

Miss Dobson - and
we also have to pick
up another trunk we
have stored in Atlantic
City - and while I am
very anxious to be in
Louisville to attend
to the Trust Co affairs -
these other matters are
important and necessary
as we do not wish to
return to ^{look} to attend to
them - or some responsi-
bles we hope to be with
you, but cannot afford
to neglect other matters
quite important - and
I hope that as well as
~~we~~ will not be fatal
to our interests - with much
love from your Mother -



PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK.

Dec 15, 1908
My dear Tommy
I have just
answered your
telegram by saying
I did not wish to
sell, under present
circumstances.
I should like to
see my farm again
deciding to dispose
of it - and I am
sure it is my
privilege to do so

to me very undue haste - On
somebody's part - I am somewhat
inclined to think I see Altman had
in the matter -

Sam's father has been busy
paying his taxes and looking
after the arrangements in the
Bay Ridge lot - he has also
been to see the Union Ground
for an business - The same had
to look after our trunks about

I do not think much of
\$225 per acre for
land that will be
worth a thousand
per acre in a few
years - and besides
I should wish to
keep a few acres for
reserve for a building
lot in reserve for
myself - and the
Golf Club would
not perhaps be
willing to accept my
terms - so it is best
for them to close
their option with the
other party - it seems



PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK.

We had hoped
to start to-morrow
Wednesday - but may
not be able to start
before Thursday
morning - which with
our stops over for a
night in Atlantic City
will enable us to
reach Luccombe the
last of this week -
We have been very busy
since our arrival and
are very tired as you
know & what it means
to get about in New

York and we have had
no time to rest after
our voyage -

Have must meet me
at the station when
we telegraph you
of our arrival in
Louisville -

Tom Fether wrote
to you to-day on
the same subject as I
am now writing - &
I do not think it
necessary to add more
than being written
James G. Woodruff

NEW YORK, N.Y. STATE
DEC 15
1030PM
1908



Mr Geo. E. Goodhue
415 - 417 West Main Street
Louisville

Kentucky

By
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LOUISVILLE, KY
DEC 17
3:30 AM
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PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK.

Dec 15th 08.

My dearest son, mother and
Grace have gone out shopping.
I fear that we cannot reach
L. before Saturday, there are so
many things to do here. Mother
rec^d the wire about when
she would come, but did not
answer. It is better that the Golf
Club should act as matters
now stand, for I do not think
that your mother desires

to part with her
share of the Proctor farm
at the G. C. offer, and
she would wish to see the
land and consider the
matter carefully. This
would take time and
the G. C. is evidently in a great
hurry. So it stands.

She has a lot of real
estate and the P. farm is the
best piece of the lot, so she
will be slow to part with
her interest unless she gets
what she thinks a fair price
for it.

I wish you would go to
the Galt House and
request them to hold
all mail letters and parcels
for us until we arrive
on Friday or Saturday.

You might also give a glance
at rooms. Mother will want
a Southern exposure when
the sun shines.

We all think of you and are
trying to hurry up to start
but we cannot leave before
Thursday. Can you store a
couple of trunks, crates and
shipped by freight to give care
With best love I am your loving father
Egar Woodruff

NEW YORK, N.Y. STA. F.
DEC 15
11-AM
1908



Mr George E. Woodruff
417 W Main St
Louisville
Kentucky



PARK AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK.

we go to Park Avenue Hotel N.Y. and we expect
a letter from you there. Be sure and write

Hotel Bortanique
Naples Italy.

November 23rd 1908

My dearest son, we are at the
last stage of our journey on the
land. This is Monday and on Friday
we embark at 2³⁰ on the good
steamship Königin Luise of the
Nord-Deutsche Lloyd line, which
docks in Hoboken New Jersey. She
is a staunch ship of 10 700 tons,
and has a good reputation, so you
may keep a lookout about
Dec. 7-10 for her arrival, - and
can. I could not enjoy Florenca on
account of my illness, but we had
a good time in Rome where we
went sight seeing every day for two

weeks and then only saw a
part of the interesting objects and
places. He sent you a lot of
Postals from Rome which I hope
you received, but I do not trust
the mails perfectly.

We arrived in Naples four
days since and are stopping
at the same hotel you uncle Will
Woodruff stopped at when he was
here two years ago. It is a good
hotel and the prices are reasonable,
about 2 1/2 per diem. We do not
intend to rush around much.
We can see little puffs of smoke
rising from Vesuvius which looms
up about seven miles across the
wonderful bay of Naples. We intend
to see the ruins of Pompeii, but

shall not attempt to go inside the blue grotto of Capri, or to ascend Vesuvius. There are no excursions to Vesuvius now by Cook, on account of the weather, they say.

We have seen the National Museum which has a great many fine pieces of sculpture and bronze. Both the Farnese Hercules and the Farnese group of the bull are there, and there are innumerable objects from Pompeii.

They claim that Naples is the loveliest spot, or rather is built on the finest spot in the world for a city. The bay is a deep crescent and the ground rises from the shore like a great amphitheatre. The town

to be called the filthiest town in Europe, - the streets being like a Louisville alley, and the people used ~~using~~ the streets for a dump pile, for everything. But twenty odd years ago they had a frightful epidemic of cholera, and when the disease was through with its deadly work, the King, Humbert, had the town renovated, by tearing out hundreds of deers and widening streets, improving the sanitation &c. - so that now one can drive through the streets in comfort. We are all well and hope to arrive safely on about Dec 9-10 in New York. We should all be delighted to have you come on and meet us, if you can get away from business. We shall be in N.Y. several days before we go to L. and will stop at the Galh House, - if that is the best place. We hope to have your advice and aid in selecting a house to live in or a flat. There

and the prices are less as a rule than Am Hotels. You can generally arrange "boarding" rates if you remain longer than five days, and the rates vary from 2-3 dollars per diem, or up.

We have found that if one is armed with a late edition of Baedeker, ~~he~~ ^{he} can content with the European trip successfully and can overcome all difficulties and obstacles. The old story of the army of beggars has not materialized with us. We see a beggar now and then but not in crowds.

We shall have many talks about our trip with you when we get together, and until then, we all send best love. Hoping to see you well and happy I remain

Your loving father
Ezra Boardman

are many reasons why I should prefer a comfortable apartment, on account of the saving of trouble in furnace tending, and the other troubles in running a house. I understand that the Weissinger, has light, heat, refrigerator and cold water and other conveniences, which save one a whole lot of trouble, if ~~he~~ ^{the tenant} should have to provide them himself. However it is an open question and can be decided when we all get together.

We all pray for the success of the P.G. Co., which is only natural as the company succeeds

is our success, — yours, mother's
and Gracius and mine. I know
you are holding up your end
in a competent way and
that you are getting a firmer
grasp of the details of running
so great a business, and that you
will soon have the complete
mastery of the parcel method,
so that you will possess the
power of ~~mastery~~ ~~and~~ feeling
that you both know how,
and can control affairs, with
wisdom and success.

May our Heavenly Father
guide you and give you
wisdom to make a great

Captain of Industry. As
Rome was not built in a day,
neither will you be able to
achieve so great a success
in a short time, but you can
achieve it, God helping you.

I feel very thankful that
we have passed through these
months and through so many
countries without any serious
drawbacks. The people over here
have fully met the proper
demands of travellers and much
of the credit is due to us.
The Americans have set the pace
and Europe has tried to fill
the bill. There is everywhere shown
a desire to please the guest



Mr George E. Woodruff
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because of your the American
Express not sending on
our mail.

We are having quite a
fine time in Rome seeing all
the old ruins and the churches
and galleries and are going
to leave next Friday for Naples
and a week from Friday
on the 27th we set sail
on the stormy seas for dear
old America - mother is very
anxious to get off and I think
we shall all be glad to get
back - Pa and me like to
snoop around the old ruins &
things but mother gives it
a comprehensive glance and
says "Come on, what next"!
I suppose you will be coming

[Nov. 22, 1908]



Fratello mio -

Buono giorno! My Italian
is flourishing and I now know
at least three words and have
looked into my grammar three
times. In doing which I have
proved mother to be wrong, as
she predicted that I would
look into it only once & then
throw it aside. So when next
we meet you will be proud
of your accomplished.

We were so glad to get
several letters from you
last week as it had been
some time since we had seen the
sight of your dear penmanship.

over on your wedding tomorrow - I haven't
seen anyone worthy of you over here in the
way of maidens fair, so I think you will
have to choose a spouse in Louisville -
among some of the numerous belles, there
must be some to take you, in captivity
with her charms and we will hurry home &
wish you & the fair demoiselle the best &
most unalloyed happiness - I wish that you
were coming on to meet us in New
York for I think that you need a va-
cation & it would be a good thing for
you to come east and see the new
plays and escort us to the Fall House - that
is where mother & father have decided to
stay, I believe. I expect to stay at Ruth Se-
galane's for a few days before we start
as father has some business to attend to
& some dentistry to be done and Ruth
wants me to visit her, so we won't get
to Louisville till about the week before
Xmas.

Last night it was down to 40° - that
is about as low as it gets here, so the

It's a wonder they aren't
stepped on often. The people
here are so dirty looking
and they dress in all sorts
of colors. - There are so many
little donkey carts with
the poor little animals
strung with tassels of red
or green. - Their load is
tied in a big bundle to
the shaft & they go along
muzzling at it as they
climb the hills. Rome
is full of rags & dooms
as you know. There are
nearly a half million
people here now and



conierge told matter. - It seems
quite chilly.

We are going out to
the Baptist church in a
few minutes. - We all three
get in to a vettura or sort
of a small victoria. It is
quite a tight fit. - but the old
narrow streets are so inter-
esting that we don't think
much about the discomfort.
Half of the streets have no
sidewalks and the people
walk all over the road-

the new part of the city is very
handsome and spacious - built of
travertine rock, sort of cream colored
durable stone.

Well, we are off for church now
as our review + best lads to the
courting and love to Roland.

as always - lovingly -

Grace -

Ruth is back home - Nell Gabriel
is keeping house in Brooklyn with
her husband - Mary Stratwell is Mrs
Deebley + off on a wedding tour.
Anne Hopson has a position in N.Y.
for taking care of the unprotected poor
children - Georgie Spooner has been around Africa
+ is going to sail from Naples home soon.
about a dozen girls in my class are married
this fall -

no more gossip now -
Grace



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November 21, 1908.

MACPHERSON'S HÔTEL BRITANNIQUE
· NAPLES ·

LIFT - ELECTRIC LIGHT AND STEAM HEAT THROUGHOUT
OMNIBUS MEETS TRAINS AND STEAMERS

Dear Lenny here we are in
Naples after a two weeks so-
journ in Rome - I am glad
to be here as it means we
are nearer our sailing port -

The one to sail next Friday
November 27, and the boat is
scheduled to close its voyage
in 12 days - but we will
give it a margin of a day or
two - and we will be in New
York, "Des Volontés," Dec' the 8th or 10th

It takes three days from Naples
to Gibraltar and we can land
there as there is a stop of three
or four hours & we will look
up the Victoria Hospital where
our dear son spent such a
lonely time - You would love
to have you meet us in New York
but do not insist, if it inter-
feres with business - you
should not kill yourself
for the sake of the P. O. Co.

We were glad to know that
Left & Hughes were victorious -
and the New York Herald, which is
in file in all the European hotels,
says prosperity has returned to
stay -

Do write us if you can not
meet us - at the Park Avenue
Hotel, New York
Hoboken in the N. German Lloyd

Docking place - as if you can come to meet us
you will have to come to that charming Port of
Hoboken -

Your Father wishes to stop over in New York
a week as he has to pay his taxes on the
Fort Hamilton - Co. - and we have to look after
our trunks at Miss Johnsons - The Lograhams claim
a visit - from Grace - so we will be obliged to
stop over a few days -
I hope you are well and that nothing has
developed unpleasantly in the P. & Co. affairs -
We were much disappointed in not finding

a letter from you here as we had notified -
Cook & Son & also the American Express to forward our
mail to this point in care of Messrs Cook & Son - Naples -

We are stopping at the Pantheon on your
Uncle Will Goodrich's recommendation and find it very
nice, it is quite high up on the hills and commands
a fine view of the Bay of Naples with securities in the
distance - I have not been out yet, but Grace &

Father went down town this morning and saw some
of the Shops & the Museum which is very fine -
 Hoping to see you soon and to find you well
and with the prayer that our Father in Heaven may keep us
all and guide us in love in the passage of your
Loving Mother

Francis G. Goodrich



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MACPHERSON'S

HÔTEL BRITANNIQUE

· NAPLES ·

Father had a sick spell in Florence
which lasted a week and made us
a week behind in our itinerary -
There is so much to see in Rome
that it would take a long time to see
it all, and I am quite content at
seeing only the important sights, but
Father says he has been
dreaming all his life about the
ruins of ancient Rome and would
like to spend at least two weeks here
so we will not sail on the Molthe
which leaves Naples November 18, but
have decided to take passage
on the "Koenigin Lucrezia" - a North
German Lloyd steamer and the
one that was fitted up for Prince
Henry when he came to America - it
is said to be a very good steamer

November 8, 1908,

Rome Italy -

Dear Sonny - This morning we
took a cab for one lira and
twenty-five centesimi - which is about
twenty-five cents in our money -
and drove to Post Office - to
inquire for mail - there we found
four letters from you & several
others from other people that
had been forwarded from Paris &
London - We were much happy
by your letters and homesick
at the same time, as I am anxious
to return to Louisville & start a home
life once more - when we can all
be together under one roof - Your

and it sails November 27, from Naples - This will give us another week in Rome and four or five days at Naples - I shall be glad to turn our faces homeward, as interesting as Rome is - I shall be glad to leave for Naples, -

Mrs Robinson's house would have suited me but I do not care to rent a furnished house and we would not have returned in time for the first of November to take possession - I hope you enjoyed Mr Wentworth's dinner at the Blind Institute - he is an old friend of your father and I knew him in a way as the

friend of our old High School teacher Mr Holyoke - We thought him a lovely man - I am glad you have made friends of such nice people as the Vaneis and Dobruys - and hope you will have a good time with them -

Roland must be a very lovely horse and quite accomplished - long may he live and prosper - We drove out the old Appian Way through the Roman Campagna for a few miles yesterday - the old ruins and tombs and catacombs - aqueducts all in ruins gave it a wild, weird and most delightful impression on my mind - We have seen St Peter's

St Pauls - the Vatican - the
Coliseum & the Forum - the latter
also most desolate - Caracallas
Baths and Diocletian's Baths,
ruins of vast areas and
most impressively dreary
aspect -

New Rome is quite handsome
and modern the Queen's Palace
is quite new - and some of the
hotels as modern that you
can easily imagine yourself
in America - There is a Convention
now in progress of International
Hotel Proprietors - this hotel is
quite full of German hotel delegates
they are large, fine looking men
but very German, they also have

their wives and families with
them -

This hotel is on the Pincian hills
you know Rome was built on
seven hills - and of course the
high places are the healthiest
though at this season it is
considered healthy everywhere
We drove to the top of the Pincian
hill where there is a fine panorama
of the city below - Four times a week
they have music there and it is a
popular resort - We have not attended
the concerts as we do not go out in the
late afternoon -

How is Cousin Laura - you do not
mention her in your letter - you must
not neglect to go to see her and show
a kindly interest in her and be sure

to give her my love -

Have you been to call on Hattie and
Carrie since they returned -

You will hardly have time to reply to
this letter before we set sail as this is the
9th of November as we have just eighteen days
more before sailing - I will send you
another check for December - in the meantime
may our Heavenly Father watch between us and
keep us in the hollow of His hand - I hope
you will have a pleasant time socially and
not forget the Source of all our Blessings -
Your loving Mother
Frances J. Brockhoff

P.S. I think it will take nearly two weeks
from Naples to New York - but have not asked
for positive information at the Office

Your loving Mother -

We have a lot of New Roman Postal notes
for you -



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POST CARD - CARTE POSTALE - POSTKARTE
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ADRESSE

The drive through this gate
may or Porta to see St. Pedro
Baptistral which is outside the
city walls - The gate a tremendous
ruin - and does not look as nice
as the picture as it is a dull town and
scrambling away in many places

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ADRESSE

This is the interior of St Pauls -
the walls are covered with beautiful
marble & frescoes & mosaics and the
Pillars of marble & alabaster, gifts
from Africa Egypt, Arabia & other
countries -