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My dear Sonny
We have been here almost a week and this is the first attempt at writing to you that I have been able to do - as the first thing I did after arriving was to fall by the way or in other words to get sick.

The weather has not been very alluring - though we have managed to be out a little - Last night there was a light snow which is thawing this a-m and the streets look very sloppy and uninviting.

The hotels are all crowded and promise to be more so the last of the week as the people are flocking in to see the inauguration which I think will be a regular crush.

and it is to be hoped the
weather will improve as it is
very chilly and damp and
has been since our arrival -

There are a great many
retired Army people living
here - as I suppose there
must be reasons and attractions
for them to settle in Washington
if for nothing else but to have
a place for burial -

We have been interested in the
~~attempted~~ impeachment of Judge
Swain of Florida he was accused
of high crimes and misdemeanors
was arraigned by the House of
Representatives and tried by the Senate
as Judge & Jury and yesterday was
acquitted - He is or has been stopping
at this hotel and ^{we} were introduced
to him & his wife Saturday night -
This morning he left us on early train



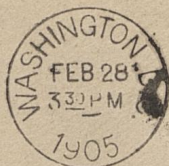
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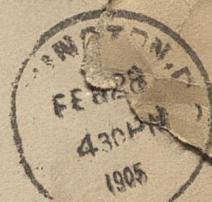
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He must have been glad to get away for all his doings have been rehearsed and he has been gazed at and talked about for weeks - He had an able defense - Ex Senator Thurston: a famous lawyer - and although he was acquitted very few people think him innocent -

Is the revival still going on in Louisville? we have read of it somewhat in the Washington papers - I am writing under difficulties with my tablet on my lap in a very cramped position as our room is too small for either desk or table - so I must close with much love from
Your devoted mother
Francis E Woodruff



Mr Geo E Goodruff
933 Second Street
Louisville
Kentucky



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Miss Clarke

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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this year, as usual. It might
be a little warmer for perfect
comfort in sitting out of doors.
I'll Cousin Laura Mrs. Hal arms
bring is here with her daughter.
I'll let me take the initiative
& introduce myself to her but
after a little talk with her.
I did not see her again. I think
she may have left. I did not
meet the daughter.

We leave in the morning for Boca
Raton, getting there about one o'clock
in the afternoon. Will have time
to drive around the city & will re-
main all night. Will get home
Saturday morning (D.V.) I hope to
see you on Sunday with Cousin Laura.
Your uncle George finds me in case to my
& he & Kenneth expect to miss Clarke.
May God bless you. Devotedly aunt Clara

I look a nice
letter from my
mother. We are
going out to meet
Frank soon. I'll
see you write to
me when I get
home.



HOTEL PONCE DE LEON
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.
ROBERT MURRAY, MANAGER

Wednesday [1905]
March 1st

My dear George - just as we
starting from Palm Beach
your letter to your uncle
George and me was received.
We were so glad to hear from
you & to know that you &
Cousin Laura were well. We
were sorry to hear that your
uncle Mel had grip and
do hope by the time we
get home he will be much

letter. When I first got to
Miami I had the worst
cold you ever imagine and
as I had all the ~~eyes~~ nose
feelings of grip such as pain
& aching & all that I took it
for granted that was the
tale.

We have had a most beau-
tiful trip - We enjoyed
Miami exceedingly and
met a number of friends &
acquaintances there. I am sure
if I went to the wilds of Africa
I would run across some
one I knew. We simply

Love Palm Beach. There is
everything there to attract
climate, beautiful beach,
lounge marks & chair sides -
a splendid hotel, and the
handsomest dressing to look
at in the world. We met lots
of people there that we knew.
My uncle George enjoyed the
boating so much.

I always like this place & this
hotel is one of the most
attractive I know of. We find
Louisville people here too.
The weather is perfect. It has
not been as warm in Florida



HOTEL PONCE DE LEON

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Mr George E. Woodruff
c/o Miss Jennie Clark
Second near Buckenridge
Louisville Ky

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My dearest son, your mother wrote you a letter this morning and to night after receiving yours I feel that I too must send you a word of love. The weather has moderated and the snow and ice have almost disappeared at the hands of hundreds of stout cleaners. The city is assuming a gala appearance, - flags and streamers are being displayed by everybody, huge wooden stands are erected at every available point to accommodate the myriad of sightseers at from \$2 to 10 per seat. Of course we do not expect to see much of the parade, but may catch a glimpse as it passes. I have seen my share of processions and they interest me only in a slight degree.

What you say about Washington is

partly correct. The business
part of the town is mediocre.
There are no skyscrapers because
the District Com will not allow them
and the rapid development of the
city has produced many nice
buildings mixed in with very
small mean buildings the relics
of the first crop of houses. But of
course there are very many handsome
dwellings in it. The public buildings
are not all dignified but there
is a determination to improve their
character and when you visit
the town twenty or thirty years
hence I think you will admit
that there are many beautiful
buildings. The capitol is one of
the great buildings of the world



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and will be made still more grand
very soon. Both Senate and House
are building annexes as office buildings
which will be very costly and I hope
fine. There is a new municipal
building going up at 2 1/2 millions
and the new Union Station is
being constructed at a cost of
5 or 6 mills. The Penn RR Depot
will then be moved from the great
mall and more buildings will
be constructed to beautify that.

We both pray that you will
make your health your first
consideration. Your glorious opportunities
are only to be ~~achieved~~ achieved by
your possessing health - sound health.
With health everything is possible
to him who ~~not~~ labors and - waits.

You must tell us why you
desire to move. Are you not
comfortable out there. If you

have a good bed and also
enjoy a good table, I would
not think of moving yet. and
also ~~you~~ you must pay deference
to your Uncle George's wishes.
You need not be too servile, but
naturally you will act with true
loving respect, for all reasons.
He stands in loco parentis. and
is also your friend as well as
employer. I pray that both your
Uncles may keep well for many years
and that you shall be true in
your devotion to their interests, for

I find that I maunder along and
preach a good deal in my letters but I
know you will recognize that every word
I say is written in love for your prosperity
and happiness. Your mother joins
me in sending our best love

Your loving father Ezra Woodruff



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Louisville Kentucky

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manfield plays - every one is crazy
about it - I went to both, the afternoon
and evening ~~for~~, 1907 + 1905 went
together + 1906 + 1908. I liked it so
well that Mary Johnson + I went
over to stay a few minutes in the
evening & liked it so much better
we stayed to the end, even though
we had to kneel on stand on tables
& boxes at the extreme back of
the room - My poor knees felt as
stiff as a board afterwards - There
were three of us standing on one
poor little table - It is a wonder
that it held us all -

Dorothy Hopson was up here
and I saw Miss Mary in the corridors
in main Saturday night - Everybody

[1905]



My dearest Brother -
Your sister is getting
more and more delinquent as days
go by and her ages increase and wrinkles - It's not because of any decrease
in love for her little brother but be-
cause she doesn't have the get up to
write papers and then too she is
quite busy as she is tutoring in alge-
bra + Trig and it takes lots of time
to do examples and fuss around trying
to do them -

The Third Hall Play came
off on Sunday - It was simply fine -
Ester Saville was the leading man -
it was called "Old Heidelberg", one that

dressed up to celebrate G. Wash's birthday because we don't have a holiday the 22nd but celebrate later on, Saturday night. The table in main hall was as witches, wore high peaked hats about 2 1/2 feet high and carried brooms. One girl sat on a broom and they pulled her into the dining room - In between the courses they got up and swept off the tables with them.

You should have seen the flowers that E. Saville got - There were about a dozen large boxes heaped out side her door - Included about ten bunches of violets, and roses by the dozen sent her - Such it is to be popular in a hall play with a leading part - Anne was a butter and did quite well - It is not a good part to show off any acting abilities but she was good in it - Helen Hopson was nephew and hasn't changed very much - She is a good deal likelier than Anne - We went in to meet her about twelve girls and Georgie made some opera cream - which I can't eat having sworn off - Vacation begins in about four weeks now - Easter comes a whole month afterwards -

Helen and Anne's father died last Monday a week ago to day - He was buried in Chicago but Helen didn't go out there for her mother is very weak and can't be left alone - Don't work yourself to death brother dear & write to me whenever you can
your loving sister
Grace

Feb 27-



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Sat Feb. 25

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My dearest son, here we are awaiting with a vast number of other visitors, the arrival of the great event, the inauguration of President Roosevelt on the 4th of March. Yesterday was a very bright day and we went up to the Congressional Libram, which is still as grand and beautiful as it was when we saw it together. The Ho. of Reps. is constructing a new office building not far away which will be another addition to the beautification of Washington and the Senate is also getting ready to build an office building on their side of the Capitol. The Capitol is grander every time I look at it. There are plans being considered to extend or advance the Centre of the East front so that the centre will be more imposing than at present and will greatly add to the beauty of the building. We have

attended several sessions of the Senate and this morning we heard Judge Thurston defend Judge Swayne of Florida U. S. Court, who was impeached by the House and prosecuted before the bar of the entire Senate who are both judge & jury in the case. He listened for two hours and then left. You will probably see the result in a day or two in the papers.

The Senators look about the same only somewhat older, some have died and others have changed.

It is raining # to night and the streets will be benefited; they need washing very badly.

Both mother and I pray for your health and prosperity. May God bless you and keep you; may you grow in wisdom and knowledge and approach that high standard, set us by our Saviour, so that it may be said of you "behold a perfect American in whom there is no guile."
Your loving father.
Edra Woodruff



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Friday Feb. 24 1905

My dearest son, your letter of last Monday arrived here today and we were rejoiced to hear from you. We hope that your bitter cold weather has moderated and that you will be having Spring in a few weeks. I remember that there used to occur some very warm days in late Feb. and we are glad that you escaped with only a mild attack of La Grippe.

We might sympathize with you in your heavy work, if we thought that you were overdoing your strength, but as long as God has given you the strength of youth, use it, and work for all that is out. Youth is the time for work and effort, and you will surely win a reward. You will always have your own approval as well as that of your employers and friends.

You may have heard of
Dr Osler who has been a ^{medical}
Prof at Johns Hopkins University
at Balto Md. He is a Canadian,
~~and~~ ^{and} is of course talented and has
made a great reputation as a
medico and writer at Baltimore.
His fame has made him be chosen
by Oxford Univ. Eng. to some high
Chair there. Now in his parting
shot at Balto. he says that Am. Univs.
turn out poor ignorant medicos
that the foreign Univs. are much more
thorough &c. He also says that
a man is not fit for work
after 40. and that at 60 he
should be chloroformed. — his conduct
shows what sticklers these Canucks
and foreigners can be. They come to us
get riches and reputation and then go off
 sneering at us. Of course everybody requires
the importance of work before 40. but a man
can do good work after 40. also.
mother will write to-morrow. and with basket
of love I am your loving father.
Eyrall Woodruff

disqualification
writers as a class.

The Czar in Proverb.

Translation in the Literary Digest.

In a recent number of the Paris Figaro were found collated some characteristic Russian proverbs that regard the czar and his position and find much current application:

"When the czar splits into a dish, it breaks into pieces for very pride.

"The crown does not protect the czar from headache.

"Even the lungs of the czar cannot blow out the sun.

"The czar's back, too, would bleed if it were gashed with the knout.

"The czar even covered with boils is declared to be in good health.

"When the czar rides behind a hired horse every step is charged as a league.

"The czar may be a cousin of God, but His brother he is not.

"The czar's arm is long, but it cannot reach to heaven.

"Neither can the czar's vinegar make anything sweet.

"The hand of the czar, too, has only five fingers.

"The voice of the czar has an echo even when there are no mountains in the vicinity.

"The troika (team of three horses abreast) of the czar leaves a deep trace behind it.

"It is not more difficult for Death to carry a fat czar than to carry a lean beggar.

"The tear in the eye of the czar costs his country many, many a handkerchief.

"When the czar writes verses * * * woe be to the poet!

"When the czar plays, his ministers have only one eye and the countrymen are blind.

"What the czar cannot accomplish time can do.

"Even the czar's cow cannot bring anything else into the world but a calf.

"When the czar has the smallpox his country bears the scars."

Loose Item

PRESENT PROBLEMS

(Continued from First Page.)

upon Rear Admiral Clark, Dr. Mitchell said:

"The unequalled story of the battle ship Oregon is well known to all this vast domain. It served but to crown with larger popular recognition a career long familiar to the navy as a valuable example of the skill of the officer, and the ability of the statesman in conduct of unusual difficulty.

I feel honored by this opportunity at the request and by the authority of the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania to ask the process to confer upon you, Charles Edgar Clark, rear admiral, the degree of doctor of laws.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Governor Harrison made a few brief introductory remarks and President Roosevelt approved his oration. He said:

The President's Address.
As a nation we have had our full share of great men, but the two men of pre-eminent greatness who, as the centuries go on, will surely be remembered above all others as Washington and Lincoln, and it is peculiarly fitting that their birthdays should be celebrated every year and the meaning of their lives brought home close to us.

No other city in the country is so closely identified with Washington's career, as Philadelphia. He served here in 1776 in the Continental Congress. He was here at the battle of Brandywine and Germantown, and it was here that with that army he faced the decisive winter, marking the turning point of the revolutionary war. Here one within our borders. The higher education, such as is provided by the University of Pennsylvania and kindred bodies, not only confers great benefits to those able to take advantage of it, but entails upon them corresponding duties.

The Founders of the Nation.
The men who founded this nation had to deal with theories of government and its fundamental principles of free institutions. We are now concerned with a different set of questions, for the republic has been firmly established, its principles thoroughly tested and fully applied. To many political leaders have succeeded those of grave social and economic importances the solution of which demands the best efforts of the best men.

We have a right to expect that a wise and leading part in the effort to attain this solution will be taken by those who have been exceptionally blessed in the matter of obtaining an education. That college graduates is but a poor return on the investment of time and money which he has received something for which he owes a return. What he thus owes he can pay as a rule only by the way he bears himself throughout his life.

Each showed in actual practice his capacity to secure under our system the process union of individual liberty with governmental strength. Each was as free from the vices of the tyrant as from the vices of the demagogue.

To each the empty fulfills of the mere ostentatious was alien as the backbone of the merely self-seeking politician. Each was fearless ally of the wickedness which seeks by force of arms to wrong others, and of the no less criminal wickedness which fails to provide effectively against wrong wrought by others.

Washington's Maxims.

Among Washington's maxims which he bequeathed to his countrymen were the two following: "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations," and "It is better to prepare for war is the most effective means to promote peace." These two principles taken together should form the basis of our whole foreign policy. Neither is sufficient taken by itself.

It is not merely an idle dream, but a most mischievous dream to believe that mere refraining from wrongdoing will insure us against being wronged. Yet, on the other hand, a nation prepared for war is a menace to weak nations and national purposes is to treat other nations in the same manner.

So, in the world at large, the nation which is of use in the progress of mankind is that nation which combines strength of character, force of character and insistence upon its own rights, with a full acknowledgment of its own duties toward others.

Never Waged an Unjust War.
Never since the beginning of our country's history has the navy been used in an unjust war. Never has it failed to render great and sometimes vital services to our great, though often not strong enough to do all the good it should have done.

Our possession of the Philippines, our interest in the trade of the orient, our building the isthmian canal, our insistence upon the Monroe doctrine, all demand that our navy shall be of adequate size and for its size of unsurpassed efficiency. If it is strong enough I believe it will minimize the chance of our being drawn into foreign wars.

If we let it run down it is as certain as the day that sooner or later we shall have to choose between a probably disastrous foreign war or a peace kept on terms that imply national humiliation.

Our navy is the surest guaranty of peace and the cheapest insurance against war, and those who in whatever capacity have helped to build it up during the past twenty years have been in good faith observing and living up to one of the most important of the principles which Washington laid down for the guidance of his countrymen.

The Example of a People.
Again Washington said: "Give to mankind the example of a people always guided by an exacted justice and benevolence." This feeling can be shown alike by our dealings within and without our own borders.

Spain and France have shown us exactly how to practice this justice and benevolence in dealing with other peoples—a justice and benevolence which is not to be shown, not by sharing our duty and abandoning to self-destruction those unable to govern themselves, but by doing our duty by staying with them and leading them how to govern themselves, by uplifting them spiritually and materially.

Here at home we are obeying this maxim of Washington just so far as we help in every movement, whether undertaken by the government or as it is, and should be, more often the case, by voluntary action among private citizens for the betterment of our own people. Observe that men of our own people, of justice and benevolence, and that he puts justice first.

credit," just at the moment there is no attack on public credit, but if ever the temptation arises again let our people at the outset remember that the worst because the most hideous form of the dishonest debtor is that man who would persuade him that it is anything but dishonest for him to repudiate his debts.

Promote Useful Institutions.

Finally, it is peculiarly appropriate when I have come to this city as the guest of the University of Pennsylvania, to quote another of Washington's maxims: "Promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the spread of a government gives force to public opinion it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."

Education may not make a man a good citizen, but more certainly ignorance tends to prevent his being a good citizen. Washington was far too much of a patriot, had far too much love for his fellow citizen, to try to teach them that they could govern themselves unless they could develop a sound and enlightened public opinion.

No nation can permanently retain free government unless it can retain a high average of citizenship, and there can be no such high average of citizenship without a high average of education, using the word in its broadest and truest sense to include the things of the soul as well as the things of the mind.

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My dearest son, after much effort, here we are in the Cotton card on the birthday of the Pater Patria. The weather is simply vile, mud and slush everywhere. We have found a room at the above Hotel, where we are quite comfortable as far as table service &c is concerned.

We think of remaining here until after inauguration if we keep well, and then I fear it will be too late for the farther South.

I just drop you this word so that you may know where to address us, and with our best love I am

Your loving father

Ezra Woodruff

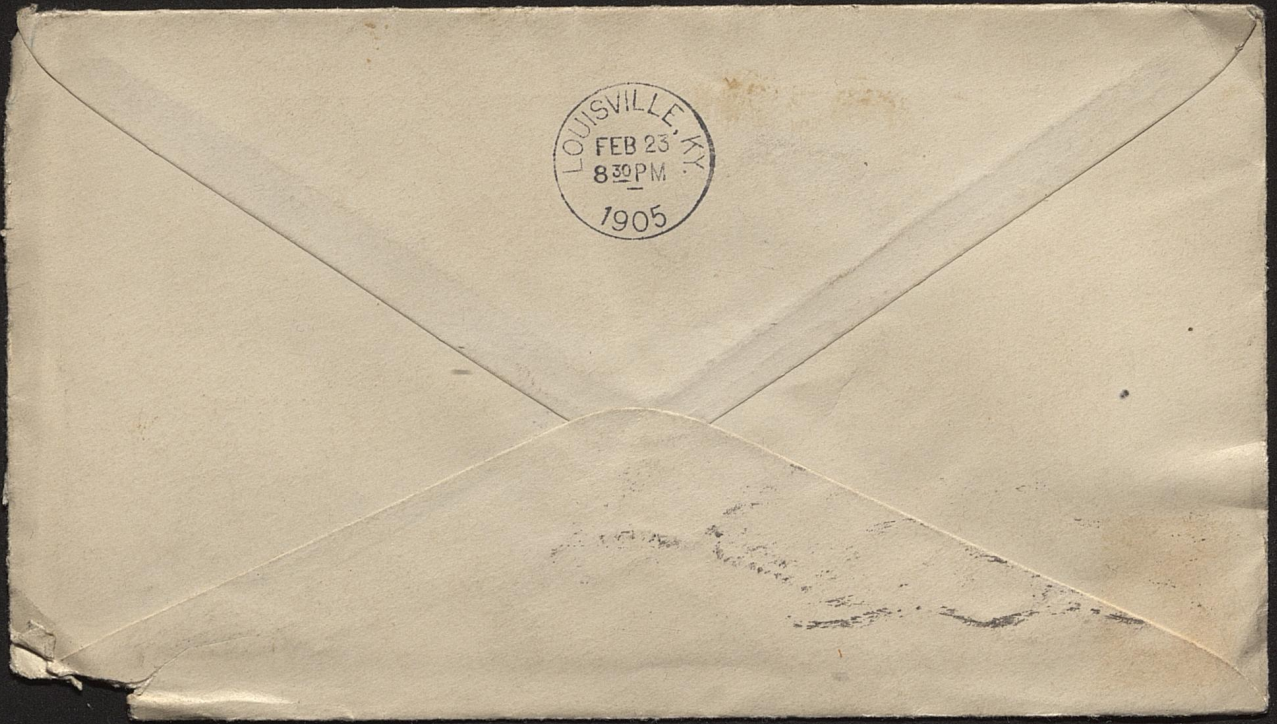


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Mr George Elwoodruff
933. 25 St.
Louisville Kentucky.



LOUISVILLE, KY.
FEB 23
8:30 PM
1905

[Feb. 22, 1905]



A is the highest mark and
if you ~~get~~ take a 3-hour
course you get 3 A's. You
usually take 15 hours a semester
so that 30 A's would be the
largest amount that you could
get in a year. I wish that I had
a mind like that so that I could
make mother and father feel
that my time here at college
hasn't been wasted, but I won't
get either "Honors" or "Honorable
mention".

Did I tell you that we
went to boog dancing the other

My dearest Brother -
Your sister has been
wicked again and didn't write to
you on Sunday - so I will drop
you a little note now just before
dinner -

Last night the "Honors" +
"Honorary mentions" were given out
to the Senior class. Two of the
girls got 99 ~~A~~ marks - that
means that in every subject
she has gotten A since
she has been in college

day - We had more fun - I want
to go some more before the snow dis-
appears - It is the best sport that there is
up here now that skating is up the spout
and I think that its even better than
skating for the pure sake of amusement.

When on a farer's father died Sun-
day night and he is to be buried in
Chicago.

To-morrow I'm going to leave
my voice tried - I hope that I can
get into the choral club but I don't know.
I see the chapel bell so I must
stop your loving sister.

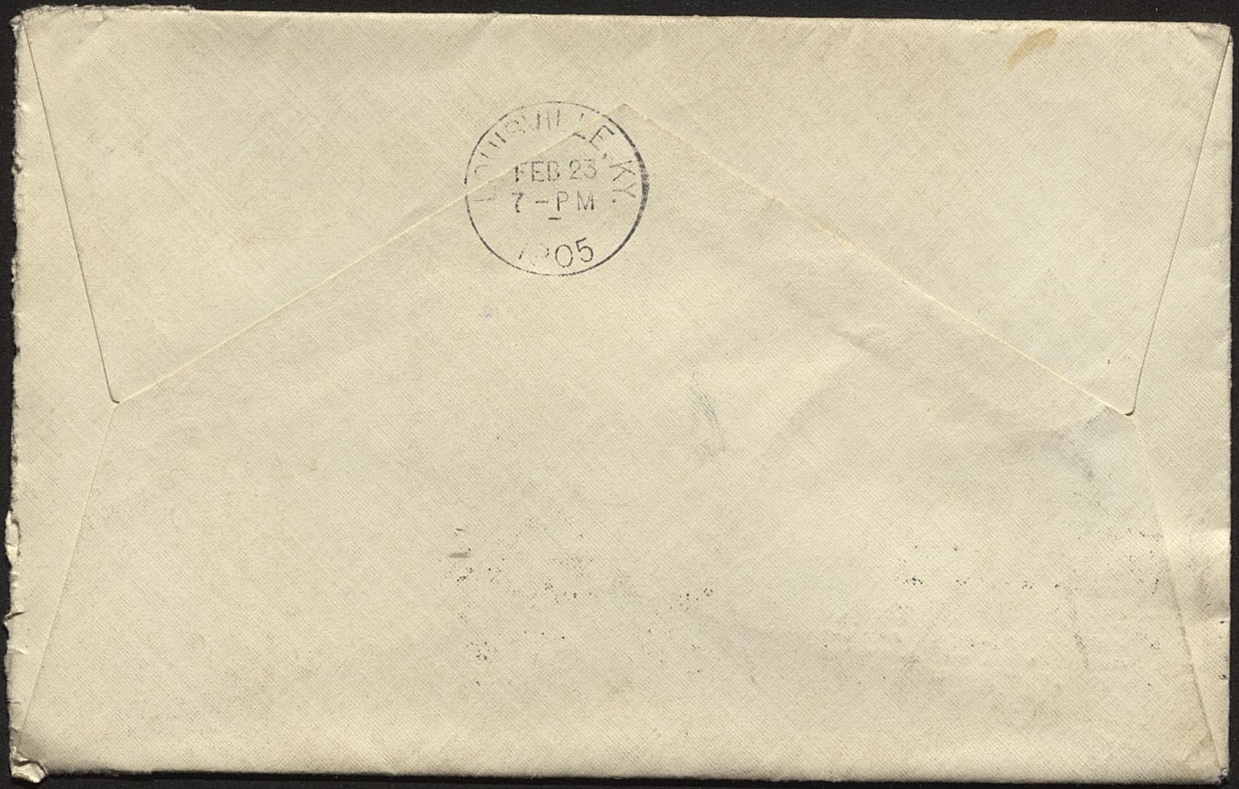
Grace

Congratulations on your 22nd birth
day Brother dear - I hope that you
will have a fine successful year
and be cheerful and happy &
well -

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SOUTH BEND, IN.
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February 17, 1905 - ^{one}

135 Remsen Street -
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Denny - This is to be
your Bife Day letter - so I must
say only nice and loving things
and send you many good wishes
for the coming year - I hope you are
well this beautiful, bright-sunshiny
day - winter and cold but pleasant -
"Be not weary in well doing
for you shall reap if you
sow not - in due season" This is
to be my text - so to speak -

Every body has been congratulating
us - upon how beautifully our dear
Boy is doing - Your Uncle Will

Woodruff - thinks your opportunities
are golden in Louisville, and he
knows whereof he speaks -

Only think of poor Wallace now
thrown out of business by an un-
fortunate chain of circumstances - and
he will have to begin all over - al-
most at the bottom -

Then there is Budd Rice - out
of a "job," It is easy to throw up
one job - but awfully hard to find
a footing in another - After his
Father had spent almost a life time
in building up a business and
forming a foundation for his only son,
suddenly some jaccadillo of either
Father ~~or~~ son causes it to topple
and it passes into a stranger's hands
and Budd is left - flying about

trying first one ² thing and then another
wasting the best years of his precious
youth - Why did he not "stick," how
much better it would have been for him
and his mother + father, who are worried
almost to distraction about him -

Learn this lesson - and while you have
a good thing "stick to it," like grim
death - and with bull dog tenacity -
never let loose -

Do not be a foolish colt and
kick away your harness the first
six months of your trial - A finely
bred colt is much more amenable to
training than a Brando - because it
has better blood and more brains -
It is so with men - use your brains
and look ahead - beyond the present
little worries and hard work, to the
future - I cannot but think your

Uncles have plans for you, other than
being a clerk on a salary - and as
soon as you master the elementary
branches of the business - you will
undoubtedly be advanced by
degrees - and I think that is
what your Uncle George meant
that day he took you out to lunch
and told you he intended ^{switching}
you from one part of the
work to another - until you were
prepared for advancement -
but you must first make
your self competent - and show
yourself ^{capable} competent - do you must
be of good courage and fear
not - for you will reap if you
sow not -

As to the Army - think of your father
and Gen Rodger - boarding here - both
of them homeless and friendless

After a life³ of honorable service
and being knocked about by +
at the beck & call of superior officers
living around in all sorts of old
shacks and houses - submitting
to discomforts and indignities -
here they have landed after re-
tirement - on two thirds pay -

If your father had saved
every dollar he has ever drawn
he would to day be worth about
seventy five or eighty thousand
dollars - but of course he had to
live on his pay and save what he
could - and now we must hunt
up the cheapest places to be found
consistent with his self respect -

In this contemplated trip South he
has not been able to find a Hotel
in his correspondence that he
feels is within his means -

And now the Army is much worse
than it used to be - a young

Lieutenant entering now would
not be a Captain in twenty five
years - Louise Rodgers groans over
being stationed at New Port because
she cannot get ahead - and her
husband is a Captain (Hall) -
and the Rodgers are adepts at
economy - and know how to save
their pennies almost as well as the
Silvers -

Some are writing for a daily Paper in
the Army said it was nothing but
a National Police Force - and there
was nothing to do but loaf in
peace times and to fight & die and
war times - and that a young man
who had anything in him would
never enter the Army from choice
for where there is loafing there
is temptation, immorality and
wrong wicked living - as we all
know from our own experience -
It was "dernier resort" for your
Father and he would never advise

any young ⁴men to enter the Army,
if he can find anything else for
a career - but I suppose you
have long ago dismissed the Army
from your life -

To change the subject - did you
get some very nice white
negligee shirts - we sent you
there were two and sent by
mail - I also sent your Essay
last week by mail - Your Aunt
Kate sent it to me & I forwarded
it to you - think you could
better take care of it - as we
are moving about so often -

I am afraid we will not
meet George & Hatty at St Augustines
for it seems they went to Miami
& Palm Beach -

With much love and many prayers
from your

Devoted Mother
Frances G Woodruff

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