

of P. Steak - which was broiled
to a turn and the baked
potatoes, so large and mealy -

We have not met many Army
people - or we have not let any
of our old friends know we
were in Washington - but we
have met the Trebetens - Major
Henry Trebeten & his wife have
called upon us - & we saw little
Francis -

Great improvements are on
foot in Washington - Two large
buildings are to be erected near
the Capitol - municipal buildings
& other are to be erected -

Trusting you are well and
happy - and with much love
from Mother - Father & Sister we
are as ever and always -
Yours devotedly
Mother

"The Neway Hotel,"
Washington, D. C.

March 31, 1905 -

My dear Sonny -

Your accustomed
letter had not yet appeared -
What can have happened there
that our Sunday letter from our
dear Boy has yet not appeared -
we look forward to hearing from you
and seize upon your letter as if
our lives depended upon its
contents - so you may imagine
our disappointment when we
do not get it - I hope you
have not succumbed to the early
warm Spring days which if they
are anything like Washington days -
are somewhat enervating and have

a tendency to languor and an
enervating to one's energies - but
we are looking forward to leaving
for Atlantic City as soon as Esrae's
holidays are over - She expects to
leave us next Tuesday - as her ten
days end then - We have had bright
sunny weather ever since her
arrival - which was in the midst of
a big thunder storm and most
tremendous deluge of rain -

She has been quite industrious
running about seeing sights - and
trying to shop a little for her
spring clothes -

When you are ready for your
Spring suit & hat - let me know
and a check to the full amount
is ready for you - to pay for it

We have a little round
table in the dining room which
seats four - and we never
sit down without wishing that
you might be with us to
fill the fourth seat - We
have a very funny little waiter
who has claims to much in -
intellectuality and is studying
to be a Doctor - having lived
in Baltimore and served a family
specialist there - he chose
his profession - Yesterday morning
he proposed to bring us one
of the fine Porter house steaks -
and which was fine - but
too much for us - now we
said if Esrae were here
wouldn't he enjoy this feast

WASHINGTON, D.
MAR 31, 1905
2-PM, D.



Mr Geo. E. Goodriff -
933 Second Street
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My dear Brother -

Father just showed me a copy of some writing that I did at New London in my younger days and am trying to copy it but I seem to find it quite a laborious task. It has taken me ten minutes at least to write this much.

Mother is down stairs watching some girls and boys dance. There are about a hundred of them Father said. I can hear the music come floating up through the court. It sounds very prettily and quite romantic as if Father and I were being serenaded.

This morning Father and I went to the Treasury Building and to the White House. We saw a young girl in a carriage drive away laughing and talking to two young men bending over to hear what she was saying in the most attentive way - and some pretty girls who were looking out of the East Room Windows

exclaimed in excited whispers - "I do believe it's Alice".

We were terribly glad to get your letter - I told Father that that was the way to translate that Latin phrase but I don't believe that I impressed it very deeply on him.

Aunt Hattie said that you looked just as handsome when you came to dinner on Sunday and that you were looking well. You must have your head turned most dearest Brother by such praise of mere physical beauty - you must cultivate the Platonic idea of beauty - the beauty of the soul - This isn't a sermon but I am becoming sleepy -

So good night

Your loving Sister
Pace

March 31 - Friday 9 o'clock.

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Mr. George Ezra Woodruff
933 Second Ave
Louisville
Ky.

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[MARCH 30, 1905]

My dearest Brother -

What do you think? Mama and I were out driving this afternoon and we saw President Roosevelt riding thro' the park! It is the first time that I have seen him. He was with Senator Long or someone else and his orderly was sitting on behind. He kept his face hidden until he was nearly past and then looked up. Our driver says that he doesn't like to be recognized but I was looking as hard as ever I could. He had on a black coat + Rough Rider hat and looked quite like a dutch man. I had imagined a fierce stern looking man from the pictures that I've seen but he didn't look that way then.

Mother and I had a beautiful drive out thro' all the pretty parts of the city to Soldier's home + back again. It took about three hours. Our driver was

a darkey and we were in an open
phaeton with a canopy over the top. It
was frightfully warm at first but by
& by a breeze came up and we cooled
off somewhat.

This morning Father and I
went out to the Capitol and to the
Bureau of Painting & Engraving -
It was very interesting to see again.
We have had fine weather to
see things but it keeps us too
busy to try to see every thing
again so we only go to see the most
interesting.

We are looking for a letter from
you to - night Bewvy dear - Keep well
and strong -

Your loving sister
Grace.

O. L. I forgot to tell you that we went
to see Forbes Robinson in Hamlet. You
know he is considered to give the best
representations of it that has ever been
given - It was perfectly fine. I should

love to see it again. Mr. F. R. played
it for 200 nights in London & was a
great success. He was a good-looking
man but his acting is marvelous.

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Mr. Geo. Eya Woodruff
933 Second Ave
Sociesville
Ky.

We went to Gen Washingtons church
in Alexandria on last Sunday
It was a beautiful day and the
old church was most quaint
and picturesque. He sat in the
Generals pew, which was a large
square pew. Both Lee also had a
pew there.

I send you a clipping about Dr
Grimes sermon. He is a very good preacher
and has one of the largest congregations in
the city, and the largest Sunday school in the city.
Of course this clipping cannot give a good
idea of the sermon, but it contains a good
thought.

The flowers are beginning to bloom in the
gardens. Crocuses have been open in the
White House lawn for two weeks. Hyacinths
and tulips are budding and the little yellow
flowers in the park are out. The weather is warm
as you have in C. I will write again soon
and with much love Love your loving father
Cyril Woodruff

Dewey Hotel.

Wash. D.C. March 28/05

My dearest son, our dear
Gracie has been with us since
Friday night and we have
enjoyed her presence very much.
She looks well and seems to be
bright and happy. I think Vassar
will help to make a fine
character out of our Gracie.
We have been seeing Washington
together and have been again to
Mt Vernon. She remembered
much of the surroundings of
the hallowed spot, but of

course one cannot take every item of interest into his head at one visit. The thing that impresses me most seriously is the tomb in its grand simplicity. You know the General was buried at first in the old tomb on the hillside, but because of landslides and springy soil ground, he selected the new spot and ordered his body to be placed there. This was not done until 1837, the year I was born. It seems to me that he should have a much grander tomb than the present simple

structure, but his greatness does not really need any greater monument, but as a token of love and respect, no monument could be grand enough. His motto was *exitus acta probat*. Now I want you to send me a translation, as you have a dictionary.

Mother and Grace have gone down town to buy a hat and before I go out I have written you these few lines simply to inform you that we are all here and thinking of the absent member of our quartette, whom we all love so dearly and whose welfare we all pray for most heartily.

P.D.

It is time for you to get a spring suit. You must get very thin goods and also have a nice alpaca coat to wear in the hot weather. You will find it extremely warm in L. in summer. Of course you will have a vacation and can escape a part of the heated term.

Whatever you need in the way of clothes, let me know. Remember old somebody's advice to Laertes,

As costly you dress as your purse can buy.

Rich but not gaudy. &c &c

Yours with love
Lamson's father

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Mr George E. Woodruff
933 2nd St
Louisville
Kentucky



[March 26, 1905]

My dearest Brother -

This is before breakfast while I am waiting for Mother and Father to get ready to go down to breakfast.

(after dinner) I landed in this beautiful city in a showering thunder storm and Father met me at the station and we came up to the Sevey House. It isn't far from The Buckingham where we were three years ago. It is a much larger hotel but it isn't very tremendous. The table is quite good and very varied and the rooms are pleasant.

Mother and Father are looking well and happy and seem to be enjoying life - I think that they may go back with me to N.Y. then go to Atlantic City but I am not sure.

Yesterday was a beautiful day and we went to the Corcoran art gallery and walked around some and then went to the museum to see De Wolf Hopper in "Wang" It wasn't

very good through funny in some parts of it.

We keep wishing that you were here so it would make it so much nicer.

This morning we went out to Alexandria and went to the little church that Washington and Robert E. Lee went, Washington had a square pew just opposite to Lee's and I sat in each one of them and I could imagine Robert & George sitting there. The minister preached from a very high pulpit that had wind up steps leading to it and a round sounding board above it. and then he led the service from a platform below.

A little old lady told us that in the Marshall house, which we saw in the distance the first blood of the civil war was spilt - A Mr. ~~Therworth~~ ^{Jackson the test keeper} had a Confederate flag flying over the house and Therworth a Union soldier came in one night & took it down, Jackson ~~found~~ him and came out, Therworth said "I've got your damn flag" Jackson said "God he got you" then 3 fired & 2. fired and they both fell dead on the spot. She told us in a most nonchalant way as if it wasn't

any thing at all.

I am going to try to see Helen and Margie but they may be too gay - society folk ever to be at home.

We are going to see Foster Robinson in Hamlet on Monday night. He is said to have the best representation of Hamlet that has been given since Booth. We have just been studying it in English Lit., so I am crazy to see it played again.

There was a whole carload of W. C. girls on an train coming to Washington - I came on the Congressional limited & we just flew along.

How are you getting along with your book-keeping - I hope that you will get through before the hot weather comes - It's quite warm & spring-like here & some of the willows are turning green. Up at Panglossville - the snow hadn't ^{melted} ~~not~~ by any means when I left.

Your very loving sister
Grace

March 26-'05.



The DeWey Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr George E. Woodruff
933. 25th.

Louisville Kentucky

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little boy, who always said whatever
happened, "It's all for the best". Thus
when a brick fell one day and
knocked him down, he jumped up
and cried out "It's all for the best",
and sure enough the accident caused
him to delay long enough to escape
being overwhelmed by the fall of a
whole house which happened just before
he got there. So in your chums case it
may be all for the best. If he will
tackle work with a will, tackle it savagely
he may make a better man than
being a Lieut for 25 years, and no hope
of promotion. A man who enters the army
now is a buried individual, - he has no
chance for promotion. You will must write
to H. and cheer him up. With mothers
love and mine & any from loving father
Eben Woodruff

[1905]
Deloey Hotel March 23
Wash D.C.

My dearest son, this dull rainy
morning I will write you just a
line of loving remembrance to let you
know that we have not forgotten
you. We expect Grace to night
at 8⁴⁰ P.M. and are looking forward
to our meeting with great anticipation
and only wish that you were also
coming. But we do hope to see you
this summer. When you left us last
August to start out on your
great journey through the world as
an independent American Citizen

I did not worry because I knew you were in the line of duty and were going to make you easy among friends, and that we were not far from you. I still do not worry at our separation because you are still walking in the path of duty and are making good progress, - may our Heavenly Father speed you on the way. As we grow older if we are spared we may conclude to turn our steps to the old home city, and we would even do immediately if it were necessary to you

happiness, but, in my opinion, it is just as well that you should go it alone, for it will give you confidence and make you rely upon your own powers and thereby develop your character more completely than if you were living at home. I know you will choose the best and adopt the motto in Homer which you know ~~ΔΙΕΙΡ ΔΙΟΤΕΙΛΕ~~. Always strive for or to be the best.

I feel quite sorry about your friend Harrington's failure. You see what dawdling does or rather does not accomplish. I read a little story when I was quite small about a

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and much colder than it was several days ago. Mother and I think of going out to the museum this afternoon to see the skeleton of a whale 70 feet long and also any other curios they may have on exhibit. I went the other day up into the patent office exhibits which are stored off by themselves in a big red brick fire proof house. There are hundreds of thousands of models stored in glass cases and it is appalling to think of the amount of energy expended

Uwey Hotel Wash DC.
March 21st 1905.

My dearest son, this is the vernal equinox, the first day of gentle Spring. The day and night are supposed to be equal, for the sun crosses the "Line" as the Equator is called by your Jack Tar. Now from this time on the days will grow longer and longer until on June 21st the Summer Solstice will occur and the sun will begin his downward journey and as on through the ages. Capt Willard used to repeat a scientific definition of the seasons. If I remember it was something like the following -
P.T.O.

Winter is the season when the decrements of heat are decreasing.

Spring is the season when the increments of heat are increasing.

Summer is the season when the increments of heat are decreasing.

Autumn is the season when the decrements of heat are increasing.

It seems a little confusing but appears to be mathematically correct. These scientific terms all seem to be obscure until you study them out; like the definition of work.

Work is the continuous^{only} overcoming of resistance, -continuous^{ally} recurring in the same plane. Is that right? You are beginning to be acquainted with work and you should have a good definition of the great promoter of happiness and health. It is raining this morning.

And was glad to get out of the place.

Your grandfater Woodruff was a man who was an inventor and most talented in understanding machinery, but his opportunities were few and he was not smart enough to hold his own against his partners. Speaking of my father whom I lost when I was five year old, reminds me that old Cousin Charles W. who lived in Ely, told me that father was called when he was young "the good little Mr Woodruff". He must have been a shrewd man. So you see that it is up to you to prove that a Woodruff can make himself a fine business man and be successful, and also be good, for that is of the utmost importance.

Mr Resnick is about to visit your town and there will be some attempt at display by the Confederate Vets to entertain him.

Senator McCreary will be there and other. He will be in L. on April 3rd

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in making these models, for of course the working out of the idea preceded the model and how many sleepless nights these inventors must have passed and how many bitter disappointments must they have experienced at their many failures before they succeeded in perfecting their ideas. There are many stories told of the unfortunate inventor who after succeeding, had no money left to protect his machine and was forced to sell it to some

grady fellow who cheated
the owner ^{out} of his just rights. I
remember that Bob Ormsby
an old Louisville friend of mine
told me once that the famous
Colts revolver was invented by
some one who in an evil
moment showed his device to
Cold, who finally got possession
of the model for a trifle and
took out the patent in his own
name, but I do not vouch for the
truth of the story, although it is
possible. There are many inventors
who have succeeded in securing
the profits of their handiwork for

themselves. Elias Howe the
man who succeeded in making
a sewing machine, by the
happy idea of placing the eye
of the needle in the point instead
of the other end, he did very rich.
Edison, takes good care to reap
the rewards due to his brain
work. McCormack the great
reaper man also kept his money.
and Westinghouse who got his start
by inventing the automatic "brake"
^{break?}
for cars.

Still as I rapidly walked through
long lanes of exhibits I felt oppressed
by the amount of work of other men's brains.



The Delney Hotel,
Washington, D. C.



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of the family - Grace's holiday
is only for ten days - it will
take a day of that to come and
another day to return - as we
will only have her with us a little
more than a week. It has been
very rainy & stormy for several
days now - I suppose we
may call the equinoctial gales -
as it is now the vernal equinox -
and I trust after Grace arrives
we may have sunshine and
prosperous skies - as she will
want to run around and see
Washington - They have automobiles
here now for seeing Washington

"The Dewey Hotel,"
March 21, 1905

Washington D. C.

My dear Sonny, We have just
come up to our room from
Breakfast - and after reading
your always welcome letter -
I shall write to you in reply
as a beginning of the day -
Providence permitting "Des Volontés"
we will have our dearest
little daughter with us in a
day or two - Friday the 24th
is the appointed time for her
arrival - and we only wish
you were also to form a part

seating forty or fifty people while the man stands in the end of the car shouting the names of the various places of interest--

Do you think you will have a glimpse of the wonderful little President when he visits Louisville on April the 4th or is it the 3^d - He has followed St. Paul's advice and makes "himself" all things to all men, and while apparently a very ordinary looking man is in reality a very extraordinary man -

I am so glad you can cheer up your Cousin Laura - but pray do not tease her too much - remember to respect her years and her feeble old age - and do not go too far you might hurt her feelings - which you must never do -

It is too bad about your friend Fred feeling to pass his exams - for the time being - The requirements must be more strenuous than they used to be - but you must encourage him to greater effort in the work he has found for there is always opportunity for advancement in any and every vocation and he must take heart again and be more industrious than ever and work harder -
Love & affection in much love to our dear
your devoted Mother
Frances C. Goodrich

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Mr Geo E Goodruff -
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Col
Miss Clark

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moment that I was over in and after each
speech there was quite and over-
whelming applause. Our society was
so of course the unions were
jubilant. Fairlee W. Wellington, a
Louisville girl was the leader on
our side and she was perfectly
fine. When she refused she was
most delightfully sarcastic and clear
and the other side couldn't answer
half of the things that she brought
up - the question was

'Resolved that the efforts of the
employers to overthrow the Unions
are for the best interests of the
laboring class -'

Afterwards we went down
stairs. 1907 was out under the
Paris coalition and 1906 & 5 in the



My dearest Brother
This is a
picture of the wildy exciting
debate which came off last night -
I sat chapel and went to hold
seats up near the front - there
were a great many people there
already and when chapel was
out there was a mad rush
for the ^{old} chapel - it was packed & crammed
and the balcony looked as if it would
fall down it was so full. Judge Parker
was one of the judges and sat almost
opposite me so that I had a fine
look at him - The atmosphere was the

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entrance ^{to main} or soap palace as it is called - We sang
our song and the seniors + juniors sang all they knew
It is raining hard today and the snow is fast
going so that soon it will be all springy +
nice. I bought my ticket yesterday and so I
felt as if I were really going to Washing-
ton.

There was an awfully cute play yester-
day given by the Chapter Beta. Polly Gardner
was the hero and she was fine - She
was supposed to be a young doctor, and
all of her friends sat down in the very
front of the audience - and they clapped
vociferously and made sounds so that

it was all she could do to keep
from laughing though she did
to some extent -

I am drowsy from so much
excitement last night - so I will stop -
Adieu and good luck - Sorry
Your loving sister

Grace

March 14 - '03

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and some official may sell them to the paper, - at any rate they are published and sold Mr Morgan the Sen from Ala. gets up and reads by the hour because they are sold to the public. The public is not admitted to the executive sessions, and so there is no pleasure for me, for I would like to hear the discussions.

We expect our dear Grace to come down next week for 10 days, but we shall miss you very much at our Easter reunion, and it is only the knowledge that you have assumed your place in the world as a workman, engaged in his duty that gives us comfort and consolation in your absence.


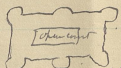


Mother joins me in sending our best love and also our annual prayers for your health, happiness and success. If you want anything, money or clothes, be sure to let me know, and again with my best love, I am

Your loving father. Ezra Woodruff

Lacey Hotel Wash. D.C.
March 18th 1905.

My dearest son, we were delighted to get your last letter with its cheerful tone and its cheering news of promotion. I think you have done extremely well in tackling with courage your various positions in the game, and I have no fear of your inability to display sufficient skill and staying power to hold the bill desk job firmly and master it thoroughly. You speak of that Arith review. It made me very happy when you took up work and I was more happy at your carrying it through to a finish; for now you are proving its benefit.

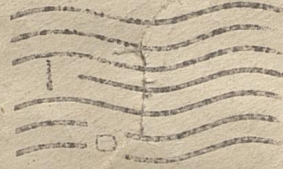
We are having a succession of pleasant days here. Yesterday we went down on the boat to Mt Vernon and enjoyed the sail and also the view of the house and tomb of our great Father Patrick. I saw one object that

had escaped my attention at our first visit that was, the facsimile of the Bastille prison cut out from a single stone which had been in the wall of the prison. My idea had been that the Bastille was square ^{thus}  but it is oblong  and surely  it looked as if it might be a very formidable fortress. No wonder the French people hated it so thoroughly, and it must have given the enraged mob a most delightful occupation to raze the structure, but it must have taken some time to do it. You know this stone facsimile as well as the famous key  was given ~~by~~ by Lafayette to Washington. They seem to me to be among the most interesting souvenirs ~~of~~ in Mr Vernon's home. Washington did not build the entire house. He bought the original villa and added one story and the attic and in addition he added rooms at each end of the house, so that it now contains 18 rooms in all, but some

of them in the attic are quite small as you may remember. The Potomac river is very high now and the water is red almost, it is so muddy. Washington has the filtration plant still unfinished, but it is nearing completion. Everybody is warned to boil the water before drinking it.

Well, last night we went to hear Richard Mansfield in Richard III. He cut the play very finely and his version consists of a set of beautiful stage arrangements made to fit Mansfield. His version is severely criticized and I confess that while it was entertaining, I would have liked more Shakespeare and less staging.

The Senate is still drawing out the extraordinary session by secret discussions of the Senate Dominions Treaty, and these secret discussions are all promptly reported the next day by the newspapers. Who reveals the secrets are not known but very probably some Senator may talk without thinking



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