

Houston Tex

Oct 1-1913

My Dear Mrs Eckert,

I sure was surprised at the news, but you know they all get married, I know how lonesome you + Mr E must be after having them travel with you for so long.

Now please dont forget + tell me if ever Hazel comes to Houston,

I havent had the Kiddie's pictures taken yet.

I guess I told you all three

had hooping cough &  
they were 9 weeks getting over  
it & than we went to  
Conroe for a little visit  
since we been home it  
has rained every day except  
4 and it was 4 weeks  
yesterday, I dont know  
what will become of Hou-  
if it keeps up all St. and  
under water, Jennie said  
yesterday "Mamma the  
water is covering up all  
the mud", little Bella  
had abscess in her ear  
cried 9 nights with it.

but it seems to be alright  
now.

Mr Kuerlis is away from  
home working, he wont  
come home to stay till a  
bout Nov 1<sup>st</sup> some time.  
He worked in Cameron 3  
weeks came home last Sat  
& stayed till Sun left Sun  
night for Bellville He is  
painting Wapats for Santa  
Fe Road When he gets  
through at Bellville he  
goes to Callwell & then  
for home sure will be  
glad cause I miss him

so, he is the best hubby  
in the world.

By the first of the year there  
will be another little one  
added to the family if every  
thing goes on all right I  
am feeling fine now.

After this one I am going  
to leave this house, Willie  
laughs + said says, yes  
next house we will start  
twins or triplets isn't he  
terrible he is the biggest  
tease.

We bought us a lot at  
Central Park a new Biddle

tion just opened up about  
a year ago it is a pretty  
place + if every thing  
goes well we will build  
us a little home in the  
Spring.

Pungling Bros Show was  
here yesterday well it is  
~~still here hasn't been able to~~  
leave on account of bad  
weather bridges on the Rail  
road they were going over  
have all washed away.  
They did <sup>not</sup> have show or  
parade here it rained here  
over

so hard

Mr. H. is not working for him  
self, his Boss Mr. Sautter  
sent him off on this week  
because he was too busy to  
go him self.

Well I guess I had better  
close for this time hoping  
to hear from you soon.

Your loving Friend

Mrs. Wm. T. Curtis

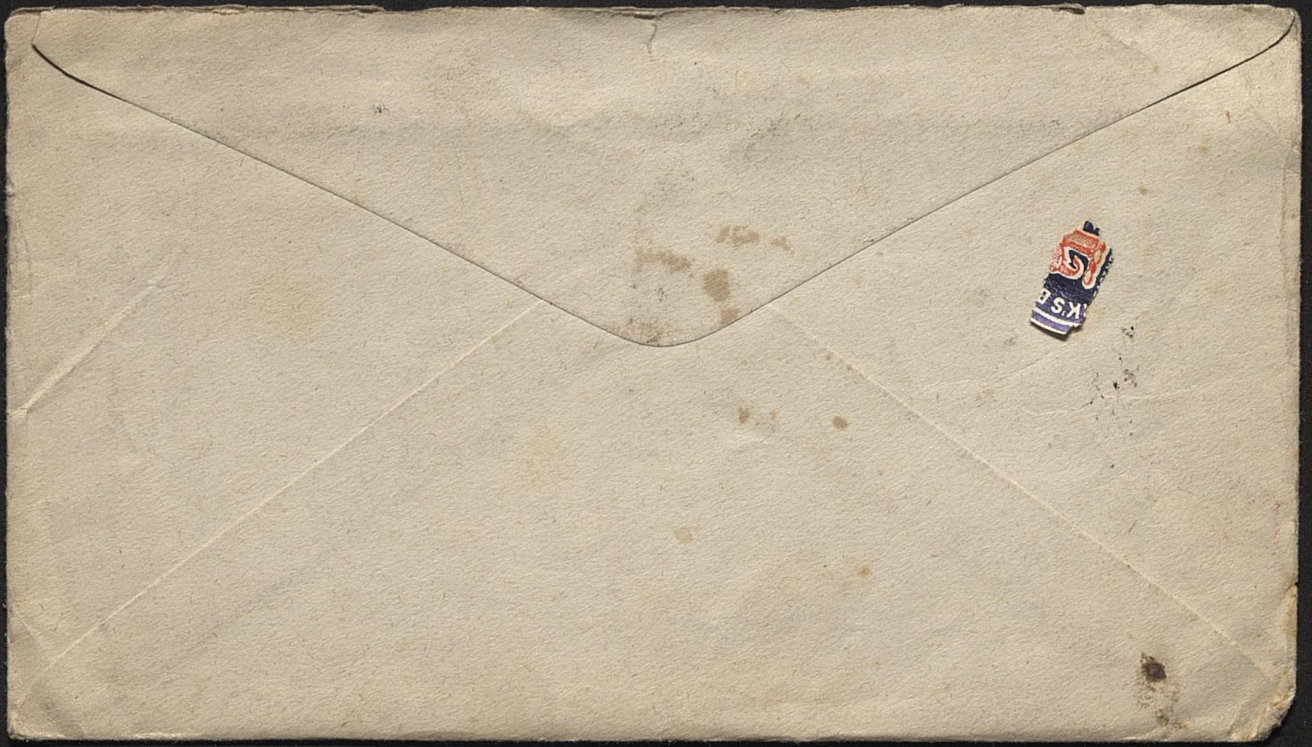
May

It seems funny to sign my  
name any other way but  
May to your letters.

Ans No 28



Mrs Geo B Ebert,  
840 11 St,  
Denver  
Colo.





Houston Tex

Sept 27, 1915

Dear Mrs Eckert,

I guess you think I never intend writing you again. I had one letter almost written left it in my tablet the wind blew one sheet on the floor baby got it I guess you know what happened.

The last storm we had was worse than 1900 storm it lasted longer and blew 80 to 90 miles an hour about 2<sup>30</sup> to 4 o'clock in morning.

It did not hurt us at all only rain came in under kitchen door + the tin cap blew off of the front chimney I thought the roof was gone

if made such a racket  
The morning after the storm  
Houston looked pretty delapi-  
dated trees fences chimneys  
all down windows all out +  
some houses lopsided some  
with roofs off + a few blown  
almost down, Well that is enough  
about the storm.

My kiddies are having a  
time, Jennie the oldest is going  
to school she is in 2nd grade,  
Lella second one is sick she  
had fever + is complaining  
about her ear hurting her,  
Lena the third has had about  
14 blood boils on her face,  
had to have some of them  
lanced she looks a sight

The baby has been crass today I think she is cutting some teeth she cut her first 4 jaw teeth & has not a sign of front teeth yet.

I'm sure is that to night, I sure hope another storm wont strike here they say there is one comming.

I wish you could come back to Houston & see how how it has grown, Do you think you will ever come back? I hope this letter will find you all well.

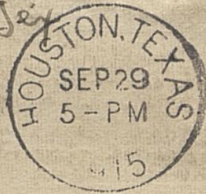
This picture I am sending was taken out in the yard in front of their little play house. Its a good picture of

them only it was taken some  
time the first of March, but they  
haven't changed only baby is  
a little larger.

Well I guess I had better close  
before the kiddies wake up & start  
crying, write me soon, give  
all my love,

Your loving Friend  
May,

From Mrs Wm Phillips  
1805 Pierce Ave  
Houston Tex



and  
no 2

Mrs G. B. Eckert,  
509 West 6 St,  
Sterling,  
Ill.

Savannah Ga.  
Jan-10-1915

My dearest friend

Please don't feel hurt with me for not writing sooner & thanking you for those lovely gifts for both Baby & me. But we went to Park to spend Xmas & ever since we got back I have been so busy as you see I am doing all my work now as I discharged the girl I had I kept her about 3 weeks & I couldn't stand her any longer. I do appreciate your lovely gifts to us both and her but little towel certainly came in very handy and I have been using it ever since and I am crazy but my handkerchief did, you crocheted the edge on it. I think it is lovely & want to thank you very very much for them. We all 3 were nicely remembered for Xmas, but as I say baby best of all. Now I do wish you could see her she certainly is a little darling & so smart & the brightest face, she is 3 months today & has been holding up her little head & been cooing & trying her best to talk long before she was 3 months old. She got 3 or 4 rattles, a bell her father bought her that rings as it goes up & you should hear her trying to talk to it, a rind, another bell, a little laundry bag - 2 caps, 2 fur cap strings, a little pair of sleeve supports with little rose buds on them 2 work clothes

with crocheted edge + another towel + a powder puff and an  
embroidered pillow for her carriage I can't remember all  
but I think that is all, + I got coat cover, set of collar + cuff  
Boudoir cap, handkerchiefs, wash cloth with <sup>crocheted</sup> ~~embroidered~~ edge  
+ powder bag - + a fruit cake - + Mumford got handkerchiefs 2  
shades, a ~~handkerchief~~ a silver knife, a tie, I think that is all, but  
you think of Santa Clara now good to us. I think you were  
nicely remembered also. I can't realize Papa Eckert is so  
old as you say he doesn't look it. I know you all miss  
Angel maybe someday you all will be together again I  
certainly hope so. I wish you were nearer to me so you could  
pay me a visit I would love to have you so much + I know  
you would enjoy the visit. We have been having the nicest  
weather until yesterday it rained all day + today it is  
turning lots colder, I expect it will be freezing by night  
You have got my wedding anniversary date slight in  
between the date you mentioned I will be married  
1 year on next Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> if we are spared till  
then. I certainly am happy + have been the whole  
year + if my future life will only be as happy I  
will be very thankful, as I certainly am blessed  
with a dear good husband and a darling little  
baby - so far she has not been ill a day or had a  
dose of medicine for which I am truly thankful.  
I know Angel must be enjoying the grand

Country out there I would certainly love to see it  
Everyone in Berk. seemed to be glad to see me  
& thought the baby was a little beauty, and she  
certainly is. Well I must close now as it is  
time for me to put my little darling to bed  
Please forgive me for not writing sooner but  
I know you understand don't you? Let me  
hear from you again real soon & take good  
care of yourself & don't have the grip this  
winter. Give lots of love to Papa Eckert  
for me & remember me to Hazel when you  
write & also Leo. Mumford asked to be  
remembered to you! With lots & lots of love  
and a big kiss from baby white real soon  
Devotedly  
Nipfel



204 E. Liberty St.  
Savannah Ga

also Mar 6.

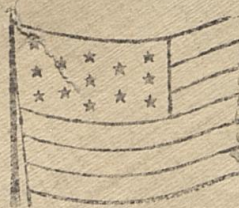


Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert  
#509 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ottumwa  
Illinois

Dear Mrs. Eckert:

I know you think me very ungrateful for not thanking you for my lovely Xmas gift, but Mother was very sick & Papa brived for me on Mon-after Xmas, I went down and just returned last Fri- she is better but she has a cancer & it is slowly eating her life away, I come home & found Mr Curtis in bed sick with Grippe & complications, he is better in some ways, I rec. your letter, was so glad to hear from you & that you liked the yoke. do you crochet that kind? The bag is lovely & I do thank you so much,

We all got lots of presents. I will write  
you a list & send next time. I rec.  
a card from Leo, wife & Jr. was so  
glad to hear from them, sure would  
love to see them & you all. Gertrude  
is expecting an arrival last Feb or Mar,  
1<sup>st</sup>. they have moved to Raleigh, N.C.  
Marie & B. Allen are not well, I send a  
card of him but it is not good.  
Aceans of love and will write more  
next time when my Hospital clears up.  
Write soon your devoted friend, Curtis!



Mrs. Geo D. Eckert.  
509. West 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sterling.  
Ill.

Best wishes  
from mother  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup>/22.

6 Gurnleigh Road  
South Ealing  
London. W.5.  
England

My dear Mr Eckert,

Your card of Dec 15<sup>th</sup> received on  
Monday evening Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> - and really  
I cannot tell you how pleased  
surprised and excited I was to  
hear from you after all these years.  
As I am at home there will be no  
need for Mother to reply.

I could fill a book with the "ups"  
and "downs" and "experiences" Lillian  
and I have gone through since we  
saw you last and as that would  
take a long while I will only tell  
a few incidents and leave the

rest for another time.

We were in Chicago from April until September in 1914 when the war started and worked a long time after that for Sam. Got into a repertory Company in Montreal in '15 were stranded, had a little money and jumped to New York - after several months doing nothing took in dressmaking. Could not get a living so went back to Show business. My parents wanted us to come home but there were no women allowed to travel during the war so we had to do our best and carry on. We went with an act that did not pay salaries. Then went with a Burlesque - for a season - closed in Chicago and we joined another "girl act" May 1917 and went to the coast.

Back in Chi in October, <sup>1917</sup> no work  
went into a store for the Christmas  
rush (Marshall Fields) and stayed  
there until April 1918. Came to New  
York to join an act. It did not  
do much during the summer - just  
kept us going. Went with another  
act in Oct 1918 until May 1919.

In June my mother was taken ill; had  
to go into a nursing home for an  
operation. My father called us over  
to come home at once, but we could  
not get a sailing. The boats were loaded  
every trip as soon as the war was over.  
We managed to secure a berth for Aug 20  
in the meantime my mother got quite  
herself again. A few days before we  
were to sail we had word from the  
Steamship Office saying on account of  
dock strikes the boat would be delayed

until Aug 30. It just seemed we never would get home. Even when we did get on board and out past the Statue of Liberty it did not seem possible that we were on our way and we were very depressed all during the voyage. We put it down to leaving so many dear friends in New York. We landed on Sept the 9<sup>th</sup> and my dear Father died on the 5<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was rather hurried on our account. Mother did not want it when we arrived so it took place on the 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a terrible shock to us all, <sup>but</sup> especially us as we had not seen him for so many years and did not dream that he was ill. He died in hospital following an operation for Cancer of the jaw. We have been home just 2 years



and 3 months and it has been somewhat of a struggle to keep things together. I have a sister between Lillian and I and we <sup>two</sup> have a select dress-making business and it is very hard work. We have some slack time now and again and when work is in have to keep at it to make both ends meet.

Last year Lillian was with a <sup>Company</sup> and met a girl who took a great fancy to her and she took her to her home near Birmingham (Eng) and she has been there off and on ever since last June. She is hoping to get a wonderful scheme materialized soon; if not she is coming home. - She is in "Society". We missed her very much at Christmas. Don I fancy I have told you all my history with a few exceptions. You must do the same

When this reaches you -

I do hope all your family are well and prospering -

We are all well and must not complain. It is rather a tall order for two old maids to keep a house going for four. Mother is well - gets terrible fits of depression at times which is not to be wondered at.

We have had a quiet but pleasant Christmas - went twice to the theatre and had a party of girls on New Year's day. Was just we three -

This is a somewhat scattered letter and all about ourselves but I'll do better next time. Do write soon -

My very best wishes for 1922 and love to Daddy Eckert and your own dear self in which Lillian joins I know  
Always Eileen -

If not correct please try  
507 West 7th St.  
MENSINGTON, W. Va. Sterling Ill.



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Mr. Geo. B. Eckert  
507 West Street  
Sterling Ill.  
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to Gunleigh Road  
South Ealing  
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England



12:15 A. M.

Thurs. May 31/1923.

Pekin, Ill.

My Dear Loving Friend Mrs. Eckert;

Received your dear & welcome letter Monday and was surely glad to hear from you. It was a happy surprise for me also. How is Mr. Eckert, tell him I said hello. Perhaps I was naughty Mrs. Eckert to go away & not even say goodby but I didn't have a moments time for anything for the last couple of weeks I was in Sterling I was busy tearing up & packing so that is the reason I didn't get over to see you. I most certainly would have liked to tho. We are having beautiful weather & dreadfully

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warm. I saw several airplanes yesterday the first ones since I left Sterling. There were fifteen exhibiting in Peoria at the Peoria flying field. A few of them came to Peoria to drop flowers on the fly mashed graves at the cemetery. Yes Mrs. Eckert I surely would have liked to come & pay my dear mother & family, also you a visit yesterday but it was impossible. Did a awful large washing or rather help do it. Started at five thirty & was finished at 10:30. I have an abscess on my right lower jaw and had to be lanced if it isn't to

late for it has hardened now I don't get a nights <sup>sleep</sup> ~~sleep~~ with it. Anyway Mrs. Eckert when I do come home I'm coming to stay forever with my darling sweet mother. Its to bad this had to happen for mama & I were companions & trust we shall <sup>again</sup> before long. I know I shall never leave her again when back to her I go. When you see mama tell her I said hello & to take care of her self so that when I come home she will be the same dear sweet mother she was when I left. I was glad to hear that you are doing both mama & Pabe's sewing for you were allways

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read, to do it whenever called  
upon and because I think so  
much of you & Mr. [unclear] and  
always did since first I knew  
you. Mary Elizabeth the baby is  
just fine at present. She has been  
having a bad cold & colic of late  
but is better now. If you <sup>would</sup> like to know  
who she looks like I will tell you.  
She is the very picture of me when  
I was 3 months old according to  
my picture. She has dark blue  
eyes, & real dark brown hair & lots  
of it. Well I guess I will close  
for now for I want to write mama  
a letter also, hoping to hear from  
real soon & often, & thanking you  
for your dear letter I remain as ever &  
always I pray your friend,  
Dolly.  
(Ans.)

From Mrs. J. H. Weaver  
214 Fayette St.,  
Pekin, Ill.



Mrs. George B. Eckert.  
507 West 7<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Sterling, Ill.



these roses are from my yard. I have some  
lovely lilies also blooming at present.

Yampico Ill April 27, 1923.

Dearest Sister Marie

will now write a line to you  
and let you know that I got  
those capsels this morning, I feel  
pretty well now but my back  
hurts yet at times and my head  
to but hope it gets better when  
the weather gets warmer, did  
you make any garden yet  
we made a little last week  
but it dont grow very fast it  
is to cold yet, they all like  
my new dress I havent worn  
it yet, we were to Bro Johns

last Sunday they certainly have  
a nice house to live in now, well  
I just got home in time to be  
called out in the country, then  
just was home one day and got the  
washing done so Minnie done the  
ironing for me stayed out there  
9 days it was pretty lonesome glad  
that is over with they have a nice  
baby girl but they wanted a boy, has  
that lady a baby yet that Leo and  
Birdie live with Birdie said she was  
looking for it to this month, well did  
you sell your house yet, I wish you  
will be able to keep it for I know  
you hate to part with it, hope you  
can come out to see us when it gets  
warmer, I havent got much house  
cleaning done yet only got the wood  
work washed in the kitchen will send  
for the paper pretty soon Anna thot  
that Grace could help us put it on  
she is home now helping Anna to clean

house and hang paper Grace  
and Margeret were here last  
night to get some things but  
didnt get to talk much to her  
they came after school and they  
wanted to get back home before  
dark so they didnt get to stay  
here for supper like I wanted them  
to, well I dont know any news  
so I must close for this time  
hope both are well and thanks  
for your trouble, ans soon

Lovingly Listen Minnie

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Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert.  
 507 West 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Sterling.  
 Ill.

55 beans

15 beets

20 radishes

10 parsley

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 Radishes 20  
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St. Paul  
Oct 12

Dear Aunt Maria

I hope I have  
the right address,  
It is so long since  
I have written you  
But you have written  
me a number of  
times, I can't remember  
if I ever wrote to  
you since you sent  
me the picture of your

<sup>3</sup>  
Well how are you & Uncle  
George? We have moved  
again to 255 So. Syndicate St.  
a first room bungalow.  
not big enough but it  
will do for a while.

Virginia is ten years old  
the 22nd, and is having  
a little party. I'll  
I must write to Frances.  
Hope she reaches you  
and you will answer  
sooner than I did.  
With Love - Sadie

<sup>2</sup>  
house. But you know  
my family keeps me  
so busy. I don't hardly  
find time to write  
to my father any more  
I am sending you  
just a snap of my  
baby Maryone. He will  
be a year - the 28th  
of this month. I don't  
remember if I sent  
you an announcement  
or not.



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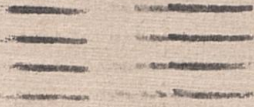
Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert

Stirling

J. C.

508 West 7th St

755 So Syndicate Co  
St. Paul Minn



April 30<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Marie, Les & Bertie

I was so shocked to hear of George's sudden death, and hasten to send love and sympathy to you all - Try to think it is all right as it is "God's will" not ours - and how much better for him than if he had suffered for years like Gilbert. It is a terrible shock, I know, but think of the long long years I stood by Gilbert until I am almost a wreck, and feel that I never can regain what I lost and I have so much before me right here that I am not able to do. You are young yet, & in fairly good health to do whatever there is for you to do. And it surely profits one for

all the kids,

much else to be shut in as I was, I am not complaining for I am so thankful that I was able to do until the last, even if I am no account now.

I hope you are all well & will be able to do whatever you wish. is your little home paid for? don't think I am inquisitive, but you are so like one of my own that I feel free to ask and tell anything. Did Hazel come?

I would love to see her, and hope she is better than when you wrote. I hope we can see each other this summer.

I may go to Chicago some time this summer & should I, I will try to come to you for a day or 2. Jules is here

and is going to Chi next week to be with Abigail this summer, & if things go as they are promised, they will go to Calif in the Fall.

Say Marie, Minnie Wilson & Leona live just a few blocks from us, & Leona has a car. has taken me riding once, & were here again but I was not at home, & I saw Etta a week or two ago, but not to talk to as she was busy. Let's try to see them soon. Etta said if she had time she would call Leona.

We all have been very well this winter, but I haven't been able to do half that I wanted to, we are so busy at the little Church trying to build a new one that it keeps me busy. I am trying to get the sewing done here at home too. made a ginghame dress for June yesterday. My! we will soon have a house full of young

Ladies - Lois is much larger than her mother now, & is such a pretty girl - I have made quite a garden, & hope it will grow, as garden stuff is so high we can't afford to buy.

Did Yes, have any insurance?  
I hope so, as you have worked pretty hard & should have a rest.

Now my dear Marie, Leo & all do not grieve too much, for we know it must come to us all, & if we live as we are taught to live, what a rest is waiting for us, I know how lonely you will be and I want you to know you have our love & sympathy, & we think of you so often. I hope you can have it easy & not have to work too hard. let me hear when you can have time and give my love to the children & tell them how much we enjoyed having them visit us. Love & kisses and be brave Marie & make the best of things and take care of yourself. Lovingly yours friend  
Clara A. Stewart &

*Ans July 27.*

PEORIA  
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Mrs. Marie Eckert  
507 West 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Sterling  
Illinois.

1020 E. Republic Ave. Peoria, Ill.

Plover Ill July 2 Sterling Ill

my Dearest Marie

we just learned  
from a friend of the family  
that Mr Eckert had pass away  
last month with heart trouble  
all are truly sorry to learn of it  
all must go soon or later the  
season is so very changable  
a great many are ill on account  
of the weather is hazel with you  
I have ill for several month I  
am living with Etta she this  
lady was ~~was~~ trading with Etta



she mentioned she was from  
Sterling Etta asked if she knew  
Chert then this lady told all  
otherwise we would not have  
known any about yet I was  
sick in bed last xmas I could  
write I could write a friend  
had to do all my writing  
all come & see us when you  
can you all have our deepest  
sympathy certainly do wish the  
dear Lord would take <sup>me</sup> away  
good bye dear Mrie

ans July 10 / 24



Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert

507 West 7th St.  
Sterling Ill.



June 11

My dear Aunt Marie-

Your kind word that Uncle died reached me some time ago. I was sorry to hear the news. You had a sad time ofcourse, but hope you will find happiness in something anyway; you know such things as poor Uncle's passing, have to be, but its hard. I should have written him more, but I am not well myself. I think this climate it too tough for me; I hate the North, and always did, but it seems once in a place, its hard to pull out again.

Are you going to stay in Sterling? Write me again sometime.

With best wishes for your health and success,

As ever,

Yours with love,

Elizabeth

(Elizabeth E. Hollam,

Sherwood, N. Dak- )))

From Mrs H H - Sherwood, ND \*\*\*



*ans Aug 4.*

Mrs. George B. Eckert,

Sterling,

Ill-

April 16. 24.

My dear Ma Eckert!

Rec. the telg. from W. last night telling me of your terrible los. Words can not express, how awfully sorry I feel for you. Only hope to God that he gives you strenght to bare your burden and not broken down under same. I also hope that poor Dad did not have to suffer verry long, that his end was easy and peace full. W. only told me that you both were fine. Hope to hear all about it. guess W. will tell me. Try and take it not to hard Ma dear, I know you'll say "tho can all talk, no one knows what I lost" but you cant change it dear. It was Gods will you know. Let him rest in peace. I guess Leo and W. do their best to comfort you and you have so many friends in Sterling. Also hope that Hazel is with you in your great hour of sadness when the parting comes. As long as he is in the house you wont miss him so much, but when you return and all alone, that is the hardest. How I wish I could be there to comfort you. Hoping that God gives you strength and willpower to bare it all I remain with all <sup>our</sup> hearts in impatly yours truly Ma and Dad Lewin.

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Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert

507 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St

Sterling Ill.

Brunswick Ga -  
April 13-1924

My Dearest

It makes me feel so happy  
to have found you all again, I did  
enjoy your lovely letter and the picture  
is so like you, you are still the dear  
sweet friend I thought I had lost.

I am so glad you all are so happy  
and comfortable in that dear home  
it must be a beautiful place and  
when the flowers are in bloom I  
know it is just lovely. We want a  
home of our own so badly, where  
we can have our flowers and

me it makes me feel like my own dear mother

pets, or garden<sup>2</sup> or anything else we want. I am so glad that Dad Leekent is doing so well, how I do wish my baby played on the violin as I feel as we could carry a violin around, if we moved better than a piano, and I love the violin too.

I just can't realize that Leo's boy is 8 yrs. old my how time does fly how I would love to have a good long chat with you one more time you don't know how much I do love you for trying so hard to find



me it makes me feel like my own dear mother  
was with me. I would love to see in on you  
all in your dear home & surprise you. we  
had an automobile until this month a year  
ago, we sold it and have never bought anyone  
as M has to work so steady we hardly have  
any need for one. altho we enjoyed lots of  
trips in it, we went to see Sara (you remember  
my sister) down in Florida, & enjoyed it so  
much, I am so glad you all have one and  
enjoy it so much.

You wrote you hadn't heard from Hazel is so  
long where is she? is she still traveling now.  
Just think Dad Eckert is 73, I can hardly  
believe it, he is certainly active.

No all the Sisters here are new ones, and I  
know I will never regret sending my baby to  
them, they are so sweet & kind to her. The  
school up there must be lovely and it must  
be very large. This one as you know is very  
small but large enough for this place.  
We had a very good thing to happen here a

couple of weeks ago<sup>5</sup> - you & remember  
me writing about Mumford's partner  
Mr. Nightingale, well we have a 3  
room apartment here, and he just  
married a year ago last October, & on  
last June his wife lost her first little  
baby boy. he was born ahead of time  
he lived 3 days & died, it was so sad  
well they were so anxious for children  
she consulted several doctors one a  
woman ~~specialist~~ specialist & they  
all told her to have another one at  
once, well she has just lost her 2<sup>nd</sup>  
one, it was a 7 months baby a lovely  
healthy looking baby boy. it only

I wish we could have seen this beard from I wish

lived 5 hrs., it<sup>6</sup> seemed such a pity  
for it to die it was such a darling  
I held the little angel in my arms  
after it died & I hated to put it  
from me it looked like a little doll  
I feel very sorry for them, he seems  
to grieve so, they are both very fond  
of my little darling.

I had her hair bobbed a week ago  
she looks real cute, but I miss  
her curls she looked so sweet with  
them. I have sent some kodak  
pictures to be developed & if they are  
any good I will send you one -

are going to charge 1.50 toll round trip, which is  
terrible for such a short distance, oh well they  
always charge too high here -

Now my dearest you don't know how happy I am  
that we are at last reunited, & I promise you that  
I will do my best never to get lost anymore, I didn't  
know how much I did love you until I found you again  
altho I would think of you all just heaps of times -

Goodbye my dear mother, do take good care of your  
dear self & dear God Eekent. I am so happy that  
you all are so happy & contented.

Mumford & Loby join me in sending you both just  
heaps & heaps of love & kisses, & do write again real soon  
to  
your devoted daughter  
Mabel

I wish we could leave this dead town, I wish  
my husband & could locate somewhere else,  
as it grieves me so to see him throwing away  
his best days here in this town, he is such  
a hard worker, and just full of ambition, he  
is anxious to leave here himself. This place  
is absolutely dead and the people don't  
know it.

They hope to finish the road to St. Dennis Island  
by the end of May or the first of June that  
is a wonderful undertaking but I hear they

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trust she will continue. I never will get used to her  
being away from you all I don't see how she could  
stand it. I wish I was near enough to get a kiss every  
morning like I used to get in old York. I do fancy that we  
will see each other sometime soon. My little darling  
has just gone to sleep I wish you could see her she is  
so sweet & we both love her so. Her father is wild about  
her & she loves him so. She tries so hard to talk. Poor  
Mumford is still going to the dentist I do hope he will be  
through with him soon. Now my dear Mother Eckert I must  
close as it is time for Mumford to come home. Remember me  
to Leo when you see him I still love him I hope he will soon be  
better & give Fred my love with love of me to Papa Eckert  
and a million thanks for those lovely presents for baby & I.  
With a heart full of love & a million kisses for you Mother Eckert  
and a hug & kiss from baby. Do write to me real soon & take  
good care of your dear self. I am devotedly  
Mabel

Savannah Ga.  
Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1915

My dearest friend

How can I ever thank you for those lovely  
things you sent me and baby. I can never tell you how much  
I do appreciate them and especially that darling little sweater  
for baby I think it is just beautiful and she needs one so  
much for her first birthday present if I was there maybe  
I could tell you better than I can write and whom did you  
get that darling piece of poetry I am going to keep it for  
her until she gets grown. You certainly know just what I  
needed & wanted I think the cloth & bag are just lovely and  
I do love you so for them and I thank you very very much



for them. How I wish I could see you. I don't see why  
we who love each other so much should be so far  
apart. I would give almost anything to see you. When I  
received my package I felt just like I should feel if  
it was a package from my mother. Mumford thought  
the things were lovely and we appreciated your thinking  
so much of the baby. I do wish you could see her she is  
so sweet. Always smiling and such a good baby I do  
trust that you will see her Sunday real soon. I am so  
glad you liked her picture I think it is fine myself.  
She is getting so tall. I think she will be like her father.  
I have had my hands full for nearly 2 weeks, as  
Mumford's mother is over here sick he went to Cork  
& brought her over to the hospital here and she was

operated on last week nothing very serious, and I had  
to go out to see her twice a day. It was mighty hard  
on me as you see I do the nursing and had to take her  
with me. She has come here now and may go home  
tomorrow. I have got to take her home but I am not going  
to be there but 2 or 3 days. as it is the first time that  
I have ever left Mumford & then you know I am not  
sorry about old Cork anyway. How is Leo? and  
his wife? I do hope that he is better and she will soon  
be over her trouble. Well we have had peculiar weather  
just cool, then hot, & rain, it has rained all day today.  
I do hope that you and Papa Eckert will have success as  
you certainly deserve it. How I would love to see you this  
very minute. I do love you more than you know. I am  
so glad that Hazel is getting along so well & do

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she gives sweeter every day - Well I must close now as it is nearly time to go to supper. Take good care of yourself + don't get sick + I trust that Papa's checkup is entirely well to us - Do forgive me for not writing sooner but I have thought of you every day and do appreciate the lovely things you sent both to baby + I. Give my love to all the rest of the family + a great big old hug + kiss from Baby + I. Love with real love + get me know how you are all -

Devotedly  
Mabel -

Dorchester Pa.  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1916

My dearest friend  
I am always late in writing and thinking you for your lovely gifts but I love them just the same and appreciate them. I have been all worried about baby she is not sick but just as cross her teeth are bothering her + she has a terrible cold. on Xmas day I was afraid she had fever but she did not. I will certainly be glad when they are though she is such a dear little soul + I wish her best + to get but I know her gives her. I think the things you sent are just lovely and especially the dear little apron

and my little gift in it a mob cloth  
holder for what I didn't know but I think  
it looks & the way you worked this  
in it is just beautiful I am very glad  
it. No all were remembered to me & we  
received things from people we didn't expect  
to. Sara sent me a gown, Mumford's work  
a combing jacket, I also received, muskadelin  
with tating in it, bed room slippers, candy -  
other to eat, kerchiefs, towel, crocheted eye - boards  
cloth, several things & baby's second, 3 cases -  
I crocheted over - one out of white & pink wool  
& one white silk crocheted, 1 organza, puff cap from  
her grandmother, 6 dolls besides, I wrote  
Sara brought her now can you realize me  
being Sara - & a soother chain that she has  
new found them right see her get in & out of  
it, from her a cap - the same little apron after  
sent, a silver spoon, comb & hand party, soap  
trunk, wagon & several little tin trays from

different children in the neighborhood. I think we were  
well remembered, I was so worried I hardly knew  
what I got. I am so sorry to know that Papa  
Leekert is not well & I do sincerely trust he is  
better by now. I am glad that all the rest are doing  
well, I would love to see the little boys. I know  
he is a cute little fellow. I am so glad you were  
so well remembered & glad you liked what I sent  
you are so good & sweet to everyone that you  
deserve everything. Now I do wish I could see you  
now. You ought to see me I am getting fat.  
Mumford says if I get much stouter he will not  
own me - You ought to see the baby she is  
making a little & obeying just lots of things I am  
feeling her a little now but still nursing  
her. We do love her more & more everyday &

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Savannah Ga.  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1918

My dearest friend

I received your card  
several days ago and I am ashamed  
at not having written to you before.  
Yes I received those lovely things you sent  
and they were both the things we needed  
as baby is just crazy about handkerchiefs  
and Mother said had just said that the  
London Cap I had was looking kinder  
ragged so you see the things just came  
in right and I appreciate them so  
much.

We all 3 were remembered nicely but I  
was so stirred up at Xmas time that  
I hardly knew where I was. My husband  
was out of town until Xmas eve at

was and I had been sick + the  
weather was so bad that I did not  
get out to do any shopping until  
just 3 weeks before Xmas & you see  
I had to fix Loby's Santa Claus and  
I feel doubly unpaid as she certainly  
was a happy darling + she has her  
dollie so. I do wish you to see  
her she is so cute + sweet and  
everybody says she is so smart she has  
a wonderful memory and is so much  
company for me she is my constant  
companion - goes to Picture Shows with  
me and to the Bijou.

We have truly been having the worst  
weather I have ever seen in SoCal -  
the first part of this month it poured

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and the sun stayed on the ground  
~~until~~ 5 days. very unusual for this  
climate then after it melted it panned  
again. but was on the ground for a  
short while. the longest cold spell  
that Ark. has had in 40 yrs. and  
today is cloudy + cold just regular  
pennsylvanian weather.

Manford is in Jacksonville he had  
to go down there on Tuesday + his letter  
this A. M. says he thinks it will be <sup>at</sup>  
Tuesday before he gets back. I hope he  
won't have to travel much. I don't  
know whether he will go to see a net  
as he was called in the first call he  
has not heard from his Questionnaire  
yet I surely do hope and trust



he won't have to go <sup>+</sup> it will nearly  
kill me. I don't know what in the  
world I would do without him.

For I wish you all were down here I  
do want to see you all once more. I only  
love a few people in this world and it  
looks like I am compelled to be separated  
from them.

Well I must stop now as I want to write  
a letter to Manfred & get it off on this  
mail so must close. Now don't be angry  
with me for not writing sooner as I  
love you all just as much as ever & think  
of you all all the time & always mentioning  
you all to someone I surely was proud  
of Papa Eckert's picture. I do wish I had  
one of you. Remember me when you do  
love me much and I will do the same  
I must close now. Hope to hear from  
you real soon. With just love & lots of love  
to you both & a kiss from baby  
lovingly your little girl  
Mabel

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and Tom still goes to high school here we have a fine high school here. have good teachers will have 4 this next year. Wish you would come & see us some-time would be glad to see you. Eddie Brun. has not been very well the last few yrs. she had 3 boys married.

Well will close with this can't think of much more to write you write me again sure would like to hear from you.

I want to write to Della before I go to bed. Don't know if you can read this or not sitting out in the kitchen let all the fires go out in the other part of the house.

So good bye Emma.

Emma

CLARENCE M. McMANAWAY

HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS

May 8-23

Dear Emma,

I will write you a few lines before I go to bed. Received your card last eve. Sure was glad to hear from you was just inquiring about you a few weeks ago I met one of your sister Anna's niece Miss Yingling I guess that is the way they spell their name just moved here from Sterling you was asking about Mame she has not been very well all winter not been out very much all winter Clara

been sick for a few days also I  
guess she has the grip.

and your step mother is well one  
of her brother boys was buried today  
Henry Lolling Jr. was a large  
funeral and sad he was 19 yrs  
& 4 mo. 22 dys.

There sure having some winter  
weather its rain & snowed here today  
I hope it dont freeze all the fruit  
~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> fruit trees were all full of blossoms  
we still live we did when you  
were here. I'm not done cleaning hay  
yet been wanting to do some painting  
& papering but so hard to get anybody to  
do any-thing like that here

Both of the men work all the time  
so dont get much time to help Bert  
still works in the store & the boy  
is ~~an~~ Editor of the Hartsborg paper  
the name of it is Hartsborg Enterprise  
He will be there a yr this spring,  
but I think about Sept he will quit  
and go to college or go and try some  
thing else. it is not every money in  
it for him of course he is still young  
will be 21 in July and Norma  
is going to college in Bloomington

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HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS



Mr almost to death, as I was all alone in  
the house, (Mum had had gone to work.) + she  
continued very ill for several weeks I had  
to have a consultation + they decided it was  
intestinal, to give poisoning with Malaria,  
she was not able to go to school until after  
it had been open for a month - and I  
did not know I had so many friends  
everyone was lovely to me, and the sisters  
came to see her, and Father Petty called  
and I understand he had prayers for  
her in the church and the convent as  
you see I can't forget that. We think she  
is beautiful (but I don't dare tell her so)  
+ she surely is smart she gets wonderful  
reports on her cards.

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Brunswick Ga.  
Jan. 5. 1924

My dear Mother Eckert

How natural it is  
to write to you again and oh so glad  
to know that you both are well and  
happy.

I received your lovely card on Xmas and  
it seems to come in answer to my  
thoughts, as I think of you all day every  
after and have said 2 or 3 different  
times right lately I was going to write  
to you but I have not improved with

age in my reputation as to consequence as I am  
still very bright.

It's all I very well and I am still very  
happy as my dear husband is so good to me and  
we think we have the dearest little girl - how I  
would love for you to see her, I wanted to have  
some picture made of her for Xmas but just  
put it off and I was going to send you one if  
I had but when I do I don't forget to Mr I  
know you will be surprised when I tell you I  
am sending her to the Catholic convent you

see when we returned to Cork. (3 years  
ago next month) I was living in the old  
family home and the school was just  
across the park and I was so foolish  
about her afraid for her to come near that I  
could almost see her go in the gate and  
she has been going there ever since, it  
is only 3 blocks from where I am living  
now. She is 9 years old now, and in  
the 4<sup>th</sup> grade she skipped the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
I can never forget the kindness of the  
sisters and Father Petty in October as  
my baby was taken ill very suddenly on  
a Saturday with a fainting spell she fell  
unconscious at my feet which frightened



Roby come she has 4 girls and 1 boy I  
haven't seen the new baby, I surely would  
love to see them all. and I haven't seen  
my aunts since before I left I wish  
they are living at Meldrick Dr. now.

Well I must close now and please forgive  
my long silence, and just remember that  
I still love you all and love  
never forgotten you one minute. Please  
write me a long letter and tell me all  
about you each self - and all the family.  
My good wishes to be remembered to you  
all, and Roby sends her love, to you and  
I thank you so much for your card.

With just heaps of love and the best of wishes  
to you & your Dad Eckert & all the family for  
the new year  
Sincerely yours  
Mabel T.

He came to Park 3 years ago the company  
sent Mumford back here and in 2 weeks  
after we came the company went into Park  
-ruptcy, of course that threw Mum out of a  
job, when he didn't do anything for a year  
but in that time we had a Ford and went  
down to Miami Fla. and made several  
trips to see my sister who lives in Florida  
but he went to work for the Standard Oil  
Co. as ~~representative~~ agent of one of their  
filling stations on a commission (which  
is quite different from a regular salary)  
well he did so well by himself that in  
4 months he sold part of his business  
to his friend & brother-in-law Douglas

Nightingale and they have been running it ever since, they have a nice business & everyone speaks so highly of them but their location is not good it is off the highway right across from the City Hall. I have to get up every other morning at 5.30 as M has to open up at 6.30 but the next day Douglas opens & M goes down at 9. He is off every other afternoon at 5. and off every other Sunday at 1.30 so you see it isn't so awful only these cold mornings.

We surely had some cold weather it started on Saturday with raining & then the wind started & it was freezing by

Sunday and the thermometer went to 12 on Monday but it is much warmer today. I am keeping home & have been ever since we came back & I like it very much only it is very confining to keep you have to have meals at certain times & this place is so hard to shop in. But I enjoy it very much, I have a 3 room apartment with Mrs. Wm Nightingale the mother of the man in business with M so you see we all live in the same house & get along just fine.

I have not seen my sister in 2 years. I surely am anxious to see her. She has 5 children now, she has had 4 since my

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South Ealing  
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England.

Dear Mr. Eckert.

You are a darling to think <sup>of us</sup>  
& write after such a long lapse  
of time. It was certainly bores  
to hear from you & I do hope you'll  
write again some time.

I don't know quite where & how  
to begin a letter to you. I am  
away from home on a very pro-  
longed visit, & it seems ages since  
I saw Ellen when she read your  
letter to me, so as I have not it  
for reference to reply to, I must  
just say, thank you for all the  
news. It was a link with the  
past. I sometimes wonder if our  
life in America ever happened.  
Things have changed so much since  
then, & our lives run in such  
entirely different lines now. I  
often wish for the good old days

Ellen at four shows a day (7 some-  
times five) & long journeys. But we  
had heaps of good times & nice  
home keeping flat etc didn't we.  
Ellen sent me a list of people  
to whom she said I should write.  
This is six weeks ago, so she may  
in the meantime have written  
some of the letters herself, so if I  
write & repeat anything she may  
have written please forgive me.

Just fancy. We have been home  
very nearly three years, & I have  
worked only one theatrical engage-  
ment. That a twelve weeks pantomime  
engagement in Birmingham.  
Ellen was not with me either.  
She has worked only one week &  
that a special week to try a new  
sketch, which never got booked.  
But Ellen with my sister Florie  
have been doing dressmaking. I  
occasionally give them a hand, &  
we manage to make a living -  
nothing to boast about, but we  
keep on. You see, we arrived in

England The day after our poor  
dear father had been buried. He  
being an actor all his life, left  
practically nothing for our mother,  
so we had to turn to & keep the pot  
boiling with dress making, as we could  
not afford to wait for stage work.  
Added to which we had been away  
from England so many years, we  
knew no one & nobody knew us, & to  
make matters worse, we were too  
heart broken to do anything but  
the work nearest our hand. But  
we have managed to keep going  
with many ups & downs. Can't say  
I have done much. During my one  
theatrical venture, I made friends  
with a very dear girl, who lives with  
her family in a beautiful house  
& huge grounds. Motor car, two maids  
& everything O.K. We have been  
great friends, & I have spent  
about 8 months of the year with  
her. Of course it's all very nice,  
but I don't earn any money that  
way, & I meet so many nice people  
I have to dress decently & it all

means, more clothes. I go to "at Home"  
& "Garden Fetes" & Wedding Reception  
& meet the best people of the country.  
But no "Dukes" "Lords" or "Nobles" men  
who are offering me their heart &  
home. There are all "Old Maids." Guess  
we're just as well off.

Have had several American pals  
visit us, on their English Town, & it  
is jolly. There are about eight people  
we know, coming over this summer  
& they will all come to our "umbrella"  
We had a spell of real American  
weather. Every body dying with the  
heat. I never turned a hair. I said  
"I've been frizzled by American heat,  
nothing here can faze me," & I continue  
to wear woolen undies, which I  
never wore in any weather or  
climate or temperature American  
or Canadian, all the years I was away.  
I often wonder if anything will  
happen to take us back to the States.  
We are so linked up with so many  
friends that it does not seem  
possible that we shall never see

Them all again. You must remember  
our talking of our pals Emmie & Claude  
& Marie & Madge & little Marie. Well  
we are still in touch with them all  
& little Marie is very big Marie now  
being bigger than her mamma. They  
have bought a home & settled down  
in West Englewood N.J. I'm afraid  
our stage career is finished. The  
longer one is away from it, the  
harder it is to go back, & of course  
we dont grow younger. I dont play  
"my days" any more. Am a debut  
refined young lady now, although  
I dont think it would take much  
for me to break out & "time up."

Dont think we'll ever forget you.  
For if it's only when the Saradaya  
cloth is washed, something is said  
about you. It is still in use & as  
good as ever. I've never done another.  
I dont seem to settle down at any  
thing. Dressmaking doesnt suit me  
I get nervous & fidgety with it. Have  
done a bit of making picture work,  
but it is so uncertain. Helped  
in a dancing academy for a



a season. But fox trotting & tango was  
for tance for me after my wild  
career. My latest adventure - I have  
been companion to a lady for one month  
lovely home 3 acres of garden. Fruit  
trees galore. Three maids. Lady 75 yrs.  
& husband 60. Lady was afraid  
husband would learn to prefer me  
to her, so decided to go along without  
a companion. Poor me. No place for  
me it seems, & I am so harmless, so  
I am now staying with my friend.  
At least I am staying in her  
house. She & her parents have gone  
to the sea for their holiday, & I & the  
two maids are keeping the house safe.  
Am afraid this seems like a selfish  
letter, all about me, but I know you'll  
be pleased to have it, no matter what it is.  
Do give our fond love to dear "Daddy Eckert". He  
often look in the snap-shot book & talk over  
old times. So glad Leo is doing good & has  
a cute little family. Please write  
again when you're time. Fondest  
love from us both to you dear, & to  
Hayle when you see her

Yours affectionately  
Lillian Hartford.



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