'clock

Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York

Mr. George W. S. Woodruff.

ALBANY, N.Y.
FEB 12
12-PM
1905



Mr. George W. L. Woodruff,
90 Peaslee, Gaultert Co.,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

CITIZENVILLE, KY
FEB 14
3:30 AM
25

stuffed olives etc - a cream and
little cakes known by the name
of 'kisses'. Georgia makes some
place-cards with her burning
machine - 'pyrographer' in other
words, and put little jokes on
all of them. Ruth got a
box from home and to-night
we're going to have supper
up here in our room - we're
going to make wellie's au-brit
and as none of us know how
to make it - I don't believe that
it will be much good, but
that doesn't matter -

[Feb. 12, 1905]



My dearest Brother -

Well we've been
having a quite exciting time lately -
Yesterday afternoon there were two
chapters played which didn't amount
to anything and which were
mostly a waste of time - Then
last night we had the din-
ner party - The table looked
awfully pretty - It had ~~roses~~
running down the sides of it and
in two long strips and pink
carnations in the center and
at each place - We had nuts

We played cards last night - a game called Grand - it was fine - because you can play four games - the person who is next the dealer has a right to make it any thing he wishes - Whist, Euchre, Hearts, or Grand, which is whist without trumps. Lots of girls went single-riding and there were several teas and spreads yesterday - It seemed quite a gala occasion -

Did I tell you that Helen Mc Sauer's

father was very ill and is not expected to live - Helen's brother Will has come from Mexico and they are very much worried about Bishop ⁱⁿ ~~Clare~~ ^{English} _____

Do you know any instructor at Yale by the name of Edward. Heby Thompson is engaged to a man whom his friends call 'Red' and I wondered who he was - he is an Eng. professor at Yale - Heby Thompson is one of the most popular girls that has ever been seen to college - she graduated in 1903 -

you don't do you -

Well brother dear I'm going
to finish Mother and Father's
letters now - I never seal it up
any more until Sunday night
because I always think of
something more to say and have
to unseal it if I do -

Yours very loving sister

Grace.

Your last letter I enjoyed very
very much.

What would you like for

a birthday present?

I met Pres. Lincoln at Colorado in the Senior Parlor
he preached a fine sermon here today
Feb 12-05.



There have been quite numerous
in terruption to this letter but
that won't spoil it or make it
seem less valuable - will it?

It's snowing again - I never
saw so much snow.

We tried the rubber plate
letter on ~~some~~ ~~last~~ Nell Gabriell
last night at dinner and she
jumped almost a foot - it was
funny to see her - she enjoyed it
though -

Do you get a holiday on
Lincoln's or Washington's birthdays.

POUGHKEEPSIE
FEB 13
11 AM
1905
N. Y.



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Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
FEB 15
4 - A.M.
1895

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SOCIETY STATIONERS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Freshmen beat the
Sophomores that day.

Dutlis' birthday comes
Sunday, so that we are
going to have a party
for her Saturday night -
we will decorate the table
and get a few extra things
to eat as nuts, candy - slices
Ice cream & cake - I think
it will be fun - Usually
the girls do it - Mary

[Feb. 9, 1905]



My dearest Brother -

There are about
ten minutes before the chapel
bell will go and I will
have to go too - so I won't
have time for a very long
letter -

Nothing has happened
much since semester -
I played B. B. see day &
had a nice time - but

Jewell & I made a lot of
opera creams for her this after-
noon - but she doesn't know about
it - I can't eat them so I
don't appreciate it very much -

The bell has gone as I will
have to stop -

Your loving sister
Grace

Thursday 6.58 P.M.

POUGHKEEPSIE
FEB 10
10 45 AM
1905
N. Y.



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Ky.

[1905]

135 Remsen St. Bklyn. N.Y.
Tuesday, February 7th.

My dearest son, here we are still
in Bklyn! But I have been writing
and packing which means that we
have our minds made up for this
trip. We are very comfortable located
and that is one reason why we are
slow in starting. It may not be
possible for us to secure this
room on our return, although of
course we can get others, yet
one hates to give up a pleasant
present for an unknown future.
I am feeling much better and
enjoy going out into the bracing
air so that I am sure my old

Even ^{my} ^{husband} ^{should} ^{be} ^{at} ^{home} ^{with} ^{me} ^{at} ^{the} ^{moment}. Do you date yours.
I should date my letter. Do you date yours.
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grip has gone and one attack
in one winter is enough. You must
remember to take a couple of
Quin. pills once or twice a week
to tone you up and ward off the
old fashioned malaria or chills
and fever as we used to call
them. I had all sorts during the
long years I lived in L. I began
when I was 9 years old and thereafter
nearly every year, I suffered from
the dumb ague, the shaking ague,
malarial dysentery and sciatica. I had
chills every day quotidian; I had chills
every 3^d day, the tertian and I had
chills every 4th day, the quartan ague.
and then when I thought I had the
trouble conquered, and had the chills
broken, why then on the 7th, or

You have all the qualifications which are necessary to make you a "persona grata" wherever you go. If you need money for dues and fees in joining a society, - do not hesitate to let me know, and also when you join a gymnasium you will need fees. If you could strike the German Turn verein, it would be good for your physical culture. Of course I know that this first year will be hard on you with the evening business college course. After your fatiguing day, still you will always remember these strenuous days of your first business year with pleasure. I know this from experience myself that I look back on a time when I got up every

night at 12 o'clock ^{midnight} in a cold room
where I had taken my boots to bed
with me so that I could have
them warm to put on and walked
to the Journal Office and put up
the early morning mail, - getting
through by 6 A.M., then going
home and afterwards to the
High School for the day, then to
bed at 7³⁰ and up at 12 & so on.
I did this for nearly two years, and
hard as it was at the time, I now
think of it with pleasure.

It is also pleasant to me to think
of your superior opportunities, that is
superior to mine, - and I thank our Heavenly
Father that he has given you such kind
uncles and relatives and I pray that you
may receive WISDOM, to avail yourself
of your chance. The bible speaks of seizing the
opportunities of happy chance, and I suppose I may, and I hope
that you may never let go. With love from us both, I am
Your loving father Esra Woodruff

Mother has just returned from a lecture by Burton on Ibsen and his plays. Ibsen is a feticch and has a lot of followers who half worship him. I suppose you have heard lectures about him at Yale. and you may remember hearing an old Gentleman at Chautauqua on Ibsen. I have never read any of his plays and hardly think I will, - I have no time. I suppose you ought to know something about him however.

I sent you several books in order to get them off our hands. If you have no room for them, - lend them to your friend who may fail to return them. You must look around and select a nice debating or reading society. Use your best judgment and pick out the one which has the best fellows men of sterling merit and Christian fellowship

or 14th - 21st or 28th day even
after the last chill, bang they
would go again and I would
have to make the fight all over
again, head up with quinine,
arsenic, iron besides other drugs.
But they finally left me when I
was nearly 30 years old. I hope and
trust that you will not follow my
example and have chills also.—
hence I say take a little Quin.
now and then. Everything in a mans
career depends on his health and
strength of mind. You can do nothing
when you are sick, - not only is your
body useless, but your mind is clouded.
God meant us to keep well and we
must try to work along ~~the~~ in accordance
with the divine plan. So cultivate Hygieia



Mr George E. Woodruff

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LOUISVILLE, KY
FEB 9
3:30 AM
1905

for us to go South - when the
scratch comes - it is easy
to say we are going South -
but - not so easy to do it -

We are quite comfortable here
we have a bright-sunny front
room - large airy and well
furnished - The dining room is
very nice - and the food ex-
cellent - and well served - we
do not have that incentive to
hasten our getting off as we did
at 20. Sidney - yet I hope we may
get to Florida & see Uncle Geo & Aunt
Fattie - though I very much doubt it
So with much love I must close

Your very devoted Mother
Frances G. Woodruff -

135 Remsen Street - Brooklyn.

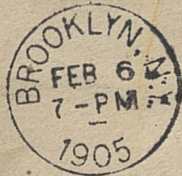
February 6, 1905 -

My dear Sonny -

After a week of good
old fashioned bright; cold
crisp - snowy - weather - we
awoke this morning to hear the
rain dripping on the window
panes - covering the trees with
a coating of ice for there is so
much frost in the air that it
freezes as it falls - and the
pavements or sidewalks are
almost impassable - So we are

ahead - we must have a summer
outfit prepared ahead of the season -
think out all of the necessary things for
the next six months - pack up all the
winter things that we can possibly
do without - get rid of old worn
out stuff - have our trunks stored -
give up our room - loose anchors
and sail forth into the unknown - with
the intention of not returning to the same
place for months - perhaps not at all.
So you see it is a small undertaking

English favorite expression it
is "hasty", and we are per-
force hasty bound - and our
preparations for the Southern
trip are delayed - You see
the difference between our
going away and other people's
is this - They simply pack
a few things in their trunks - such
as they will need for that
special occasion - go off for
a week or two - and then
return to their homes to find things
as they were left - but with
us - we must think for months



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LOUISVILLE, KY
FEB 8
3:30 AM
1905

on the sun now - Georgia Spoons
and I went over to see it yesterday
through the telescope - You don't look
directly through the scope at the
object but the object is reflected
on a piece of paper. The sun would
be too bright to look at directly through
the glass - that is the reason
we are having so much continued
cold weather - it has been 72 and
15 below for some time now at
night -

I had a nice letter from
Katherine Niece the other day -
She said that they had been
bobbing and coasting most
every evening and that they



My dearest Alderson -
How is life in
your direction - I'm feeling pretty
chipped these days - because I allowed
I'd get some funds notes and I didn't
get a single one - just to think
of me not getting any funds notes -
it's quite a new sensation. I can
inform you for the first time
that I haven't had any at the
exams here at college -

There is a big sun spot

play Bridge W list the rest of the time.

It's been good weather for skiing - & coasting here too but I haven't been anywhere skating is also up the pants there is about a ten foot square cleared off to Georgia & I went down there to skate but it was more of a farce than anything else for the ice wasn't very good.

Lots of the girls have gone away over semester time but are coming back by slow degrees - I came very near to going to Brooklyn but I didn't. It was quite a temptation not to go.

I had a nice letter from Cousin Carrie the other day & I will write to Uncle Will and Uncle George right away - now that semesters are safely over - Ruth & I ~~the~~ sat in great suspense yesterday and were much relieved when we didn't receive any unstamped mail. I had a "Cheer-U-P" sign out on the door - the one that Georgia gave me & was - It was quite encouraging to

them home and they have
been our models - I'm sure
that they got us through. I think
I have fine instructors & am
thinking seriously of sending
them all flowers - but I guess
that my discretion will get the
better of my thankfulness and
I will save my money. C'est
mieux n'est-ce pas?

On other sent me the prettiest
material for some dresses - they
are of dimity and I will look
most beautiful in them (?).

Cousin Carrie said in her
letter that they all enjoyed having



see I smiling at me every time
I came into the room - We
weren't really very cold though
during that week - and Ruth
kept us all laughing most of the
time - I think that I had a
better time than I have had
during most of the year - We
found two little marshmallows
tied in the middle with pink
ribbon and with pink earstuds
in and lavender eyes - they were
meant to be rabbits - we took

you to dinner with them that you were
such a lovely fellow etc. You mustn't
get conceited about it, but I know
that you are level headed and it
won't harm you.

One of the gamblers here was
telling some of the girls a story about
the Russian - Japan war. He said
that "a Jap went into his house and
he found his wife "masqueraded"
and his head on the floor and his
son was 'masqueraded' and that
the word of it all was that the
Kegon could have stopped it all -"
Don't you think that that is funny -
This gambler is the queerest looking
thing - He has only one eye and I
think it is cross eyed.

I will write more frequent-like
now that Semester is over -

Your very loving sister
Grace

Feb 4 or 5th I don't know which

POUGHKEEPSIE
FEB 6
11 AM
1905
N.Y.



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QUISVILLE, N.Y.
FEB 7
10:30 PM
1905