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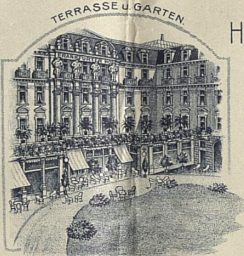
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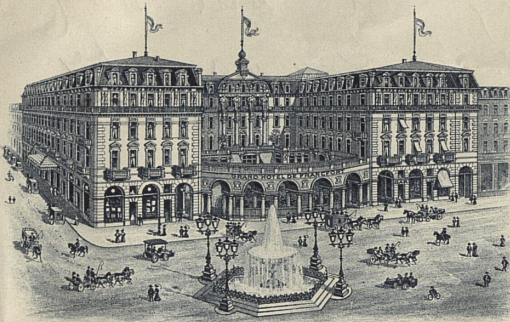
FRANKFURT A/M.



Tuesday Sept 22 1908

My dearest Son, last night after a ten hours sail on the Rhine, on a swift little boat, and enjoying the most lovely sunshine, and feasting our eyes on the most fascinating and picturesque scenery, - we cut our voyage short as the sun went down and landed at "Bingen", the famous Bingen of my youth, when everybody thought it necessary to read Mrs Norton's poem and at the same time sympathize with her wrongs. You know the laws of old England used to regard a woman as a chattel, and she had no rights, and her husband treated her as he would, - used the strap, or robbed her at will, and she had no recourse. Well poor Mrs Norton was a bit of a genius and possessed talent and she had an infernal scourdred for a husband, and when she would thrup for the papers, the wretch would go down and collect her money and spend it in riotous living. This made a tremendous stir at the time and was a strong argument for changing the law, - which has been done and woman is now regarded as an independent soul and not a slave.

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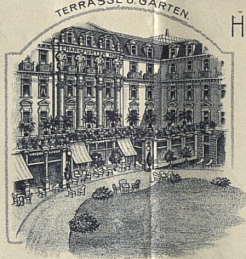
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We passed a comfortable night at the Victoria Hotel at Bingen had breakfast and took a train for Frankfurt where we arrived at in an hour and a half and went to the Frankfurter Hof, a very nice hotel, with all modern improvements, and having a very good restaurant where one can eat *à la carte* or *table d'hôte* as he pleases. The *table d'hôte* is a rather formidable affair and to us, - the idea of three kinds of meats with *hors d'oeuvre* and other things, are not agreeable. Mother and I both prefer a plain and simple diet.

After lunch we took a taximeter horse cab and started on our sight seeing and surely we were richly rewarded. Such a collection quaint old horses, hundreds of years old I never saw before. I trust you will not get bored by my sending you so many postals, because they do give you a faint idea of the things they represent. Mother thinks that I send you too many, and if I do you can put them in the waste paper basket.

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We leave tomorrow morning on our way to Switzerland. We shall go to Geneva by Saturday and then it will not be far to Naples and the ship.

I do not think that any of us would like to stop in Europe for the winter. The place is interesting to see and one can learn lots of ideas from a trip, even a hurried one like ours, but mother is growing anxious to tread American soil and so are the rest of us. I find myself asking the question in these places we visit: - Would you like to spend a year here? and my alter ego answers at ~~no~~ one, - no! So, there is no place like home, and please God if we are spared to get together, we shall try to have a home after our long wandering.

~~And~~ We have not heard from you, but we feel sure you are all right, and we hope the P.G. people are profiting by the rising wave of prosperity.

Mother and Grace both join me in sending our best love to our beloved son and brother.

I am, as ever, your loving father

Esra Bradford

FRANKFURTER-HOF, FRANKFURT A. M.



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Amsterdam,

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September 17, 1908

Dear Jenny - Your letter registered - telling about the house for rent on First Street - has just reached me - The location is quite to my mind and for that reason would appeal to me - but I rather think a furnished house would not do so - You know I have quite a little furniture and several rugs in storage and besides I do not know whether Grace would like

furniture of so many years standing - I have no doubt it is very nice but it must be somewhat old fashioned, and the price of renting the furniture would be almost sufficient to keep me, now if we like hot air furnace heating - so it is better perhaps not to accept the offer under the present conditions - We might like it and we might not - You see it would be a risky thing to

take a house we have not seen,
If it is still on the market when
we return & after seeing it - we
might like it or might not, so it is
better not to accept the offer -

We have progressed as far as
Amsterdam with perfect success - stopped
over in Brussel, Antwerp and Hague
for a day or so and will be here in
day or two - before going to Cologne from
Cologne we go down the Rhine to

Switzerland - and will be in Geneva
a week or two - It is somewhat fatiguing
to be so much on the go, but
we have stood it very well so far -
We spent most of the afternoon in the
Museum of Art - here and I sent you
two Postals enclosed - copies of some of
the old Dutch Master - Rubens, Rembrandt
Gauguin - Jandryke are here in great numbers
and Paul Potter - I hope you like the Post
Cards, we are sending you two loving Mother
Francis & Goodnight

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September 10, 1908

My dear Henry
We have just

finished our dinner consisting
of Consommé - Turbot - duck
a meat pie of some indefinable
sort - the paste very light &
flaky - the filling of chicken
sweet bread & balls of cheese
and what not - The dessert was
a little block of coffee ice
tiny little gateaux - then came
fruit - grapes fresh figs, peaches

and green Almond nuts -
The shell looks like a
very green peach, but
when it is taken off the
fresh Almond is very
tender and creamy - They
never serve coffee at the
table, but afterwards while
every one is in the Salons, listen-
ing to the Band play - little
tables are brought in with tiny
little trays with small cups
of coffee, very black and strong
and Frenchy - The Band plays
until 9:30 - when the people disperse

We have been here a little more
than two weeks and we have been
busy packing to-day for our start
to-morrow. We are to stop in Brussels
over Sunday and then we go to Holland
before journeying on to Switzerland.
I am dreadfully homesick and
wish we were going to sail for America
instead, but they laugh at me and say
I should not think of going back

until we have seen more of Europe
the more so slowly that I fear we
will not accomplish as much as we
should. Everybody seems to be coming
this way instead of going to Switzerland
We have had a few warm days but
it is quite cool again - Give my love to
Cousin Laura - I sent you a fifty-dollar
check and your father sent you \$75 - I will
send you some more soon - I pray you
may keep well - With much love from
Your devoted Mother -



Sept 9th 1908

My dearest son, we have been quite busy in Paris for two weeks, but the season is advancing and we have bought our tickets for the trip through Holland, Switzerland and Italy, and will start day after tomorrow. I.V. for our homeward journey. We have all kept well and have

done a reasonable amount of sightseeing, but we have not gone wild over it. When there are so many new and interesting things and places to visit, one feels helpless if he should try to see everything. So we have not tried to do so, but we have enjoyed what we have seen. Our thoughts are turning towards you and Louisville, in fact our only drawback has been, your absence, but as you and I know, Europe will not run

away and I hope that you will have many pleasant trips over here during your time.

Mother especially seems anxious about you and is more homesick than either Gracie or I am. Two months have passed and six weeks more will soon pass and then we will be on the ocean homeward bound.

We all hope that after the election, times will be good, and everybody will want to paint up their houses

and also that they will want to buy their paint from Peaslee Cauldwell Co.

Mother occasionally worries somewhat about her affairs, and fears that there is some plan by which she will be hurt. But I assure her that her shares belong to her and to nobody else and that her interests cannot suffer.

If you need more money, let me know, for you and I are agreed that you must dress nicely on the outside of the body as well as it behooves

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you to keep your mind and
soul free from blots.

In regard to our house
you must keep your eyes
open for a comfortable
domicile on First Street,
with 5 bedrooms and good
plumbing, and in good
repair. We can enjoy a
renewal of family ties,
after our long separations.
I know I shall be very
happy to once more have
us all gather under one

roof for a reunion.

There are so few of us
that we ~~can~~ need to work
together in order to accomplish
a successful family life
even in a modest way.

We all pray for your success
and happiness. May God
bless and keep you. All
send love and hopes for a
happy return. and I am as
always. Your loving father.

Erath Woodruff



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PLACE RIVOLI
PARIS

THE REGINA ENGRAVER



September 7, 1908

Dear Sonny -

We have just finished our breakfast, consisting of rolls butter & coffee with hot milk and no cream. This is the regular hotel breakfast. If we wish anything more it is extra and very much more than it should be. It is a bright morning - the second sunshiny day. We have had in

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since our arrival here -

Yesterday we made our acquaintance with Cook & son and went to Versailles under his conveyance. It was the first bright day - & we went in the roughest motor car - with about twenty other people - some of them bigger than we are, so you can imagine how we were packed in - closer than most Sardines - We saw the Palace of Versailles - so full of historic interest - where Marie Antoinette was beheaded by the mob - the balcony from which she spoke to them

The staircase through which she fled
and was afterwards overtaken and carried to
prison - The walls are covered with
large magnificent paintings and the
windows overlook the artificial
gardens & many fountains which
cost the French people so many
millions and afterwards were paid for
in the blood of the nobility & royal family
This Palace is not beautiful although
so costly & the gardens are very artificial

and there is more glitter and glare
than beauty in Versailles - although the
best architects & landscapers gardeners
were employed to produce the finest
results that French art & money could do.
as Louis 14th told them he wanted
something finer than the world had ever
seen & worthy of his vanity - It was a whole
day of energetic going on our part, we saw a
great deal which was worth our barged
up condition last night - spent in time for an
8 o'clock dinner - he slept soundly after
the long arduous day and am only partially restored this
morning -

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And are writing letters this morning to rest & gather strength for more sight-seeing -

I only wish we were to sail for home soon - as I feel that I should be in Louisville to look after your & my interests - but your father & Grace wish to stay a few weeks longer. We expect to leave Paris this week about Wednesday or Thursday for Brussels - Amsterdam

and Geneva - You have done very little shopping in Paris - as we do not wish to fill up our trunks which are already too heavy -

Your father sent you a check for 45-dollars last week and I sent you a check for 50 fifty-dollars - I will send you another check soon - do not use the sent money from my houses and do not wish the accounts broken - I prefer sending you a check when you

need it - It seems to me you are
in a great hurry in ordering a winter
suit in hot August - we never thought
of winter suits in Louisville before
November - I only wish we could
be in Louisville by the first of
October - but hope to be there by the
first of November - or very little later,
Address your letters to American
Express Co - Paris - & they will be

forwarded to us - Your registered
letter was received safely & in due
time. If there is anything you would
like me to get for you, you
must tell me - as I find nothing
here either better or cheaper than in
New York - Give my love to cousin
Laura - and with much love
to your self - I am your
devoted mother
Frances G Goodrich

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[1908]



Saturday Sept 5th.

Dearest Brother -

Your letter concerning the new paper
my feeling years came and we all
enjoyed reading it and hearing how
you are getting along. I am hoping
that the awfully warm weather is
over - warm weather always is too
much for me, so I am sympathetic
with you and wish you better luck
as to the weather, and good luck &
success in business too. Mother would
like to cut the journey short and
come to Savinelle to settle up the
P. Q. affair, but Father & I think
that she couldn't help matters

any at present so we think we
shall stay until the last of
October & sail from Naples - you
see it is only two months more
and that is not very long, and
I doubt whether we get up
energy to come over here again
very soon - though it seems very
natural to be in Europe and is
all clear sailing, the chief trouble
is in getting here and getting
back. We read in the papers
about the awful weather the
Gascogne or Gascon had last week.
All of the passengers were praying
and the waves washed over the
entire ship for 24 hours - Such
pleasures are not for most
from choice.

We like Paris a lot - Mother
is anxious to leave & get to
Switzerland, and I think we
shall go on Wednesday or there.

four miles from Paris (It is really
just a continuation of Paris) we
went on a train and suffered
again sitting on the most un-
comfortable seats - I am going to
take a cushion the next time I
go. We sat on top and all the people
that came up there were most
unattractive and unkept in appear-
ance. - The tiers elst is very poor
over here. St. Denis is most in-
teresting - The old church has ex-
isted there for ^{3rd century} years being ~~tore down~~
& rebuilt from time to time. Napoleon
I was married to ^{maria} Queen, Sauveq
Austria there - Marie Antoinette &
Sauve's siege (18th) are buried in
the crypt and the tombs of
the French kings from the
earliest ages ~~are~~ there. The
the mobs have destroyed their
remains long ago.

day - We are imbibing more
sights than we can digest - going
to see all of the old & interesting
churches - St. Germain l'Auxerrois
where the bell was rung as a
signal for the massacre of St. Bar-
tholomew when Catherine de Medi-
ci was regret for her sons. 70 thousands
and protestants were hilled in
France in three days - even the
king fired a gun at them from
a window in the Louvre as
they passed by below. Cher hotel
is just opposite the Jardin des
Tuilleries, which the Paris mob
baricaded & tore down in one
of their revolutions. I wish that I
knew more of French history
than I do, as everything would be
so much more interesting then.
Yesterday mother, father & I went
out to the town of St. Denis, about



to-morrow, Sunday,
we are going to Ver-
sailles, one of the great
royal palaces - Louis
quatorze (14th) lived
there & Marie Antoi-
nette & Louis 16th were
brought ^{from} there to Paris

to their death. We are going in
a motor touring car with Cook &
son & will be gone all day. The
car is something like "Series New
York" cars.

I bought some fine violet
extract at Pinaud yesterday for
quatorze francs (14) or 2.66. Mother
didn't approve of such extra-
gance - I don't believe that I don't
myself, but it smells fine - S'odeur
est belle.

I have been to the Savoy
several times - there is much
to see there that I would like

to go after & stay a long
time, but there are so many
other things to see & to do.
We always take a horse taxi-
cab to go places. It is almost
as cheap as riding in buses
for three people, or short rides
and much more comfortable.
We are going to the opera Mon-
day night to hear "Salome".
We thought we ought to
go once while we are here, es-
pecially as it is such a noted
place.

The weather has been very
rainy here for two weeks, but
it is beautifully clear to-day.
It is nice to leave poor wea-
ther when travelling.

I have a little red French-
English & English-French dic-
tionary, that I use a small

tenants pay their rent & pay
the repairs with that.

I must dress for dinner now
so see you, with very best
love - your loving sister
Grace

I am glad that Sunday is
all well again.

These postals are pictures
of the 'winged victory' &
the 'Venus de Milo' both at
at the Louvre and they are
the finest things there in the
way of sculpture.

occasions - It is a necessary
thing sometimes, for every one
doesn't talk English. We shall
have to practice talking French
together next winter.

There is a pretty young
girl at this hotel with her
mother & brother from
Holland and every even-
ing and during the day, ~~and~~
she has suitors flocking about.
There are about ten young
college men, friends of her
brothers, and they all seem
crazy about the sister. She
looks a little like Carl Roden,
she is small & dainty, her brother
reminds us of you very much,
only he is dark.

You must not pay any of
your own money for my
house, but wait until the



Sept 4th 1908

My dearest son, your dated August 4th but postmarked August 24th came and we were rejoiced to hear of your good health. I sent you a check for 175 and mother sent you one for 50 a day or two since. I think you are wise in joining the Tavern Club now for it will furnish you a comfortable place to eat and also you will be able to mingle with the active young business men and by doing so, you can learn

very much about business affairs which you could not learn if you were not a member of the club. It will give you dignity and you have associated with men long and intimately enough to understand how to carry yourself, so as to command the respect of your fellow members of the club.

It is hard to keep closely posted by letter writing when we are so far apart. It takes about three weeks to get an answer, - and that is a long time in these days; - still if you will keep up writing regularly we will shall get your letters in time. Your suggestion about Postals is good and we have endeavored to keep you supplied in that line

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You must not worry if I send you a duplicate now and then, for I cannot always remember which ones I have sent, - and there is such a great number of them, - and many of them are fine, and other not so fine. Gracie is making a collection for herself as well, and she can show you her cards when she arrives home.

To day we went to see several ~~new~~ churches. These churches are all of them what we would call old, and some of them are very old. We peeped into a dingy old church St Germain auxerrois, which was built about 400 years ago, and we found it well preserved but so mellow with age and the stone pillars and sides of the church are so dingy and black

that one wants to see in the sweepers and scrubbers at once. It was from this church, that the bell rang in 1572 which was the signal for the massacre of the Protestants, and to day we heard the little bell ring out the chimes, as innocently as if it had never been so wicked.

It has always seemed to me that Admiral Coligny and the leaders of the Protestants, must have been perfect idiots to not to have found out the plot and counter checked it; but I suppose it was to be.

We are glad to learn that the P. G., is doing so well and we know that you are helping affair along. If you need any money, let me know. Mother and Grace join in sending you oceans of love and affection. I am as always
Your loving brother
Ezra Woodruff



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PLACE RIVOLI
PARIS

THE REGINA ENGRAVER



Septembre 4th
1908

My dear Sonny - we
have not had a letter
from you for some
time, none addressed
to the American Express
Paris - France as yet
and I wrote from
Edinburgh to tell you to
send you next to us here
The unusually hot
summer must have

been very wearing upon
you - I am glad for
your sake the summer
is over - for sure I am
sorry - we have not had
one warm day since we
landed - It rains, or showers
in Paris every day, and then
the sun shines in between
the showers - we have been
busy sight seeing and are
always tired - We have
seen the principal things
and places, except Ver-
sailles, where we plan to
go in a few days -

Paris is full of Americans, this
hotel has turned many away - yesterday
some people registered here from
Louisville - Sacks by name -

I hope your horse is better, you
should be careful not to ride
him too hard, in hot-weather.
or he will be stown up. Horse
flesh is very easily affected -

I did not mean to - reject - entirely
the P. Farm offer - only to post-poner
it - until I had seen the farm
myself - I should like to return
in a short-time but your father
wishes to extend the trip until the
last of October or 1st of November.

Let me know if it - necessary for
me to return - and if so - how
soon - Do not use any of my rent or
money you collect from any source -
I wish my accounts kept intact. I
send you a check for your winter suit
for forty dollars - which I suppose is
more than enough for a suit - Your father
has also sent you a check - do you see Laura
often & how is she? - Love every Mother
Travis & Goodhue



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August 31st 1908.

My dearest son, your welcome letter of August 16. came yesterday and we all were delighted to get it and hear that you are well and have stood the strain of the hot weather so well. We have had nice cool weather compared with yours, with much sunshine and when it was what they call warm, I did not suffer in the least. Of course we are much farther north

than Louisville. ² L. being about 37° N. and Paris is 49°; London is 51° N. and when we were in Edinburgh, I thought we were near the arctic Circle, E. being in 56° N. - and the days were very long, but they will be correspondingly short in winter, and it must be a very desolate place then; Do you remember Mr Hopson's joke when the Englishman, said to ~~was~~ a Scotch lady; In England we feed oats to horses and in Scotland you feed oats to men! Yes, said the lady in a quiet tone, and what horses! and what men! But old Sam Johnson, said, - Scotland was a fine country, to emigrate from. But you cannot make fun of the Scotchmen, however

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you scoff at the rigorous climate
and the poor rocky soil.

In this lovely land of Sunny France,
we can make no criticism about
the country or the people. It
is a beautiful and fertile country
and its people are the most
industrious and economical of
all nations. When the Germans after
beating France, mulcted them in the
enormous sum of one thousand millions
of dollars, - thinking that France could
never pay it, - the French people
simply went down into their pockets
and subscribed the whole sum
four times over, and the great sum
was paid over the counter in gold,
to the greedy Allemands, who have

most of it still stored deep in the
subcellars of their strongest
fortresses, - for use in future war.

Yesterday we attended church, (Episcopal)
in the morning and at 7 P.M. we
dined at the Dysans with the Ingrahams.
There are seven in their party and
they seem to have a good time. They
are an amiable and interesting family.
They leave this morning for England.

We have made no hard and fast
itinerary, ~~but~~ but mother wishes to go
the Hague and up the Rhine on
the road to Switzerland, and this will
cut out Berlin and Germany. But
~~if~~ we shall wind up with Italy, which
will be pleasant. I enclose check to help pay for
your clothes + other expenses. All join in sending love
and I am always your loving father

Ezra Woodruff

taking any because the duty
on them is high - I had some
material with me, brought from
U.S. that I may have made
if I can get some one to do
it for me.

I have been in the house
all day reading, but Mother &
Father went to church this morn-
ing and this evening they have
gone to dinner with the Dugra-
hans at the Depart Hotel, we
may go there next week to stop
as it is only 12 francs a day &
the table is "one of the best in
Paris" - that appeals to us, though
the table is fine here and every-
thing nice in other ways, but
it is a big hotel & we prefer
a smaller one like the Py-
sant.

Yesterday I had a fine time -
Ruth & Edith came for me &
we went shopping at various
places and took a drive down

Sunday evening - 6.35
August 30th 1908
Paris -

Dearest Mother mine -
Your very nice letter
written August 18th just came
today and I can tell you that
we were glad to get it. I am
so sorry that the weather has
been so warm - It has been more
like fall over here and a coat
always feels comfortable. I haven't
been without a jacket since I
left Atlantic City.

Mother said that she would
send you a check for your cut
and I think that Father said
that he would send you some
money too. We deal in francs over
here (19 cents) and the prices of
things are all marked in francs
for instance a dress for 60 dollars
would be 300 francs. The dress-
makers here are not much
more reasonable than in Amer-
ica - Dresses cost from 60 dollars
up - for nice ones - I am not cog-

the Champs Elyées to Napoleon's arch. which is perfectly beautiful is so large & well proportioned. Some people say Champ Elyée for Champs Elyées. After that we all came here to luncheon & then went shopping some more. They bought some walking hats & I bought a chemise. We have to talk French a great deal & it is quite a good deal of fun to try & make them understand. We have had no trouble so far though. Edith says that once in Geneva she asked for some blankets & after finally making the maid understand, so she thought, the maid went off & came back

with a step ladder. It is quite annoying things to work hard & solve a grand French sentence & have them answer in English.

Isis Charlottesville Virginia where Mary Powell lives. They went there from Washington & are still there I am pretty sure. I hope Mary Deane knows them.

You have developed into a fine shot hasn't you? to shoot one bird out of eight. Hooray for you. The ones you didn't hit must have been out of range, for I am sure you would have gotten the others too.

The other day I had a shampoo by a little french gentleman. He told me that the water in Paris was too bad to wash my hair & that an antiseptic shampoo was the thing I needed, so I agreed and he appeared with a can of gasoline which he proceeded to pour over my head and after lifting up the hair a couple of times. It was all finished & it dried in two minutes. He didn't rub it at all. I suppose the friction would have put me on fire. I don't care for the antiseptic wash very much.

Just now I had dinner in mother's room. Two waiters brought in a table all spread & I had a regular course dinner all by myself.

The deserts are quite elaborate, one of the things they always leave are little cakes or
brilled cups. I quite approve of the french
cooking. It is much more tasty & delicious
than the English.

I can look out of mother's window
right down into the court & see the dining-
room. The dining room has a ^{stained} glass
ceiling which draws back & lets in the
air. It is not a very large room.

Well good night brother dear &
keep well and we shall soon all
be together in a nice little house

Sincerely -

Lovingly,
Grace.



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Saturday August 29th 1908.

My dearest son, my mind is so constantly occupied in thinking of you and wondering what you are doing and how you are prospering and how you are that I feel like writing you a word of cheer to let you know that though lost to sight you are to memory dear. To day Grace spent the morning

with the Ingrahams and they then took a drive about Paris. You can hire a horse taximeter cab for 40 cents an hour with the addition of a small tip, and you can see lots in a two hours drive. It began to rain about 2 o'clock and has kept it up ever since. Will mother and I again went to the Louvre and on our way stopped to glance at the statue to Lafayette, which was erected by contributions from the children of the United States. It is on horseback and the

Pedestal is quite high.
You know France gave us that
statue of Lafayette which stands
in Union Square facing 14th St.
Well we got into the Louvre all
right, but I thought we would
never get out. There are miles and
miles of galleries and we had quite
a French lesson, in asking our
way and how to travel to reach certain
galleries. One gallery has Millet's
cleaner which is called a
companion picture to the Angelus
and Corot's picture called
Le Matinee, or the Dawn.
There are many copyists

about, diligently working away
to produce a good copy of the
old master, which they sell to
confiding Americans. After two
hours tramping through these wonderful
regions, I am about done up.
So in the afternoon I take a
siesta.

To night we are resting and listening to the
music.

We got three or four letters from you
on reaching London from Edinburgh,
but we have not read one here. You
remember how slow your letters were
in reaching us, when you were on the
St Marys. So we hope to get another
batch from you soon.

You must not worry about all the
postals I sent you, you can discard them if they

are too numerous.⁵

We all hope that the P.H. Co. are doing lots of business and we feel sure you are holding up your end in adding to its success.

You must keep cool and steady. Do not get flustered, try to promote friendly feeling by every proper way. I know the gentlemen will recognize your merits and your efforts. Be patient, give them time, and they will come round all right. You are in a peculiar position and many eyes are upon you, so you must walk warily and circumspectly. Everything comes to him who waits. and do not forget to pray for wisdom to guide your steps.

Mother and Grace send love.
Do not forget to let me know
if you need money.

The heat of the summer is
passing, and you will have cool
nights soon, when life will be
more easy.

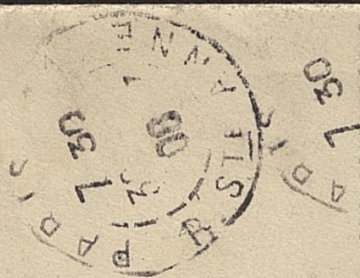
We shall not stop long at any
place after we leave here, our
time is passing rapidly and soon we
will have been two months since
we left our native land.

With best love from all

I am, Your loving father

Egnat Woodruff





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and the sea was rough but
our ~~great~~ ship was swift and
she cut through the waves in
great style. We secured deck chairs
and water proof blankets and
took our places next the outside rail
behind the wheelhouse. I wrapped
my arm about the rail and like
Fitz James, I said: this iron shall
fly from its strong hold, sooner
than I. Mother and Grace were
just aft and we started out from
the lee of the protecting dock on
our stormy voyage, — and we held
our own. I lay back and just let
her roll and pitch, while I hung
onto the rail. Neither of us were

ill and in ²one hour and
thirty minutes we landed ~~at~~
at the Calais dock, and oh!
how glad we were to stand
on terra firma once more.
The train was waiting and we
began our last lap. of about 180
miles to Paris. It just flew and
got to P. at 4.50 P.M. There are
interpreters who are allowed to assist
green passengers in getting their
baggage through the Custom
house, and we found one who
aided us very much. He got ~~us~~
a one horse omnibus which seemed
capable of carrying 4 trunks with
ease and our light baggage

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went inside with us. We went
to the Regina Hotel and here we
are. The Hotel is full and we
may move in a day or two.
but you can send all mail
to the care of the Am Ex. Co.

Paris it has rained all to day but
mother and Grace went this morning
to the Bon marche shopping
and I went to see the Cathedral
Notre Dame, - and I found it all
my fancy had painted it.

It is the grandest example
of pure gothic architecture, and
it is in good preservation.

They used limestone and it has stood

the wear and tear of centuries.
and the abuse of men, better
than the Westminster Abbey.
Before you visit it you must
read Victor Hugo's Hunchback
of Notre Dame.

This afternoon we all went to
the Louvre museum to see a few
pictures. Grace went with Ruth
Luprah and sisters. The Luprah's
are over here on account partly
of their father's health. Mother
and I went together. There are
six miles of museum and we saw about
one quarter of a mile and then gave
up, but hope to go again.

We shall be here about three weeks
and then will go to Switzerland. All join
in send love to our dear son & brother
from father & mother

Thursday Aug 27 1908

My dearest son, we left London
at nine o'clock Tuesday morning.
and had a delightful ride through
the lovely country of South England.
The land was yellow with the harvest
and there were also great flocks
of sheep. We arrived at Dover in one
hour and 3/4. Our train was a fast
one with no stops. I had checked

the baggage at Charing X Station
and had also paid the charge for
extra baggage all the way
to Paris. We were allowed 165
lb each and we had 300
lb in excess and I paid about
8 dollars. They charge one shilling
and one penny for every 10 lb.
so you see baggage costs. We
will leave a good deal of baggage
stored when we start away
from Paris, with the American
Express Co, and when we get to
Naples we will have it shipped
there and take it home on our
ship. There is no need of so much

trash. One does not open their
trunks hardly. I could have done
very nicely with a good sized
Gladstone bag. Well we reached
Dover in good shape and I saw
the white chalk cliffs which
give the name of Albion to the
Island. It was blowing and the

August 26, 1908

Paris - France

Regina Hotel -

Dear Sonny - Please
note our change of
residence - We had a
rather rough passage
across the Channel yesterday
None of us succumbed
to "Mal de Mer" however -
we were only about
eighty minutes "en voyage"
Although a number of people
gave evidence of sea
sickness and diurnal groans
were heard, we bravely withstood

the temptation but we were
glad when land was in
sight and Calais meant
much to us - but in our
haste to secure seats
we saw nothing of the city
of Calais except porters &
custom house officers -
who were very courteous and
opened but one of our bags

I wrote to you from
Edinburgh to address our
letters here in care of the
American Express Company -
Paris - France -

I hope your venture in
real estate will turn out well

will be an out go - and
no in - come - I prefer
the income and shall invest
my money accordingly - No
town lots for me - You
want a modest house on
First street - beyond Kentucky
I have neither desire nor
the means with which to cut
a swarth or to make a
splurge -

By the time the executor
Trust Co skins the cream
+ the inheritance is paid
there will be ^{little} ready money
left - for me

Do not engage a lawyer -
Your father says the P. G. Shaver

but my dear Sonny - you
must not expect your
mother to build on your
lot - I shall never build
a house in Louisville
The tax rates are much
too high - He will rent
a house in Louisville and
own a country place
far beyond the limit of
the tax - man - This is
what I shall do - and I
mean what I say -

Law L. & N. Bonds paid you
interest - and it came in quite
regularly - Your town lot -
will cost you taxes and then

at last - and hope this
time the leases will hold
out - faithfully -

I hope no advantage
will be taken of my
absence - and that you
will try to be modest in
your demeanor and not
feel too elated over my
inheritance - It is not so
very much when it is settled
up - and ^{it} has been vastly
over-rated -

I will see about the Doctor
Linn when I return & trust
the Golf Club can wait -
until I do return -

I am glad your friends are

are legally in my ³ ^J
possession - and have
been since Mr Botte
turned them over to you
for deposit - and no one
can rob me of them -

I sent, before sailing
the money for Laura Key
and your horse - for
four months - July, August
September and October - leaving
a surplus - so it will not
be necessary to send any
more before November - You
can send me the bills for
Grace's house repairs and I
will then send a check - I
am glad you have rented it

After I pass away⁵ - I shall
leave what I have to you
and Grace equally divided
Share and share alike
and you will find it not
so much as you think
it is - so you must use
wisdom in selecting a wife
and do not be in too much
haste - You have seen
very little society - and
can afford to wait a while
before taking such a momentous
step - and do not live beyond
your income - I know the
temptation to do so - so be
careful and do not be rash - is
the advice of your loving Mother
Harriet Woodruff

kind to you and⁴ appreciate
you - but you must not
think because people
are kind to you that
you must repay their
kindness and politeness
by sacrificing yourself
to them - all you need
to do is to repay by being
polite and courteous to them.
Pray do not be so foolish
as to engage yourself
to any girl until you
have your business
affairs established and
can take care of a wife
by your own efforts -



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the top there is a fine
view of the streets and houses.

We think we will go to hear
the Merry Widows to night
for our debut in a London
theatre. We have always
been willing to rest at night
and we have not gone to
places of amusement.

We all are glad that you
gave your little party at the
old door play and approve
the idea of your holding up
your end in ~~your~~ as well as
in ~~the~~ ~~business~~
You know my opinion is that

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Aug 22 1905
Kingsley Hotel London.

My dearest Ben we have had
our breakfast and are sitting
in our room talking about where
we shall go this morning.
The skies are lowering
and threaten rain, but we
can get about nicely in the
cabs here, which are very
reasonable, one shilling
for 2 miles for 2 with 6 pence
extra for these. And then there
are busses which go everywhere
for from 1/2 penny to three pennies.
I like the busses because they
are all two story and from

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You must keep your head
up and eyes forward. You
have a strenuous row to
hoe and you can pursue
your work in a steady
easy manner, doing your duty
and enjoying yourself also.
If I had the ordering of
your affairs, I fear I would
make your row too easy.
And you know it is said
that climbing the hill is the
main labor which brings
a sweet sleep and a
sound heart.

We hope that Roland

has recovered entirely. Be
very good to the horse for
he has a good character
and deserves kindness.

I enclose a P. Card of
the "Laplas" by Mallet.
It is too nice to send by
itself.

How is the P.G. business do you
get lots of orders and hope
you may have a great quantity
of profitable business this year.
All your in sending love
our address will be care
of American Express Company
Paris France.

I am your loving father
C. M. Woodruff

Loose Item

THE BUSINESS MAN.

HOW TO SUCCEED.

A New York contemporary, "The Dry Goods Economist," thus reflects upon the game of business using the word in its fine school-boy sense:

Merchandising is a game that has within its play all the fierce joys of the gambler, the golfer, and the philosopher. It is a game of continuous action. The brain is the power, money the material media through which the brain force is focussed, and through which the mental energy is converted into definite action. The magnet, money, draws forth men—the pawns of the game. These men, in turn, project the original idea through their individuality and action. The real merchant enjoys the knowledge, the struggles, and the victories of business life. It is not the greed of gold that prompts his movements, but it is the joy of doing—well-doing—doing better than those who have gone before. It is the craving of the game that fills his soul.

Scientific merchandising is a noble game, in which master minds like to enter. Troubles, vexations, uncertainties are all swept away by an avalanche of will power, steadfast courage, and the innate love of triumph over life's daily struggles.

That intangible "what to do" is the element lacking in the unsuccessful merchant. Study the raw materials of commerce, the manufacturing processes of the finished product, the relation of supply and demand, the wiles of buying, the psychology of selling, and put yourself in sympathy with the world around you, and you have discovered the touchstone of the business philosopher—success.

You may preach to clerks, and tell them what they ought to do, and what they ought not to do, but we doubt if one in twenty-five will heed. How many times have we read that we ought to learn our goods, how they are made, and the peculiar advantages one particular article or brand may possess over another. Yet how many of us have made an effort to learn?

If you are in the linen department, can you tell an all-linen from a union linen, do you know what size cloth to sell to seat a certain number of persons, what size hem is in vogue, and what is considered the most fashionable place to put the initial? Or don't you care?

If you sell wash goods, are you certain a piece of goods is silk-and-cotton, or do you think it "might be mercerised"? Can you find the count on that India linen or percale? How many yards would you sell for a princess gown? Are you able to suggest suitable trimmings for the dresses you sell? Do you know if they will launder or clean successfully? Or are you more interested in the "dope sheet"?

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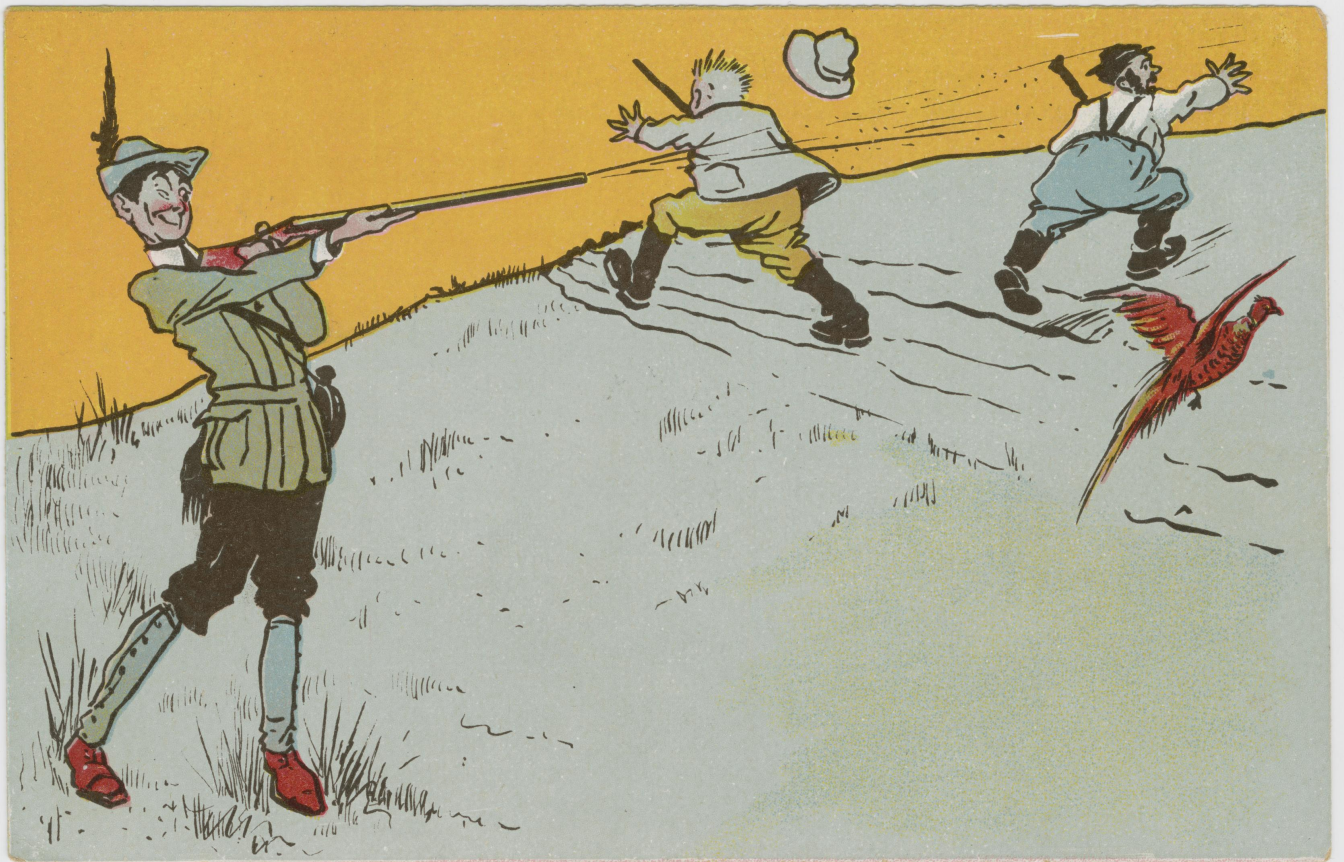
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me, please
"Little Doves"

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Dones -*

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