

Louisville, Ky., le 31 décembre, 1925.

Mademoiselle Louise Matthews,
2121 Rue de Châtaigniers,
Louisville.

Chère Mademoiselle Polyglotte,

C'était avec stupéfaction
d'abord, et un éclat de rire après,
lors que je jetais un coup d'œil sur
votre billet pour la fête de Noël.

Votre idée est également
unique et instructive. Je vous remer-
cie de tout mon cœur.

Comme je déteste les banalités
d'usage vous trouverez ci-incluse
une félicitation imprimée.

Rageantant de n'avoir plus le
plaisir de travailler avec vous

Je vous, Mademoiselle,
l'assurance de mes meilleurs sen-
timents.

Dem. H. Claussmitzer.

happiness,

I wish to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours
Lillian B. Ferris.

Marion D. D.
R. R. 9.
Jan 6, 1928.

Dear Miss Mathews:

Did you relish the
idea of the classroom
again after such a nice
long vacation?

I do not think that
even the strenuous work
of the classroom can dispel
the pleasure I have in
remembering my visit in
your home and city.

Can still play "Five Hundred"?
Remember me to your fine
mother and Father. You
are a lucky girl I think
to have such fine parents.

Some time when you
are not "too busy" you
might tell me what you
are doing; "I'll enjoy it" I
am sure.

If I should say it is almost
school time what would you
think? Well it is, so I know
you know what it means.
With the year of 1925
to bring you added

I have nothing to say²
but the very best concerning
Louisville and its fine
people.

Mr. Christian has often
spoken of you & family in
the finest way, I found
every word of it true.

I see is hoping that some day
I may have the opportunity
of returning such unusual
hospitality.

and I wonder if I



Miss Louise Mathews

2121 W. Chestnut Street

Louisville
Ky.

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My dear Miss Matthews:

Your intriguing letter awaited me when I came to the office this morning and I wish to express to you my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your kindness in sending me the names. I shall write to them at once but alas I fear that the time is too short for this year as colored people must needs talk and discuss so gigantic a project many many moons. Of course among the dominant race trips to Europe are a casual and rather unexciting affair - but among the Aframericans they partake some what the nature of a cataclysm.

To me personally Europe has been an opalescent dream. My brief glimpse of picturesque France - its toy houses - with green and purple roofs - its white ribbon roads winding through the hills, its freedom from the vexatious disabilities of American life - its taverns - and inns and cafés and above all the quiet serenity of its tiny villages with its imposing cathedral - has haunted me ever since I looked half regretfully at its receding shores when the troopship Rotterdam challenged the forbidding Atlantic on our way home.

Feb 4, 1925

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One of my glaring weaknesses is the ease with which I make friends - or rather develop acquaintances - and somehow I gravitate towards those whose intellectual equipment is deficient - but whose nerves are overdeveloped. In other words suffering from the modesty complex myself I admire to some extent - the braggart - the conscientiousless - the unathical if you please - the "go-getters" - the Babbitts.

You have been kind to me - Perhaps you would know of St. Paul. Cold? Heavens yes - below 0° all of the time from 6 - to 31. A people typical of the north for the most part - a few high school graduates - but by far the "most graduates" of the grammar schools with the exaggerated ego of the uneducated. A few U. of M. students but not many scholars - Beautiful summers, no spring and autumn - like rare old wine - cool mornings glorious foliage - in St. Paul's myriad parks.

Invigorating days and restful nights - And without stones throw - lakes of every conceivable size - lakes edged with lofty pines and stately maples - water blue and cold - and the shimmer of sunlight on glassy surfaces.

But here is the Scandinavian and the Swede - and the cold intelligence of Norway - And here is the great outdoors glorified by Harold Bell Wright - You may and many others of similar ilk.

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But ere many years have passed the entente cordiale
between France and Afro-America will be thoroughly
established.

Edna and Sara Elizabeth are both well - and Sara ^{Elizabeth} has twelve teeth and a rather quizzical expression as if she were laughing at such foolish mortals as her ^{parents} happen to be. As to her future I can only pray knowing that the relentless laws of heredity will operate in her as they do in all of us. And from me she might inherit a rather lazy disposition - a lackadaisical attitude toward the basic laws of life - an adventurous spirit and a dreamer inactivity. But ah, if she but follows her mother, there all things will come to her - for she will be boundlessly ambitious - energetic - frail but tireless - albeit mentally - aquiescent materially and ^{be the possessor} all of the other virtues which I so completely lack.

Your sketches of Louisville were admirably done. Voluminous details could not have given me so full a picture as that etching of the activities of a few of the more pronounced ^{characters}. And I certainly appreciate your outline of the activities of my acquaintances - who do not exist for you - in reality and whom Everett has aptly called "my thing friends"

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I shall not bore you further - My kindest regards to
your mother and Dad - and remember me to Mrs
Harris her mother - Rev. Harris and all of my
friends - and tell him that I might do a little
letter if I had the impelling influence to go to
church which was a part of his household.

And as for Everett. I have never missed ^{any one like}
I miss him and I know that in the formal
study of the Law he will bring to bear all of his
wonderful intellect. And now I promise that
I will not mention your name in my ^{letter}
so there

Sincerely yours

Elmer A. Carter

Wm S. A. Carter.
St. Paul - Minn



Miss Louise St. Matthews
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville - Ky.

Feb-22-25

Dearest Louise;

I had thought of you
lots and finally received
a card. I was indeed glad
to hear from you. I hope
if you ever come my
way you will stop by
and pay me a little
visit. I will try to make
it pleasant for you in
case you do. Do you
expect to go "abroad"
this summer. I am
strongly in hopes ^{of it}. It
is enough to have stayed

here these three months alone
that is with only a little child.
Last-summer was the first
time I had a chance to get away
for over five years unless on
a (sense of) sad mission. So
I am going to try to go again
this summer. Somewhere!

Mr. Hawkins is gone in the
~~sum~~ South. He had rather
a hard winter. Do you have it
real hard where you are?

Since I am still having proof
of the Omnipresence of God I
had two wonderful experiences
while in Plattsburg and as for this
winter I would not be on this
plane of existence were it not
for the prayers and ^{a little} understanding
of G. D. Lots of love write me.
Yours truly
Meyie Hawkins



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December 3, 1925.

Miss Louise Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Matthews:

Last year just about the time my health broke I received a letter from you enclosing Money Order for \$5.00 for the Angola Work. That was one of the most cheering and helpful letters that I have received in many a day. I appreciated it and out of the suggestion contained in it has grown a movement to organize a club of one thousand members who will make an annual contribution to the cause, the amount to be determined by each individual. It is purely voluntary.

We are asking each interested individual to make an effort to interest at least one other person. Is it asking too much to request that you try to get at least one other person who will contribute annually to the Angola Work on or before January 1st?

The success of that work is such that anyone who has contributed to the cause has just grounds for pardonable pride. The prospects of one of the finest works in all Africa headed by a young man of sterling qualities and unshaken faith are ours. I appreciate the opportunity of having some small part in it and hope you do also.

Very truly yours,

Alfred Lawless

it re-filled ⁴ with a
different powder.

The holidays were
quite lively. I was up
nighly until around
three. Albany was
unusually lively —
breakfast dances, Matinee
dances, twilight dances
and every thing. There
was a reception in
our honor also a dinner
party. I've gone so much.

Friday.

Dearest Louise,

I owe you an
apology for not writing
you in this, since I
haven't begun my trip
yet.

Joe couldn't get
off Texas so we didn't
get away, but we ex-
pected to leave around
New Years and here we
are, and we don't know

one the ³other day, not knowing that I had this beautiful one in Atlanta. Every one admires it. Now my set is complete. How far have you gotten on yours?

I am glad you liked yours. I thought it would be a great surprise. Mine still serves me well. I've had

exactly ²when we can leave, but expect to in the next few days. However I'll keep you posted.

Now my bracelet is the "Cat's Paws". Just what I wanted. Mother has just sent it. She kept it there as she was looking for me any second. I came very near buying

each date of my ^{8.} expected arrival in your city.

Lovingly,

Edith.

Joe sends love.

until I'm ^{3.} whirling.

Mrs. Evans had a card party for a visitor Wed. It was nice. The lady was from Boston a Mrs. Arms.

Joe and I were here alone Thurs. The Evans spent Thurs in N. Y. C.

I'm vice-pres. of the Fortnightly Social Club

7.

So I am around quite a little socially and like Albany a deal better than formerly.

Write me if you have gifts. I know they are numerous.

Love to your mother. Expect to hear from me the exact date of my departure from Albany, also later, the

here and have one of the leading parts in a Musical Comedy to be given next spring or summer, by the Club.

This Club is the strictest in the city, so I feel I've done well to get in and hold an office so soon. Joe hasn't come in yet, but I am hoping he will. He has been asked many times.



Miss Louise Matthews
2131 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky.

must have an idea
you dont like N.C.
Come up & see.

There's one of your
school mates teaching
here this year.
Marion Hill - from
Ga. an A. U. gradu-
ate. Do you remem-
ber her.

We got your home
town on the radio
Friday, I should
have a sending
set, so I could
broadcast a few
messages to you.
Please write. Love
to all. Annie Day.

Box 96
New Bern, N.C.
Jan. 12, 1925.

Dear Louise,

Was so
pleased to get
your Christmas
card. Often think
of you and wonder
if you have
forgotten me
entirely, you never
write. Until I
received your
card, didn't know
whether you
were teaching

course³. I have had
mine bobbed for
over a year, but
that was alright,
I only had to do a
little trimming up
but, you had to
cut all of that
beautiful hair.
Please send me
a picture and if
you havent a
picture send some
snaps. please.

and do make a
new years Resolution
to write at least once
in a while. When
are you coming to
see me and etc. You

in Louisville
or not. I guess
you are glad to
be at home. That's
my one regret
about being married,
I have to live away
from Mamma
& all.

Don't remember
whether it was
Albert or who it
was that told me
you had bobbed
your hair. Really
it seemed a shame
you had such
beautiful hair, of

March 12, 1925

Dear Louise,

you can see by the date on the other card, just how long it has been written. I was called home immediately after I wrote it and have only been back a couple of weeks. Mamma has been real sick and is just beginning to improve. I was there when your mother's ^{letter} to Mamma came and intended writing

March 12, 25

3.

sick since October
^{but} lay right down in bed
since December.

Guess you have
heard of our fires
at the School. It seems
as if everything has
gone wrong. But every-
thing seems all right
now.

Write me soon.

Lovingly,
Annie Day.

2.

her for Mamma and
letting her know just
how I'd she was. I was
called home and ^{was} there
three weeks, ^{in January} and so Mam-
ma was steadily getting
worse instead of better.
Papa sent her to New
York to the Specialists and
the hospitals there. I
went with her, and
another lady. Then Maymie
and Papa came up. Mamma
came back to Durham last
week. She is getting better
but not by any means
well yet. She has been



Chicago Ill.

Jan. 6 - 1925.

My dearest Louise: -

Well: I'm
back home again - and I've
been talking about my trip
there ever since I've been back,
especially the lovely 500 party
you had for me.

It was very sweet of you
Louise to make things so pleasant
for me and I shan't ever
forget it. I really don't know

to go to here ^{3.} very much.
you know Homer didn't get
out any while I was away
so he had to have a little fun!
He said he missed me more
this time than he did in the
summer when I came home.

He asked to be remembered
to you and wants to thank you
too for making my stay at home
so enjoyable!

Aunt So sends love to you.
give my regards to your parents.
With lots of love and many thanks
to you. I am as ever your friend
P.S. Write real soon.

Bert.

^{2.} how to tell you just how
much I did appreciate it
but here's many thanks to
you just the same.

Maybe you'll come to my
city some time and I'll try
to make things as pleasant
for you - just let me know
when you plan to come.

I hope Louise that we'll
hear from each other more
often this year than we have.

I guess school is keeping you
busy again after the holidays.

I enjoyed the few dances I got



Miss Louise Matthews.
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville
Kentucky.

R. T. Lewis
4839 Calumet Ave.
Chicago

Come until August and then for Los Angeles! Where I shall be this fall - I don't know - not here I hope.

How are Clubs there now? Do you still have the S.K.C's and please tell me about the "Beauty Art" (can't spell my own club name) I haven't heard a word about them.

I thought I would freeze when I came to Denver that is when I

This paper
I gave out
just had to
use the other
kind to finish

Denver Colo.
Mar. 25, 1926.

My dear Louise:-

I did enjoy reading your letter so very much. I am always thirsty for Louisville news and you really gave quite a bit of it.

I am sure you will not find a letter from me so interesting because there's nothing going on

etc. The affair was a success in every way. Had a big crowd.

Saturday night I had my first chance to hear "Grand Opera". (Carmen) I enjoyed it of course and yet I must admit that my taste for "Grand Opera" needs "cultivation" (smile)

We are planning for camp this summer. I shall be out there most of the time which means my vacation work

and I haven't even anything personal to tell you, however I'm writing just the same and have planned writing you all month.

Feb was quite a busy month with me. My High School girls and the "Hi J" boys gave a circus on the 28th and you can imagine what that meant. The fact that Feb was a real squaw month here made it easier for practice

I'm tired and sleepy as I've been to school so
you will please look over my mistakes

the Secretary as was
lathed of before I left.

I often think of the
pleasant times I've had in
your home Louise and I've
always considered you a
real friend even tho I did
~~not~~ see you as often
as I did some of the other
girls.

Hope your parents are
well. Remember me to them
both please.

I'm glad you liked the little
token. I wanted you to know
that I thought of you in spite of my
long silence. Hello to the girls
with love to you from Helen.

first learned I was com-
ing, but I haven't worn
any more than I did in
Louisville. We are having
wonderful weather now.
I can truly recommend the
climate to you. I've gained
12½ lbs already so you
all you'd better spend
a summer out here
sometimes since I be-
lieve you would also
like to take on a few
more pounds. (smile)

quite as flattering as yours was (laugh) I'm sorry John & Mavis disagreed but I really think John brought it all on himself. I understand he is quite deep with the young lady. Is she wearing his pin?

I am glad that improvements have been added to the "y." I've only heard that Mrs Brock was executive. Who are the other workers. Suppose they have an office secretary and Acti-

Are you letting your hair grow out yet. I'm not at all tired of "bobbed hair" wear a semi shingle.

I had heard something of your holiday visitors, especially Miss Terry. Sorry I didn't get to see her as I've often been told that we resembled in some way, only of course I knew from her picture that she was "way past me in looks" I've also had a description of Miss Redding which wasn't

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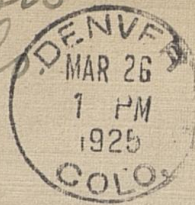
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Miss Louise Matthews
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Louisville
Ky

Washington, Feb. 10, '25.

My dear Miss Louise:

Your very kind letter of several weeks since was indeed refreshing and gave me much pleasure. I have been some what tardy in answering it, not from any lack of appreciation, but due to the fact of my activities incident to the campaign and since our overwhelming victory I know you are too good a regular little fellow to harbor resentment so

believe you will overlook
my seeming neglect.

Not having had a
vacation for two years
I am going to take one
beginning next week.

Expect to go to Chicago
from here for a few days
thence down to New
Orleans for the Mardi
Gras. Spend several days
at Galveston then back
here in time for the
inauguration.

There will be quite
a number of social af-
fairs during inaugu-

ration week and I would like to see you over and take you out to some of them. What say?

I won a prize the other evening at a 500 tournament with 100 tables. Now I guess you won't think me such a dud after this. Of course though the participants were not in the same class with you. You know I believe you are the best ever.

Sorry you censored those messages of yours

mothers but they would
have made interesting
reading.

How is our mu-
tual friend Sorel Joh
and hubby, hitting them
up? Tell her I was in
Cincinnati recently
and thought of her.

Trust you are well
and that you will re-
member me kindly to
your father and mother.

With the wish that
I may hear from you
real soon, I say,

Sincerely,
John A. Spence

Feb. 10, '25

Miss Louise Matthews,
2121 West Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Kentucky.