

Lexington, Ky.
Aug. 3, 1921.

My Dear Louisa;

I am writing with pencil because I amt really too tired to sit up am lying on the floor writing.

Have been very busy sewing for mama, haven't sewed a stitch for myself and I do need underwear but mama saved up every little thing for me. So I haven't had a new piece but you are out I would like to see your dress.

I wrote to mama but haven't had one line from her, when she writes I guess she will be saying my board will be H. S.

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I had a card from Miss Barnes haven't answered yet, really I haven't written to any one but you.

I liked your picture so much, and don't you like it rather than the full face one.

They say this one is the best I have ever had made.

Well Louise a family moved in while I was away, one of the boys went with Miss White our teacher but when I came his cousin brought him to call my first term, and I guess I vamped him he has been coming every since is extremely nice to me

keeping house.

my Grandma has been
sick but is much better.

send this card back
for I must let Papa see
it for you know he thinks
because we are in
the country we have
banjo music.

Best regards to all.

Louise
Finia.

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Aug 3/21

Miss Louise Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut
Louisville, Ky

113 W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.
Sept 11, 1921

Dear Louise:

Was certainly glad to hear from you, for you don't know how I do miss you. Miss ^(Fisk) Breeding, from Montgomery is boarding here which helps a little but so different from Louise.

I hardly know where to begin writing Cov. news. Well the two rooms on the second floor have been papered, got a new rug for her room and put the one that was on her floor up in your room. Have some new drapiers for your little short windows and a feather bed under your mattress. You know about our new electric lights all new fixtures also, but didn't do one thing to that front room. Said although she didn't have a large

porch but she wasn't ashamed
for anyone to come inside
of her house. That what she
said when speaking of her
lights, get me!

That loud talking man has
gone and Mrs. G. is very friend-
ly with Mrs. Davis why,
because she brings her ice
cream from the lunch room
nearly every night and lets
her ride in that big old
fashion machine to the
clubs.

Miss Breeding went through
to the back room and said
Oh! what a pretty dress! so I
stopped writing you to go
see it, that black satin
skirt and pink flowered
little blouse.

Have just returned from
church and among the
visitors were Mr & Mrs J. P. Hood.
I am writing just as I
think of things Louise. I
know Mrs. Matthews, is
glad to have Louise at home
she just worried so much

about her so now I guess
her pains are at ease, don't
need to say who said this!

Mrs. Y. is on the outs with
Ethel Winn and all of that
bunch in the club. Mattie
Spiller + Ethel gave a whist
party ~~was~~ (subscription) for one
of the clubs L. U. and she
had the nerve to tell me
she wouldn't go, but as it
happened the Supervisor
called a meeting being
the first one I didn't get
home until ~~near~~ nearly 6
o'clock so I didn't get to go.
Mrs Hillman left Fri. evening
for Washington.

Well about time to begin
with Lincoln Grant.

We have ~~five~~ new teachers
Miss Breeding 4 B. Miss Williams
4 A. Miss Booker, 1 B. Miss
Warren Domestic Science
Mr Crosby Science

Miss Allen 8 A + B Mr Fleming
7 A + B Miss Garnes 6 A + B
Mr Rice got his same place
but they cut his salary \$100
a month. Mrs Hollin, was

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I don't regard it as your mother's
business to continue being your
father's step-mother.

here last week to get her things
they would have given her
the same place but wanted
to cut her salary, so she has
a job at Wilberforce
arent you surprised to hear of
Miss Bullack being back?
Mr Day is here today.

The lunch room was opened
Thurs Mrs Laura Thomson is
cooking. Not any more changes
that I can think of just
now.

I received an invitation
to Maria's marriage, what
shall I give her for a
present?

Pat. is in French Lick wont be
home until Sept 2³.

Oh yes Miss Garnes hasnt a
place to board is over at the
Gordon now. Mrs Robinson
put her out.

Mrs Bower has the girl and
is in Chicago, he has David
and is here, the people are
talking saying she has left him.
his place is for sale.

Don't give Rosie all of your
time write me
Lovingly
Vivian

113 W. Robbins
Covington, Ky.

Sep 11
1921

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

Lexington, Ky. R. T.

June 26, 1921.

My Dear Louise:

I hate to start with excuses but Louise you don't know how busy Vinia has been. I am beginning my vacation this week. Mama had started house cleaning was trying to have every thing finished by the time I was to come home, and behold she took down with her back and I had to take up where she left off. Now you may know just how I felt about it but since it was sickness I had to be nice about it.

Went to the picnic. Pat Mama liked my dress ~~so~~ much but so many had on dresses ~~about~~ like mine. The boys gave a dance that night but it was so very warm one couldn't hardly say they enjoyed it.

Louise I thought of you every day and our last Wed. together am anxious to hear ^{night} more of it.

I have received a card from Pat every day but he just goes from place to place so I can't write him.

Louise did you get your book
that was under my bed?

Have you received your pictures
yet? I have not.

Since you have had some
vacation and today was just
the beginning of for me please
forgive me for not writing
sooner and write me a long
letter for you know I am
anxious to hear from you.

Best regards to your mother.

yours
Vinia

Please excuse blots.

Girl Pleads Guilty

Cordella Mockabee, 17, colored, 329 East Eleventh street, was fined \$5 and costs in Covington Police court Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct. She pleaded guilty.

113 W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.
Oct. 16, 1921.

Dear Louise:

I received both of the letters but you know how I am I take every thing by spells now tonight I am trying to write to every one that I know. Glad your shoes were alright. Stewart came over, came for his furniture they are in and he is teaching English she hopes to get in soon, they are light house keeping, only going to use their bed room furniture. but as I was about to say I had started to Cin to get your shoes when I met him Mr Y wasn't at home so Stewart went back to Cin with me and followed me all around and even came back to Cov. with me, he had to tie the package again and address it.

Louise, I went to a little party down to Mabels, quite a few fellows were over from that wonderful "Y" among them Mr Banks, well he nearly worried me to death about you, wanted your address and how much he thought of you. He was going

through Louisville going to Nashville
would be sure to stop, and I
told him of you asking about him
when you were here. But Banks
hasn't gone any place, he was
with Kate that night.

Carrie has a little boy Charles J.
and she has such a handsome
bed and buggy for it. Her husband
sent her a beautiful bunch of
flowers, she is living with her
mother now. J.P. and his wife are
with her mother he hasn't had a
job since June work is very scarce.

Mr Y. has a new blue suit they have
gone out to Mrs Carr to a reception
tonight she said we were invited
but I have met Mrs Carr about
four times and I did care to
meet her again in her own home
Mrs Y. wore that grey ^{evening} reception dress
that she find ~~over~~ to carry to Louis.
and brown walking shoes, had
her hair done up in bobs. Wish you
^{could have seen her.}
something came up about you
the other day and she said "Venia
I believe Bud likes Louise" so I
just changed things for her I said
"Bud is going to Chicago" I knew she
was just trying to find out something
but she didn't even get an answer.
When I told her what your mother
said she said "Mrs Matthews or
Louise" I said "Mrs Matthews"

she couldn't understand why I had a letter from your mother and I don't think she will for I tore up the letter right away.

Louise Miss Bell + Jewell had a terrible fuss in teachers meeting Mon. broke up the meeting why I thought Miss Bell would strike I. They wouldn't stop after our principal got up and tried to say something, but you may know how it was he let them fuss, sat still trembling for about 15 or 20 min then tried to have something to say. all he could get out then, "You are dismissed," J. asked if the children were allowed to run down the steps at noon and said she heard Miss B. tell her children to run, well Miss B answered and it was a regular nigger turn out.

Night school will start Mon. I certainly am glad then the time won't seem so long. They closed the Night High School. White, enrollment too small.

Mrs Smith asked of you he filled my tooth and is doing lots of work for Miss Breeding so I have been seeing lots of them. she is very busy, sides sewing.

Eilman's clothing store one Madison burned all of that big fire but I

write me a long new year letter. Love to your mother + all. Yours Louise

course we didn't about it until we went to school the next morning. I am some swell now ~~since~~ since we have our new cleaner I don't have to sweep my room just think what you have missed. Mrs Hillman is still at her home; Mr Fleming is still having fits over Miss Campbell, I told you about him wanting to take me to the show, I think he has about gotten over that for he told me the other day "you just didn't want to go with me."

Louise I would like to see your new waist, you all are some quers and dressers when I come I can't stay but a day won't have anything to wear. think I shall just wait until after Xmas to get my suit. am having my good winter coat cleaned and lined. Will price your fur didn't have time you know, girls I am just fixing to have dinner. so I had to get me some wrist (two) tub silk to wear to school and I was looking for bargains took up all of my time.

Things are very nice and quiet around here only the trains and street cars to disturb us. Oh yes we are have regular whist game. now you know I am glad of my school.

113 W. Robbins St.
Covington, Ky.

Oct 16, 1921

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

suit tailored, had to wait another gown month before I could get me a hat, went over thinking I could get back, but after I got the suit just did have care fare left.

These are going to one of your mother's

Really Louise I dont know what to say about the A. N. E. a but I will let you know soon.

I wish you could see Julian and John Duncan in High St they are Mr Louis + Deannow.

We have had ^{our} front room papered and have some new curtains. Hope you will come to Cin. and will come to see us. not one thing going on here but

Sun. Afternoon
February 26, 1922.

Dear Louise:

I don't know hardly where, or how to begin writing you after having to beg you to answer the other note. However I was glad to hear from you and hope your mother is better heard of the death of Miss Ransom's mother.

I went to the basket ball game last Fri Sat night, they played Chicago, scores were 25-27 in favor of Cin. after the game we went to the Parish house (did go to Mrs Gibb's time) every body was

had pneumonia, hasn't been out yet.

Anna is vamping around Marie says she will be the next one, she is some vamp.

J. Smith, Kate, L. Bullock, B. Brubaker and I went out to Fort Thomas this afternoon to see the ill colored soldiers and it certainly did rain but we just wanted to be building around.

We all were to go to Schuberts the new theater Wed. night but I had to pull up with "air"

Did I tell you that I bought me a new blue tricoline

there, had such a good time Some of the fellows had their girls there L. Simms and Rio Cox, etc.

Penman calls up once in a while, says you won't write to him, Saw him Sat night, fat as ever.

Clark has been sick they are saying, they knew Alice would kill him, is wearing glasses now with steel rims, looks very sporty.

Marie is very busy has a boarder now for company when Walter is away, in four days and out four. Louise has been very sick

113 W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.
Nov. 28, 1922.

Dear Louise:

To my surprise I received that long waited for letter, and you know I am always glad to hear from you. It has been so very long since I have heard from you, that I hardly know where to begin writing you. Everything is certainly dull here nothing to go to but the show all work and very little play for us.

I can't imagine where you could have gotten such a report about M. Stewart, why she is all right wearing a diamond engagement ring, and the people say she is to be married Christmas.

Kate is as frisky as ever. she is working half day in the Cin Stowe school and attending U. the other half.

I guess you have heard about Mr. Russell, going to Baltimore and Mrs Russell is to take his place

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Some long money I say. Quite a few affairs have been given in his honor. The teachers ^{Douglas} gave a reception on Friday night and sent us, the teachers, an invitation Thurs evening of course it was Fri. morning when we got it since it was sent to school.

Well you asked me about Miss Jones she is a good friend of mine, we were in school together, you didn't miss it when you said "she was good looking and some vamp" we went to Frankfort to the game together, and if things work well we are going to Wilburforce Thurs. She lives in Cin and they have a big machine which she drives all hot an everything.

I have a stone Martin choker go down and take a look at one and tell me what you think of it. Last ^{thurs} I bought me a coat black with grey wolf collar + cuffs and I ain't telling nobody what I paid for it so don't ask.

We have another teacher the ~~5 B~~ fifth grade has been divided that is Miss Bell, has 5 B and Jewell, 5 a Miss Glenn, 2 a in a new portable building back of my room.

Mr. Fleming, has been very sick is still out but much better.

Miss Melshoe, lost her sister the one that lived in Chicago. just a week from her sisters death she lost her brother, the one that had been away so long.

I wish you could see Dr Smiths fine big fat boy C. C. Jr looks just like Mrs Smith.

Mrs Hillman, is looking for another John Jr real soon.

Anna Mae Snowden, is also looking for A. B. Jr. but she looks better than I have ever seen her, all fat and every thing.

Mama + Papa are well, she has a new hat, coat, + dress and was out Sunday in the new dress with her furs without a coat.

Have you written Santa yet? He is
really here and I am never ready.
Well honey it is almost time for me
to be going to night school so I shall
take up where I leave off when I
write you next time. If you don't
wait a year to answer.

Best regards to your mother,

Lovingly
 Vinia

113 W. Robbins
Covington, Ky

Nov. 28, 22

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
212 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Did I tell you that Miss Barnes
married McLean, will you ever
forget that letter that you
wrote for me?

Things are very dull I
went to one game and
most of the others ~~were~~ on
my school nights. Miss
^{Ann} Glenn gave a birthday party
last month everybody was
there we had wonderful
time so I just go to the
show and a hen club
meeting and that's about all.

I read of abbie being so
highly entertained.

Regards to your mother ^{lovingly}
Dorothy

113 W. Robbins St.
Covington, Ky
March 12, 1923.

Dear Louise:

I know you are busy getting
ready for Easter, I don't know
as I will have a thing. I need
a coat but I am going to
get it soon, write me about
Lora your pretty things.
Louise the chokers range
from 39.50+ up I got mine at
Coppins I am going to try an
work up to another one and
have them joined.

I wore my satin slippers
Fri night for the first time this

this year and when I came out of church Sun morning behold it was raining, I don't feel the effects yet. I have a Taffata hat henna turned up in front but I wore my face hat all winter so I had to get something a little different.

Our Club O. F. had a peo rally yesterday although it rained we raised \$105.59. We had a very nice program Mrs. Russeel, of Cin spoke.

Louise I think Vivian and I are going to Hampton to Summer school, what do you think about it? of course we haven't worked up to Columbia yet.

I guess you know that Louise has a girl + Marie may have one by now she was expecting it both are at home now.

anna mae Snowden has a girl name Alberta from Dr. Mrs Hillman has a girl.

Mr Jancey, doesn't improve much ~~has~~ hasn't been out of the house but twice walked up to the bridge. I am up in your room now, he has my room

113 W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.
Jan 17, 1926.

Dear Louise:—

You must have known that I have always wanted beads and have never had any, and I do like the ones you sent me so much, I got a black cut velvet dress for Xmas, and they were just what I wanted and

needed, I don't know how to thank you for them but if you could see me wearing them you would know what I mean.

I was over to Mt Zion this afternoon to the unveiling of their new pipe organ, most of the recital was by Mr Rhyder, nuff said. Saw Marie + Walter sing in the choir.

Mrs C.C. Smith has returned from home with her new daughter.

Louise nothing going on here
just go to the show & church or
something like that.

Kate Lampkins Crosby is rejoicing
over little Kate Willis Crosby.

Will write me some time real
soon.

Hope you are well

Sincerely
Vivia

113 W. Robbins
Covington, Ky.

Jan 17, '26

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

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should have it.

Mr Jones took us out for a ride last Sunday, we ^{went} out to the race track and all around, made some pictures, I will send you one soon.

Elinor was in Cin for the week, and she called me up.

I didn't get a thing for Easter wore my suit and felt very proud. I have some patent leather, low heels, slippers and I am wearing the grey stocking that I had last year.

1921?

113 W. Robbins St
Easter Sunday.

Dear Louise:

[1921?]

I have just returned from a lovely Easter service at the M.E. Church so I am writing before mama calls for dinner. And the church was really crowded. They are getting ready for Conference which will begin Wed. The walls have be colored and they are to have new carpet it looks very pretty. Rev Ross has a machine now.

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for him back Friday morn.
We now have just five
more weeks, and think
of it four more Sundays.
Time certainly has passed
rapidly since Christmas.
I guess Papa told you about
the concert that the
School had. We had numbers
2 or 3 from every grade.
The program was rather
long, but we hardly had
standing room. Raising
funds for the scholarship,
and they have already
started fussing about, who

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Well we certainly did
spend our vacation busy.
we rented a machine
really did some sewing
I made two voile dresses
and several suits of
under wear. my but
how we enjoyed it, and
mama sent me a box
birthday, last Sat and Miss
Breeding received one
Friday so we really
feasted.
I am so glad that you
all took good care of
Papa, we just had to push
him off, and we looked

drawers I certainly did
some rushing trying
to get them up.

Miss Garnes did get back
as usual, sent a special
Sat, Mrs Hillman had her
room today, I wish you
could see John Jr.

I know you would die
laughing if you could
see Mrs Y's hat that she
modeled, when she
showed it to us Miss B
laughed right out and
tried to turn it off on
something else, all big
and drooping faced with pink

pull
one
all
Miss
you
to
the
impression
and
B

Went to a party last week
Mrs Anna Young gave for
Miss Hershaw from Wash. D.C.
teachers in Ind. Had a very
nice time but so many
husbands were there.
Selma is getting along
nicely in Howard and
made excellent credits.

Banks wanted to call on
Miss Breeding, but Perry
Thompson, has the best
looking little yellow
roadster, and he is going
to take us for a ride,
can't be bothered with

then we thought we were coming home but he said, "do you all think after getting as warm as I did that I am not going to cool off, so we started touring Col. so you see we couldn't see Banks and his friend.

Oh back to Easter morning when I was coming from church I kept feeling so funny and behold I lost my

walking men today. "Dinner is served" just after we finished dinner the car came so this is Mon, for when I tell you we didn't get back until 11:30 you will readily see why I couldn't finish. We rode nearly all over Cin. and then went to Hamilton O. when we were on our way back had just turned on Scott St we got a flat tire, well we stayed in a garage about an hour and

113 W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.
Sun. night
[1919?]

Dear Louise:

Honey Child I know you felt for me when your mother recieved that letter for you know what a pain such is when weel saying nothing about being ill. Mrs Y is up going every where but Mr Y isnt doing so weel isnt near able to be out

Louise you know I am just tickled to death with my Santa Claus, just what I wanted,
many thanks,

I would have written sooner

But Mama kept me busy
waiting for her. I think she
must have thought she was
going to peg out and didn't
want to go away in debt
since I am just sending you
a line to thank you and
next time I will write you
a real letter.

I hope you are well.

Much love to your mother

lovingly
Vivia.

its great, we are going tomorrow to see "Why Girls Leave Home". Did I tell you that the Lyceum has closed. It was condemned, but the show on fifth street next to the "Gem" has opened for colored.

We are getting ready for a concert, the ^{whole} school a song recital, every room is to have at least three numbers, so we are working rather hard ^{hard}.

I have a new jade hat with feathers all around that some what fall over

Si Rhodes was at church this morning M.E. came to see Kate I guess.

I was over in New Port Thurs. scared to death, why the soldiers are on every corner, machine guns are around every place, why its very exciting. The C.F. Club met at Miss Hunderys and I was on program but mind you I didn't let dark catch me over there.

Have you seen "The Child Thou Savest Me"?

over the brim, we went
of to Park St church last Sun.
So we were really dressed
up.

Mr D. Smith has gone
home to be confined, had
a card from her last wk.
Louise I don't think I
can come to the APCA
in fact I know I can't
but may see you soon.

Mrs Y. is making her
some little dresses
gingham + Pongee.

Our spring vacation begins
April 7.

When are you coming
to Cin?

Lovingly
Vinita.

9:30 Sun - evening
March 19, 1922.

Dear Louise:

This has been such
a dreary afternoon
sunshine and then
rain, really March
weather.

Well Banks just left
he brought another
fellow with him, he is
just as crazy as ever
but is getting very stout
rather fat. He asked
of you, and his little
"pal" shep.

March 19,
1922

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