

Dec. 28th
1913

Dear Egan,

I thought I would get a letter from you to-day, but haven't so far. Last night a telegram came for you from your mother. It said: "Come here instead of Miss - arrange with lawyer yourself." I don't know what that means, but hope it is not very urgent.

When will you be home - telegraph
me, as soon as you get this.

The baby is well and has no cold. We are enjoying our visit very much and I hope you are.

We received a letter from Mrs. Moneey, who found Bob, thanking for the fruit.

Mother is sick with a bad headache to-day - we had a fine time at the theatre Friday night - it was

a thrilling play and we had a delicious supper at the Club afterwards.

Saturday I went out to spend the day with Mary Vance - I was the only one there - Morgan Browne was dressed in a policeman's suit with an Indian Chief hat and was running around arresting everybody.

Susie got home from Hopkinsville last night - I had a little talk with her this morning - They were very late going - It took her $9\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get there.

Eliza is attending the chickens faithfully - and everything is going smoothly.

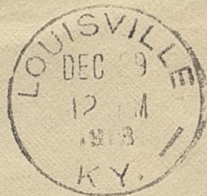
Hoping you are having a good time and will bring home lots of birds - we all expect them -

Love from all

Devotedly

Mary.

Be sure and telegraph me what hour and day and train to expect you on.



Mr. George E. Woodruff,
Brown's Wells,
Hazelhurst,
Miss.

Please dont play golf again on Sunday - I certainly hope you did not play yesterday, for you know it is not right for you to observe the sabbath day that way when you are a deacon - but there is no use my writing this way, for you dont pay any attention to what I say. Mother wrote that you cant refused her invitation to Sunday dinner - as you said you were going to play golf - I know she must think it is strange for you to play on Sunday. Why did you leave Mother's and Father's to go to the Tavern Club. It made her wish so that I was back home

June 2nd
1913

My dearest Eza,
Your letter came to day and thank you very much for the twenty dollars - I dont owe it for any bills, but wanted to have a little evening dress made before we go to Atlantic City as I thought I wouldnt have enough without it. - I have the material for it. I was sorry to hear that you were not coming til the eleventh - for I dont like you to be out there another Sunday by yourself.

When I read your letter for I think it is very bad for you to be drifting about with none of the restraints of home. What do you do in the evenings after dinner? I hope you go out and see Mother and Father and sit on the porch with them sometimes.

Did'nt you think the baby's pictures were real cute - his photographs will be finished tomorrow and we will send you one.

We had the loveliest drive this afternoon out the Canal Road and across the bridge into Virginia to the Joseph Leiter Country Place

The grounds are lovely but the house was just a large brown shingle affair.

Francis Webster invited us to go to a play at the Cathedral School tonight but we did'nt go. I met Louise Chase, one of your old army girls not long ago - she took us to a drill of the High School boys - her husband Capt. Rabston was one of the judges.

Grace sent me a lovely bouquet of orchids, brodiaea and gardenias yesterday to wear to church - they were awfully pretty and everybody thought you sent them.

With love and kisses from the baby
Devotedly Mary.

better go too. Don't say anything
in your letter to your mother about
our not going, until we decide what
we are going to do - for I think if
they can get off early in June
the baby and I will go too and
you can come on and take us on
or meet us there either.

Wouldn't you surprised to read
about Mary Rogers Lyons' engage-
ment to Rob Brown - and they are to
be married the tenth of June.

We are going down town shop-
ping this morning and then this
afternoon are going to call on
Mary Ellis Haskin at Miss Bristol's

May 24th.
1913

My dearest Ego,

Your nice letter has
just come and was much enjoyed
by all the family - Wasn't it
sad about Mrs. Neville Bullitt,
and did you read in the paper about
Capt. Guy Hanna being killed by
a gun at Fort Moultrie.

The plans now are to leave for
Atlantic City the first week in
June - so do you think we had

Yesterday Grace could not drive
the electric, so your mother got
a chauffeur and took the baby
and me to the Fisheries Building
- we took me here and he took
a great interest in the seals and
fishes - then we went to the
Agriculture Building to see
the flowers about the grounds -
and then to Lincoln Park to
see the statue of Lincoln, the
funds for which were raised
by emancipated slaves over the

country - then we took a ride
on the Speedway.

The baby's proofs were splendid
- we would like to have sent
them on for you to see but it
takes so long to finish them - we
thought you would be satisfied
with our choice - the little poses
are so cute and natural.

If we go to Atlantic City
the first of June when will you
come on?

With much love from all,
especially for you -
Dorothy
Mady.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Mr. George E. Woodruff
223 W. Main St.
Louisville
Ky.

WOODWARD & LOTROP
WASHINGTON.

to see Continental Hall, the Pan
American Building and the
Corcoran Art Gallery. Then
Sunday we went to the Soldiers
Home and to Rock Creek Cemetery
to see the St Gaudens Statue,
erected by a Mr. Adams in memory
of his wife who committed suicide.
The figure represents grief and
there is no inscription or date
anywhere on the monument.

Have you heard how Mrs.
Feville Bullitt is - You ought
to call up Feville and enquire
for her.
We went yesterday afternoon

[1913]
May 20th

Dearest Ezra,

We have enjoyed your
letters very much and you certainly
have been good lately about writing.
The baby has just come in with
a large bunch of wild honeysuckle
that she and Lucy picked for
Grandma's roof - She and Grace
have gone to the dressmakers.

We obeyed your directions and
went sightseeing - Saturday, (as I
wrote you ~~in~~ the postals) we went

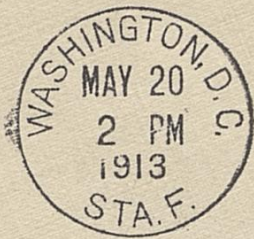
to hear the Senate in session.

- Mrs. Ashdown, Grace, Sarah Watson and I. They debated about whether to have an investigation of the conditions in the mines by first beginning where there are strikes now. Senator Goff of N. Va. spoke and Senator Kern of Ind. and Senator Reed of Mo. - Senator Kern is a very eloquent speaker. "Mother Jones" the old woman who "waved the red flag" and incited rebellion was in the gallery - and she was refused to several times in the debate.

Grace can't get off to Atlantic City 'til the eighth of June - Don't you think you could come on the seventh or eighth, and take us on to Atlantic City and then we would stay a week and then go on back home - I don't feel like I ought to be away any longer than that - please write me soon what you think about it.

With much love from G. G. and hoping to see you soon -

Mother gave me a set of Dorothea's nesting tables and expressed them out to Louisville. When they come will you get them and see that they are put in the house? 1273



Mr. George E. Woodruff,
223 W. Main St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

It would be nice to go to New
London if it wasn't so far - but
we must go someplace where you
can lose about fifty pounds on
the golf links.

I am so anxious to hear about
when we can get into the new
house - I couldn't sleep last night
for planning how I would arrange
the furniture. Your mother gave
me a lovely set of nesting tables
(inlaid mahogany) and a tea
tray to match today from
Kokoladi's - the antique shop.
They had just sent one like

May 16th,
1915

My dearest Eva,

I want to write
you just a few lines before bedtime
Mrs Ashdown came over to spend
the evening with us so I didn't
get to write sooner -

Your letter came this morning -
and you spoke of coming on the
day before we go to Atlantic
City - I think Grace is planning to
go about the first - when do you
think we will go in August?

it for a wedding present to
Miss Sasigi who is to marry
Marshall Bullitt - from some
friend here.

We went down and looked
on (outside in) the garden
party at the White House this
afternoon - The Marine Band in
their red uniforms played and it
was quite a brilliant scene.

We are going to Congress again
Monday and to the Savannah
for lunch.

What did Mr. Hutchings charge
for his ~~services~~ plans - and what

did he say about the Rutherford
house - Did you ask him about
remodeling it some down stairs
(- if it could be done -

I hope you are always on
time for dinner and breakfast
at Mother's - for she is so
particular about having meals
on time.

I must close and answer
Agnes' letter - Write me about your
dinner at Susie's -

With loads of love and a kiss
from M-G.

P.S. I wrote to Devotely
Lula that I was not
going to take her back -
It will be easy to get somebody better than she.



Mr. George E. Goodruff,
223 N. Main St.
Louisville
Ky.

coming across the Parade
Ground in his uniform with his
head up and so straight and
always so glad to see Grace
and me, as we would always
run to meet him.

Mother is very much broken
up and very nervous. Grace is
younger and has been able to go
through it all without breaking down,
but she has worn herself out in
her constant attention for so long
to her Father. She has been an angel
on Earth to him.

I will stay till Monday at least
and will telegraph you when I leave.
Love to Gen. Gen and God to your sweet self.

March 15-1913.

My dearest Mary:

This is Saturday
morning, and everything
connected with Father except
his memory has gone. It
was raining hard all day
Friday except about three
hours in the afternoon, when
the funeral took place. We
left the Apartment at
two o'clock and came back

then a bugler stepped to the head of the grave and sounded "Taps". Father's old army officer friends were the Pall Bearer-honorary. A squad of soldiers were the active bearers. It all took me back to my life on an Army Post, when Father used to wear his uniform, and was in his prime, so much that it was very heart-rending to me. I always think of Father

at four o'clock. The ceremonies which seem so long are in reality too quickly over. Father had a military funeral. There were a battery of six field guns, a firing party, and a color squad. The flag was lowered to half mast, when we passed through Fort Myer. After the services conducted by Dr. Green, the firing party fired three volleys, and

called up last night and so did
someone from the Columbus and
Fidelity to know Mother's address
and Mr. Callahan called up to
know the address too.

Mother hopes her flowers got
there alright this morning - She
telegraphed for them which is
always uncertain - Mr. Buntor's
card came in this morning's mail
and one from Mrs. Douglas Norton.

The baby is well - has just
waked up from a two-hour
nap and is so sweet and bright.
It is Lucy's afternoon out to
Cecilia and I am nursing

[1913]

1243 First Street
Louisville, Ky.

Dearest Epa,

I am enclosing a
telegram which came from
Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Paulbert. I
thought maybe I would get some
word from you either yesterday
or to-day, but I know you don't
feel like writing - I hope you have
gotten all my letters - I have
written four times - I have been
thinking of you all so much to-day
and know what an awfully sad
day it is - Miss Helen M^{rs} Douglass

him.

Write much love to Mother
and Grace.

Devotedly yours,
Maup.



Mr. George E. Woodruff
562 The Westwood Club
Washington,
D.C.

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got a letter from Grace in this morning's mail. They must have been surprised to see you on Monday, or did they know what day to expect you. When are you coming home - If you let me know I would like to meet you. I must close and get this in the next mail - it is taken up in a few minutes.

With much love to all and every good wish for the new year
Affect.

P.S. Excuse the big ^{mess} envelope but it was already stamped

Jan 1st
1913

1229 Third Avenue.

My dear Ego.

I hope you have had a fine New Year - Mother and Father and William have been doing the "at home" for the family. The former having been to four to-day. There had the exciting occupation of nursing as I gave Lucy half holiday. The baby has been quite fretful to-night - I had a right hard time getting him to sleep.

Your telegram came this afternoon about 2.30 - and you were very sweet and thoughtful to send it. I hope Father is better. You

stay thoroughly and part of the
second floor. We washed and fed
the chickens.

I hope you found Father feeling
stronger. I expect it will cheer him
up to have you there.

I have enjoyed everything to eat over
here so much that I expect I will be
real fat when you get home. Last
night Mother and William and I
made some delicious peppermint cream
candy. Then we came up and
Father read Penderis aloud.

To night we are all going to see an
all-star cast in Robin-Hood.

Be sure and write me the exact
time you get back so I can have the
house ready and the heat going.
Write much love to all and a

[Dec. 31, 1912]

1329 Third Avenue.

My dear Ego,

The American came
this morning and it was such a
surprise to hear from you by this
mornings mail.

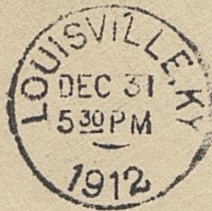
You are just about reaching
Washington now. I am glad I did not
go as it turned out. The baby had
a very restless night and had a little
fever, but dont worry about it as he
is alright to-day and has been out
in his buggy all morning. I have
been over at the house cleaning all
day. Lela and I cleaned the third

kiss from the baby.

Devotedly

Mary.

Dec. 31st



Mr. George E. Woodruff,
562 The Westmoreland Apts.
Washington
D. C.

glad you have had a
fine Xmas, wherever there
is a small child - There
is a joyful time - I hope
the baby soon rallied from
his excitement of Teddy Bear.

Bears are always so jolly
looking that they are fascinating.

You remember those we
saw in Yellow Stone Park -
How friendly they seemed and
how interesting it was to watch
them come down from the
mountains in the evenings to

December 23, 1912.

"The Westmoreland"

Washington D.C.

My dear Ezra & Mary -

Your telegram came a
little while ago - and it gave
me quite a shock until I
opened & read it - We are
so keyed up with anxiety
about your father - that
the least unusual thing startles
us, even the ringing of the
phone at an unusual hour
alarms us - We are so

get their dinners from the
Garbage Piles - near the
hotels -

We have had a most beautiful
white Christmas - We awoke
yesterday morning to a snow
snow storm - It was a ching-
ing snow and there are as many
Pinks & Lincolns etc with trees
and shrubs that it was like
a fairy scene - that greeted us
when we went down town -

The snowing did not last
long and the afternoon was
bright & clear & last night
the ground full snow & the

clear sky made a lovely scene
and to day the lovely weather
continued, we drove out to see
your father and found him
sitting up in his wheel chair
at the Hall window in the
sunshine -

Grace has gone to a Matinee
this afternoon to see John Dow.
She declined a Christmas Eve
party at Carolyn Liskes as she
did not like to leave me, but
there ^{were} several people came
in to see her - which was
pleasant for her -

Your Photograph came this

P.S. Did you get the
little copy and the no. 11
red boys enclosed in the
same parcel - containing my
good parcel from your
dearest Mary -
Mother

2 morning - and I am ever
so glad to have it - but we
think it does not do you
justice - The expression is
too stern and the pose is
not so graceful - neither do
we think the photography is
so good as in your father's
pictures - So you must try
again sometime soon - and
ask Mr. Stephens to make you
as good a picture as your
father which you might show
him - I suppose you did
not get one of the baby you

one last year - they are both so
useful and pretty, and Sabura heard.
kerchups are lovely and he is so
pleased with them - You know
Cecilia Laura - always gave us
handkerchups and this year the dear
old ^{one} ^{is} in heaven I know, for if there
was ever a soul in which there
was no guile - here was that soul -
I have your hand from Carrie's or little
and do you know when they will
return - Love loving mother
Anneta C. Vandenberg

liked - I think it is worth
trying for again and again
It is such a pleasure to
get a good pattern and
such a satisfaction to be
perpetuated pleasantly, so
every one will exclaim, how
fine! when it is shown.
Grace is delighted with Mary's
gift to her and I am charmed
with mine - it is so dainty and
lovely - and I shall always
think of Mary when I use it
just as I do when I use the
handkerchups case she sent



The Sanitarium
Oilton Springs,
N.Y.

August 4th 1912

My dearest son, your postals are fine and we all enjoy them, because we want to hear a word from you often, I am glad you are reducing your force. I still think there is no use in working for other people, and turning gray while you are paying you found out to try to save one's face, - which you do not do, for almost everybody knows what your condition is; - so I hope you will

hold head and tail up, - sell
out all your stock - pay all
your debts and then use your
eyes and ears. There are a
thousand good opportunities for
you to seize, and I hope you have
learned enough to know the right
opportunity to select. You have
paid dear enough for your
whistles and it has cost you
enough money to have learned
something about opportunities. They
are all around, but it takes a
good man to know his chance
and it takes a mighty good
man to grab hold and keep

hold when you see the
golden opportunity.

I am getting along here, but
am shaky, - still I hope to
improve.

I am so much obliged to you
for paying Tom Mac Donald
the \$10 - and I enclose a check
to make good.

I paid the Bute bill for
July, so that is all right.

I do not seem able to write
a long letter so I will write
oftener. All yours in sending much
love. Your loving father -

Ezra Woodruff