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WATERVILLE, OHIO, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1901

My Dear Rhoda - Your "stingy" little letter was read by yours ever O.K. If I had the spare time to devote to you I would heap burning coals of fire on your head by writing you a whole book in return. However I will have to content myself with as much as is possible and trust to your conscience for the rest. I expect you think I am a natural bon kicker but "May! Pauline" not so; I am only kicking for what my heart hungers for and what I would die by starvation for, if I did not get it in large enough quantities. There is more truth than poetry in that assertion. "Some day, some time" you will know it. Was very sorry indeed to know that you did not get that nice, long, juicy, letter I wrote you. Hope it will turn up yet. I don't suppose you have had time to answer the letter I wrote you one week ago today. I am scribbling this to you just because

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I had to cut the other one so short. Two short ones will do in that case, will they not? Have some business to look after today so I am putting in a share of the Sabbath at the office. There is a great deal more to look after than I had any idea there was. Have some sleighing here now. We are having a "society war" on, here in town. It is getting to be quite serious too. Didn't you see an account of it in the "Inquirer Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>". Three columns on front page. Chicago, Toledo, & New York papers are full of it too. Some are exaggerations tho. Well I must stop and go to work. Now write soon and long. With love I am  
Your own O.G.

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Well I am another. "So thou  
and do likewise". Didn't I answer quick?  
Now do not judge me too harshly for I am  
not altogether to blame. I am perfectly  
ready to take part of the blame but not  
all of it. As you see by the envelope I  
return to you, your letter was missent. Where  
I do not know; but I did not get it  
untill only a few days ago. Then my business  
has been rushing me so much of late.  
Have had two law-suits which are settled  
and have one more to come off this coming  
Monday - June 24<sup>th</sup> in which about \$12,000<sup>00</sup>/<sub>11</sub>  
are involved. If I lose this last one  
it will be quite a blow to me. Have been  
very fortunate so far in law but of course  
you can never tell when the time comes  
to lose. It just seems as if I am always  
getting into a law suit or something of

the kind. But such is life. You can't be in business and let every one bluff you. Have to call them once in a while and if the cards go against you just call it hard luck and start out new. My competitor in the grain business is going to sell his elevators here Saturday at Public Auction. I'm going to try and buy them and run both places so I won't have competition. We are having some lovely warm weather just at present writing. It is hot as — well, you know. Yes I am sure I would enjoy meeting your cousin D.C. visiting you. Wish I was there for a few days. Guess I would try and enjoy my self some. Bro. Howl is away today taking a day off. I havant had a day off for a coon's age. I'm afraid I will not get any vacation this coming fall if things keep up the way they are now. Our business is so we cannot leave it for more than a day at a time. So Timmonds is still in the ring is he. Well as long as he keeps hanging around I guess the rest might as

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well cash in their checks. He holds  
 a "purty" good hand. Howe said he got  
 a letter from "Bat" the other day. Do  
 you ever see Roy any more? Or any  
 of the Mintons? I see Fredda nice  
 in a great while. That was a great  
 jolly you gave me about Bob. But  
 that is all right I know a thing  
 or two. Do you ever take any more pictures?  
 Expect you have turned mine to the  
 wall. I am still waiting for that picture  
 if you you was to send me. When do  
 I get it? Well write to me real soon.  
 I will let you know how my suit  
 comes out Monday or just as soon  
 as it is over if it does not go  
 against me and knock my props  
 clear out from under me. Love to  
 all Yours in hot weather etc.

it was mispent. It had the  
County and all, on it. Oh! it was  
a daisy too. Don't going to have it  
framed. About suppose you would care  
though if I had it published; would  
you? We are having all kinds of trouble  
just at present. I've a big law  
suit on tap and I could not want  
to win. It would just be my luck  
to lose though and if we do we intend  
to go out of business as soon as we  
can conveniently do so and live

Waterville, O. May 9-1901

Dear Rhoda - your letter came  
to hand and as usual was  
very much appreciated as they  
all have the latest news  
&c. from Kentucky. It also had  
a vein of sarcasm in it  
which amused me a great  
deal. I am surprised that you  
should surmise so much. You  
certainly know me too well  
to think such horrid stuff.

things about me. So you believe that I am having some fair dancel up here do you? And she is taking up all my time. You certainly must have gone to a "guessing school" didn't you? Or did you see it in the papers? You know it is not my disposition to enjoy myself and have a good time. The only time I chase around and attend strictly to the Ladies is when I am in "Old Ny." You know I can

when I want too; but that is very seldom indeed. I have no place up here to go and take my trunk with me and stay like I did at your house. If I did you could say that some girl was taking up all my time. Come! jolly up a little and call it even. "People in glass houses &c." — Oh! say I forgot to tell you that the letter I wrote you in Jan. was returned to me some little time ago. I can't see for the life of me why

You said there was some one  
else to whom you loved. I would  
not believe it for I thought that  
you had given him up entirely  
but I see that you have not.  
Well do not try and write me such a  
hard hitting letter next time. Be a  
little easy with me. Give me some  
love. Regards to all the folks  
at home.

Truly yours very very slow DB

on the interest of our  
debts. Sabre! But we intend  
to win out and if we do not  
there will "quashing of teeth".  
Have said that we heard  
from "Bet" the other day.  
Give her my regards and  
tell her to be mighty careless.  
It is raining to beat  
the band this P. M. &  
Spring shows you know.  
So you are thinking of  
coming up to the "Buffalo  
Expo." are you? Do you



know when you will come and  
which way you will go? If you  
go via Niagara as you contemplate  
you probably will go by C.N. & D.  
to Toledo and take the boat from  
there over the Lakes. You must  
stop over in Toledo if you do and  
we will show you the town also  
some of the people. We have some  
very warm boys and girls here

and I know you would  
enjoy yourself immensely.  
Well how are you and  
Bob making it now?  
I understand that it  
is all "fixed": cut and dried.  
Are you loving him as  
much as ever? Rhoda I  
think you might be good  
enough to tell your oldest  
and bestest friend all  
about it and how true  
it is. I knew you loved  
~~him~~ some but I thought

exception of you and I am  
living constantly with the expectation  
of hearing of you being added to the  
list. about you feel a little bit  
lonesome when all the rest are  
being "tied up" and you not in  
the swim? I'll bet dollars to dough-  
nuts that your time is not far  
off and while I would like to  
be the lucky one I am afraid  
that my chances are small.

Waterville, O. 3/14/01

Tuesday A.M.

My Dear Rhoda - your ever long  
newsy letter came to hand  
and was enjoyed by me  
very much. Those are the  
kind that count. It is  
more than a pleasure to  
get them. I can't see for  
the life of me why you  
did not get my last  
letter sooner. When was it  
mailed at Waterville and

When was it received at Penick?  
You can tell by the post marks  
you know. I am sure that I  
mailed it just as soon as I  
wrote it so it must have been  
delayed on the road or at your end  
of the route. A week is entirely  
too long for a letter to be on the road  
and I think it should be investigated.  
Especially as one of my letters was  
lost entirely so short a time ago.  
If the trouble is at Penick I shall  
notify the Postal Authorities at  
Washington D.C. and see if the  
matter can not be cleared up. If  
you can be sure give me any  
and all the information you know  
of in regard to the matter. I will  
see that a stop is put to this  
interference with the mails at once.  
So Miss Purdon is married. Well  
every one seems to be matrimonially  
inclined down there with the

Bro. Bow has been down with the  
Grippe. I have had a taste of it my  
self but was not laid up with it  
like he has been. I took some  
pictures of an oil well while it was  
being shot the other day. If they  
are good I will send some to you.  
The sky was very cloudy and perhaps  
they will not be so good as if it was  
a sun shiny day. Well with real soon  
and excuse haste. Have to make  
three towns yet today and tonight. Bye  
Love. With love I am yours George O. O.

I am too far away  
to plead my case as  
well as the others. We  
have been having protracted  
meetings here for nearly six  
weeks at the M. E. Church,  
and your humble servant  
has been attending frequen-  
tly. Nearly got religion  
several times; but then  
I go to some party or some  
thing of the kind and  
lose it all again. They

are trying to convert the "hull"  
town. Have services twice every  
day with the exception of Sunday  
and for a change they have three  
sermons, Sunday school, Junior League  
Senior League and Song services. I  
don't know how much longer it  
will last but I think I can  
see its finish. Say you failed to  
tell me about ~~Bob~~ Ray and what  
he did that was so awful. In your  
next letter I want you to tell me  
all about him. I thought he had  
some of his "dad's" blood in him and  
it won't surprise me if he has.  
Waterville Society has about resumed  
its normal condition and we are  
again in the good graces of the  
Young Ladies of the Village. And  
visa versa. The winter weather has about  
broken up. It is snowing today but  
melts about as fast as it falls.  
Do not think we will have  
much more cold weather.