

Oct. 18th, 10.

Citizens Whse. & Transfer Co.

Mr. Jos. Muir, Pres.,

City.

Dear Sir:

As my contract for space rental expires November 1st. 1910, I would like to continue the present arrangement on a month to month rental. My reason for doing so is to, as you probably know, is that in order to be in the paint business it is necessary to have a separate building, as the Insurance on Paint is \$ 3.30 per \$ 100.00. My associations have been very satisfactory to me and if it was not for the high insurance rate, I would not make a change. From the fact that unless I can get a satisfactory store, which I have not yet succeeded in doing, I would like to stay in your warehouse for some time to come.

I hope that this proposition will be agreeable to you.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WOODRUFF & COMPANY,

For

*George E. Woodruff*

~~with~~ hats mixed up, so we came back  
by the Tenth St Station, and <sup>Rob Baldwin</sup> got his  
hat, and then we dropped Mr. Coff,  
very reluctantly too, he's a perfect  
dandy, and then Grace and Mr.  
Burton drove us home. Mr. Baldwin  
came in and stayed a while, and  
you can't imagine how funny the  
house seemed, not a soul to be  
seen on the lower floor, not even  
a chair in the parlor. We started  
to sit on the floor, but George brought  
in two chairs, and put them in the  
middle of the floor, just facing  
each other, funniest looking things  
you ever saw. We agreed that the  
wedding couldn't possibly have

1329 Third Avenue  
April 7, 1910.

My dearest Mary, This has been  
the most beautiful day I ever  
saw, and the first thing I  
thought about when I waked up  
was the old superstition about  
the sun shining the day after the  
wedding day being the real omen  
for good luck. Really and truly  
Mary, I think that was the  
prettiest wedding I ever saw, and  
it seemed to me just exactly right  
just solemn enough, and not sad.

It had just the right amount of dignity about it, and I never will get over how beautifully you both made the responses. I wish you could hear how complimentary people have been, everybody I've seen today has been talking about either how lovely the bride looked or how goodlooking the groom was, or what a picturesque wedding, lovely bridal table etc. Tell George his toast made a decided hit, I've heard several people talking about it. I can truthfully say I never had such a good time in my life. Everything was just exactly right, and everybody was in such an awfully good humor. After the train pulled out Grace and Mr Burton and Mr Copp and Rob Baldwin and I all came back in the carriage together, I never saw such a hilarious trio as those three men were in my life. They sang and laughed till I know people thought we were <sup>at</sup> travelling minstrel show. Grace and I protested in vain, and finally sat back in helpless resignation, nearly dead with laughter ourselves. Mr Copp and Rob Baldwin had contrived by some manoeuvre to get their

been improved on; to say nothing  
of the bride and groom. After Rob  
Baldwin left, I came upstairs  
and Uncle Gordon and Aunt  
Louie and William and I talked  
it all over till late in the night,  
and the way we missed you,  
every now and then I'd think  
of something I wanted to ask  
what you thought of and I'd  
find myself looking all round  
the place for you, or else some-  
thing would strike me as being  
specially funny and I'd simply  
long for you to laugh over it with  
us. We were all so much interested in  
the telegram, which came pretty early

Know you're going to have a perfect  
trip, and don't fail to stop by and  
see us on your way home. George Looms  
is coming for me, <sup>to go to Susie's</sup> in five minutes by the  
clock and I haven't even begun to dress.  
Went to the Mary Anderson with Mary Lucy  
Hall this afternoon, and we had lots of  
fun talking over the wedding. There are  
a hundred things I want to say, but I  
reckon I'll have to dress and mail this  
if I want it to go off tonight. This has  
been the loveliest visit I ever had anywhere  
Mary, and I'm always going to look  
back on your wedding as being the loveliest  
jolliest best time I ever had in my life.  
Give my love and many many congratulations  
to George, and with a heartfelt of love for  
yourself. I am always  
yours devotedly  
Agnes

miss you Gurlie through these  
months you are away and  
while you are seeing and doing  
the sights of Paris and other  
small points - think of us  
way over here in Kentucky  
and know that we are  
thinking of you. And right  
now I want to thank you  
for the pins - they are lovely  
and whenever I wear them  
They will indeed be a dear  
reminder of an awfully  
sweet girl I used to know  
named Mary Dabney.

[1910]



LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Mary:—  
Even though I  
shiver and shake in this  
April blast and even my  
pen wiggles a wee bit in  
my hand. I want to write  
you just a few lines to  
help give you a good send-off  
on such a wonderful and  
never-to-be forgotten trip by  
you. We are certainly going to

If you dont give us the slip this evening we will assure you will be there and I hope your assurance wont leave you at all on the trip over and I join in the wish of Elizabeth Patterson that "they may hold hands - instead of holding heads over the rail" - I have always forgotten when I saw you to tell you that I want to give you a party when you return to your native heath - I dont know what it will be but we will try to have one. Drop me a "picture card" if you ever have time. And wishing you all the joys and happiness possible and that life may be one long and glorious Honey Moon - With lots of love for both of you - Ron Torage

Mary Pruitt

Wednesday Morning

we saw is on safely off. we  
(Mr and Mrs Turman, Mary Bennett  
Henry Coors, Geo Turman and my  
self) went back up town in  
the machine and took in a  
moving picture show at the  
Orpheum the new one on paper  
son. Then Henry gave us a  
party at the Tavern Club. It  
was too cold to take much of  
a ride. We were wishing you  
and George & Esther with us.

Fairsville, Ky.  
April 7, 1910.

Dear Mary.

I can hardly realize  
the wedding is over although  
I have just put my hat and  
dress away. I certainly did  
enjoy the festivities. After



The clipping I enclosed is from the Herald. I thought maybe you would like to see it. I know you are having a wonderful time. Mrs. McConnel asked me out to a luncheon tomorrow to meet Agnes. Hope she stays some time. For we shall miss you very much. Massey Mr. Cuff had to go back last night. Have him down to visit you when you come back. His really must get off and I want to take it even tomorrow with me. So with lots of love and best wishes for you both

I am

As ever

Your sincere friend

Gubia

P.S. Hope it is moon light before you land, of course it will be as the new moon rises the ninth Saturday and I know it will rise on a very happy couple.

Sometimes in New York will be present  
to do come and add his name to the  
thing. I know you would enjoy it  
and we would just love to have  
you. Jack and I expect to spend  
that night at the Plaza, which really  
is the most attractive hotel in the  
city and I do wish you and Mr  
Woodruff could manage to come  
there too. If you wish I'll promise  
not to tell anyone your see. side  
& groom, but you will probably be

729 Carlton Ave

April 2, 1910-

My dearest May,

Mother wrote me you  
expected to sail from New York on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> and Jack and I have set  
our hearts on having you and  
Mr Woodruff come to the Reception  
of the Virginians at the Plaza Hotel  
on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup>. It is to be  
a tremendous affair followed by a  
ball and nearly all the distinguished

just as courageous as I was, I want to see both  
of you - love and a good many of my relations  
on my wedding trip and never come thought  
of being a bride. I know Agnes is having a  
perfectly grand time and am sure your  
wedding will be lovely. So much we could be  
with you too, will be so much interested to  
hear all about it. I'm awfully glad the little  
setts were acceptable, and hope you won't  
get down more. I found them I get so very  
useful. Now Mary do write and tell me  
that you can come to the Plaza and  
attend the reception and ball, it would be  
such a pleasure to me to see you and I can  
easily meet my own cousins. I have his place.  
Jack joins me in love to you all. I will  
be thinking of you on the 6<sup>th</sup> and wishing  
you all the joy and happiness in the  
world.

Most affly  
Bell

Dear old Woody -

Here's to greet you  
as you are about to  
forsake the ever thinning  
ranks of the singly blessed,  
in order to become doubly  
so, as well as confer  
a full share of blessing  
and happiness on your  
lady. Ah - if the old joint  
could but attend in a  
body, we would give you

a royal send-off, and  
drink your health in  
a beverage drawn straight  
from the girdle of the  
heavens.

But we are every one  
of us rejoicing for if not  
with you, Woody, and  
I for one wish you and  
yours to be all the joy and  
blessedness and true  
prosperity that can be  
crowded into the lives  
of two who are so fortunate

as already to have found  
the gate of heaven.

"Two souls, by love together  
kint,

Cemented, mixed in one,  
One hope, one heart, one mind,  
one voice,

"Tis heaven on earth begun."

Always sincerely,  
Henry W. Shelton.

Chelsea -  
March 30/10.



Mr. Geo. Wm. Ezra Woodruff,  
of Dr. & Mrs. Sam'l Gordon Dobney,  
Louisville,  
Kentucky.

when I tell you that Les  
has been with us &  
that we have been  
chasing around madly  
for the last ten days.  
We have managed to  
find quite a "good deal  
done" in a quiet way,  
even though, some guests  
took us as far as Cin-  
cinatti -

However I am wan-  
dering from my sub-  
ject - which is to tell  
you that I am delighted  
to hear of your happiness

[1910]



Manchester

Dear Mary, -  
You were sweet  
to write us about  
your engagement before  
it came out, & you  
don't know how I ap-  
preciated your note.  
Although I have been  
some what longer <sup>than necessary</sup> in  
answering & sending  
my hearty best wishes.  
I know you will forgive  
us & understand this

I can't say that your engagement  
came as an absolute surprise  
because I remember to have  
heard some one speak of  
it - or rather of a very devoted  
lover, so I began picking  
up my card a bit - though  
I hoped you wouldn't desert  
the ranks of the Bachelor  
maids so soon. It seems  
that the engagement epi-  
demic is raging as madly  
as ever - for almost every  
mail brings news of that  
sort -

Please remember me to  
Mr. Woodruff though I  
doubt if he has the  
slightest recollection of me.  
Tell him, too, that I most  
sincerely congratulate him  
and join in very best  
wishes to you both - I  
say he is going to write  
soon - Do hope I can come  
to the wedding - As ever  
February, ninth, '01



Dear George:-

Weddings are things I am hopelessly sentimental about and I cannot let the receipt of your wedding invitation pass without letting you know that I rejoice with you.

It is such a real pleasure to think that your "yearnings through the years" are to

Certainly I wish you one  
long dream of bliss unbroken;  
and that a new and even  
greater happiness shall come  
with each days better knowing.

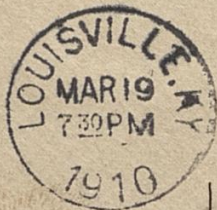
Very sincerely,

Tom Courtenay.

March nineteenth, 1910.

to so gloriously satisfied.  
Years ago, a perfect age ago  
in fact, I remembered your  
glowing descriptions of a  
certain wonderful, but to me  
unknown, Miss Mary Dabney.

When I had the  
pleasure of meeting her some  
years later I could readily  
see that she was the earthly  
fulfillment of your aesthetic ideal.



George E. Woodruff, Esq.,  
of Galt House,  
Louisville,  
Ky.

A.M.W.

St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 3-1910.

Dear Mary Maloney: - The news  
of your engagement has just  
reached me and Jim, hastening  
to say (with lots of others) how  
pleased I am to know of your  
great happiness. Jim very fond  
of George (Lora) and it's been a  
source of self congratulation to  
have known you. Please hurry  
up and be married before I go  
away so that I may have the  
pleasure of being present.  
Your sincere friend  
Sandy Mackenzie Watson

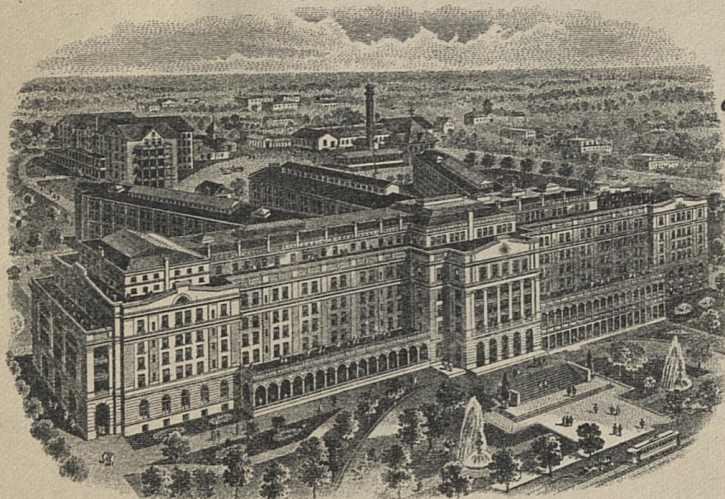


The Battle Creek  
**Sanitarium**  
J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.  
SUPT.  
OPEN ALL THE YEAR.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Sunday Feb 6 1910

My dear Mary,  
Your letter announcing your  
engagement reached us several days  
before the news-paper. Since then  
I have had letters from three other  
jobs telling me of it and describing  
in glowing terms Susan's wedding.  
Everyone seems to agree that both  
she and Mr. Mupferson looked



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Mother is very little better and it looks  
as if our stay here would be a long one.  
I am coming home to your wedding  
if I can possibly make it. It would be  
too bad to miss yours and Susie's both.

Write me and tell me where you are  
going to be married and all about it.

Mother has asked me to express her  
best wishes for your happiness -  
with love Sallie W<sup>m</sup> Underhill



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Dear best.

It was dear of you to write me of  
your engagement and I certainly  
wish you all the happiness you can  
crowd into a life time. Tell Mr Woodruff  
that I send him my congratulations.

Every time you go down town now  
I suppose somebody stops you for  
congratulations - so you like that part



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of it? If you are going to be mar-  
ried in April you must <sup>be</sup> busy planning  
your trousseau. Do you remember  
just two years ago during Lent you  
were sewing on a night-gown that  
took you about three months to finish  
you will certainly have to hurry if  
you make many of your things at  
that rate.



happiness.

I do wish I could be there  
to your wedding, but fear  
it will be impossible.

Do write me all about  
what you intend to do. I  
shall be so interested.

Little did I think when  
I met Mr. Woodruff that  
I was meeting your future  
husband. You old Rascal.  
I bet you were engaged then.



My dear Mary,

Indeed, I rejoice  
wishing you in your happiness.  
I am sorry I cannot be there  
to tell you just how glad  
I am for you. But you  
know before I tell you  
that you have all my  
best wishes for your future

Of course you have heard  
of Annie Lou's news. Her  
baby is the "School Baby". She  
is named Annie Louise  
Heron for her Mother.

Isn't it hard to realize?  
I can hardly think of her  
as married, much less  
with a daughter.

Well, remember me to Mr.  
Woodruff. Hope some time

I shall have the pleasure  
of knowing him better.  
Wish lots of love to you all.

Lovingly

Elizabeth Taylor

547 E. Lytle St.

Wurgesboro

Tenn.

Jan 31, 1910.



Miss Mary Allen

1329 Third Ave.

Louisville

Ky.

[1910]

Wm. T. KNOTT

214 CHURCH STREET  
NEW YORK

Dear Mary:—

Your letter telling  
of your engagement to Mr. Wood-  
ruff has reached me. With all my  
heart I congratulate you both and  
wish you a long life and a happy  
one. I know that the reason of  
your choice is all that a man  
should be — and if he isn't happy  
with you, it will be his own fault  
for in my opinion there isn't any  
man quite good enough for the love  
of a good woman. I know this  
must be a very happy time for  
you both — and I am glad for  
you and glad for him.

Wm. T. KNOTT

214 CHURCH STREET  
NEW YORK

At present I fear it will be utter  
ly impossible for me to lay any  
plans for a vacation in April - that  
is a very busy time with us and  
I am not a sufficiently valuable  
person to ask for a vacation in  
the busy season.

With sincere good wishes to you  
and family,

Your sincere friend,

Wm. T. Knott

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880

of you to write and  
tell me about it.

I was so sorry  
I couldn't come to  
Dusie's shower but  
I was so sick I  
didn't even think to  
ask mother to call  
you up and tell you.

Wishing you all the  
happiness in the world,

Jan. 29, 1940. Affectionately,  
Nannie M. Mason

Dear Mary:

I certainly  
was surprised when  
I read your note  
just now. Please con-  
gratulate Mr. Woodruff  
for me.

I can vouch for  
your looking lovely

in bridal attire for I  
remember so well those  
Sunday afternoon weddings  
we used to have years  
ago. However I hope you  
won't appear at your own  
wedding, like you did at  
the others, for if I'm  
not very much mistaken  
you took the part of the  
groom and looked charm-  
ing in a pair of black  
tights.

I think it was so sweet

LOUISVILLE, KY  
JAN 30  
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1910



Miss Mary A. Dalney,  
1329 Third Ave.,  
City.



wish you were nearer here, so  
that it would be possible. But I  
certainly will be thinking about  
you badly on that day, and  
wishing I could see you.

With a great deal of love,  
and <sup>the</sup> best of wishes, I am  
Very affectionately,  
Edw. Spencer.

February 1st.

[1910]

Edw.

Dear "Tary,

It has been a very long  
time since we wrote to each  
other, and our correspondence  
then was of a rather different  
nature from this, wasn't it?  
It was very dear of you to  
think about writing to me  
of your engagement, "Tary,  
and I appreciate very  
much your doing so. I think

it is the most interesting piece  
of news I have heard for a  
long time, and I am dying to  
see some one from school  
to whom I can break the news!  
I know you must be very  
happy; it seems to be what  
all engaged people are, and  
to think of your being married  
so soon! April is so near  
now, and I won't be any  
time till the noble class of  
1906 can hold up its head  
with others, and boast of a  
perfectly good married lady!  
I am so glad that you are  
so happy, Mary, and I hope  
you always will be, and that

every kind of good fortune will come  
your way. I am a very poor person  
at wishing others like this because I  
never can say what I want to. Will  
you please read Return the Favor, "I say,  
and understand that I am wishing you  
with all my heart, the very nicest  
thing in the world? I wish I knew  
"Mr. Woodruff and I could tell him what  
a very lucky man he is. Pat's surprise  
is a very good idea of that  
without my wishing him! It would be  
so perfect to be at your wedding, I

note was received, the  
multifold, the glad  
tidings published. I  
forgive you, congratulate  
you, and wish you joy,  
with all my heart,

Love your friend  
and  
admirer

Horborne Russel Gray.

January.  
Twenty-ninth.  
1910.

How long pray, O,  
my dear Mary Dabney,  
did you abuse my pa-  
tience - how long did  
you keep up that tan-  
talizing reticence - how  
long did I bear it with  
impatient shrug?  
Long indeed. But your

[1910]

Dear Mary -  
As I'm going to  
Frankfort today and will  
be unable to get out to see  
you this week, as I had ex-  
pected, I want to write  
and tell you if possible,  
how grand I think your  
engagement is. I hope you

will be the happiest girl in the world  
and that you may have the very best  
life holds for you in the future. It certainly  
- by makes me feel very old, when I see  
you, pure and fine marriage and  
I see him devoted to be plain give the  
rest of my days -  
Will be of love and best wishes for  
you both -  
Ours  
Ever yours

And to think that I  
won't even see you mar-  
ried - for I am not  
coming home for the  
Easter holidays which  
will be over about the  
31st of March. I thought  
that it would be too ex-  
pensive to go home for  
just four days. Polly  
and some of the girls  
are trying to persuade  
me to go out and just  
stay over an extra week  
so as to go to your wedding

[1910]



Sunday.

Dearest Mary,

Let me extend  
a formal congratulation  
to you! So you are an-  
nouncing it today. I  
can just see you buzzing  
around the telephone  
and front door. Aunt  
you excited to death about  
it.

Oh, Mary I wish that I  
were there to see you!

you know P. G. don't have to be  
back on time. Gee! I certainly  
would love to do it but it seems  
sort of impractical. I may be  
tempted to ask the family though.  
Write me all about your plans  
for the wedding. I am simply  
crazy to hear them.

Sessie Bullivant has been here  
in Bryn Mawr visiting Major  
who by the way is expecting an  
infant about Reunion time.

Sessie left last Friday to go down  
to visit Ethel in Winchester. I  
think they are going to Somerset too  
so you will probably see them.

Miss Wright announced your  
engagement here last night!  
I am crazy to meet your fiancé.  
Well, sweetie, as write to me  
and tell me all the excitement  
loads of love and all the  
happiness in the world.

As ever

Mary Rogers.

event was going to be announced  
in today's paper. You know that  
you and Clara & E. have my  
sincerest wishes for the greatest  
possible happiness. I expect to  
leave here Thursday for New York.

My address there will be 417-

Convent Ave. I was sorry to  
miss the Du Pont ball for it  
must have been lovely from  
the account in the paper. I  
am having a lovely time. I  
think I shall ride out to  
Chevy Chase this afternoon.



CONGRESS HALL HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington D. C.

January 29, 1910.

Dear Mary,

I was so glad to hear  
from you. I know Susan's  
wedding was lovely and am  
so glad my telegram reached  
in time. Mother said in her  
letter to day that you are engaged.

I met lots of attractive people here. There  
is always a nice dance at the hotel  
Saturday nights. Last night there were  
five or six stages and it seemed such  
a pity not to use them but they  
have straight forward dances.

There is going to be a big ball here  
the second. I think it will be quite  
exciting. Please write and tell me  
what you are doing and all about  
the wedding. I know you are very  
busy with clothes and such. Remember  
me to your Mother and Father and Mrs  
Allen with lots of love for you self.

From

Your sincere friend

Julia.



(it is a shame: Mar my <sup>friend</sup>  
ger will probably stop this  
injustice she and Mrs Leach  
combined) we one that was  
not blessed with an over abun-  
dance of flesh. Else, I would  
certainly claim that part  
in this affair. However I can  
be just as heartily glad  
that you each gained the  
other, and I hope and believe  
that your happiness will be  
lasting. Say to Mr. Woodm  
for me that his future wife

January 29. 1910

My dear Frank. Ho! as a surprise  
the "news" was not a success.  
But what it lacked in that,  
was made up for in the  
great pleasure that the  
announcement gave me.  
I am really delighted and  
send you both my love and  
best wishes for all possible  
happiness. I have never  
heard of a feminine Cupid

From one serious fault - that of "lie  
telling" - to this Mrs Dabney is my  
friend - Remember me sincerely  
to Dr Dabney and Mrs Dabney "I always  
believe". With much love to you  
My dear Frank - Love

With truly yours  
Jeanne Robertson Jarr.

[ca. 1910]



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CARRIAGES STORED AT REASONABLE RATES.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Have you ever seen George Ezra  
 In late very early spring  
 Spread all his time a pity  
 All alone out in the snow  
 With his eyes upon the heavens  
 And his hands beneath the furs  
 A thinking all the stars were lamps  
 Because they shone like hers?

Have you ever seen George Ezra  
 At a well & formal ball  
 Slender long and gaze with rapture  
 Propped securely - against the wall  
 At a sylph like fairy figure  
 Gliding, dipping to each strain,  
 Ere each suitor got his hand in  
 Push & break her up again?

Have you ever seen George Ezra  
 Walking slowly down the street,  
 Head up, eyes shut might as well be  
 For what purpose the night work?  
 What's the use of going further  
 Or what more effort to find?  
 It's just plain it ain't no secret  
 He's got something on his mind.

[1909]  
Paul Jones Bldg.

My dear Mary-

It was  
good in you to tell me  
of your engagement  
before its formal an-  
nouncement. I do rejoice

with you in your  
happiness and hope to  
see you soon. I regret  
that I could not call  
yesterday-

The fact that  
you classify me  
among your good

friends is gratifying  
and pleasing to me  
and I feel that I  
can reciprocate the  
sentiment.

You know I  
think that I consider  
George Wardwuff, a  
splendid man; and  
one whom I greatly  
admire.

Wishing you  
every joy - I am -  
Monday. Your friend.  
Thos. A. Trivelp.

Give my best love to your  
father, and mother, and  
to little William, and with  
much for yourself, and  
best wishes for your  
happiness, your loving  
Aunt Belle.

Annandaleville Dec<sup>25</sup>  
1809

My dear Mary

I was so  
much pleased and gratified  
to get your sweet letter telling me  
the all important news  
about yourself - It was  
certainly mighty sweet  
of you dear to write to  
me about your engage-  
ment, and take me into  
your confidence, and I  
was just delighted and  
so much interested in it

all, though a little dis-  
pleas'd for it seems but  
yesterday you were a  
little girl & it is hard  
for us to realize you are  
old enough to think about  
getting married, but all  
the same I do hope you  
will be very happy dear  
child in your married  
life and I want you  
to bring Mr Woodruff to  
see us and get acquaint-  
ed with your Pious

Dear, we are so anxious  
to meet him and wish  
you could arrange to  
take us in on your  
wedding trip, or if not  
come to see us next  
Summer when it is more  
pleasant here.

Your Aunt Mary was  
here today and brought good  
news from Mary and Esther  
and we are so glad they  
are all improving now.

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My dear Mary:

As you are ever first in my thoughts, I am writing to you the first letter of my first business. It was the religious belief of the ancients to always dedicate a new enterprise to one of their divinities; and this custom is still observed by the people of today, when they launch any new movement of the Church or State, by a dedicatory prayer. I am going to dedicate my business to you as the divinity, whose beauty of character shall inspire me to work my way up the path to success. My motto in my dealings is: "Honest and efficient service". With these words to guide me and



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your smile to reward me, I will build up an honorable and substantial business. No matter what prosperity may come in the future, the credit of it all belongs to you; and the pleasure of acknowledging it at the outset now, will only be surpassed when I acknowledge it after the actual arrival of the property itself. As I am looking forward to seeing you shortly, I must hurry to be ready on time, so I shall seal this letter now and with it all the love I have in the world.

Your devoted amour  
George E Woodruff

think our future cousin  
George Woodruff is a very  
very lucky man and which  
I am sure he is fully  
agreed. I should love to meet  
him some day, as from  
all accounts he must be  
well worth knowing. How  
glad Uncle Gordon and  
Aunt Louisa must be  
to have you love so near  
them, and am sure you

729 CARLTON AVENUE

My dearest Mary

"I follow feeling  
make me wondrous kind"  
and I have been thinking  
so much about you since  
hearing from Mother of  
your little news. This is  
just a word to wish you  
all the happiness in the  
world and to say that I

will have a grand time keeping house  
we agree wrote me you expect to  
have abies and chess chess every  
day! I keep in touch with you  
all through the home letters  
and will be so much interested  
in every word, from the very impor-  
tant stem down to the trifles  
bit of ribbon in the trousseau,  
having travelled that road so recent-  
ly myself. How glad they had a hospital  
at home lately! am so thankful of home  
good news from all the patients  
at last. Jack and I have to go down  
for Mom and I feel as if I can  
hardly wait to see them.

Tell Uncle Gordon we know  
729 CARLTON AVENUE  
some people here, Mr & Mrs  
Edward Lyon, who used  
to live in Lanesville, and  
spoke so highly of him  
I felt very proud to be  
able to claim him for an  
uncle. How is William? I  
should love to hear his com-  
ments on wedding - Dr  
gives a great deal of love

Of each member of the house hold  
from my father, and tell Aunt Lizzie  
I am getting very skeptical about  
all those promised months of  
August, am afraid now I won't  
stand any chance at all. With  
a heart full of love for yourself  
and all good wishes

Most affly  
W. Bell -

Dec 13, 1909 -

My dear Mary:

As I am not to see you this evening I send these flowers as my ambassadors. They speak the language of the heart. If they are fragrant they say - how much sweeter to me is every thought of you: if they are pretty they tell - how impressibly beautiful

you are to me: if  
they seem to blush,  
when you look at  
them, they express the  
flush of joy that I  
would feel were I with  
you.

Devotedly  
George.

Fort Snelling. The Canadian Pacific runs for two days and nights across the wheat fields of North Dakota and Canada. You are reminded of the Ocean for the land is so level that you can see the unbroken line of the horizon on all sides, and the wheat waves in the wind like the oceans swells. After plains we crossed the Canadian Rockies; which are so high and rugged and grand with their snow-



My dear Mary:  
The very first thing I did upon arriving this noon was to ask for the mail and I was terribly disappointed to not find a letter from you. Our time was so short that we hurried out to the "Cliff House" at Golden Gate Park for lunch. The New



am fully glad to know  
that you are not going  
away till after I get back.

This trip has been one  
constant rush. When the  
engine is not doing the  
rushing, we are. We came  
as far as St Paul with  
Mr & Mrs McChord, who  
were the last Louisville people  
we have seen, until we  
reached Seattle. Our train  
left St Paul at 10<sup>30</sup> a.m.,  
so we arose at day-break  
and took a walk around the  
business district and a trolley  
ride over to Minneapolis and

Cliff House has a finely  
appointed restaurant that  
is built over the Pacific  
Ocean, and it required all  
my self control to keep  
from dashing myself on  
the breakers, and rocks below.  
But when we returned and  
I found your letter in our  
box, my joy was unconfined.  
I cannot tell you, Mary, how  
good it was to hear from  
you, and to know that  
you were having such a  
fine time at home. I am

camel on the streets of Cairo,  
even if I am not a "shiner".  
The most interesting of all  
the buildings was that of  
"Forresty". It was an enormous  
structure built entirely of the  
Oregon Fir and Cedar. It  
looked like the old temples  
of the Babylonians, which  
had such enormous columns  
of stone and were so large.  
The last thing we did in  
Seattle was to get a taxicab  
and rush madly to call  
on Miss Emma Penton,  
just before the boat left for  
Tacoma. You would be



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capped peaks against the  
blue sky. It was so cold  
at Banff, Laggan, Field  
and Glacier, the four principal  
resorts, that we wore overcoats  
and rubbed our hands. The  
cold and snow reminded  
one of Xmas. There was a little  
blue-eyed girl on the train  
who was excited over which  
one of the snow-capped  
mountains was the home of  
Santa Claus. These resorts

bright with the colors of  
masses of flowers. The grounds  
or setting of the exposition  
was the best part of it. The  
Japanese exhibit was very  
large and interesting. I spent  
the evening on the "Pay Streak"  
and it certainly was a gold  
mine for the crowds were  
large and gay. I wished  
for you many times, as  
you would have had just  
the best time! We went to  
a Japanese Village and Theatre,  
the Igorrote village, and  
the Esquimaux huts. They  
were very curious. I rode a

would be jolly places  
to spend a month in  
the summer. After  
we had climbed six thousand  
feet we crossed the Great  
Divide and descended the  
Pacific Slopes to Puget  
Sound and arrived in Seattle  
on Thursday at noon.

Edwin and I skipped for  
the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition and spent the  
afternoon going through  
the different buildings and  
enjoying the wonderful beauty  
of the grounds which were

No one seems to use the word "thousands". San Francisco is a wounded city, and has not yet recovered. In the heart of the business district there are great gaps in the rows of houses, where crumbled brick and twisted iron tell the story of the fire. It is building up fast however. I stood on one corner and every building in sight was a brand new skyscraper. It is wonderful to see an entirely new modern city.



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surprised to see how stout and well she has grown. This wonderful air of the Pacific Coast brings out the roses on a girl's cheek. It has ruined the "beauty-makers" of Paris. They cannot compete.  
To return to our journey, (which begins again tomorrow), we have been travelling the last forty eight hours from Seattle

can understand now why  
some peoples worship  
mountains. Mt. Shasta  
seemed to be some mighty  
phantom in the moonlight.

At last, today at noon we  
reached the Golden Gate  
of the West, and are now  
comfortably settled in the  
most sumptuous hotel I  
have seen. Only people who  
grow rich in a day would  
think of spending money the  
way they do "on the Coast".  
Every one speaks of "Millions."

to San Francisco through  
wonderful scenery and balmy  
air. The engine used oil for  
fuel, so we could leave  
the windows open and  
not suffer from cinders.  
We passed Rainier, Hood,  
and Shasta mountains.  
Mt Rainier is 14,500 feet  
high, and is the highest  
of them all. Mt. Shasta  
was the most beautiful  
as it required about  
eight hours to go around  
it and we saw it in sunlight,  
twilight & moon light. I

every time I thought of it.  
But now that I know  
what you had for me, I  
will never forgive myself,  
although you may do so.

I have written a long letter  
as I could not write on the  
tram, and this is my first  
opportunity on terra firma, but  
I hope that you can read it.

As I am now turning my face  
eastward, it will not be long  
before I will see you + until  
then I am  
Your sincere friend  
George E. Woodruff

July 15 - 1909  
12 P. M.  
Ed. Duran sends his regards



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We are planning to go to  
the Yosemite Park tomorrow  
and then start for Pikes Peak  
and home. This evening we  
spent in Chinatown, which  
has the most fascinating  
stores of all kinds. I am  
going to send you a box of  
Chinese Candy. And by the  
way - I sent you a box of  
St Paul's famous confectionery.

not know either of us  
as we both have fierce  
mustachios, and I am  
sorry to confess that  
I been sporty enough to  
sport a cigar with a  
big gold tinsel band on  
it. However I hope to  
reform before we cross  
the Mississippi again; so  
only the West will be the  
wiser.

I am sorry that I did  
not come to see you before  
I left. I have regretted it

Chocolates, which I hope  
arrived safely.

Edwin is the best of good  
travelling companions. He is  
so bright and jolly all the  
time, and takes a keen interest  
in everything. He introduced  
me to all the people on the  
train sooner or later. He made  
a decided hit with a Frisco  
girl who looked so much like  
Bret Hartes characters that  
I insulted him by referring  
to her as Madame Moisselle  
Poker Hell. You would