

to work in the Carpet department at Marshall Fields for one month. in that time he expects to be able to take charge of the Carpet department connected with McMillin's store here. You will probably see him some time during the month.

Charlie suffered a whole week with that tooth before the Dr would do any thing for it: finally his face was so badly swollen and his patience all gone he told him he must have something done, so he removed the felling and found it was ulcerating.

What shall I say Dr about my health I don't hardly know. I have not yet taken all my No 3 medicine. I don't know as I can tell you the effect it has had but it seems to me it has toned up my nervous system are you laughing at me?

I feel that Pam better for taking it and thoroughly appreciate your efforts in my behalf. Now it is time for me to get dinner so will have to close. I must tell you I have picked off Ten buds off my geranium I did not wish it to blossom for the foliage is not so pretty. Are you still gaining in flesh. and Oh! you did not tell me how you liked your new boarding place. Hoping this will find you well. I am  
your friend

R W Harkness

Chicago Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 9.

Dear Mr Bouslogh,

This last day of the month reminds me of the first day. It is just such a stormy day if you remember. I had planned to go out and do several errands this morning but it is too rainy so will spend the time in writing some letters.

Pam going to tell you in the first place how glad I was to hear from you, and how much good the few words of praise done me I laughed outright when I read your letter.

Well I have siddled with the painters,  
and feel it is a great load off my mind.  
They staid away over a week after you  
were here, finally they came and deman-  
ded their money. I refered them to Mr  
Lundy. They were angry and said they  
would put a lien on the house the  
following Monday. They were very  
sorry to have to do it, as it would  
make me a great deal of expense and  
they felt anxious to avoid that if  
possible. They felt sure I wanted to  
do perfectly right in the matter but  
the trouble was, I was no judge of painting  
and gave me any amount of Tuffy.  
I told them they could act their own  
pleasure, I had as much money to  
spend in a law suit as they. It was  
a clear case of bluff on my part for I  
was shaking in my boots. but it had  
the desired effect. Thanks to your great  
head.

You see I acted on your advice and  
stood firm so I don't deserve any  
praise for this. They allowed me twenty  
dollars on the inside finish and are  
going to paint the outside over one  
coat in the spring or as much as may  
be needed. I feel as glad it is settled.  
Thanks for your kind offer to see the  
manile crew. Have not heard one  
word from them since you were here.  
I am waiting developments. You wished  
me to tell you the news that did not get  
into the paper. Have you seen by the  
papers that Louise and Mary Kurl were  
both sick. Frank is all right though. I don't  
worry but I have something to tell you that  
may cause you some uneasiness. They  
have since young man <sup>boarding</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>there</sup>  
don't lay awake thinking about <sup>it</sup> ~~the~~  
may prove to be a "Lomb's" too.  
Charles's plans are all changed, he  
will go to Chicago Monday morning



Jan. 31, 91

5-21-91

Not answered



Mr. E. E. Bouslogh.

Hahnemann Medical College.

Chicago.

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Aurora May 22<sup>d</sup> - 91

Dear Mr Bouslogh:

I was very glad to hear from you, and will try and answer your questions. Charlie's throat is quite well, He has gone to Chicago tonight - so you see I will be alone till quite late I had intended to go out to tea, but it has just poured this whole afternoon, and is still raining. We did not get our seed sown that Saturday night - nor did it rain. we had a light shower Sunday night - and Monday morning Mr Catlin came up and sowed the seed, and I raked it in. There goes the bell! Nine P.M. Mr Charles has just gone & I am about frozen. We have kept the lawn well sprinkled



But this soaking rain is just what we need, Oh dear you can't imagine how badly that spot on the ceiling looks, I tried washing it a little more yesterday and I think it looks worse than ever.

I do not forget you promised to help me clean house - and that ceiling is one of the things I shall leave for you.

We have been very busy - but have tried to save my shine as much as possible, if not my eyes. And I don't impress you so favorably with his one eye that you are trying to pattern after him, or in it a judgment on you for making sport of him. How really I am sorry I said that, and if my own eyes were better I would rewrite this.

I am very sorry about your eye, and hope it is all well again.

Edith is well took tea with us Wednesday night. Charlie entertained the Cadets, as he talked of doing when you were

with us. I am glad you were pleased with the lunch Edith put up for you. I have laughed every time I have thought about it, did you think for one minute I had a hand in it?

I see you are having a nice time at home, and by this time have settled down to reading.

I have been very well, you would think so if you knew the many things I have been doing, have been making garden with all the rest one thing you forgot that was, when we were to see you again, remember I can't put off house-cleaning too long.

Your friend

R. W. Markin

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May 28, 1891



Mr. E. E. Rouslough.

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Chicago 9-17-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:.

The boys have been invited down stairs to music in the parlor this evening but I know you will be glad to hear from me so I am going to write to you instead.

On arriving I went down to the college and registered. The blackboard was filled with places to room and board. I knew I did not have time to look all of those over and I also knew it was hard to get a room for one at a reasonable figure, so I looked



The students over for those I knew to see if I could not find a good fellow who had a room and wanted a mate. When half past six came I had no place to sleep. I went over to the place I was boarding at last winter when Charley was here and got dinner but I had a raging headache and no appetite. After dinner I went over to see one of the boys I was talking with in the afternoon to see if I could not sleep with him <sup>and</sup> found he had partly engaged a place for me where he was at five dollars a week



for room & board. Of course I could do no better that night but I did not like the idea of his making the arrangements for me without my knowledge.

He said I was <sup>not</sup> obliged to stay more than a week so I went in with him. So here I am now but I do not intend to stay very long as it is not the kind of a place I want.

I got my trunk down the next day but it is not yet unpacked. I had left my satchel in the college office in the afternoon so I had to go to the opening just as I was and I stayed through the banquet although I had a



raging headache all the time.

When I opened my trunk I took out the grapes first. They were some mashed but not enough to soak through the box enough to do any hurt. I am ever so much obliged to you for packing my trunk <sup>and</sup> everything has evidently carried in good shape.

Although I have not said much I see I have written almost four pages so I will have to close for this time.

Excuse this paper but the other is not yet unpacked.

Never mind what kind of paper you use though but let me hear from you soon.

Your friend,  
E. E. Brouslough.

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

Sept 17, 1891



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Diverse Place,  
Aurora,  
Ills.

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Every thing ripens fast these hot days.  
The melons are not as nice flavored as  
some I have eaten. Still some of them are  
quite nice. Now Charles was up Thursday.  
I have an appointment at 1.30 P.M. Monday  
at the dentist don't you feel sorry for me I  
dread it. We find that our young rooster  
is the property of Mr Spangler, he told  
Charlie it was one they brought from his  
wifes home and kept in the barn for  
some time, I think he must have felt  
cross the morning I saw him shipping  
it over to our hen coop. I am glad he spoke of  
it before we made way with him it would  
have been a little awkward.

I have caught three mice in the traps  
one I trapped on the dining room table.

It is awfully hot here, how is it with you  
I want to take back what I said in the  
beginning of my letter, do please write as  
often as you can find time I shall be  
so glad to hear from you. Good by  
Your friend R. M. Markison.

Sent my new paper parcel of money



Aurora Sept 20th. 91  
Sunday Afternoon

Dear Ma Bowelough:

Do this too soon

To answer your letters. If so you had  
not answer for a long long time.  
Your letter was received yesterday  
morning, just as I had finished  
putting away the breakfast dishes.  
I was looking for it and was so  
glad to hear from you. I did not  
put it in my pocket and wait  
until night before reading, as some  
people do whom I know.





But read it over twice, then went on with my work, and when I was tired enough to rest, read it again so you see it did me good, Yesterday was a busy day I picked two large baskets of peaches, I missed my helper. You had quite an experience in getting settled the first night. I thought of you and wondered how you had succeeded. I hope you will find a place quite to your liking soon. So you had to appear in your old clothes at the banquet, that was too bad, but you looked nicely anyway, you know you always do, I am sorry your poor head ached so hope you are feeling all right again.

She's went away last night to spend Sunday. so Charlie and I have been alone. we spoke of you at dinner & wished you could be with us. Charlie partly mowed the lawn today right and finished it Saturday morning. I picked the cucumbers today morning the first time since you went away there ever eight or small ones & ever so many slicers, only think as I was busy picking them, Jenn came over to the garden on an errand she pretended. But I think she must have expected to find you some where in the back ground. She seemed disappointed I fancied and sort of troubled, the same as she did when she failed to meet you once before. so I gave her a basket of cucumbers. I also picked nine melons, lots of tomatoes and radishes, yesterday I picked four melons

Sept 21, 91  
9-25-91



Mr. E. E. Rouslough.  
Hahnemann Med. College  
Chicago  
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get it. I haven't been feeling quite like myself ever since I came to Chicago and I have not got settled satisfactory yet either. When I do I can write better. This has been written under difficulties and delayed or you should have had it before this.

I have just eaten a couple of those "Annie Rossies" that you smuggled into my trunk. I treated the first boys I was with to them and they thought them very nice indeed. I have a lot of them left yet and if I don't eat them faster than I have they will last me till Thanksgiving. I don't feel like writing or I should make this a longer letter. Don't worry the least bit about me for I will get along all right. Perhaps I may come out to Aurora before many will have gone by. Your friend, E. E. Trowlough.

I have thought of you more things to write about when but it is almost lecture time and they will have to wait till the next letter. I think your writing paper is very pretty. I don't know how you want it.

Chicago 9-24-91

Dear Mrs. Barkisow:-

I received your very welcome letter Tuesday. I did not want to read it before the boys where any one could look on so I waited till I got to my room. That delay was pardonable was it not? Tuesday afternoon at half past four I found I would have to get another boarding place that night. So I hurried around and got a place and your letter had to wait till I had packed my trunk again & got all ready to move. Is you see it was night



before I had a chance to read your letter after all, although I wanted to read it the first thing this time. I wanted to sit right down and answer it right away to let you know you could not answer my letters too soon, but I could not write them for I had to wait till I could get my trunk to my new place and get some things out. My trunk did not get around till the next forenoon.

I have read your letter a good many times since receiving it and I suppose I shall read it a number of times more before I get another.

I think it is a very good letter and it has done me lots of good. It makes me homesick though.

But I have to keep at work just the same for the lectures & clinics are booming. I bought a couple

of seven dollar books yesterday. I also bought two books last week and will have to have a number more before the term is over.

I am very glad you write me about yourself and what you are doing for I like very much to know about the goings on in the home where I spent so much of my time last summer. I am coming out some time to pay my board bill. (What do you suppose Jen would think of me if she knew I had gone without paying my board bill? I think Jen must have known I was gone or she never would have dared come over to the garden. (I must go to lectures now, will finish this as soon as I can.)

Friday P.M. - I must get this finished or you will never

Sept 25, 1891



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Downer Place,  
Aurora,  
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out before long. but remember you have  
no board bill to pay. when are you coming  
I wish you could come before we leave  
a frost for the Castor bean has grown  
wonderfully. how I shall hate to have it go.  
I have written this very hurriedly and  
it is cross time for me to get dinner  
so good by your friend

R. M. McKim

P.S. I forgot the last I was going to send you  
two ties for Charlie one for every day & one  
for Sunday. Hair brush & comb for my self I  
don't care to have a fancy back for the brush  
but a pretty good one. also tooth & nail brush  
I would like very much if you would give me  
five screens. I don't know as there are  
different styles. but I thought I wanted  
one with fine meshes. Wash Ave is the  
place to find them. The opening to the fine  
place is  $21\frac{1}{2} \times 29$  in. So write as soon as  
you can conveniently I shall be so  
glad to hear from you Charlie wishes to be  
remembered

R. M. McKim



Aurora Sept 27-91

Dear Mr. Rowenough:

Perhaps you would  
not care to read this if you could see  
me as I sit down to write this, with a  
tooth pinned over my head. for I have  
just finished sweeping up stairs, and  
the back hall. Mrs. Welch came before I was  
quite through and so hindered me a little  
But I thought if I did not improve this  
opportunity I might have to wait until  
Friday for there are a good many





running in and so many interruptions  
that I never know when I can have a  
little time to myself. tomorrow I am  
to bake and help for the harvest home  
supper at the Church. You have seen it  
advertised in the paper for of course you  
get the Beacon,

You are perfectly excusable for not  
reading my letter till evening. I thank  
you for answering so soon under such  
difficulties I was not expecting one that  
morning so was pleasantly surprised.  
I do hope you will get settled soon.

The earth quake gave me quite a little  
shaking up Saturday night. Charlie & I

had just got ready for bed the house  
shook and windows rattled in great shape.  
We had our gas fixture put up Saturday  
by Linden & Lake. of course we feel quite fine.  
I think I forgot to tell you how the  
day after you went away one of Geo &  
Brown's big horses got away from the man  
who was leading him and ran over  
the front lawn tearing up the sod  
and things in general. he was so heavy  
that where ever he put his foot down it  
took the sod out of sight. we fixed it as  
well as we could. I thought you would  
say as you did once before "that is the  
way every thing goes when I am not here"

This is a lovely morning after the rain  
every thing looks fresh. both in doors  
and out now that I have swept and  
dusted. I wish you could have helped me  
I particularly wished so when I had to  
move Charlie's bed.

I am so glad to know you are coming

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10-4-91



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Chicago.

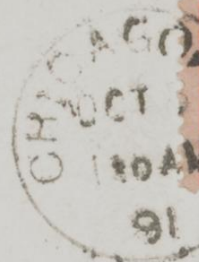
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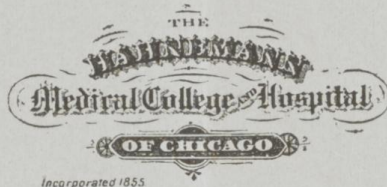


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-- IN THE --

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*Tuesday Evening, September 15, 1891.*



## PROGRAMME . . . .

PRAYER.

Music,	-	-	-	-	-	IMPERIAL QUARTET.
Address by the President,	-	-	-	-	-	PROF. R. LUDLAM, M. D.
Address by the Dean,	-	-	-	-	-	PROF. H. B. FELLOWS, M. D.
						MUSIC.
Annual Faculty Address,	-	-	-	-	-	PROF. J. P. COBB, M. D.
						MUSIC.
						REUNION AND SOCIAL.



Mrs. H.

Thought you  
might like to look this  
over.

E. E. B.

I think I have written quite a long letter and as I can't think of anything more to write about just now I shall have to say goodbye.

Write when you can for I shall look for your next letter till it comes.

Your friend  
E. E. Boulough.

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(I am going to begin the second sheet you see, I can't promise to fill it though) I did not get around to price five screens but will before I come out and then I will be able to describe them to you too better than I can write a description of them. Are there any other things you would like to have me bring? I can get all linen wash toweling for two and a half cents a yard. Could you use any of it? What size socks does Charlie wear?

I bought myself a nice fountain pen yesterday but



neglected to get some ink for it. I think I will write with that the next time I write to you, it has a sixteen carat gold pen in it. I bought three eight dollar books again the other day. You see my books this time cost something. I have moved again since I wrote you last. I think I shall probably stay here now. It is at 29 + 3 Vernon Ave., and is only about five minutes walk from the college. I am feeling a good deal better now than I have been. How are you feeling? And how is Charlie & Shup's feeling? Did Mrs Welch say any thing about my skipping off and not saying good bye? You know I did not have time to stop and see them before I went.

Are the little pills making her feel any better? And how is Miss Edith?

I received a letter from Dr Knight the other day and she said she rode by one day and saw you bringing some thing in from the garden and she says she thought to herself "I bet Mrs H - misses E E T" Do you, just a little? I miss you a great deal. What do you think of me for telling you what Dr Knight writes?

You spoke of it's having rained. How are the leaks in the roof & porch? Have you got the flowers all up? If you haven't I might come out on an earlier train when I come and help you take them up.

you tie yourself in a bow for a quarter. Let me know when you write again what style of tie he wants. I can get a hair brush with the bristles shorter & not so close together as the one that was in Charlie's room for fifty cents. How much do you want to pay?

Do you want one of the large black rubber combs? I did not get a brush and comb for I did not know whether that would suit you or not.

If you write soon after getting this, I can bring one when I come. I forgot to get a nail brush yesterday but will get one the next time I go up.

I got a nice little toothbrush.

Chicago 10-4-91

Dear Mr. Barkison:-

Your welcome letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> at hand. I am very glad indeed to read any letter from you written under any circumstances and more than that I would have been only too glad to have been able to see you as you were writing no matter how you were dressed. I would have liked to help you sweep too. As I did not know anything about the supper at the church for I do not get the Beacon,



That is I had received no  
Beacon up to the time I got  
your last letter. I did get  
the Beacon of October 1<sup>st</sup> though  
with the account of Fay's  
wedding, marked. I do not  
think I will get the Beacon  
this term though.

I think I shall come out  
the 17<sup>th</sup> on the train that gets  
there a few minutes before six.  
Do not wait supper for me  
for I may not come up to the  
house right away. I will be  
up before nine o'clock anyway.

I will write you again about  
my coming before I come. I  
say I think I will be out the  
17<sup>th</sup> but if that interferes with  
my call to the subclinic class  
I will not come then for I can't  
miss a subclinic. I am afraid

the castor bean will be gone  
before I get there. Wouldn't you  
like to take the measure of it  
to see how high it has grown?  
If there is any thing you would  
like to have me do when I come  
out, have it ready & I will do it.  
You see if you have something  
for me to do I will not be  
grumbling off so much. There  
are some things I must attend  
to though when I come out.

I was up town yesterday the  
first time since I came to  
the city. I bought one four-  
in-hand tie for Charlie for  
every day but I couldn't get  
just what I wanted. ~~What~~  
What kind of a tie does Charlie  
want? Does he want one of these  
large ones? I could get him  
one of those thin silk ones that

✓ Oct 9, 91  
10-12-91



Mr. E. C. Roushough  
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quite a large rubber comb & ten yds of  
the crash. Now don't put your self out  
too much to get these things for me.

The coal bill is paid. I have to go down  
town this afternoon so will not write  
more this time. Hoping to see you  
soon I remain your friend  
R M Harrison



Wednesday Evg 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mrs Boulough:

I am feeling quite  
blue to night, for I expected Charlie home  
to tea, but he has not come so he will not  
get here in time for me to see him to night  
for you see I wanted to hear from you.  
I am going to the city myself in the  
morning if it is pleasant, with Mrs Welch  
to do some shopping. I suppose Charlie  
will tell you about the kind of a tie he  
wants. Now I wish I might see you  
but I suppose that would be impossible.





I see you are getting a nice lot of books  
and have to pay a nice price for them  
but you will always have them.

I heard the clock strike every hour  
last night till four this morning,  
it is not striking very loud either,  
so I am going to bed & try and get  
some sleep, so as to be fresh in the morning.

Friday Afternoon

I came home from the city all used up  
with a raging headache, we could not  
make the first train so had to take  
the one which gets here a little after seven  
Charlie thought we must be going to stay  
till eleven, so I found the house dark, and  
I did feel forlorn enough, so I got to bed  
as quickly as possible - today I feel as  
though I had been on a big spree.  
I got me a new drop gloves and

several things that I have been wanting  
so long for, but did not do as much as I  
would have done if I had felt better.

The roof still leaks, I think it was nice  
of you to tell me what Do Knight said.

Though not one bit like you, she was quite  
right in thinking I missed you. I miss  
you very very much, don't you tell  
her any thing I may write you, will you?  
I have not taken up all my plants yet  
thought I would leave some of them  
as long as I dared without freezing  
I can find enough for you to do to  
keep you every minute of the time so  
don't promise any thing.

Charlie wears the largest size socks Elmer's  
I think, he looked at the Fair & Leader  
for screens but did not get one so if you  
have time you may look. I would like  
a pretty good brush you may give me.

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Oct. 9, 1891



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Downer Place,  
Aurora,  
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Chicago 10-9-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

I wish I were coming out to Aurora tomorrow instead of a week from tomorrow for I am not feeling well today and I think it would do me good to take a run out there.

Charlie came down to see me last Wednesday morning and I was very glad he did too for I was glad to see him. He said you & Mrs. Welch would probably come in the next day. If I had been sure you would come and if



I wouldn't have had to miss a couple of lectures to do it. I certainly should have come up to the depot to see you when you came over to take the train.

Charlie dropped a hint that some event was about to take place in the near future but he did not tell me what it was or when it was to be. Now I wish you would be free to tell me candidly if I am going to interfere with your plans in the least by coming the seventeenth. And if so I will wait till sometime later. I don't want you to change your plans at all on my account. Now don't think I

am sick because I write such blue letters sometimes. I am going to get along all right no matter what comes.

Write me a few lines when you can for I am always very glad to hear from you. (You see I don't wait for you to answer my letters before writing.)

I shall look for a letter from you and count the days till the day comes for me to go out.

Sincerely your friend  
E E Trusdough.

Oct 11, 91



Mr. E. E. Purcell;

Hahnemann Medical College.

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Dear Mr Poulough:

Your letter received yesterday morning it was nice of you to write before getting my letter, do so again. I am afraid you are not well, at least you are blue, and I wish you were here today. The event which Charlie hinted at is nothing connected with this household. Your coming will not interfere with any plans, on the contrary will give great pleasure, I shall look forward all the week to Saturday when I shall hope to see you as early as you can possibly get here. Miss Hattie Stevens asked me this morning at Church if I heard from you I told her Charlie was in the City Wednesday



and called on you and that you were  
well. The castor bean is still waiting for  
you. The frost has hurt it some but it  
looks better than I should think it would  
Mrs Godard presided at the organ this  
morning, I met a Mr & Mrs Deacon from  
Sandwich one night last week. She said she  
had heard of Mrs Harkison before coming  
to Aurora. How much she resembled me.  
I tell you this because I think I have heard  
you speak of them. Elmer has gone a  
cutting. You left two valuable articles  
when you went away - I think there is  
a little sentiment connected with one  
of them, and I am not going to let  
you have it till you promise to tell me  
about it. Let me hear from you as soon  
as you know - just when you can come  
I shall watch closely for the footman.

Your friend R W Harkison

P.S. Charlie wishes to be remembered to you

R W H

I want to tell you just now how much I think of my pen

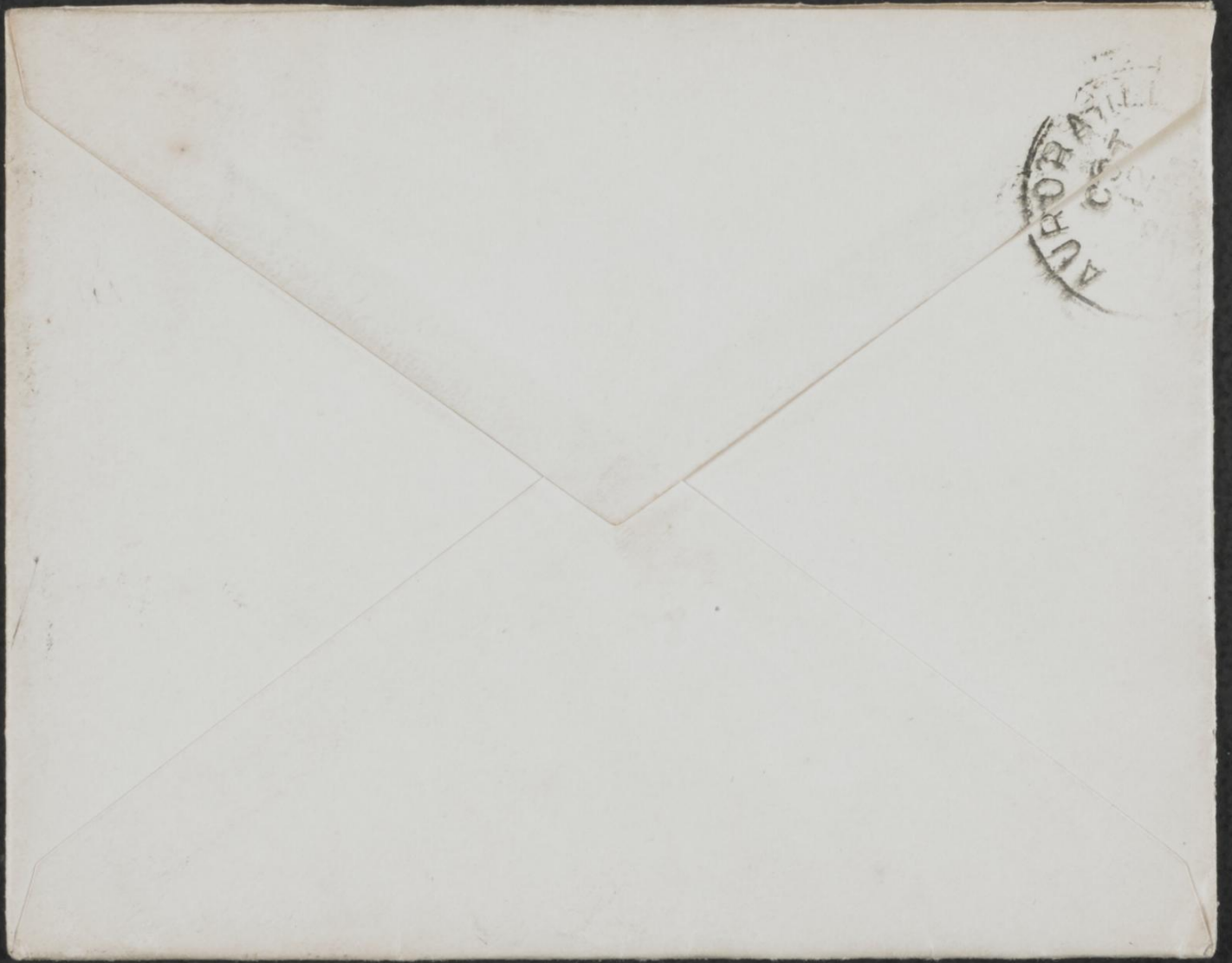
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Mrs. R. M. H. Garkisow,  
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Aurora,  
Ill.

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Chicago 10-12-91

Dear Mrs. Harrison:-

I was very glad to get your letter, I had been looking for it. I see you wrote about the time I did but never mind you get two letters to my one this time. I was up town last Saturday but when I got around to the Nabash stores to look for five screens they were closed. I will try again before I come out. I got a comb and brush but not the towelings. That was a special sale and was gone of course when I came again.



No I will not write Dr. Knight  
any thing you write me so  
you may write all you want  
to. You will have lots to tell  
me when I come out won't you?  
And that will be in a few days  
now. I think you may look  
for me for tea but don't wait  
for me if I am late.

I am going to be late for  
this lecture so goodbye till  
sometime Saturday.

Your friend,  
E E Boulough.

Oct 22, 1891



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Downer Place,  
Aurora,  
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morning. Is not that writing  
pretty soon? you will get ~~it~~  
it then within two days from the  
time I left. The boys are talking  
and I can't write very well, so  
goodbye till you can find time  
to write to your friend  
E. E. Bouslough.

Chicago, 10-21-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

I suppose  
Charlie has told you how we  
went to have the coat changed,  
and how he left me at the  
corner, or rather how I left him,  
and also how I did not want  
to take the money from him but  
wanted him to get me a ticket  
sometime when I wanted to come  
out instead. You see I had just  
so many rides on my ticket and  
I wanted to come out that many  
times. Don't you think that it's  
all right?



I got down to the college in time to hear the last part of the first lecture and of course took all the rest of the lectures that day. When I came in to lunch that day Mrs Henry wanted to know if I had been sick. This morning at half past seven I saw Prof Ludlam perform a big operation, and I guess I learned a little something.

I have not yet got rid of my cold but I am trying to take care of myself and am taking medicine right along. I have felt quite blue and out of sorts since I got back but I think it is only homesickness and I shall be all right shortly. I am beginning to get over it already. I saw you sitting by the window

the last thing as the car went over the hill!

How have you been getting along with your company? Of course I want to hear from you as soon as you can write conveniently but you need not try to write till your company are gone, then you can sit down and write me a nice long letter. I shall look for it you know till it comes. I have just this minute thought of the owl and the picture, I will go and see. - The owl is all right, it was in the long box. And here is the picture! If there was anything else I was to see about and have forgotten please let me know.

I will mail this tonight so that you will get it tomorrow

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Mr. E. C. Kouslough.  
Kahnemann Medical College.  
Chicago.

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you for putting it in such nice shape.  
I appreciate all you have done more  
than I can tell you.

Delia was very much annoyed at the  
article in the news paper, she said she  
presumed her father told it, he was very  
apt to tell things. Mr & Mrs Windsor are  
not coming to the wedding the  
wedding day is not yet set but will  
probably be about the 19th I expect  
now to attend the wedding so will tell  
you all about it. Charlie got his  
coat last night. it looks all right  
I am so glad he had it changed and  
that you could go with him.

Yes I certainly want you to use every side  
on that ticket, don't forget it will you.

I must stop writing now and see to the  
goats. Write just as often as you have  
time, Please take good care of yourself,  
tell me how you are feeling. I guess Mrs  
Henry thought you had not had a good  
visit, Mrs W. and Edith were in the City yesterday.  
I am taking my medicine. But don't think it as  
pleasant to take as the other. Goodbye Your friend  
R. M. Harrison.



Uxbridge Oct 22nd 91

Dear Mr. Bouslough:

I am just home  
from prayer meeting. Charlie had to work  
this evening, but thought he could be  
at the Church. by the time meeting closed  
he did not however, so I hurried home,  
and will write a few words to you to-  
night and finish in the morning.  
I want to tell you how glad I was to  
get your letter this morning, I was  
just thinking if I might not look for  
one Saturday, when the foot man made  
his appearance, it was so nice of you





I thank you for it, also for the picture  
I think it is just a perfect likeness of  
you. So you found the owl all right &  
so thought you would, I don't believe  
you were half so glad to see it as  
I saw the picture, did you kiss it?  
I am alone again - Mr & Mrs Ferris &  
could not stay as long as I expected  
they would, they got word they were  
to have company so went back to  
the City that night. Julia came at  
Six and I helped her get off to the  
wedding Wednesday. we visited both  
green houses Wednesday morning before  
finding flowers suitable for her to  
wear. came home, got dinner, went to  
a business meeting at the Church, and

then to the drymakers, this morning  
I commenced house cleaning, I am  
going to take it slow if I can, but I  
wish you were here to help me.

Friday morning

I have washed the breakfast dishes, and  
the windows in Charlie's and my own  
rooms on the out side, if you remember  
there was considerable paint on them so it  
was no easy work - and now think it is  
time to rest a little and finish my letter  
to you. After dinner I will wash those  
on the west of the house so as to work in  
the sunshine, Charlie took the front  
door screen off before going to work, and  
when he comes up at noon, is going to  
have a drayman bring up the step ladder,  
also some things are left at the Winstow  
house, I hope to get the awnings down  
before another rain. Every time I look  
out at the garden, I feel thankful to

Oct 30, 91



Mrs. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Downer Place,  
Aurora,  
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it, I am saving them you know. I am afraid you did a good deal the day of the wedding and I am afraid you will do too much at cleaning house. I too wish I were there to help you, I would work real good and not hinder you very much. Never mind about the garden, I will take up the dahlias when I come out again if it does not get too cold before I come, they will be all right till the ground freezes you know. I am glad Charlie's coat is more satisfactory now, I think it is a pretty good coat. I am glad you are taking your medicine and hope it will do you some good. If it has any very decided effect please let me know about it right away and don't be afraid to write me plainly all about it so that I may know. If you don't notice any particular effect take it all and let me know when it is all gone. You see I took my medicine to some effect. Now that I have written to you I shall look for an answer till it comes. Your friend, E. E. Bonelough

Chicago, 10-30-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

I know you have been looking for a letter and I really feel like scolding myself for not writing before. It seems a long time even to me since I wrote and such a nice letter as you wrote me deserves a better response than I can give it tonight. I have read your letter I don't know how many times for I knew I would not get another till I could answer it, and when I felt a little tired or out of sorts I would take out your letter and read it. I have



been quite busy since I wrote you last, have had a couple of subclines and some evening lectures and quizzes and the work going on just the same.

Some little things have come up to annoy but I am going to let them all pass and write to you awhile tonight and then take a fresh start. I think I have nearly gotten over being homesick but is it too soon to think of coming out again? I have begun to think of it and wish the time were not so far off. (By the way has Charlie sent my ticket back? I am in no hurry for it you know but if he has sent it I want to be looking it up.) I went up town last Saturday afternoon but I did not buy much. Do you want any tooth-picks? I look in the

Exposition all the evening and although the whole thing seemed a good deal of a farce I met one good idea there, I enclose you the circular. Last Sunday afternoon the boys wanted to go down to Jackson Park to see the buildings and although you know I don't usually do such things I went. We stayed all afternoon and when we got back I was feeling so badly I did not go to church. I am feeling all right now though and my cold is almost all gone, there is hardly a trace of it left. Last Sunday morning Dr. Sumbankus preached one of the finest sermons I ever heard. The subject was "The Chicago City Missionary Society"

Yes I found the owl but I only looked for it because you wanted me to. So I did not kiss

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Mr. E. E. Bouslough.

Kahnemann Medical College.

Chicago.

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corresponding date, but I suppose your friends keep you posted.

You asked me if the medicine had any decided effect. I don't know that it has. I am feeling unusually well for me, of course I feel that it is the medicine that makes me feel so well. I think I will have enough to last till you come out.

Have you arranged for having your room better warmed. These are lovely days in Aurora how are they in Chicago I have not been at home to callers this afternoon and you should have heard the bell gingle. Write me as often as you have time your letters are very welcome. Your friend

R. W. Harkison

P.S. When you are down town if you should see linen cuffs, for Charlie, bargain you know? please get some.

R. W. H.



Aurora Oct. 31st. '91

Dear Mr. Harkison,

You don't know how I have looked for your letter. I was so glad to hear from you. You could have had it on your hands to answer if I had not received yours this morning. I was quite anxious thinking perhaps you were sick and had made up my mind to write again, think how fortunate for you, I see you are blue. I am sorry. Wish you were here could try and help you get over it.



And I guess you would have to help me a little, for I don't know  
when I have been so lonesome tonight. I had to go down town as  
usual, went as far as Mrs. Helke and thought I would have  
to go with me, but she was not at home, so had to go alone.  
I saw Mrs. O. Knew, did my errands and took a car home.  
and here I am. Telling you about it, pardon me, this is not the  
way to cheer you. I am going to forget every thing, now, to  
have read your letter once more I am glad you are  
looking forward to coming out I am coming the day  
Charlie has not sent your ticket but will do so soon he  
is working very hard these days, and nights as well  
last night worked till eleven, getting the new opera house  
ready, he will write you soon. I am getting along nicely with  
my house cleaning and all though up stairs, have turned  
your bed round and put the stand by the window, so you  
can see you when you are shaving. I believe I have toothpicks  
enough. Thanks for the circular Doll. Keep it, and look into  
the matter in the Spring you are always so thoughtful.

Tuesday Nov 30. I thought I should finish  
this letter sooner, but will try and do so now.  
Have cleaned the dining room today. Charlie  
was going to put down the carpet this  
Evening but had to work at the store.  
Father works evenings too so I have  
to be alone most every evening.  
You would have laughed could you  
have seen me selling ashes and soap  
gruse I sold or traded the ashes in the  
barrel in the cellar for two bars of hard  
soap - and the gruse for a gal. of soft-  
soap, how is that for a trader. I began  
to think I would not be able to finish  
this tonight for Mr Charles called, but  
did not stay very long. Julia is to  
be married the 30 of Dec but dont  
help it will you? This item I send  
you I did not see in the beacon of

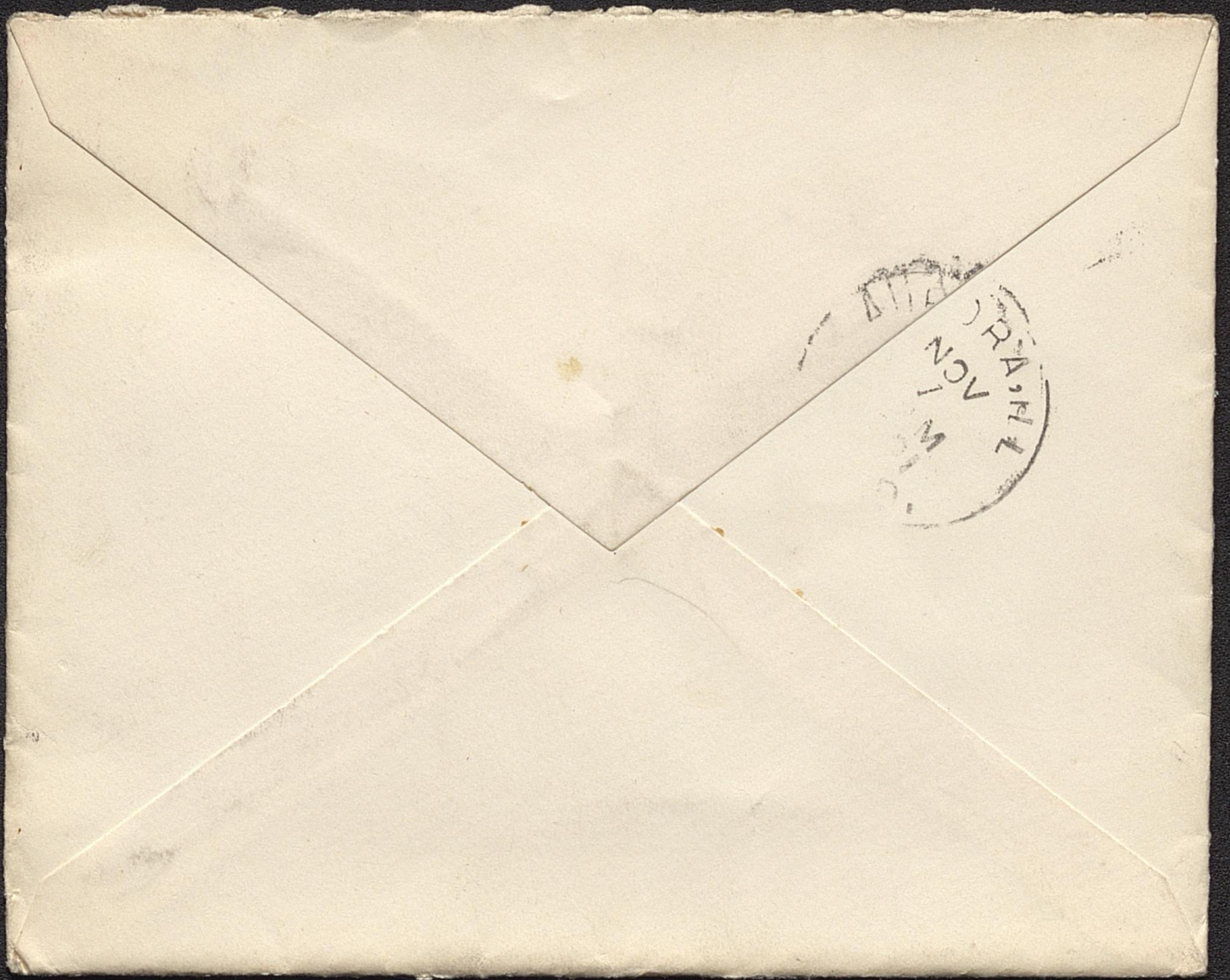
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Ms. R. M. Harkison,  
393 Downer Place,  
Aurora,  
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NEW YORK



I am glad Mr Charles did not stay very long for that would have delayed my getting your letter. So I won't keep it, you can trust me. The item you enclosed I have seen before. Yes I know all about that party or at least a good deal about it. It was originally gotten up for me but I managed to get out of going to it. I never did care so very much about going with those people ~~but~~ although they have been very nice to me but I care less than ever now since I have talked matters over with you so many times. We have had only two little showers since I came to Chicago, the days have been mostly very pleasant but I don't have time to enjoy them much. Our rooms are better warmed now, I think we shall get along nicely. When you write again let me know what size cuffs for Charlie. Is there anything else? Are the hickory nuts all shelled and the butternuts all nicely dried? Are you doing your washings now? I am glad you are getting along so nicely with your housecleaning, wish I were there to help you though. All right about the medicine then, I will talk it over when I come out, and that will be sometime this month I hope. I dreamed last night that I was coming out for next Sunday. Was I foolish to dream so?

I forgot to tell you about the Executive party  
I went to the other night but if you  
will remind me of it in your next letter  
I will do so. I shall look for your next  
letter. Goodbye, your friend  
E. J. O'Connell

Chicago 11-5-91

Dear Mrs. Garrison:-

I received your letter this afternoon. I have a few minutes now so I am going to begin to answer it. And first I want to tell you how glad I was to get it. I have looked for it in every mail that has come since Sunday. We get three mails a day you know so you see how many times I have looked for it and how many times I have been disappointed. But it was the more welcome when it did come. I don't know why I should have wanted a letter so



much just at this time but I did want it very much indeed, and now I feel so much better since I have got it. I was tempted every day to write again and I think if I had not been quite so busy I should have done so, and I made up my mind, now that I knew what it was to wait for a letter, that I would not keep you waiting so long again if I could help it.

Friday Nov. 6, I am going to try to finish this so as to get it in tonight's mail so that you will get it Saturday morning. The first page of your letter suggests a number of things, don't worry about my ever getting sick. This is a bad place to be sick in and I would not stay here to be sick, I would get out of the city somewhere. If I were going to be sick I think I should surely let you know somehow, for I know I should

feel very badly if you were not to let me know if you should get sick.

Yes you are right, but how did you know, do I always write such blue letters? Your letter cheered me up wonderfully and did help me to get over it. I wish I were there in person to cheer you up when you get blue. I am glad you write me about it for I like to know it takes away my blue feeling. I am sorry Charlie has to work so much evenings and Shuf.

working too you must be lonesome, wish I were there I would not let you be lonesome. It was very thoughtful of you to put the stand by the window but I think Jen. would rather see me after I was shaved. The toothpicks were very cheap but they were not very good so I did not buy any. The soap grease was traded well enough but the ashes were worth much more as a fertilizer for the garden, but never mind I will buy you some more soap sometime.



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A party consisting of Drs. Slater, Knight, McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Z. Berry, Mrs. W. C. Hopkins, Charles Haeni and W. B. Miller and wife went to Yorkville yesterday on a nutting expedition.

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Mr. E. E. Bouslogh.  
Hahnemann Medical College.  
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He thought things were in bad shape out  
 there, but would give me \$4.00 per acre, I  
 wanted \$4.25 after a good deal of talking  
 I told him he might have it for \$4.12 but he  
 seemed quite decided, and thought he  
 could not give it, so I let him go. I am afraid  
 I did not do the wise thing. Oh dear how many  
 things there are to perplex one. Still I am  
 not going to think any more about it till  
 I finish your letter, I dreamed about it  
 last night - you see I dream considerably,  
 these nights. Charlie wears 10 1/2 or 11 Cuffs  
 If you should see shirts which you think  
 a bargain please get three. I want to get  
 Charlie and umbrellas for Christmas and  
 thought you might <sup>come</sup> across one, if I forgot  
 of it in time, you might with out having  
 to make a special effort. Now I do feel  
 almost ashamed to ask you to do so  
 much for me, and if it is not perfectly  
 convenient - don't hesitate to say so, will you?  
 I burned up your old shoes this morning, I  
 didn't quite like to do it either. How nice it is to  
 think you will come out before long - make  
 your plans to come, as soon as you can,  
 and stay until the last minute.  
 I will enclose some money for the articles I  
 have mentioned, use your own judgment it  
 will be correct. And please write as soon as you  
 have the time to spare to your friend.

R. W. Harkness

I do think this letter is very pretty and will please you very much. R. W. H.



Claremont Nov 7th 91

Dear Mr. Harkness:

I was very glad  
 to get your letter this morning, Charlie  
 confessed to not having mailed mine  
 as soon as he should have done, I  
 hardly expected one though I could  
 not help keeping a lookout for the  
 postman, I had just about given  
 him up, and thought I would not  
 watch for him longer and had gone  
 into the dining room to work, when  
 I heard someone at the door. You may



Be sure I lost no time in getting them, that sounds a little slangy, does it not? but it is not the intention. You will try and remember that I always expect a letter on Saturday if I do not get one before, will you? So you dreamed of coming out for tomorrow, so it was not foolish, I only wish you were here now. I thought all day yesterday you would come, and really looked for you I can't tell why - and while we were at tea the bell rang, Charlie went to the door and greeted some one so cordially



any first thought was, it is Mr Bousbough. it proved to be your friend Mrs Corbin, I was just a little disappointed. Now for my dream - I dreamed I heard a strange voice in my closet, and on looking, saw two immense turkeys, ever so much taller than you, who seemed to feel very much out of place, and quite uneasy throwing their heads, and making a very peculiar noise

I was quite frightened at first - but looking beyond I saw you holding up both hands and laughing - as though it were all a joke. That is too ridiculous to tell isn't it? but it seemed real to me. I think I must have been planning my thanksgiving dinner don't you?

"What nonsense!" I took up the dahlia my self this morning it was so warm and seemed so much like rain, I feared it might turn cold, I didn't dare leave them longer. I have had a present of a white rose bush, where would be a good place to put it, if the hickory nuts are all shelled, and the butternuts nicely dried, I have been quite thorough with my house cleaning - and am just about through. I wish you could see the cellar windows how nice and clean they are I am sure you would be surprised.

Monday evening - Charlie is drilling some boys in the basement, so I will tell you what I have been doing today, I washed this morning but did not hang the clothes out as it was so rainy - then a man came to see about renting the farm. I liked his appearance and the way he talked better than any who has applied, Charlie went out with him to the farm.



Return in 5 days to  
C.S. HARRISON Co, Aurora, Ill.

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Mr E C Bouslogh  
Chicago,  
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## AURORA, ILL., FRID

Hope This is not Boodle.

Several workmen employed by the city, have been engaged for a week or more in taking up and lowering the sewer on Gale street, still the work is far from completion, and those who have examined the job say it will cost the city over a thousand dollars before it is completed and that it will be worthless as soon as the city sewer system is constructed.

Just why this work should be done at this time when there is no money in the treasury and all employes and other creditors of the city have to wait for their pay, is a mystery at the present time, but there is a prospect that it may be cleared up in the near future.

The work is said to be done under authority of a little resolution which passed the Council Oct. 5th, which "resolved that the Superintendent of Streets be and hereby is directed to take up and clean the tile drain on Gale street west of Lake."

Inasmuch as said tile drain is ten or twelve feet underground for over a block it will be seen that taking it up and "cleaning it" is something of a job. One peculiar feature connected with the subject and the drain is said to be a sewer from the Mayor's residence which empties into said drain but which is insufficient to carry off the sewage in good shape. Another feature is that when this tile drain is laid deep enough it will drain about twenty acres of the Holbrook slough, now the property of the Mayor and make it the finest land in the city.

This is the third time that this ditch has been dug at the expense of the city, for the purpose of carrying off this water. Let us hope it will be laid so deep this time that it will not have to be dug up again before the sewer system is completed.



Aurora Ill

Nov 11/91

Dear "Bos":—

After many  
firm resolves to write to  
you I now grasp my  
quill with both feet  
& scratch you these few  
lines.

I got my coat all  
right & it is a dandy  
it suits me the best of  
any coat I think I  
ever had.

Mother rented the  
farm to day & I am  
glad I can tell you  
for it has worried her



more than the thing  
is worth.

Ed & Grace are  
home again & look too  
happy for any thing  
"Don't know why  
they should, but  
they do"

I suppose of course  
you will do the same.  
Try us as you did  
last year at Thanks  
giving at least stay  
over Sunday if you  
can't stay the full  
time.

I went to the  
opening of the new Opera  
House with Jennie last  
Friday evening. Tell  
you it was gay. You  
know we furnished



the carpets shades and  
draperies for the building

I am very sorry  
not to have sent  
the ticket before please  
excuse me this time.

I think I have  
told you all the news  
so will close

Your friend  
E. Parkison.



Nov 14, 91



Mrs. R. W. Clarkson,  
393 Downer Place,  
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worry, you will have another just as good  
or better chance to rent it. You ought to have  
stock on the farm you know and you will  
have to look out for those Canada Thrushes. If I  
could help you in any way I wish I might  
be there to help you talk. Do you want me  
to bring the umbrella with me this time? You  
know I won't be likely to come out again  
before Christmas Eve and then perhaps I would  
go on through to Shabona. We will talk that  
over when I come out though. Is there any  
thing else you want? Don't hesitate to say  
so for I will be very glad to get everything  
I can for you. There was nothing in the  
letter to excuse, they are very good letters  
to me. I guess the Theater Party will have  
to wait till the next time or till I come  
out for it is almost time for the quiz.  
There were some things I wanted to speak  
of but I can't think of them now. I got the  
letter you forwarded also the money in  
your letter all right. Seven dollars was  
it not? What kind of a handle shall the  
umbrella have? Time is up, I must go.  
Write as soon as you can I shall look for the  
letter. Goodbye

Your friend  
E. E. Boulough.

Chicago 11-13-91

Dear Mr. Garrison:-

I have been pretty  
busy since I wrote you last. I have a  
couple of letters from home that I have  
not yet answered and Prof. Allen  
quizzes tonight, but I don't want you to  
be disappointed tomorrow morning so I  
am going to write what I can and get  
it into the mail tonight. I was very  
glad to get your letter, I always watch  
the envelopes as the janitor calls  
off the mail to see if there is an  
envelope that looks as if it might be  
from you, and of course I am not  
satisfied till yours does come.  
I am sleeping better now, I hardly



dream at all. How is it that you are dreaming so much? I think you must be worrying about some things. Now please don't worry, let them go till I come out and then tell me about them, won't you? Your dream about the turkeys was a good one but unfortunately I don't believe I can bring you two live turkeys for Thanksgiving or even help you to eat one. How will it do if I don't come out till the last Saturday in the month? I don't know how the lectures will be the Friday & Saturday forenoon after Thanksgiving and if they hold I would not want to miss them. And I would rather come out Saturday afternoon & stay till Monday morning than to come out late Wednesday night and come back Friday morning, wouldn't you? And besides if I came to Aurora Thanksgiving Mother would think I might come on home. But any time you want me to come

especially just say so and you know I will come, but you must have Charlie send me my ticket first. Sometimes the worms take all the leaves off the rose-bushes and in that case it wouldn't look nice in the front yard and if you had it in the backyard you could keep the worms off with the soap suds from the washings and you would be more apt to cultivate it if it were in the backyard, but it ought to be where it could be seen from the street for if it blooms well it will be very pretty. Don't put it close to the house or porch for it is hard to keep it in nice shape that way, it ought to be where you could get all around it. Don't you think near the garden would be a nice place? Yes I know the house must look beautiful from top to bottom, but it must have been lots of work, I wish I could have helped you. What price did you get an acre last year? Never mind, don't



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I am making myself a dress for  
morning wear. My new dress came  
from the dress makers Saturday night  
only think I was having it fitted when  
you were out. it is quite pretty will  
show it to you when you come.

The roof leaked badly in my room  
yesterday. I think more than it  
has done before. Mrs Corbin was down  
to see me this afternoon I always think  
of you when she comes.

are you glad to think you are coming  
out so soon? I am. I think you  
~~are working pretty hard and a little~~  
rest will do you good. When you  
write again you will have made  
up your mind when it will be  
best for you to come, so I shall  
be more anxious than ever to hear  
from you, your friend.

Ruth W. Harkison



Aurora Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 91

Dear Mr Bouslogh:

I was looking for  
your letter, and was so glad to get it, thank  
you for writing when you are so hurried  
I assure you I appreciate it I hope you  
have answered your home letters ere  
this for I shall want another just  
as bad. I dont know whether to be  
disappointed or not. At the way you  
spoke of coming out, I had thought  
it all over myself about your going  
home, now I know of course your  
Mother would think you might come





home if you could come to Aurora  
I thought if you had planned to go  
home, for Thanksgiving you would  
stay over Sunday here. I did not realize  
how long you would be away and  
how much time you would lose till I  
got your letter. You know how much  
I would like to have you come Thanks-  
giving, or any time, so I am going to  
leave it with you, only do come.  
possibly Saturday would be the better  
day as you could stay a little longer.  
Charlie sent your ticket last week.  
I had two rose-bushes sent one so  
put one in the back yard where  
the castor bean was, and the other  
in the corner back of the front  
porch I had them set out before  
I got your letter, but can easily

snow the one from the corner. I have  
had the lawn nicely covered, also the  
grapevines - and have very little snow  
to do before it freezes.  
I have rented the farm to a man by the  
name of Lemmon, an ex-mail carrier  
perhaps you may know of him.  
last year I got 4.25 per acre this year  
I get 4.12 1/2, yes? I have wished more  
than once you were here to help me.  
Charlie informed me this morning that  
an umbrella would be a nice thing  
for me to get him for Christmas, you  
may bring it with you this time  
if you have it, I am going to leave  
it up with you to select the handle,  
I don't know as well as you do what  
is being used, buy just as you  
would for yourself. Yes? I sent you  
seven dollars. You may bring two  
four-in-hand neck ties for evening  
wear if you should have a chance  
to get them. I have been using  
some of the thread you brought  
me today and found it very good.



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a good deal over that. I am very sorry the roof leaks. I would have liked very much to have made him fix it but I didn't see how I could under the circumstances. I have since thought of a way it might be remedied and I will tell you about it when I come out if I don't forget it. I wish I were there to help you make your morning dress, you must show them both to me when I come out. Are the chickens laying any now? I will try to bring all the things you sent for with me when I come and if there is anything more that you would like you can let me know when you write again.

Work at the college is pushing along as usual, always lots to do, but you need not be afraid I will not work hard enough to hurt me, so don't worry. I shall be very glad to hear from you when you have time to write to your friend.

E E Bouslogh.

Chicago 11-20-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

I don't feel at all like writing tonight and I guess I shall not do much after I get this letter written. If it is not a very good letter you must make allowance for I haven't been feeling very well for a few days and about dinner time tonight I was feeling very miserable. I am feeling a little better now and I dare say by tomorrow I shall be all right so don't worry a particle. I am going to get this letter in the mail tonight even if I do have to go two blocks in



the pain to do it because I don't want you to be disappointed tomorrow morning.

I didn't get over to the college Wednesday morning in time for the first mail (which is called off before the first lecture) but when I did get there a number of the boys spoke up and said there is a letter down there for you so after the lecture I went down and got it. I thought it must be your letter and so it was and I did not wait till night to read it either.

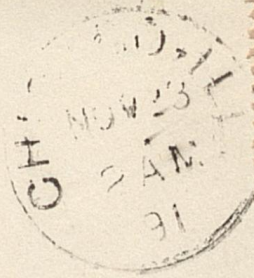
I am very sorry you were disappointed at the way I wrote about coming out. I did not mean to write that way. And now I am going to tell you something, if I can get away I am going to come out on the train that gets to Aurora at 7:30 next Friday night, just think of it, only a week yet. Will you let me come back in time for the first

lecture Monday morning if I do? If I can't get away Friday night I will come Saturday noon, as I did before. If I were to miss Friday I would miss seven important lectures. One of the professors who lectures Saturday morning is sick and if his place is not filled I would only miss one lecture and one clinic which are not so very important by coming Friday night. I wish I were there now.

Yes I have answered my home letters and sent off the medicine. What kind of blanks shall I bring you when I come? I received Charlie's letter with the ticket and the money for the two rides. I shall answer it soon. Never mind about the rose-bush, let it stay where it is, perhaps it will do very nicely there. I am glad you don't have to worry over the renting of the farm any more. I am afraid you worried



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side of the church. I haven't  
been down to his office to see  
him yet but I must go some-  
time. Dr Jansaulus is a great  
man as I have remarked before,  
and rainy Sundays don't keep  
people away from his church.

Just think, next Sunday  
I will be in Aurora. You will  
get this letter before you send  
off yours, then I will write  
you once more and then  
you will see me,

Your friend,

E. E. Boulough

Chicago 11-22-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

I have written  
a letter to Charlie and thinking  
you might be just a little bit  
disappointed when it comes to  
the house to find it is not for  
you I am going to write a  
few lines to you too. I went  
up town yesterday and got  
the things you sent for and  
will bring them out with me.  
I didn't ~~buy~~ buy another thing  
yesterday but what you sent  
for, it was hard for me to keep  
from it though. Don't you



think I did well not to?

I didn't spend quite all of the seven dollars and perhaps I did not get things good enough for you but we will see about that when I come out. If I did not you need not have me get you any thing again.

I got a letter from Dr. Knight yesterday. She seems to think I am studying too hard, but that is all nonsense. You will surely think I am getting fat when you see me. She says she was up to see Prof. Wilbur the other evening and that he spent most of the time in talking about me. She says he said that I would make a good doctor and that he is going to keep track of me as long as he keeps track

of anyone, that I knew how to do every thing and was such a gentleman. Then she says, "and yet I don't believe he intended to throw the blackeyed daughter at you" Poor Professor, I am sorry for him. Dr. Slater thinks he will not last very long and wishes I were there to take care of him. I know all these people will want to see me when I come out, do you suppose they will? Unless you take very good care of me when I am out there. I don't believe I will stir around very much, I feel now like keeping still.

As I sat down in Plymouth church this morning I saw Dr. Hawley sitting on the other



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Doctor very much - and as Charlie would  
say the "best of the aggregation".

You must call on Dr Hawley sometime  
I had to leave my letter just here and get  
dinner. Charlie told me at noon of he  
had received your letter and that you  
would be here Saturday -

I shall look for your next letter it would  
be nice to get it - Thanksgiving morning  
but whenever you write tell me just when  
to expect you - then I shall look for you  
till you come. Your friend

R. M. Harrison.



Clurora Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 91

Dear Mr Bowdlongh:

I have received both  
letters and will answer Saturdays first,  
I should have been disappointed if I had  
not got it. I was sitting by my window  
watching for the postman. finally I  
saw him coming down here, the rain  
was just pouring. I did not feel quite  
sure till I had it in my hand. Your  
letter was blue. - now I am not going to  
quiz you as to the cause, but will  
wait till you can tell me about it.  
You will, will you not?





I fear you are not as well as you  
try to make out, and think about it  
quite a little. I hope you can come  
Friday night, that will be very nice.  
Yes I think I shall have to promise to  
let you go back early Monday. But I know  
I shall not want to when the time comes.

You asked me what kind of blanks  
you should bring me, some, just bring  
some for yourself and I will see that  
you take them. It was very thoughtful  
of you to write so that I should get it  
this morning & thank you, it has  
done me good. I think you did well  
to get all the things I sent for, and  
I'll better not to get any thing more,

that one thing is enough to convince  
me you are not well. I feel sure every  
thing will be satisfactory, don't think  
it will not. I know it is asking a  
good deal of you to do so much.  
I see by the paper Professor Wilbur is  
failing and had wondered to myself  
if he did not wish you could be with  
him, I am sure he must feel grateful  
to you for the good care you gave him  
and will probably never forget it, we won't  
speak of the black-eyed daughter.  
Yes I know those people you speak  
of will want to see you but I don't  
think your health will permit of much  
sowing sown. I will try and take  
such good care of you that you  
will not need any medical advice  
therefore will not need to see the



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quite undecided yet, don't you?  
I don't believe you know how  
much I have looked forward  
to coming out and how much  
I want to come. I feel pretty  
sure that when Friday afternoon  
comes I shall want to come  
so bad that I shall just come,  
so look for me Friday night.  
I am going to get this letter  
in the mail so that you will  
get it Thanksgiving morning  
and then it will not be long  
after that till you will see  
me, so goodbye till Friday  
night.

Your friend,  
E E Bonelough

Chicago 11-25-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

Your letter was  
a very pleasant surprise to me  
coming as early as it did, I did  
not look for it till Wednesday  
for that is the day I usually get  
your letters. You said it was  
frowning when the postman  
brought you the letter and that  
the letter was blue, I wonder  
what there was in the postman's  
sack that could have stained it  
so.

I see that somehow you as well  
as other people have gotten an  
erroneous impression regarding



the state of my health. Now please disabuse your mind of it immediately, for I certainly shall surprise you when I come out by showing you how well I am looking and feeling. And as for studying too hard, you know very well it is not at all like me. (And yet after all I feel pretty sure I shall want you to take care of me when I come out) And now about my coming, I am glad I did not plan to come out for Thanksgiving day because I am called for another big operation for Prof Ludlam tomorrow at nine o'clock. I can't afford to miss that and so if I had planned to come Thanksgiving I should have been so disappointed in not being able to come.

I really couldn't plan my coming very well for I could not tell beforehand just how things would shape themselves by Thanksgiving. And I can't tell for a certainty now whether I shall come Friday night or Saturday noon. I want to come out so much though that I think I may safely say you may expect me to appear at the house before nine o'clock Friday night. But if I should not come then don't look for me before Saturday noon. Another Prof. has been appointed to fill the place of the professor who lectures Saturday morning and is sick, so if I come Friday night I will miss the two lectures and clinic Saturday night morning. You see I



Galesburg Dec 2d

Dear Mr Bondlongh.

It is hardly

day light - so if you will not mind how  
this is written I will send it, I know  
it would be any only chance all day  
and it will be only just a minute I  
have now. for it promises to be a  
busy day with me - I directed this  
envelope before leaving home, so  
that I would have it ready if  
I could get a minute by my  
self. I had ample time on my  
way down to think over your  
mail - and it was pleasant to  
think of. but I could not tell  
where the time went to, I watched  
you till you were almost out of  
sight - not quite for that is not

good luck again know to watch  
a friend quite out of sight -  
then I destroyed that time table  
and will send you another.  
I went to see Prof Kent before  
leaving and am to see him  
on my return. will tell  
you all about it, Julia is  
delighted with her present  
I am looking forward to  
Thursday morning to get your  
letter. I am going down town  
and will try and get a  
chance to mail this.

I do hope you are well - your  
friend R M H

Do you recognize the paper?  
Thanks for it



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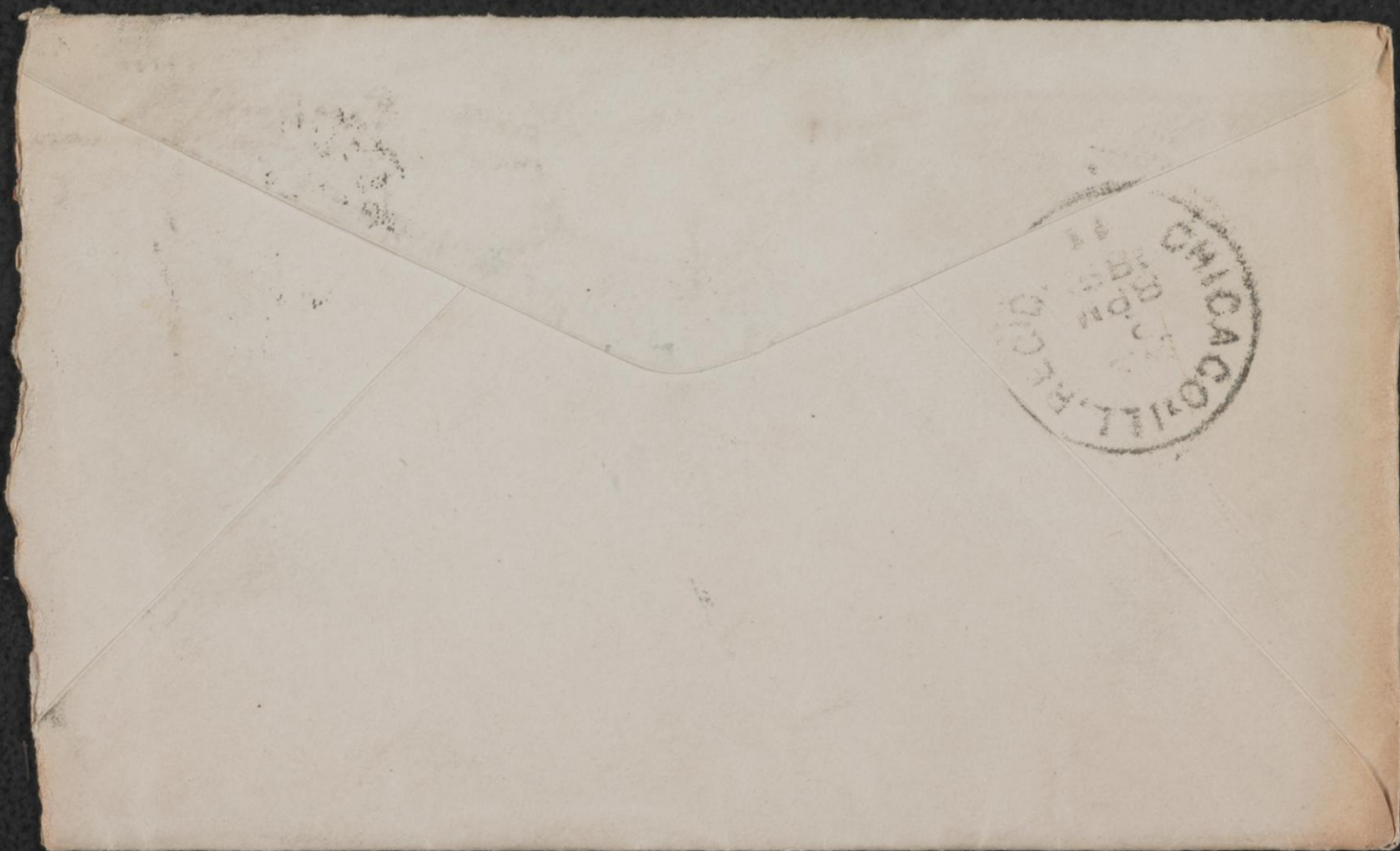


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believe they will have their effect in time. I have not yet looked up Prof. Kent's reputation in this city but I will try to some time. I do wish I could have gone with you to see him while I was in Aurora but never mind now. You will tell me about it won't you? When are you coming in and going with me to see Dr. Vilas? It is nearly a year since you promised me you would. That is pretty fair paper you wrote on, where did you get it?

I met Dr. Hawley at Church last Sunday morning and he seemed glad to see me and took me to sit with him in his seat but he seemed much disappointed that I was going to Bahnumann college. Thank you ever so much for that box of macaroons, I am afraid I thought too much of them & was selfish for I didn't give the boys one. Don't think about my health, that is all right. I don't believe my visit was quite long enough though, do you? When you have time do write to me for I shall be so glad to hear from you. Your friend  
E. E. Rowelough

Chicago 12-7-91

Dear Mrs. Warkison:-

First I want to tell you how glad I was to get your letter. I had made up my mind not to think about getting a letter till after you had got back from Galesburg, for I had thought it all over and couldn't see how you could possibly have time or opportunity to write while at Galesburg. And so when the letter came I was so surprised and glad.

I watched as long as I could see the house and I felt that I was going away and wished very much that I was not, I had had such a

nice time. Those two days and a half were very pleasant to me. Do you remember what a large part of them I spent with you? I got over to the train just in time and got down to the college in time to get the last lecture before noon. I had no more than got back though before I bought a couple more handkerchiefs, but you will forgive me this time won't you now that I have confessed? I am going to quit buying pretty soon.

You ought to have seen what a surprised set of individuals there was at the college when I got back. A great many of them didn't know me but thought I was a new student who had just come in. The janitor didn't notice me or pay any attention to me until some mail came for me one day and then he was surprised,

he thought some other fellow was answering to my name. I am going to let my mustache grow right away so that I will have a good start by the time I come out again, shall I not? And shall I let my bushies grow too?

The wedding is over and by the time this gets to Aurora you will be home. How did you stand your visit and how were you feeling all the time? You will tell me all about it when I come again won't you? And please notice all about how you feel from the time I was there until I come again and then tell me all about it won't you please? I will mail with this a bottle of pills, take two four times a day. I will put in this letter some powder for Charlie, tell him to take one morning and night. He need not look for any immediate effect from them but I



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have time you would look up  
his standing. I wish I were going  
with you to see Dr Kilae. instead of  
your going with some one else on that  
shopping expedition. never mind I  
shall go with you in spirit. do you  
think you will feel my presence?  
or would you rather not?

I have been having a sore throat for  
a couple of days but it is much better  
this morning. Please don't think so  
much about my health, but think  
more about yourself and do take  
as good care of yourself as you can.  
If your visit had been longer I think  
you would have gone back feeling better.  
The next time you will try and stay  
longer, won't you? I will tell you how  
I have been when you come again  
that won't be very long now. I must  
leave off writing and make a fire for dinner  
and doughnuts. wish you were here to help  
Your friend R. W. Harrison. Please write soon

Aurora Dec 9. 91

Dear Mr Bouslough.

Your letter was  
rec'd yesterday morning and I was  
so glad to get it. You see I have found  
time to answer very soon, I got home  
Monday even after a very pleasant  
stay at Galesburg. I don't think I ever  
saw Charlie so glad to see me. he said  
he had been awfully homesick. I was  
glad to get home my self. The  
wedding was the prettiest one I  
ever saw, the bride was looking her  
best and every thing went off lovely.

I sent you the Express with an account of the wedding, some of the Galisberg papers gave a more elaborate description but I thought this the best. I have a piece of the wedding cake for you to dream on shall I send it, or keep it till you come out.

Shep has shaved off his mustache & do not wonder the students did not know you. You say you are going to let your mustache grow right away - I am so glad. You do let your eyebrows grow too. You didn't look quite like yourself all the time you were here. Yet it was so nice to have you. I don't know where those days went too they were not half long enough. Yes, I remember you spent the most of them with me. and I at least thought it very nice.

I thank you for the medicine both for myself and Charlie. I told Charlie you said it would have the desired effect in time, he asked me what I supposed that would be, keeping him at home evenings, he said I must not tell you however for he felt it was a little unkind after your solicitude, well I think you understand us both well enough to know that we do appreciate your efforts in our behalf. We have our ladies meeting this afternoon after the missionary meeting then I will be able to tell you what we made <sup>during the fair.</sup> I have not yet seen Prof. Kent since any return but will have to do so soon - and will tell you what he says. I wish when you



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wrote this last for I really believe you would be glad to have me along if it was so that you could. Please forgive me for writing it won't you?

I am sorry about your sore throat and wish I were there, I think perhaps I could make it feel a little better. Wish I could help you make doughnuts too.

Last night I went down to the Douglass Club House 3518 Ellis Ave to a New England supper given by the South Side Flower Mission for the benefit of a bed in the ~~Albany~~ <sup>Albany</sup> hospital. I went more than anything <sup>else</sup> to see what kind of society I would see there. I didn't take any of the girls and I came home by ten o'clock. Wasn't I good? After supper they danced of course, but I didn't. I am feeling better now than I have been for the last few days and am looking forward to coming out again. I want to stop over a train on my way to Shabbona and run up to see you and then we can plan the visits for the week can't we. I will write more about it in my next letter. Thank you for writing so soon this time. I will look for your letter. Your friend E. C. Boulough.

Chicago 12-11-91

Dear Mrs. Harkness:

Didn't you wish just a little bit when you were writing last Wednesday that you might get a letter Saturday morning? Well, you shall not be disappointed for here is the letter. I am glad you had such a pleasant time at Salisbury, they didn't ask you any questions that you wished to avoid a direct answer to did they? Thank you for the paper with the account of the wedding, didn't the folks think you were pretty too in that dress as I told you they would? I am glad Charlie felt lonesome without you and was very



glad to have you back. I know if I had been there I should have been very lonesome indeed. I would much rather you would keep the cake till I come out, and then after I have been to Shabbona and Lomanank, when I come to stay with you perhaps you can help me to dream some real nice dream. After I got your letter I blocked out my brusesides and mustache to let them grow again. They won't be very large by the time I come out again but they will be better than nothing will they not?

I can't imagine how ~~shep.~~ would look without his mustache but I suppose I will see when I come out. I haven't seen about Prof Kent yet and I don't know when I will be able to as I am afraid I will have to make a special errand to do

so, but I will sometime. This is a big city you know but I hope I will be able to get his standing before he makes another trip to Aurora.

When are you coming in to go with me to see Dr Vilas? I asked you the same question in my last letter and you didn't say when it was to be. Now about that shopping expedition. Please don't feel badly about it but it is over with already. She changed her mind and came in last Monday.

I wish I could have seen your ~~presence~~ as well as felt it, I thought of you often that day. She was very much pleased with all her bargains and was very glad to have me along. I would very much like to go shopping with you and have spoken about it a number of times but you never seemed to care about having me. But there I am sorry now that I

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Aurora Dec 12 - 91

Dear Mr Brewster:

I have had a cold for  
some time, but have added to it the last  
few days, it commenced in the first place  
with a sore throat, that seems to have  
worked down onto my lungs - and last  
night - I coughed as only I can when I  
have a good hard cold. Now I am going to  
ask you to send me something for it - for it  
is so disagreeable to cough so - I hope it will  
not put you to a great deal of trouble -  
I am expecting to hear from you this morning.  
It is nothing but a cold you wont think I  
am silly will you.



Charlie is waiting to mail this  
for me, so good bye your friend

R. M. H.

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[Faint, illegible circular postmark]

Can you give me Prof. Keck's initials  
and his office address in Chicago?

F. J.

Chicago 12-12-91  
Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

Take two pills every  
half hour, alternating the bottles,  
until you have taken six doses out  
of each bottle. Then take two pills  
every hour, alternating the bottles,  
until your cold is nearly well.  
I send the bottles in the same  
mail with this letter.

I am so glad you sent to me  
for some medicine only I wish you  
had sent when you first caught your  
cold. I thought by the way your last  
letter read that your cold would be all  
gone by this time. Please let me  
know how it is when you write  
again. When I got your letter



I was surprised but when I had read it I just wanted to put my medicine in my satchel and come right out. But I didn't know as you would quite like to have me do that so I did the next best thing came right over and put up the medicine to send out. I would ever so much rather have brought it out though.

But I must hurry to get this in the mail so that possibly you may get the medicine tonight if Charlie thinks to go to the office the last thing before it closes tonight. I wish I could give you the medicine though as I did once before, don't you remember? Your friend  
E. E. Bouslough.

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just a little, wasn't that silly - but I  
was feeling pretty badly. I am glad  
you wanted to come, and the next  
time you feel like it, do come. I would  
like very much to have you give me  
the medicine. I hope I may be able to  
do something for you sometime.

Were you pretending when I asked you  
about this paper - or didn't you know  
where I got it - see if you can not tell this  
time. I like it very much. I will tell  
you all Professor Kent said when I saw  
you and. I think you will smile at  
some things. We will talk about Do Vilas too.

In your next letter perhaps you will be  
able to tell me what train you will come  
out on come as early as you can, won't you?

I will send the time table so you will  
make no mistake, I am glad you are  
feeling better. Did you mean to ask me if you  
were good to go to the supper or good not to take  
the girls, of course I think you are good.

Your friend R. W. Harrison

P.S. I thought I had Roy Kent's address &  
have forgotten the number and send it -  
to you. He has gone out but it is in  
my room so I think I will find it tonight perhaps  
I shall write for a letter  
Saturday P.M.

Aurora Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Mr. Bouslogh.

I have received  
both letters, and the medicine also - and  
thank you for your promptness in  
responding. You I did wish I might  
get a letter Saturday. I felt quite sure  
I would, and if I had not there would  
have been a very disappointed individual  
I assure you for I was not feeling well  
and I did want to hear from you so  
much. It was a nice letter and I read  
several times during the day. And at  
night - read it with my new glasses



There was just a few words that did not sound quite like you - but I think it is the fault of the glasses, dont you? I wont change them on that account for they will have to see things as I do. I didnt tell you what a severe cold I had for I thought it would get better. I took cold while at Galesburg. Mrs Charles said I had numerous compliments. The Charles family do not ask as many questions as they have done - they seem to understand that they will not get much satisfaction, and it makes it much pleasanter all round I will keep the wedding cake if you will promise to make your visit at Shabbona and Sirononauk as short as you can conveniently, I dont want to be selfish but there will be but little time left.

I wish it were going to be longer. Now about your mustache and burnsides no matter any thing about them, I think you look nice either way, Your letter with the pills oed this morning I have taken them as you directed and think I can safely say I feel better to night - my cold was so severe, I did not dare let it go longer without having some help I shall be all right - now. I cough so hard nights - but I think I shall rest well tonight. How nice to think I could send to you for medicin, I do thank you so much Do you know I could hardly keep from asking you to come, when I wrote for the medicin, I did so want to have you. I thought about it so much through the day that I really looked for you

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Thank you for the time table,  
I shall not make any mistake  
now and hope I shall not miss  
the train, I will try not to. It  
will only be a few days now till  
I will see you for I expect to  
come out on the train that  
gets to Aurora at two o'clock  
P.M. Thursday next. I have  
been looking forward to it a  
good deal and I know I shall  
enjoy it so much. Possibly  
I may have time to write you  
another little letter before I  
come, wouldn't you like to get  
one, about the middle of next  
week? I almost forgot to tell  
you not to get me any Christmas  
present for I won't be able to make  
many presents this year although  
I should like to very much. Please  
write soon to your friend, E. C. Boulough.

Chicago 12-18-91  
Dear Mrs. Harkisow:-

I don't feel like  
writing tonight but I am going  
to try to answer your letter just  
the same. I was so glad to get  
your letter and I know how  
disappointed I should have  
been not to get it, so you shall  
not be disappointed tomorrow-  
morning. And so you have  
your new glasses have you? I  
am anxious to hear about them.  
I don't believe I felt quite like  
myself when I wrote that letter  
or I wouldn't have written that  
way. I regretted it afterwards.



You will forgive me for it, won't you please?

Keep the wedding cake for me for I have been planning to make my visits at Shabbona & Somonauk quite short. He will talk that over when I come out next Thursday. I wish you had written about your cold when you first took it. If you are better when you receive this letter stop taking the pills from the bottle marked "A." You may keep on taking those from the bottle marked "B." I wish you would write me how your cold is when you write again. I hope it is very much better. Yes, I was only pretending about not knowing about the paper, I am glad you like it. I meant wasn't it good not to take the

girls? Just think how hard-hearted I was, when they came to me telling me what a nice time it would be and when I knew they wanted to go and would have to go alone unless somebody asked to take them, and then for me to buy only one ticket. — I am so glad you wanted me to come out the time you wrote for the medicine. I only wish you had said so. I came very near coming as it was, that was the only thing that kept me from coming. The next time you want me to come so much you will ask me won't you? No, I don't think it was silly at all for you to look for me just a little, I came so near coming and if I had only known it I would have come.

Dec 18, 1891



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Dear Mr Bondlough:

I have just finished  
my breakfast dishes, and have to go down  
town to do some errands and will write  
to you so that I can mail it. You will  
get it this P. M. Why didnt you feel like  
answering my letter I fear you are not  
well I am so sorry if you are not. I dont  
want to think you had any other  
reason. I felt very much like hearing  
from you however. And did wish I could  
know just what was the matter.



You will tell me when you come won't you?

My cold is nearly well, thanks to you.

I never had any thing break up a cold so quickly as the medicine you sent me it was just the right remedy. You will be a famous doctor I know. I had left off taking the medicine for my cold and had gone back to my first medicine before getting your letter, so will keep right on with that till I see you.

Charlie has been laid up for a few days with winter Cholera but has gone to work this morning. Oh you were good not to take the girls. I don't doubt but that they would have like to had you.

Yes, if I have any thing to forgive I will certainly forgive you. Please don't plan any thing more, well I won't say it but I think you will understand,

Mrs Charles spent Friday night with me. she is making every one feel as uncomfortable as she knows how because Julia has left her. she forgets how anxious she was to have her married.

I don't know as I have any thing more to write. only that I am so glad you are coming so soon. I have been thinking this morning after this visit is over. what then when will you come again. we will talk it over this time won't we?

I shall look for your letter. and then for you - So good bye till Thursday

Your friend R. M. Harrison

P.S. I am going to have my folks to dinner Christmas day. I am not going to say I wish you could be here that day, for I think I would rather have you when there were not so many. I am so glad you have planned short visits. but plan a long one with your friends.

R. M. H.

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Mr. E. C. Roushough.  
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letter till I shall be there.

Good bye till then,

Your friend,  
E. E. Bowdough.

Chicago 12-23-91

Dear Mrs. Harkison:-

Your letter did not get here as quick as you thought it would but I was looking for it and was very glad to get it. In my last letter I did not say "I did not feel like answering your letter" did I? I thought I said I did not feel like writing, that was what I meant to say anyway. It was only because I wanted to answer it and did not want you to be disappointed that I wrote at all. It took me much longer than usual to write that night.



But it was only because I was not feeling good that was all, I am sorry you thought it might be any thing else. But it will not be long now till you will have a chance to give <sup>me</sup> some medicine and then I know I shall be all right. I am glad the medicine I sent helped your cold, I wish you had sent for some for Charlie too when he was sick. Yes, we will talk my next visit over when I come and lots of other things too for I have planned to stay longer than I did the last time. I am real glad you would rather have me when there are not so many, I would too.

I am not going to take any lectures tomorrow for the folks at home want me to get a

few more things for them yet. So I am going up town as early as I can tomorrow and am going to hurry around with my shopping so that I can make that one o'clock train. I will have to go to the greenhouse to get a hyacinth in bloom after I get to Aurora but you can look for me soon after the train gets in. I am going to have quite a number of packages and I hardly know how I am going to get along with them but I guess I will get along somehow. And then after I have hurried around to Shabbona & Homerank then I am coming back to you to rest. I wish it were here now for I am ready for it.

Just think it will be only a few hours after you get this

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