

get down to work as soon as I  
can but I am afraid I have  
begun already to look forward to  
my next visit to Aurora.

It is now mail time & I must  
close. Excuse this hasty letter  
— and I will do better next  
time. (How you very lovable,  
today — ? I would like to say  
goodnight to you tonight —  
but I will have to write it.

Goodnight —

Your friend  
E. E. Boulough.

Chicago 1-3-93.

Dear Friend:-

This is my first  
letter to you in '93. I know  
you would like to hear from  
me in the morning so I will  
write you a few lines. Charlie  
will tell you about what we did  
together so I will begin where I  
left him at Sigel & Coopers.

I bought a syringe for mother  
(a four quart fountain) and then  
took the elevated. When I got  
to the rooms Gilbert & Haulow  
& Griffith were just starting  
out to hunt rooms for Haulow &  
Griffith. They said they would

be back in a few minutes so I did not stop there. I unpacked my satchel, opened your lovely box, ate a peach, washed and hurried over to the first lecture in the afternoon. A number of the students seemed pleased to see me back. Between the last lecture & dinner I talked with Gilbert & after dinner I helped get the stove that our landlady had set up for us in shape and to start the fire. I didn't have a very good appetite for dinner & I don't feel particularly bright tonight but I will be all right tomorrow. I finished the last of the last box you gave me tonight & I enclose the slip. I have always thought of even if I haven't always read it every time I have opened the box.

You see it lasted me a long time. And the one you gave me today will last me a long time too and I will think of you every time I go to it. I wish I had stayed with you last night. I didn't tell you I went home with Miss Lytle Bolton & Miss Mathews from Miss Dickerson's did I? They had quite a ways to go & there was no one to go with them & it was quite late. I didn't thank you for the things you gave me or the things you did for me did I? I do thank you very much, it is only because I am thoughtless & careless in that regard that I didn't thank you at the time. My long looked forward to visit is past and I am back in Chicago, I will

Jan 4, 1893



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Chicago 1-6-93

Dear Friend:-

I was glad to get your letter yesterday but I will not have time to answer it tonight. I will write a few lines so you will not be disappointed in the morning, and then I will send you a letter the first of the week and so you will get two next week. Won't that make up a little for a short letter tonight? Today has been quite a busy day <sup>and</sup> quite a good one (too I think) and I am sure I will sleep good tonight.

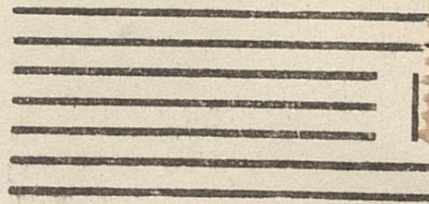
I havnt yet sent the  
medicine & things to Shabbona  
but I will try to get them off  
tomorrow. I havnt been  
able to get down to study as  
soon or as well this time  
but I hope I will be all right  
next week. There seemed to be  
a good many little things this  
time to get arranged & straightened  
out but I think I have things  
in good shape now. Dr. Ketchum  
returned today. I wish I had  
as good a location as he is  
going to have at Michigan City  
when he gets through, but I  
there will be some place for  
me somewhere I know. I  
ought to have seen Dr. Ricker  
two or three times when I was  
out but now mind I wont say  
any more about it but will try

to see him when I come out  
again. There are three letters  
of recommendation I will have  
to have when I hand in my  
graduation fee and I will  
have to hustle around and  
get them. I got an exchange  
bill from the Fair for those  
goods that were lost but I am  
afraid I wont get such a good  
bargain next time. If you  
care to speak of it you may  
tell Charlie I wish him the  
best of success with Mr. Dudley.  
I havnt fixed my Sunday clothes  
yet but will have to before I  
wear them again. I must  
close now and will have to  
write goodnight again instead  
of saying git.

Goodnight —  
Your friend  
E. B.

Jan. 7, 93

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Yes, I do think of you — as often as  
I go to the box ~~at~~ between times too.  
How do you like the picture? Yes  
the stove is much better than the gas  
stove, and it has been real cold here.  
I wish I could have been there when you  
used the last of the potatoes, there was a  
good deal of mud both about those potatoes  
wasn't there? I shall never forget those  
times. The students who were glad to see  
me were mostly male, some female. I  
am feeling very good now, how are you  
feeling, you will tell me when you write  
won't you —? Well, yes, I have thought  
some about locating at Aurora, and when  
I decide I will let you know the first  
one —. Yes I wish I were there to  
help you up stairs & say goodnight —.  
I am sorry you had such a time  
washing & such a time with your gas  
stove tho. Is Aunt Ruthie going to be  
God-mother to Mrs Lennons' baby?  
I don't know what to say about that  
receipt so I won't say anything but  
you may prepare to catch it when I  
come out. I was very much surprised  
when it dropped out of the envelope. I must  
say goodnight —. Your friend E. E. B.

I. J. I am very glad I can write you  
that I have been nice & I am going to  
try to look so — You know what I  
mean about you —

Chicago 1-9-93

Dear Friend:—

This is the first of  
the new stamps I have used. Is  
it not the first one you have  
received? I suppose Charlie went  
to work this morning at Mr. T's —.  
You will feel lonesome after  
having him around so much  
helping you won't you? I would  
like to be there to help you.  
How do the new pants fit. Are  
you satisfied with them? When I  
came out for the holidays I  
brought your last two letters along  
thinking we would talk them over  
but we didn't do it & you didn't.

tell me the dream you had the night Mrs Cherry & Mable were up. And I didn't write to Mr. Miller either. Have you signed the call yet? You have written me two such nice letters since my return & I think it too bad I haven't answered them yet. I guess you were somewhat disappointed this morning, I am sorry but you will get out tomorrow morning — Yes I was down to the room by the time you began your letter Jan 3<sup>d</sup>. You must have had quite a lonesome day that day. I hope you did wear your nightgown that night. No, we didn't christen the medicine case but we will the next time — I would have liked very much to have had you with us that day, but you are going shopping with me some day aren't you —? Yes we did

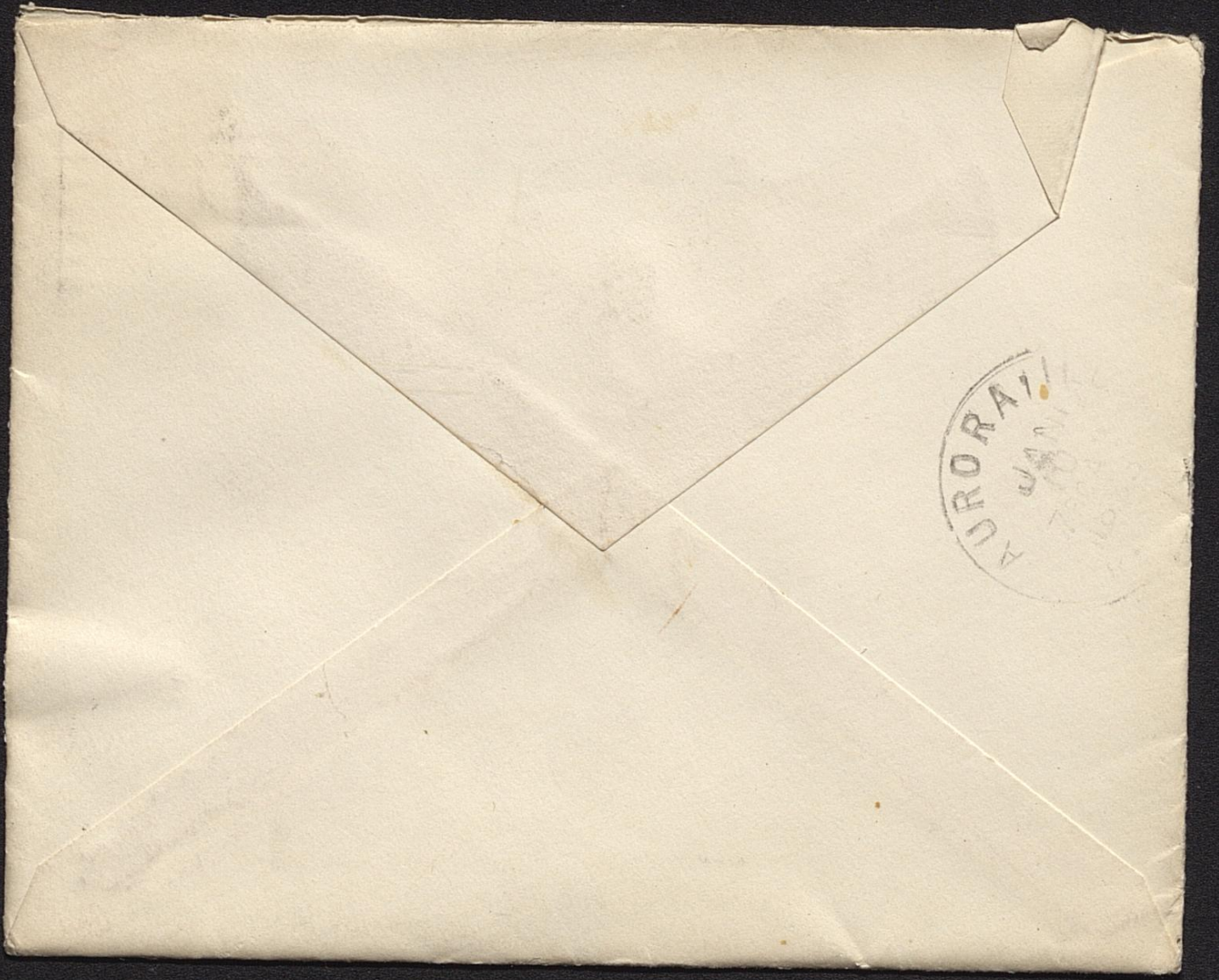
have a nice visit didn't we —? I am glad I stayed with you too but I can't get rid of the idea that I ought to have seen Dr K — & Mrs B. I am sorry Charlie went off without kissing you Goodbye, I am to blame for that I know. It would be no trouble for me to read one of your letters every morning — I would be only too glad to do it, but it would trouble me to find time to answer them all. I wish you could mail them more handily though. It is nearly three blocks over to the mail box on Cottage Grove but if I get a letter in there by 10:23 AM you are sure to get it the next morning about half past eight, and it just makes a nice little walk for me before going to bed. I was the better for not eating any dinner that day I think & W was all right next day.

Jan 9, 93



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AURORA  
JAN 10

go by without bringing any letter.  
 But this morning made it all right —  
 I want to go shopping with you some  
 day. You know that about you —  
 yes we did have a nice visit. But we will  
 try and have it nicer the next time  
 visit me. I think the picture very  
 pretty but it is not as nice a one as I  
 should have had and I will talk to  
 Mr Scott about it when I see him. Yes  
 I did help you a little with the potatoes  
 I looked on at any rate while you worked.  
~~I wish very often you were here. I have~~  
 been feeling very well since you were  
 here. I am so glad you are going to  
 let me know your plans first thank you —  
 Don't forget it. This is the first day we  
 have been able to use the gas stove for  
 several days. It has made it hard cooking  
 in the cellar. I don't know what Mrs Lemmon  
 thinks about my being God-mother. Wouldn't  
 it be fine? Yes I will be prepared to  
 catch it — at the front door. When I  
 shall hear your ring the next time  
 you come out. I got your picture from  
 Mr S I will tell you about it when I write  
 again. I am going down town to mail  
 this. So you will get it in the morning. H. M. H.

28th Nov — I understand your 9th. I don't really know how  
 glad it is to see you will try. I have been  
 very much depressed. And when I read that  
 so much with both but not. So not for a long time  
 will your letter in my hand. And you will  
 know my thoughts were long. When I was able  
 to write to my own and asked you to help me  
 I will write when I can even if you do not have  
 time to answer. So my change is glad to get a letter  
 from you — your friend H. M. H.

Alvord Jan 9 - 73

Dear Friend,

This is the first oppor-  
 tunity I have had to answer your  
 letter of Saturday. It was very kind  
 of you not to disappoint me. I  
 should have been disappointed indeed  
 I had cousin's James & Jerry Shepard  
 and their wives to tea Saturday they  
 spent the evening and after they were  
 gone I thought of writing but was so  
 tired thought I would wait till  
 Sunday, Sunday Mr & Mrs Stephens &  
 Mrs Welch came Mrs Stephens staid and  
 went to Church with me. So you see  
 I had no chance that day. Today

has been such a busy day I could not mail it. I have been over on Spruce<sup>St.</sup> to see a cousin who has a child quite sick with diphtheria. Tonight I am alone and am so glad to have a little time to write to you. I have read and reread your letter for there was a something about it that made me wonder if every thing was all right with you. I am afraid you have had too many things to attend to. You were not quite like yourself — I feel sure you will find as good a location as Dr. Hetchum. And you shall see Dr. Kicker as much as you like the next time you come. It is easy to say that when you are not here. If I am not too inquisitive what are the recommendations you have to have I wish I had fixed your Sunday clothes for you I am so sorry I did not. I hope you can replace the lost articles from the Fair satisfactorily.

Shep has just come in so I will say Goodnight — Jan 10 Yes this is the first new stamp I have received. I would like to be the first to send you one and will try and get one for this letter. But think likely you have received one before this. Haint you? Charlie went to work yesterday morning. yes I do miss him very much he has been home so long I feel lost without him I wish you were here I would let you help me. And I would not be so lonesome. The pants are a perfect fit and I am perfectly satisfied. We will do all the things that we did not do this time the next time you come. You see the time isn't half long enough I usually have more time to write than you do. And so will not think any thing about your not answering my letters. I was disappointed yesterday morning when I saw the postman

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Jan 10, 1893

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Wahmanson College  
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fixed. Charlie went over and told them how it had bothered us and they sent a man right over. I enclose you this slip so you may see how my packages are marked that come from Smith & Sailer's. I think Charlie will have to shovel snow lively when he comes home. If you were here I would ask you to feed the hens for me for I will have to clean off the walk first. Jim Sproul has just brought the laundry and again they could not make change but I will straighten it all out next week. It has been very cold here. I have wondered if your cot bed was comfortable. Shep was in the City last Saturday and bought himself a suit of clothes or rather had them made to order he has not got them yet. I am glad I mailed your letter last

Aurora Jan 11-93

Dear Friend,

I have just finished dressing and been reading your letter again. I see I did not answer one question. I have not signed the call yet. It has been snowing all day I have been busy with my work until now. My thoughts have strayed off to Chicago quite a number of times and I have thought how much I would like to get just a peep at you today. And I have wished you

you were here too, it is too stormy  
for any one to come. And it would  
be too stormy for you to go out  
so you see I would have it all  
my own way. You should write  
to Mr Miller and I would tell you  
my dream and we would do every  
thing we did not do the last time.  
Mrs Stephens was telling me Sunday  
Lorn she was in to her neighbors  
house that morning, and had picked  
up a gold chain she found on the  
table, and put it on a shelf after  
looking at it. She said it troubled  
her for she was afraid they might  
not see it. I laughed and told  
her I thought she was absent  
minded and would hear a little  
watching especially when pictures  
were concerned. She did not understand

and so I explained to her about the  
picture. At first she denied it front  
blank, then she remembered saying  
she was going to take it. And putting  
it in Mr Stephens pocket. But thought  
of course he had taken it out. She was  
quite exercised and said now Ben  
look in your pocket and see if you  
have it. He knew well enough he  
hadnt, but at the same time began  
pulling out letters cards and papers  
and among them your picture. They  
were both surprised and felt cheap  
enough. I was very glad to get it  
and felt provoked at my self for  
not asking for it before. We had a  
good laugh at Mrs Stephens expense  
and I felt glad they did not know  
how troubled I had been about.  
I have had the cistern pump

night I am sure I would not have had a chance today. For the cars did not run very often this morning and have stopped entirely now.

I don't know when I will mail this. Perhaps I will write more before sending it. Goodbye — for this time. Thursday A.M. Charlie wrote to you last night and I thought it would be a good chance to send this to you so I asked him not to seal it and I would write a little too and ask you to remember the shirts. I would like very much if you would get me some Lanolin Cold Cream I find it advertised in Buericks & Tafel's little book which I have. My hands are so rough this cold weather I don't hardly know what to do with them. The slighting

must be fine this evening  
If you were here, would you  
give me a slight ride? you are  
at a safe distance you can  
say ayes. I wouldn't ask you too  
if you were here. I would rather  
sit in the big chair with you.

I have not yet finished my work  
so will have to stop writing. I  
cant say goodbye till I tell you  
~~how sorry I am that I wrote as I~~  
did to you about something. I  
need not trouble you — I did not  
think of it in that way till my  
letter had gone. Please forgive me  
I am feeling better and am going  
to put it all away and begin again.  
You wont think of it any more. Will  
you —? One week has gone how many  
more did you say before you were  
coming. I must put the bread in loaves  
so Goodbye — Your friend R. M. H.

B. F. Lundy

got it on Mrs. Stevens good about that picture, but what are you going to do with two pictures now? I am glad you have the pump fixed. I am sorry the gas stove gave you so much trouble. I think it is very funny that Smith & Daily should address your goods that way. Yes, if I were there I would shovel snow too as well as feed the chickens. I sent a quarter which Charlie didn't pay for my last laundry. Yes, my bed is very comfortable since we have had a stove. We have had real cold weather since I got back & tonight everything cracks real high & sharp. I will try to remember the Landline Cold Cream when I come. Don't you suppose Charlie thought that asking me to remember the shirts was a pretty poor excuse for your writing to me? Yes, I would give you a ride if you would go. The senior class had a big sleigh ride and oyster supper Tuesday night. I got home just before twelve. Tomorrow night Prof. Hatry begins his quizzes to last the rest of the term. I don't want to miss those & if I go to Aurora I will have to. I said three weeks, how do you figure it, do you make it the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup> that I am to come? I will

Chicago 1-13-93  
I have two nice letters to answer tonight one of the 9<sup>th</sup> & one of the 11<sup>th</sup>. They ought to have more time than I can give them for the boys have given me short time tonight. But I will write what I can & you will not be disappointed tomorrow morning. I was very glad to get both your letters & I thank you for them. I am glad you did not write Saturday night after such a hard days work. I hope don't write when you are so tired, I will wait till you are rested and have a

Dear Friend:-

good opportunity. You thought that letter wasn't like myself, did you? Well, never mind those letters, don't think anything about them, just wait till you do get one that is like myself for it is sure to come you know. Everything is all right with me, I will show you when I come out. No, you are not too inquisitive, I must have two letters of recommendation as to character and one from my preceptor certifying as to time of study. And I must have them before long, I think I will come out soon to see about them. I hardly know who best to go to for them. I fixed my Sunday clothes some but I left a little for you to fix for me — when I come out again. I am going up tomorrow to see about those things at the Fair if I will get the shirts too if I can. Yes, yours

was the first new stamp I have received and I still think of your sending me the first one every time I see one —! If you could do as well on a dress as Charlie did on his pants wouldn't you come in and let me go shopping with you? Yes, we did have a nice time, but I feel sure I can make the next time very much nicer —. You turned that on me very neatly, but catching it at the front door wasn't what I meant. You will get that you may be sure but I am afraid you will have to take something else too. It would have been nice to have been with you the day it stormed so. Don't I mostly let you have your own way —? But you know I can't stay with you all the time the next time I come unless it should be very stormy indeed. I think you

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Chicago 1-19-93

Dear Friend:-

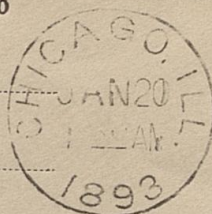
You will excuse this paper I am sure for I am in a hurry tonight as the boys have left me just a few minutes before the mail closes. Two such nice letters as your last were ought to have a much better answer than I can give them now so I will try real hard to make connections tomorrow night <sup>if</sup> I come out to see you and answer them in person. If we have time we will read them over together and I will answer every bit of them both satisfactorily. You will excuse my not writing

any more tonight — and I  
will hope to see you tomorrow  
night which will be only just  
a short time now — and we  
will have such a nice time.  
Tomorrow night I hope to say  
goodnight — instead of writing  
it. Goodnight —

Your Friend  
E. C. Donoughue

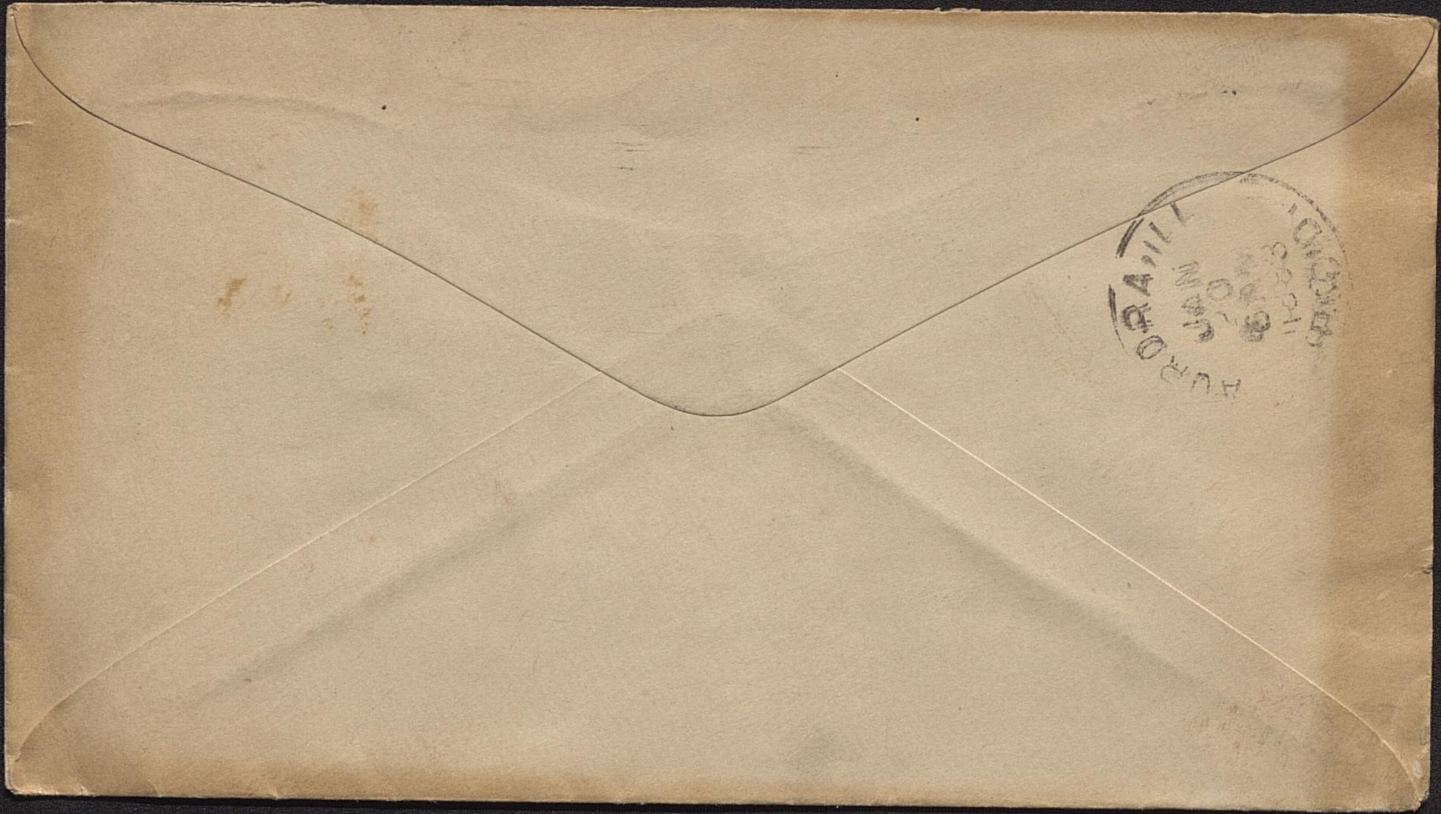
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There was one thing we forgot  
to do <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> that was to read over  
together the last two lovely letters  
you wrote me. My visit is over  
<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> if I am back to work again <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>  
it will seem a long time to  
me before I can come again  
no matter how soon I come.  
I shall often think of my visit  
<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of what a nice visit it was,  
~~all except the last morning.~~  
I would give a good deal to take  
back that part of it again. I  
had thought so much of how I  
should make that visit by far  
the nicest one for a long long  
time. And then to think that  
I should so miserably fail just  
at the last minute. I can't  
blame you a particle, it just  
shows how pitifully weak I am.  
Goodnight —. Yours poor miserable  
C.E.D.

Chicago 1-23-93  
Dear Friend:-

I am sorry I had  
to leave you so hurriedly this  
morning. I was just in time  
at the depot. I got there just  
as they were switching the <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>  
I car. I got on to the rear  
end of the car so as not to  
have to face the whole car in  
going in. I found one of the  
mehchants <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of one of the doctors  
of Shabbona on the last seat <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>  
they knew me and of course I  
had to talk to them some. I  
didn't feel at all like it and  
although I tried to appear

perfectly natural. I am sure they noticed something in my manner. As soon as I could I went to a seat by myself & I rode with you all the way in. I got off at Canal & 16<sup>th</sup> street & walked over to my room. It was quite a long walk but it was through a part of the city I had never been in before & it was a little diverting & I had walked as far as that a good many times before so it was not too long for me. I got over to the hospital a little sooner than I usually do & have been taking the regular work of the day ever since. Some missed me & some didn't. You know I didn't have a package besides what was in my satchel as I usually do. Gilbert knew I

always brought some of those "cookies" he calls them, in the package I brought besides the satchel & not having one this time I suppose he thought I hadn't brought any. So he asked me as we were sitting at the table at lunch if I had brought any of those cookies & I told him yes. Then of course the table wanted to know about that & he told them I always brought back some of the nicest cookies he ever ate in his life. He said he had the recipe for them & he was going to give it to his wife when he got married. He will eat that nice little box of jumbles & jocks you so kindly put up for me & you may know we all three will enjoy them very much tonight.

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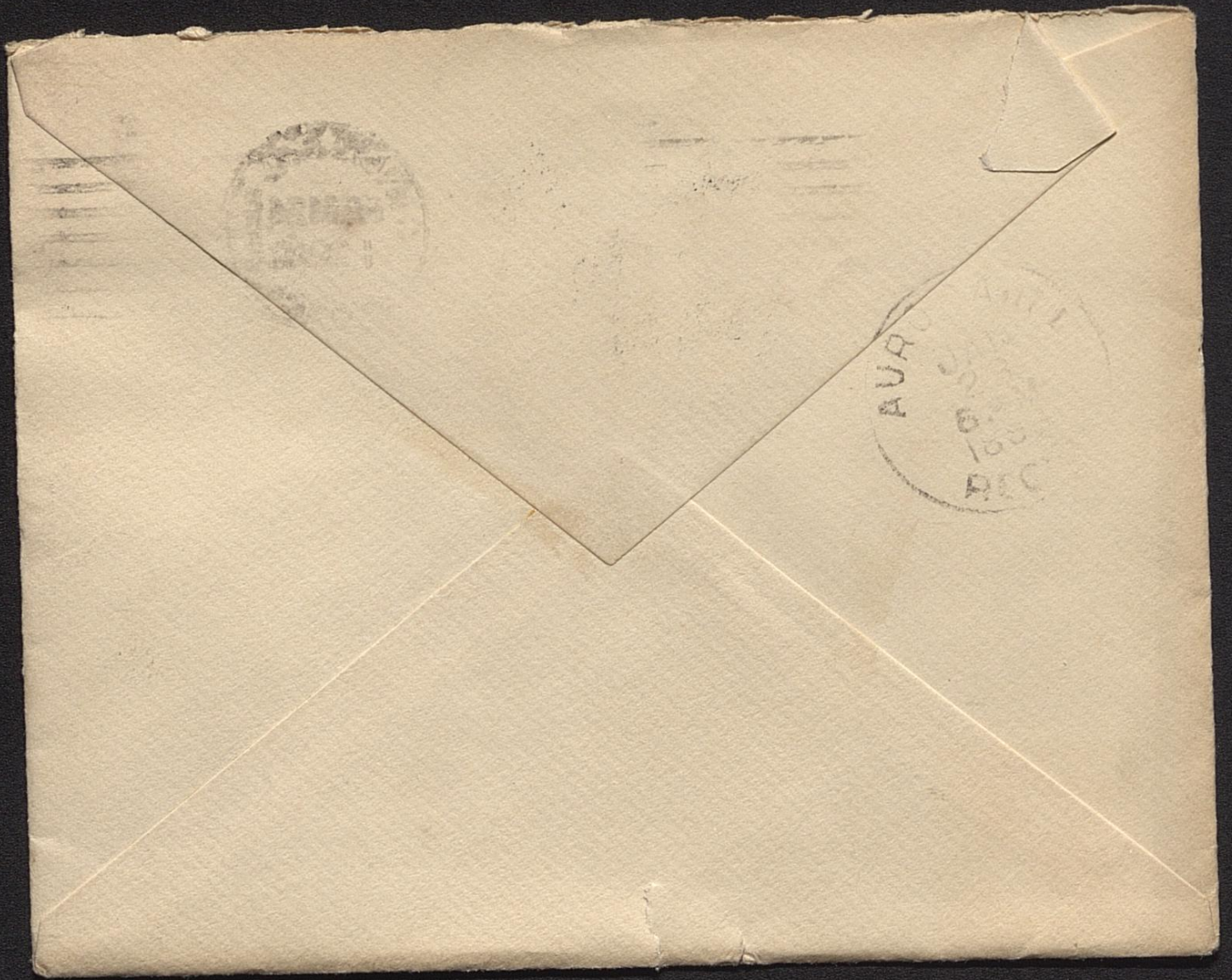
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swears heliotrope how is that dose she  
know you like it? It isn't extremely  
becoming to her. I wore my own  
handkerchief you gave me the black  
one for the first time. When you  
write please tell me if the mail is  
delivered as many times a day at  
the house as it is at the College. I  
will address this to the house because  
I know you go down town sometimes  
Saturdays. And if I should send it  
to the College you might not be  
there I will have to mail it in the A.M.  
Tell me when it reaches you please.

I would like to see you so much tonight.  
I hope you are feeling better—  
Every way. Now is the poor side. My  
back is all most well. I shall get your  
letter in the morning I feel sure, and  
shall go to sleep thinking of you tonight—  
Goodnight— Your friend F. M. Barker

Albion Jan 24-93

Dear Friend,

I have a few minutes  
to spare this afternoon. I will begin  
this to you. I should have written a  
little to you last night but Mrs  
Phillips spent the day and staid all  
night with me. She said she missed  
you so much when she came here  
She brought me a set of those berries  
you and she were talking about. Sent  
that nice. I think it very nice of her  
I am feeding the old hen bones soaked  
with a good lot of red pepper. I think  
She holds her own pretty well. There is

another one ailing and I have her  
in the cellar and treating her the  
same way. Had a letter from brother  
Frank this morning. He had his hand  
badly hurt last month by a heavy  
box falling on it dislocating one finger  
and breaking one of the bones  
in the hand he has had quite a serious  
time with it. Went down yesterday and  
had the packing changed in my tooth  
and will have it filled next week.  
Have mended Charlie's coat today and  
done the usual work besides going  
down to Mrs Welch's. Would you please  
tell me when you write if the letters  
of recommendation which you were  
expecting were satisfactory - I wish  
now it was the 27 you were coming  
wouldn't it be nice - ? I think so  
I will finish this so that you will get  
it Saturday. I don't know but I will

go to the reception tomorrow Edith wants  
me to so much. says she will come up  
and fix my hair and get me up in great  
shape. Do you remember when we were  
sitting when the invitation came - ?  
I wish we were there now.

Friday evening. It was just about this  
time one week ago tonight that you  
came - It is storming too and the  
boys are both away. How I wish I could  
hear your ring tonight. I would tell  
you in quickly. I didn't tell you  
how I worried and how nervous I got  
waiting for you that night. Well I did  
I imagined a good many things  
had happened you. But you were all  
right and when I saw you I forgot  
it all. I went to the reception this  
afternoon with Mrs W and Edith it  
rained so hard they came after me in  
a hack. It was a very nice affair  
D & K and Mrs B were there the doctor

Jan 28, 93  
1-30-93



Dr. E. C. Bouslough.

104-29<sup>th</sup> St.

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Chicago.

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Two years ago the EXPRESS supported Mr. Frazier for Mayor, believing him to be the best candidate for the position then before the public. At his own request he was permitted to write and furnish the items referring to himself and his campaign and pay for the same at regular advertising rates. His administration has proved a disappointment to his best friends including the EXPRESS. Had we known three months before his election as much as we knew three months after, he would not have received the support of the EXPRESS under any consideration. This explanation is due on account of an item recently published in the News.

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*Isn't that pretty plain?*

Chicago 1-27-93

Dear Friend:-

The boys will be apt to quiz tonight so I am going to write some now so you will get your letter in the morning. It seems a long long time since I was out. It was real good of you to write me two letters since I was out for it is only just a week when I come to look it up. I thank you for them both, they have done me lots of good. I don't believe I thanked you for mending my clothes so nicely. You did do it real nicely. I will pray you all you want to ask the next time I come out.

Meanwhile, you must be content with my thanking you very much — I am anxious to know how your tooth has been since I last saw you. Please keep your feet warm & don't expose yourself to stormy weather any more than you have to. And about your back, you know I did not make an examination & so don't know but I think it would be well for you to get in the knee-chest position as much as you can for a few days I forgot to tell you. Now for those two letters. Yes, I think I was in here by the time you were through the dishes for it did not take long to get to 16<sup>th</sup> street. I wish I could have helped you with them before I left. Yes — I hated to go to & I am glad you do miss me some. I would

miss you — a good deal more than I do if I weren't so busy. That is a good joke about the (uniform) Appendix. Dr. Watson perhaps hasn't seen anything about what the New York man has been claiming. This appendix has been creating a great deal of discussion for the last three or four years. Don't be disappointed — I ~~it~~ will write again soon. Don't say anything about the appendix till I write again.

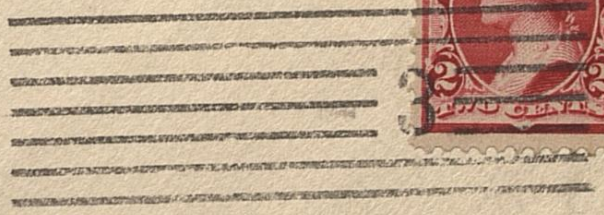
Good bye —

Your friend  
E. E. Bouslough



Jan 28, 93

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AURORA ILL  
JAN 28  
1887

you say "I wish you were here now"  
I always say "Yes, I wish I were  
too —". Yes, we did have such a  
nice time christening the medicine  
case & I was good to you that night  
wasn't I —? Sometime I will  
want some more bottles marked  
& I will try to arrange it so that  
we can do it together —. Yes,  
I think it was the nicest visit  
we have had but I do so want the  
next one to be nicer. Thank you  
~~for remembering me in your~~  
prayers, I need it so much. I  
will not forget you —. Your  
letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> did me lots of  
good when it came. I am glad  
you wanted to put your arms  
around my neck & say goodbye.  
I wish you had, I would have  
felt better. You must not blame  
yourself — You are not to blame.  
You are much stronger than I.  
I have thanked you over & over  
again

Chicago 1-29-93

Dear Friend:-

You were disappointed  
I know in not getting more of a  
letter from me Saturday morning  
so I will write another now. We  
did not quit Friday night but went  
to Hooley's theater instead. The  
boys go <sup>to</sup> the theater quite often &  
they very much wanted me to go  
with them that night. I had never  
gone with them before & against  
my better judgement I went. I  
would much rather have stayed and  
written to you — & I was very  
sorry to disappoint you. It was  
a very nice clean little play &

the best class of people were there, not those who think they are better than anybody else but those who really are the best class. I enjoyed the evening although I wouldn't have gone of myself. I have thought since that it was well I went because of some developments that night & since among the boys. And so I am going to let it go that way & not think any more about it. As I was saying about the vermiform appendix it is something ~~new~~ new. A few claim it to be true but most of the profession consider & speak of it as a joke, the absurdness of which is apparent to every one. She may have asked Dr. Platon about it but if he had come across it in his reading he must have known it was a good joke or else

he was trying to take advantage of me by considering it seriously. I hope Mrs. H. took it rightly. I must be more careful though what I say when I am a Doctor. I think Dr. Colwell is a little disturbed myself about where I am going to locate but he can't be nearly so much disturbed as I am about it. What did Charlie tell him about it? Yes, I wish I could have buttoned them for you. I have your buttons you know. You will show them to me when I come again won't you? Yes, you did thank me for the towels & you paid me for them too although you were a little slow in accepting them. Perhaps the reason is they were not good enough for you. Well I'll try to get nicer ones next time. When I read your letters where

for refusing to say Yes that last time  
 — I do hope to be stronger next  
 time — if we will live in that hope.  
 Yes — we will help each other — if  
 He will help us I feel sure.

No, I don't think my walk hurt  
 me any. My back is a little better  
 than when I was out but I have the  
 pain every day just the same.

Yes, we all enjoyed the jumble and  
 rocks. Mr. Lane had a rock and  
 part of a jumble. I do not know how  
 long the knife will last but I hope it  
 will last some time. I am glad you  
 thought of me when fixing your new  
 towels. You did not feel like scolding  
 me did you — ? Yes, I see you are  
 alone a good many evenings. I would  
 not let you be alone quite so often  
 if I were there. I am glad your back  
 is better but I wish it were all well.  
 I am glad Charlie is better too. I am  
 sorry you have such a disfigurement.  
 You don't think I am to blame for it  
 do you? I wouldn't laugh if I were  
 there but would try to make it well.

I hope it is all gone by this time.  
How do you like this paper? You  
see a double sheet wasn't enough this  
time so I thought I would put in one  
of these. But I am afraid it will be  
more than one before I get through.  
Your nice letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> came  
this morning at about ten o'clock.  
I was startled when it came, I was  
afraid you were sick and wanted me  
to come out on the next train. I was  
glad to find you were not sick but  
only anxious I should get my letter  
Saturday. Thank you — I will  
try to answer it tomorrow

Monday P.M. — I am glad I have  
a little time to write to you today —  
but I havant studied a bit so far. I  
went down town to a shirt sale this  
morning & bought half a dozen shirts,  
a couple of neckties, some collars & some  
cuffs. Yesterday morning Dr. Sumsaulo  
preached on the late Phillips Brooks.  
It was a very fine sermon. Last night  
we all went up to Dr. Barrows church  
to hear Remey's play & he certainly  
is a great player. I saw a man  
in the audience that I thought I

knew. I managed to get my card  
 passed along to him & it proved to be  
 one of the boys I hadn't seen for over  
 five years. He is coming down to see  
 me tonight. I feel a little blue some  
 how but I will feel better after writing  
 to you a while I know. I fell down this  
 noon & hurt my wrist & my back some  
 but I guess I will get over it in a day  
 or two. My note books suffered too,  
 worse than I did, for the back of one  
 of them was broken. Yes the clipping  
 you sent in your letter is pretty  
 plain. What is the item referred to  
 in the news? What has Mr. Frasier done  
 that has disappointed every one so? I  
 don't see as he has made much out of  
 the office, do you? Yes, I think it  
 was very nice of Mrs. Phillips to give  
 you those knives & I am glad she  
 misses me when she comes to your  
 house, but haven't you two conspired  
 together to make me believe I belong at  
 your house? How about that? (Unless  
 you are afraid to eat the chickens I  
 think you better kill & eat the well  
 chickens before they get sick. And as for  
 the sick ones hadn't you better kill them  
 instead of fussing with them so much?)

I believe I was to send the her some  
Arsenicum <sup>?</sup> I never did. Well, I will send  
some tonight <sup>?</sup> if you can give her one pill  
three times a day. How has your tooth  
been, has it ached any since I was there?  
I am glad you tell me about your work <sup>?</sup> what  
you do, I like to hear about it. Yes, my letters  
are all handed in. I might have had better  
ones perhaps but they will do all right I guess.  
Yes — I would have liked to come out last  
Friday night, I remember where we were sitting  
when the invitation came, we would sit there  
again —. I am sorry you worried about  
me the night I came, I don't wait for me or  
worry about me — for I may have to take the  
late train sometimes. Just know I will show  
up sometime fall right and let it rest that  
way without worrying. No, I don't think the  
Dr. knows I like heliotrope. I am glad you  
wore your handkerchief, did Edith say any  
thing about it? I am glad you had a  
nice time. No, the mail is delivered  
oftener at the college than at the house.  
I would have received it almost as soon  
without the special stamp. Don't put your  
self to so much trouble — to get me any  
letters. You know I want them very much  
but I can wait till you can mail them  
conveniently. Yes — I wish I were with  
you tonight, I would be good. —. It won't  
be so very very long till I can come again  
—. You will get this in the morning. Goodbye —  
Your friend, E. E. B.

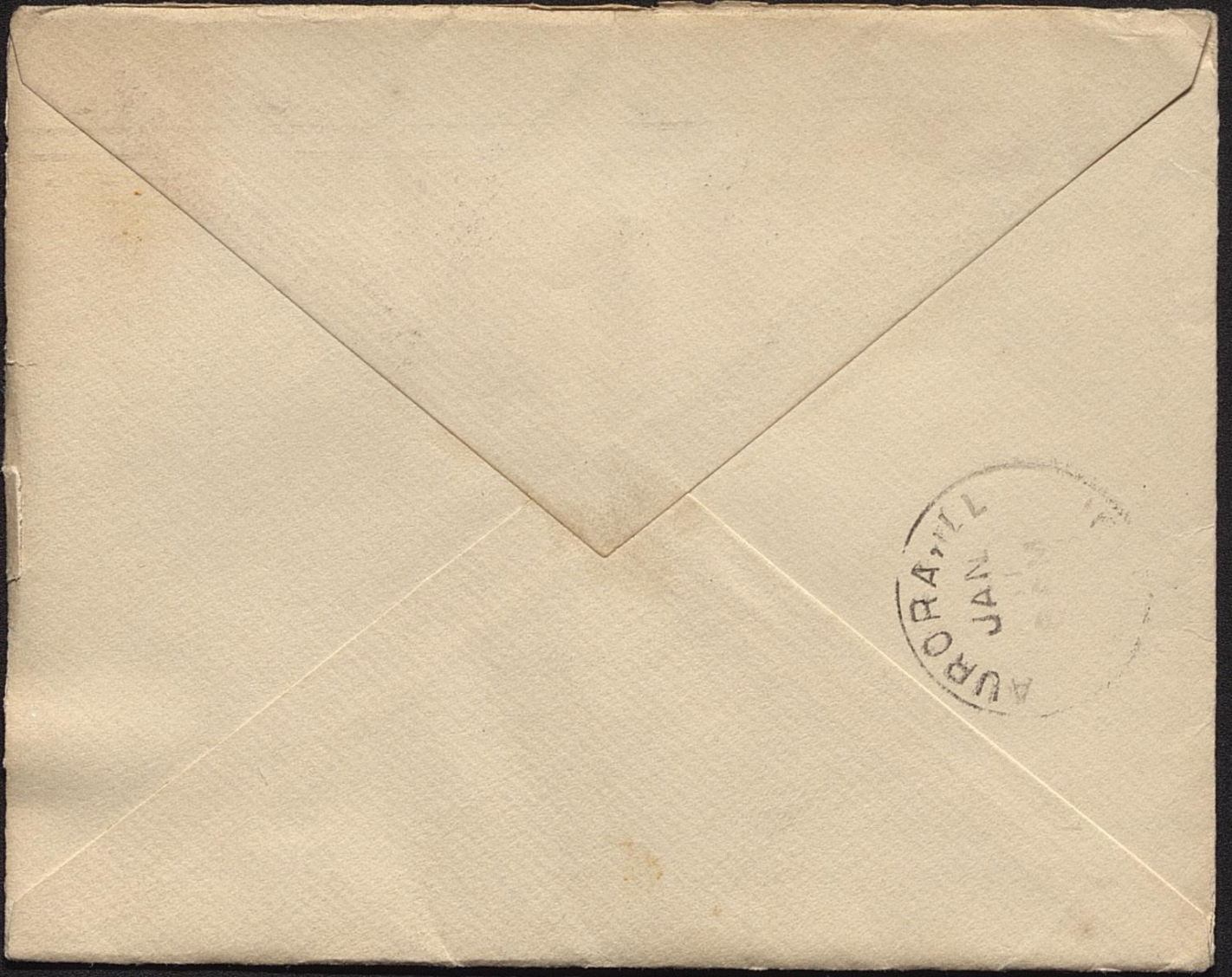


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AURORE, ILL  
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You will find some in the drawer.  
Oh I don't know how many weeks it will  
be before I come again, we will talk about  
that after a little. I really ought not to  
miss any of Prof. Watry's quizzes & I don't  
know how long they will continue. Perhaps  
I can miss one more soon. Do you  
think my letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> was a nice  
one do you — ? Well I am glad I could  
send you a nice one, I thought you would  
be disappointed in the one before that but  
you know how it happened — . I am glad  
Edith took that as a joke. I meant it that  
way. I don't believe what that New York  
~~man~~ says about it. Thank you — You do  
help me lots, that location business will  
get settled sometime, there is some place  
for me I know. Well all right about the  
towel, we will let that go. Yes — I am  
doing something for my back and I think  
it is really getting some better. Yes it was  
eleven o'clock or after before Arthur  
went home last Monday night. You know  
I have always felt so sure footed, I never  
fall down you know but that fall the  
other day shook all the confidence out  
of me. I have felt kind of shaky ever  
since. Please be very careful & that  
you don't fall down. It is very pleasant.

Chicago 2-3-93

Dear Friend:-

I am so glad the  
boys have gone so I can write to  
you. The room has been full of  
boys & they have all been playing  
cards but me. I began to get a  
little nervous, I was so afraid  
you would not get your letter  
tomorrow morning. It is now  
8:15 & they have just gone to one  
of the other boys' room. I will write  
what I can till mail time so you  
will get a letter after all — .  
You have sent me two such nice  
letters since I wrote you last,  
I thank you for them both — .

Yes — you were right, I did want a letter from you last Saturday & after I had looked for one & there was none I made up my mind to wait till Monday. And when it came Sunday I was surprised. I am so sorry you were disappointed last Saturday — I mailed that letter about 7:30 as we were hurrying to take the car to go to the theater, but I put it in a different box from the one I usually put my letters in. There are two boxes nearer than the one I usually use & I put it in one of those. But I won't do so any more but will go over to the box I have always used before & then you won't be disappointed again. It would have spoiled the theater for me if I had known you were not going to get your letter as usual in the morning. I am glad

you got it that night though. You mustn't think I am not well or that anything has happened to me for nothing ever happens to me. You see it was something happened to the letter, not to me. I am sorry I forgot to pay you for mending my clothes, I will pay you all you want when I come out. Appendage is all right, it is just as correct as appendix, only not so technical. I suppose you had a nice visit with Julia. How did you get along with Mrs. G., did she tire you as much as usual? It rather surprised me to have Charlie say any thing about my locating in Abrok, but I am real glad he would like to have me. You must tell me all about it when I come out. I hope your back will be well by the time you get this letter. If it isn't you might take a few pills of Rhin Tox.

to think that you miss me — when I am  
not there. I don't care so much about Mrs. P.  
missing me you know. I hope you won't  
have any more trouble with your teeth.  
I forgot to tell you there were a couple of  
pairs of stockings that weren't any good, I did  
not mean to bring them out but when I gathered  
up my clothes I forgot them & put them in.  
I just sewed them up to wear them once  
more that was all. I thought the patches  
you put on first were real nice but I thought  
if I told you so you might mend some  
more and I don't want you to —. I think  
too much of your eyes, so please please  
please — don't do so any more. I do  
like to have you fix some things for me  
ever so much — but please don't fix  
anything but what I ask you for. I am  
glad you fixed the drawers though —  
and I can't help but thank you for it  
all but please don't fix anything more  
but what I ask you to. I will pray you  
all you want for this — when I come  
out just keep track of it all and I  
will pray you. It will be a big bill I  
know but I can pray a pretty big bill  
don't you think I can —? I am glad  
you had a nice time coasting but I am  
sorry for the black & blue spot, would

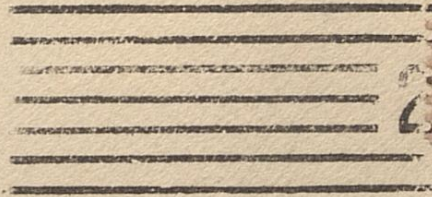
you like to have me there to make it  
well? Yes — I would have come out  
and you would have sent for me too  
wouldn't you — ? I am so glad you  
didn't get hurt like Leah. The letter  
is all right, don't think of rewriting  
anything. Yes — I would like to be  
there, I would help you real nicely.  
Yes, yes, — the ~~next~~ next visit will  
be nicer I know. He did have such a  
nice time that Saturday night didn't  
we — ? I will be stronger & better  
— I will be good to you.

I have written till the last  
minute and must ~~say~~ <sup>write</sup> goodnight —  
instead of saying it.

Goodnight —

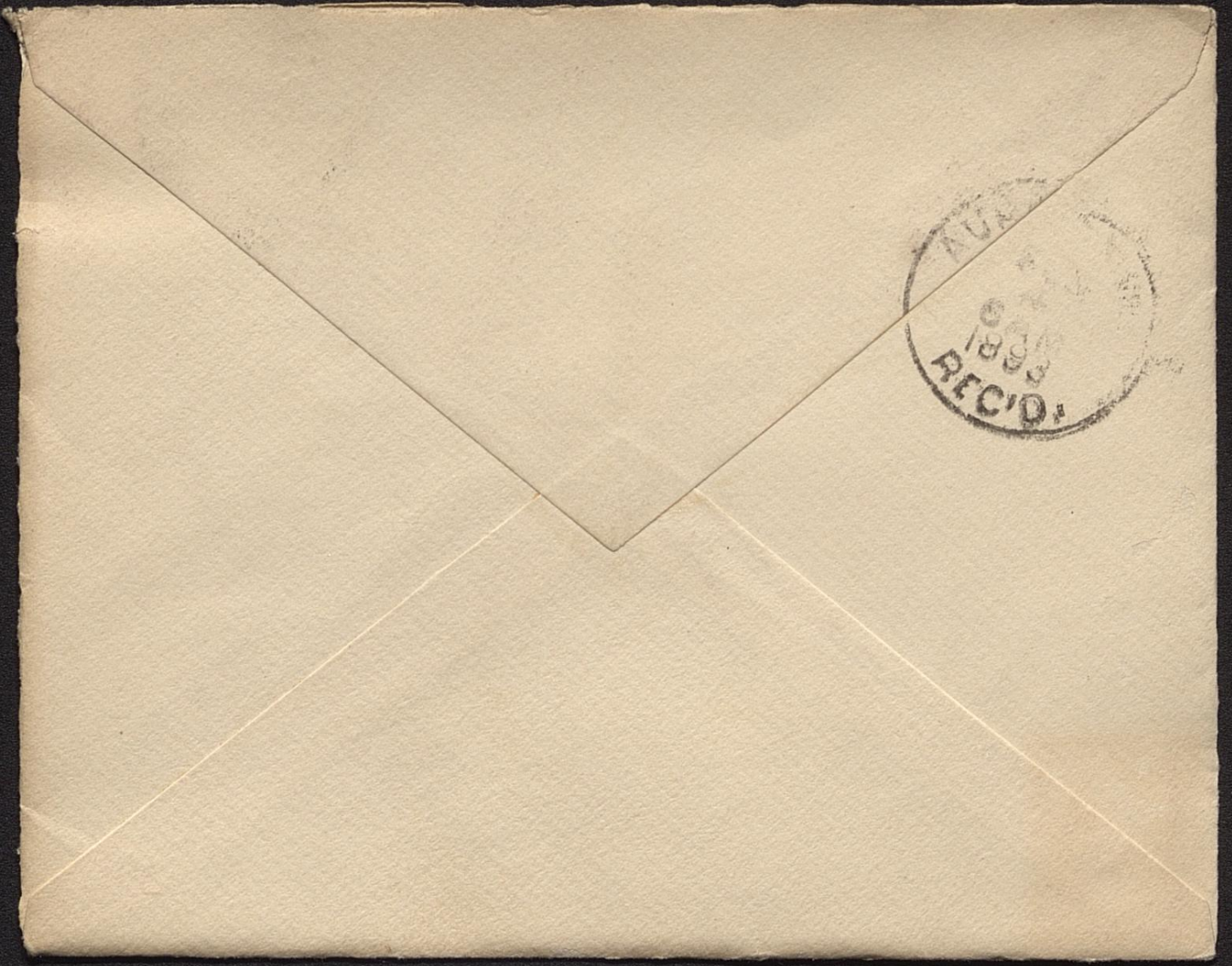
Your friend  
E. E. B. —

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raised in the garden aren't they? I don't know when I will get as much pleasure working in a garden again. It is very pleasant to think of after all. I have forgotten all about the little unpleasant things that occurred. The memory of the pleasant things will last a long time —

I have written till the last minute & must write goodnight now —

Goodnight —

Your friend,  
E. E. S. B.

Chicago 2-6-93

Dear Friend:-

I think you would like to get a few lines from me tomorrow-morning, would you not? The boys left early in the evening, I have studied till I am tired & as there is a little time till the mail closes you shall have what I can write till then. I have felt lonesome somehow tonight & would much rather have been with you — in Aurora. You would have made me feel better I know. How is the black & blue spot? It is most

too big to be called a spot though isn't it? Do you think it will be all gone away by the time I come out? Oh At isn't you will let me help to make it go away won't you — ? I think it would have been nice if I could have helped you last Friday morning don't you — ? But I am afraid I might have hindered you instead. It was no trouble at all about the medicine. Was there enough postage on it? The medicine came too late though, didn't it? I am sorry your tooth was not ready to be filled. If he is killing the nerve, I think probably what he is putting in it is what is making it ache and we can't very well help that. You will

have to bear it as well as you can. I am sorry — if I wish I could bear it for you. You might try the medicine I left you if see if it will do any good. Above all be careful not to take cold. It is too bad you had such a time with the cars in getting home. I am sorry you got chilled so. If I had been there I would have been so glad to make you nice if warm. And I would have been real nice if good to you — yes I would. I wish I were with you tonight. Yes, I remember the small potatoes. When I picked them up I hadn't any idea you would use them. I am glad I saved them now. They are the last of the things we

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you have planned. If your bill is pretty big I will do my best to pay it just the same. I think I will have to come out before very long —. I didn't mean that you shouldn't talk about it — I will try to come early and stay a nice time. Yes, we will christen the stand too & the slippers. But what made you change the soles —? They were very nice just as they were.

I would like you to fix my overcoat a little more when I come —. I am leaving that for you to do & you will do it for me won't you —? I know you like to do things for me & I like to have you so much but you will remember what I said about the mending won't you —? It was nice for Edith to stay with you wasn't it? But I am sorry you couldn't go to sleep. Don't you

Chicago 2-10-93

Dear Friend:-

I am so glad I am alone tonight, I can have such a nice time writing to you. The boys have all gone to the theater. They wanted me to go with them again but if I had done so you wouldn't have received your letter tomorrow morning. Now you will get your letter & I will get a chance to do a little studying besides. I believe I didn't quite finish answering your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I got down to where you spoke of the stamps you enclosed. I

received the stamps all right. I am not going to scold you for sending them but will use them as you suggest, on your letters.

I wish you hadn't done it though. I am abundantly compensated without that for all the stamps

I use on account of number 393 Downer Place. So you were sitting at my place at the dining room table were you — ? I wish I might

have come up behind you and leaned over and given you something. You know what don't you — ? Yes, I would have been glad of a piece of that nice lemon pie only you always give me such a big piece.

Yes — we would sit in the big Chair afterwards if it would be so nice. In your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> you speak about the boys hindering my writing. Of course they do

more or less but you need not worry about your Saturday letter.

I have always managed it so far if I am sure I can get some

kind of a letter off to you for Saturday. I am glad you have not fallen yet. I haven't fallen

since that time. We will both be careful won't we — ? Oh my

back is ever so much better, I really think it is going to get well now.

I am glad your back is better only I wish it had all got well long before this. You will have to

tell me more about Mr. Todd when I come out. I am real

sorry for you too. I think like Mr. G. does that the girls don't

know sometimes what a good chance they have. Perhaps it is

not too late for you yet. So — my heart never fails me for what

The man I found out he was  
the very man Uncle Isaac had  
in mind. He has no trouble  
in seeing with his glasses  
now. <sup>of</sup> course can carry on  
his practice without any trouble.  
I have thought that perhaps  
I made a mistake in not  
working that location more  
last fall <sup>if</sup> seeing if I couldn't  
possibly get something out of  
it. But the way things have  
turned out I think in all  
probability it is all for the  
best just as it is. It is now  
mail time — <sup>if</sup> I haven't answered  
your nice letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> I will  
try to answer it soon —. I wish  
I were with you tonight <sup>if</sup> could  
say goodnight — instead of writing  
it. But I don't think it will be very  
long now —. Goodnight —.  
Your friend, E. E. T.

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I think you could sleep better  
if I could be there to say good-  
night every night to you —?  
Why didn't you send for me to  
come out instead of shaving  
Edith? You know I would come  
if you would only send for me.  
I am sorry you had the toothache  
a week ago tonight, I thought  
that night how much I would  
like to be coming out. Perhaps  
I could have stopped it if I  
had come out. I am glad the  
hot water bottle has been of some  
service to you. You won't scold  
me for buying that for you will  
you —? I do hope your tooth  
won't ache any more, I am  
sorry he has such trouble in  
stopping it. Is the medicine  
I gave you all gone or don't  
that seem to do any good?

Don't be afraid to tell me —  
If that don't do any good you  
will find one of those big  
bottles in the closet marked  
Silicia & take a small powder  
of that every hour as soon as  
your tooth begins to ache. You  
better take a couple of powders  
of that anyhow. You say you  
wish you could see my soon  
& how everything is arranged.  
You saw, I would be delighted  
to show it to you. I don't see  
anything to hinder, do you?  
I haven't been able to get that  
dress picked out yet & it may  
be too late now. I think you  
better come right in, not  
later than next Friday anyhow.  
Come in next Friday & take  
me home with you can't you  
—? Did you go to Chicago

in your dreams that night  
—? I think it would be so  
nice if you could only say  
goodnight to me once as I lay  
here sleeping. I think I will  
have to come & say goodnight to  
you — before long. You know  
the doctor at Harvard that  
Uncle Isaac wanted me to  
look up don't you? Well, he  
was in here last Thursday.  
Prof. Watry had a man come  
in to the clinic on whom he  
had operated for cataract  
the 16<sup>th</sup> of last December so  
that the kelas could see the  
result of the operation. I was  
called to see the operation  
last December but got there  
too late. I was very sorry I  
missed it. In looking at the  
eye Thursday & talking with



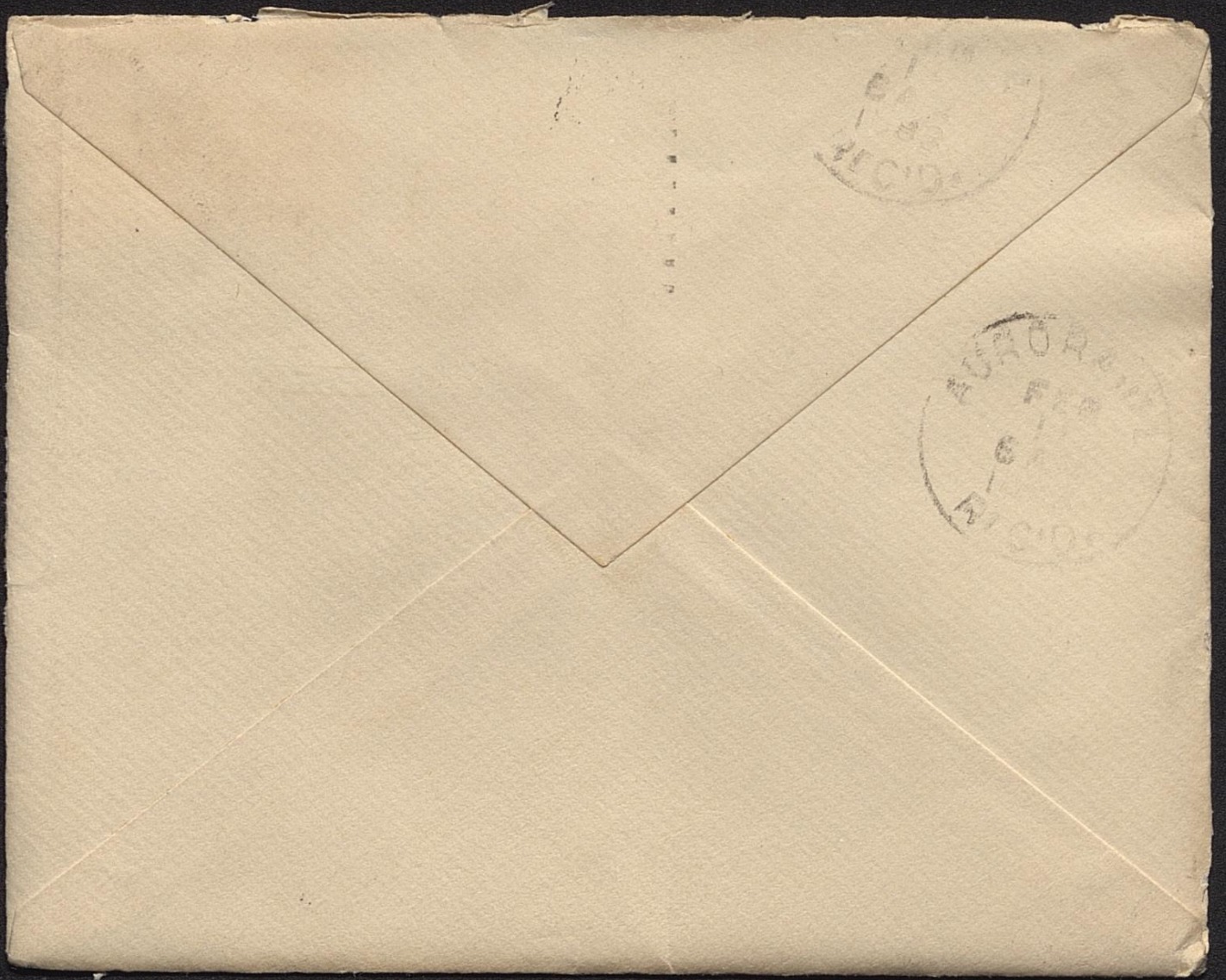
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Wasn't it strange that you should have  
and the Do from Harvard. I am so glad  
you did. Now you will feel better satisfied.  
She had two friends to dinner today  
Edith was here too. Mr John Windsor  
preached today - I did not go to the  
morning service. It has been a lovely  
day. Seems like spring. I will not seal  
this till I see Charlie in the morning.

Monday afternoon. I have done a little washing  
today and been cooking chickens for the  
salad for Mrs Welch's party tomorrow night.  
Charlie had a nice visit with you and  
told me at noon what you said about  
coming in soon to see about my eyes  
and do some shopping. I told him I thought  
I would. So - if you would like to have  
me I will come Friday. And you will  
come home with me as you said. Oh I think  
that would be delightful. Charlie insisted  
on my going so it made it easy for me to  
say I would go. I will ask you to set the  
time and place of meeting. And will  
expect to hear from you before that time.  
If any thing should happen so that it will not  
be perfectly convenient for you to have me come  
and mind saying so. But you will come all the  
same won't you - Good by - your friend  
E. H. H.



Aurora Feb 11 - 93

Dear Friend!

I have just got home  
from Mrs Welch's. It is half past nine.  
Have just been reading your nice  
letter once more. It makes me  
want to see you more than ever.  
So I will write just a little to  
you - for that is the next best thing.  
I think the boys were kind to leave  
you alone. And hope they will do  
so again. Of course you won't going  
to scold me. You wouldn't do that.  
Yes. I think I know what would



have happened had you come in the  
dining room while I was writing I  
don't think the letter would have been  
finished. I wish you could come  
in now — I have wanted to see you  
so much today. Ship is coming so  
I will say goodnight to you —

Sunday night — After Church, I have  
thought of you many times today.  
Charlie went to Chicago this morning  
and I suppose has seen you on this.  
So I will hear from you in the  
morning. I wish I could have seen  
you myself. But before very long —  
I will, won't I? I changed the soles  
because they were too large for you —  
Yes, I will be very glad to mend your  
coat and any thing else that you

would like to have me do. Yes I will try  
and do as you would like to have me.

If you could only say goodnight to me  
I think I could sleep so much better —

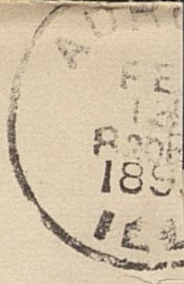
Don't you think I want to send for you?

Well I guess I do. The only reason I do  
not is because I think I must not  
take you from your studio. I think  
you would come without being sent  
for if you felt you could. Don't that  
sight —? No I will not scold you for

getting the hot water bottle it is so nice  
and I always think of you when I  
use it; I don't think my tooth will  
ache any more. I have plenty of the  
medicine left, and think it helped  
me. When I read what you said about  
the Aref. I was disturbed. Don't please  
tell I come. I felt as if I must come  
in when I read what you said about  
coming home with me. Wouldn't I  
like to though —. Would you come?

✓ Feb. 19, 93

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Hahnemann College.  
Chicago.

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I am sure we would both have felt better — I wouldn't leave you so much alone if I were there — Don't you think the black & blue spot will stay till I come out if I come next Friday night — ? I am glad you made the holders for Julia but what made you bother with the slippers any more? They were very nice as they were — I think I have mentioned the date of all your letters to me for some time so you could tell if I missed receiving any. Do you think I have missed any — ? I can't afford to miss any of those nice letters — I wish I could help you clean house again, I wouldn't be so cross & unreasonable as I was the last time — it makes sorry when I think how cross I was that time. Perhaps I can help a little when I come out. And I can help with the new dress can't I — That was a sad time when Charlie was taken sick, let us not think about it — Yes, — we will christen the new dress. Please don't work too hard at Mrs H's I can't be there to help you this time. Don't worry about my locating — I must <sup>write</sup> ~~say~~ Goodnight continued E.C.B.

E.C.B.

— see you comes for my in  
Linnas run not has ~~my~~ my  
S.L.

Chicago 2-13-93

Dear Friend:—

I have just come from a lecture & have a short time before the mail closes so you shall have it for your letter tomorrow morning. You must excuse my writing if it is a little shaky because I have just had a big charge of electricity & my arm is all of a tremble. It is nothing you know only I can't wait for it to get over it or you wouldn't get your letter in the morning. So you are coming in some day this

week, are you? I am so glad.  
Just let me know what train  
of day you are coming on and  
I will be at the train to meet  
you. You shall do just as you  
would like to all day & I will  
try to be real nice and good  
to you & will wait on you  
as nice as I know how. We  
will have such a nice time  
shopping together, you shall  
buy just what you want to &  
I won't buy anything you say  
I mustn't. I'll carry packages  
& wait & look at anything any  
where just as long as you want  
to. — I bought a new bottle  
of ink the other day & have  
been waiting to open it till  
I could write to you & so  
christen it in that way. So  
yours is the first letter out of

this bottle of ink. This is the  
third bottle of ink we have had  
this term. Charlie came down  
to see me yesterday & I was  
ever so glad to see him, it did  
me lots of good. He went to  
Dr. Barrows church in the evening,  
but I suppose he has told you  
all about his visit with me &  
so I need not write it. If he  
has not just question him  
until he does. I guess I haven't  
answered your nice letter of the  
7<sup>th</sup>. I received your letter of  
the ninth Saturday evening, as  
I went over to the hospital to  
the quiz. Thank you for them  
both —. So my letter of a week  
ago was a little surprise was  
it —? I am glad I could write  
it. Yes I wish I could have  
been with you last Monday night



Feb 14, 93



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look for you then. We read  
your last two letters over  
hastily together. didn't we—?  
So I will hurry this into the  
mail. Have you written  
to Mr. Lennow yet? I wish  
I could help you out on that.  
I forgot to put some more salt  
on the frock after I put the  
brine on but you will attend  
to that won't you — ? Have  
the hens kept on laying?

You needn't take the time to  
write — but I shall think  
of seeing you Saturday & if I  
will try to have you have a  
real nice day —.

Goodnight —

Your friend  
E. C. Boulough.

Chicago 2-22-93

Dear Friend:—

The boys played  
cards most all day today. I  
did some studying but not  
very much. The boys have gone  
to the theater tonight & I am  
here writing. Last night Prof.  
Smith quizzed for two hours  
& so I couldn't write to you  
last night. How did you  
sleep Tuesday night? Did you  
sleep at all Monday night?  
I thought of you a great deal  
from the time I left you till  
I got to sleep that night. I  
haven't slept as well as I

did the nights I said good-  
night to you. I did sleep so  
well those nights —. I was  
just in time for the train. It  
was rather a lonesome ride  
but I felt better than the time  
before —. I almost fell into  
a doze on the way in. It was  
a lonesome walk over to the  
elevated station but after that  
I was soon at the rooms.

Dr. Gilbert got up & unlocked  
the door for me as he had  
left it locked with the key  
in the lock. I got to bed  
about half past eleven.

The boys thought as I did not  
get back in the day time  
that I was going to stay over  
till Thursday. I ought to have  
come in Monday morning.

I missed an amputation

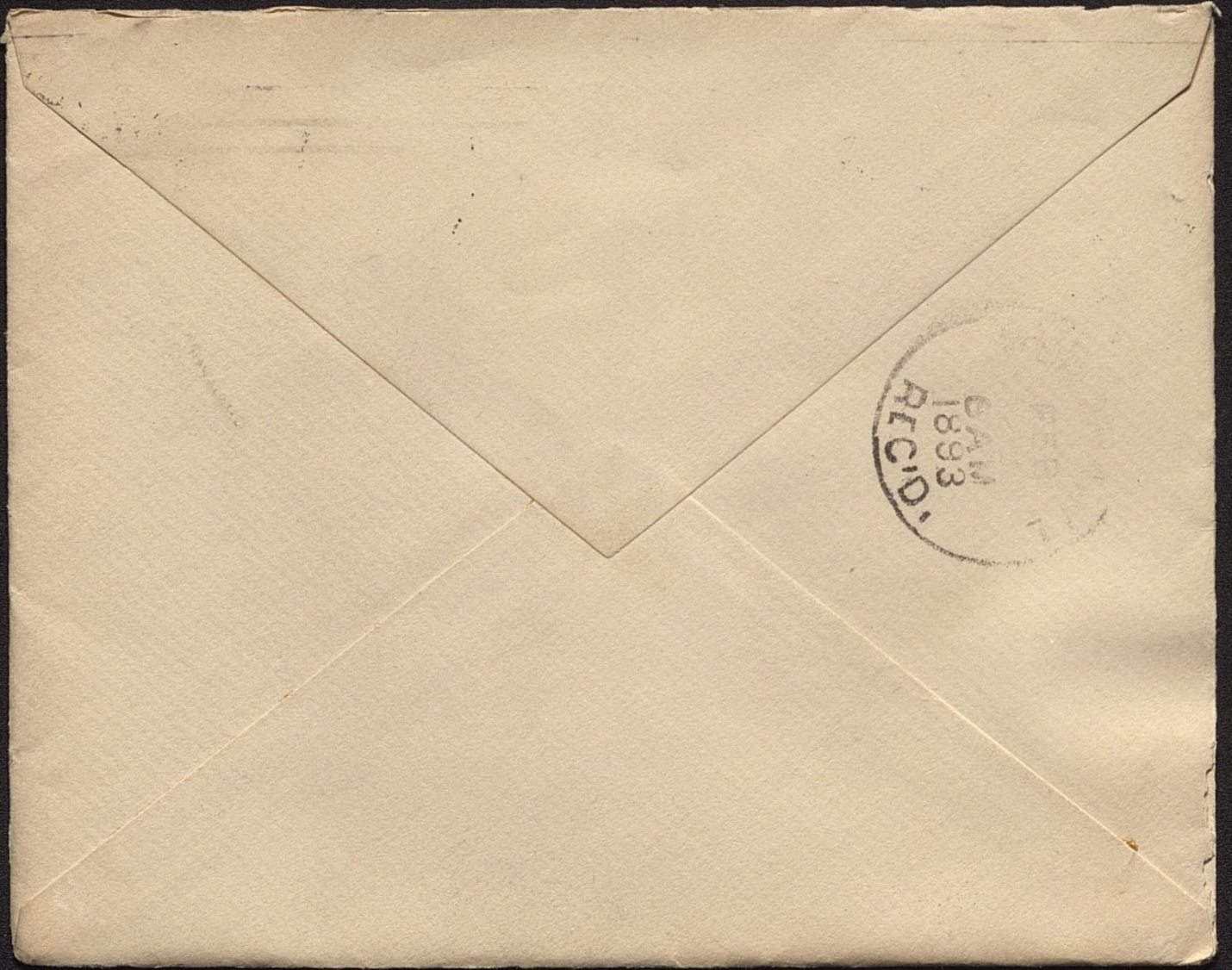
that I ought to have been  
here to see. The rest that  
I missed don't matter so  
very much. But never mind,  
we had such a nice time  
didn't we —? It seems a  
long time ago though to me.  
I have hardly got myself  
around in shape yet but I  
will be by Saturday & I will  
be at the depot & I will be  
glad to see you — & I will  
try to have you have a much  
better day than when you  
were in here before. He will  
do all the shopping you  
want to do & some other  
things besides. I have said  
nothing to Prof. Pilas about  
your coming Saturday instead  
of Friday but I know it will  
be all right, so I shall

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R.C.D.

some other time to be answered,  
I will be all right after a  
good sleep — I wish I were  
with you, I know I could sleep  
well then —, if I know you  
would make me feel lots better  
before I went to sleep too —

I find time sometimes to think  
of what a nice time we had  
the last time I was out, if of  
how nice it was to have you  
in here with me two days and  
to have you down to the rooms  
too. I have thought a good  
deal of last Saturday if of what  
a nice day it was for me —

I didn't get over it if get settled  
down till Monday's work was  
well under way. I wish I were  
with you now — but I must  
write goodnight — and hurry.

Goodnight —  
Your friend E. C. B. —

Chicago 2-28-93

Dear Friend:—

I went up to see  
Prof. Vilas yesterday if he wants  
to see you if your glasses some  
time this week as he is going  
away after this week if don't  
know when he will get back.  
If it is better for you to come  
in before Saturday, just come  
right along. Let me know  
what day if train if I will  
meet you. If you don't come  
before Saturday take the 7:30  
train if we will get over to  
his office if get through and  
I will get you back on the

11:45 train which will get you to Aurora at 12:57. I expect Bro. Howard to come in on the 9:25 train but he can wait a little till we get through if then I will get him off on the 4:30 train. Possibly he may not come, in either case I will try to take care of either or both of you satisfactorily. That is the best I can do under the circumstances. Our proofs came today. I will take the liberty of returning them with instructions to go on & finish them. It will probably be over ten days before the pictures will be finished. I think you will get a very fair picture. I enclose you ~~one~~ of the two valentines I received

day. My pictures will be a better likeness than this. Writing doesn't come easy to me tonight somehow, so you must overlook anything that isn't just ~~so~~ right. I wish the term was over with. But I will try to answer your two lovely letters a little if then go to bed. They have done me lots of good. I should like very much to talk them over with you. — I hope I will have quite a little time to talk things over with you after examinations are over. Our class banquet was not held the 21<sup>st</sup> but is to be held next Friday night. It is just a few minutes till mail time & if I can't write worth a cent so I guess your letters will have to wait till





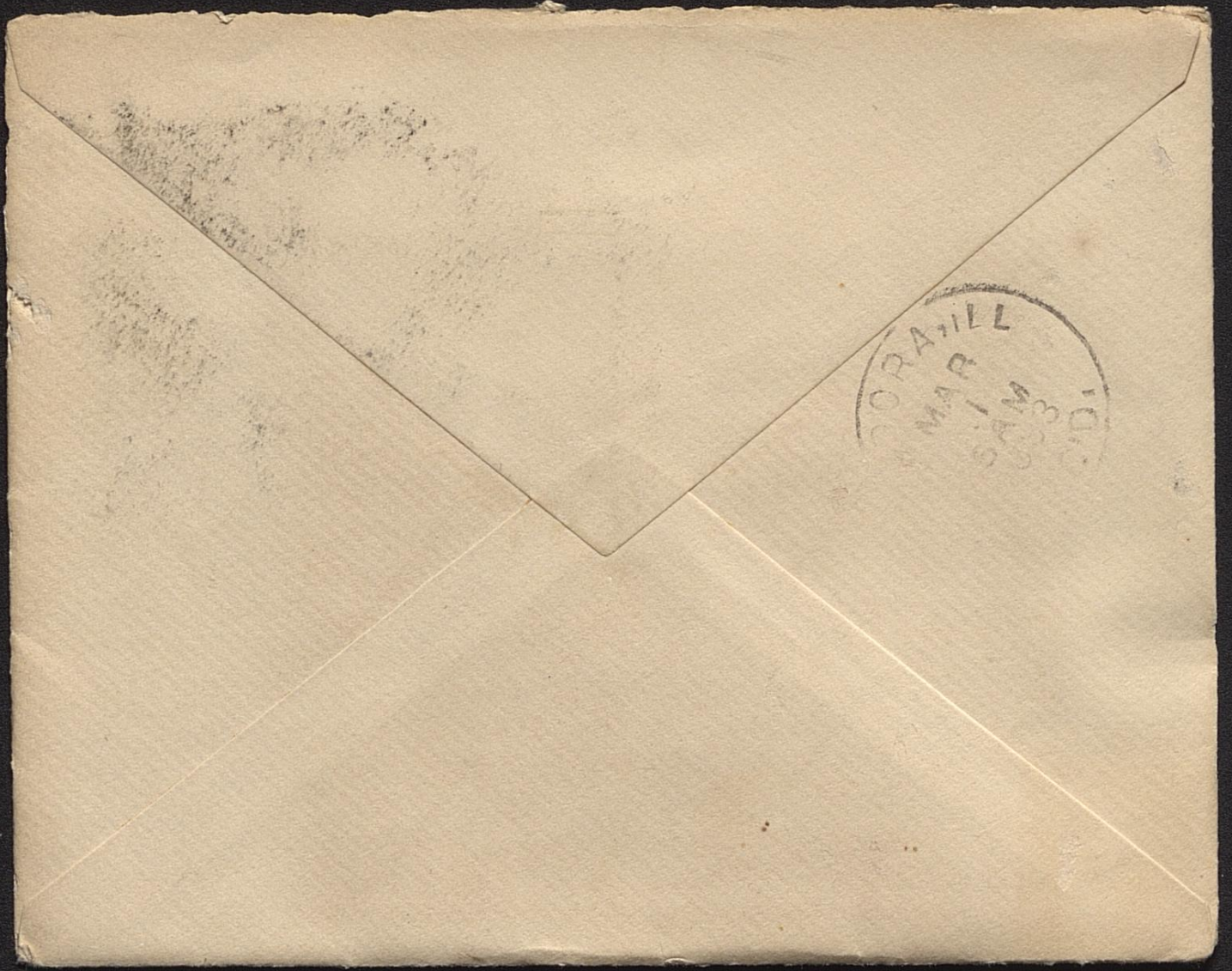
DOCTOR.

Giving physic is not your only trade,  
To judge of profits through the undertaker made;  
'Twere well if Bergh your business stayed,  
Ere all your patients 'neath the sod are laid;  
'Twould pay Life Insurance Companies to give you a fee,  
To leave off practice and go over the sea.

March 1, 1893



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before I go to bed for the boys  
have gone to the theater and  
won't be home till late, (you see  
I didn't run off and leave you tonight  
as I did one night before —) And  
if in my mind I give you lots  
of carousals & wish much that  
I were with you, and if I should  
dream about you tonight —  
you won't be anything but just  
a little bit glad will you — ?  
Your letters have done me lots  
of good —, don't worry about  
my examinations but remember  
me on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday  
for all my examinations come on  
those days, and I will try to do  
my best of them which ever way  
it comes out we will try to make  
the best of it. I wish so much that  
I were with you tonight — and  
you could put me to sleep, I know I  
should sleep better —. It is mail time.  
Goodnight —. Your friend E.E.B.

Chicago 3-10-93  
Dear Friend:-

I am so glad I  
have some time to write to you  
tonight. I know you will  
want a letter in the morning.  
I have thought a good deal  
the last few days, how much  
I would like to come out to  
stay with you two or three  
days but I must wait till  
examinations are over. And  
then too I have some things  
to attend to after examinations  
are over so that I can't tell  
just when I can come. But  
we will think about it and

write about it & sometime I  
will come & then when I do  
come we will have such a  
nice time together won't we  
—? I have been interrupted  
again but it was to help some  
one so you won't feel badly  
will you — if you don't get  
such a very long letter tomorrow  
morning. There seems to be a  
difference of opinion as to  
whether we will be allowed  
to take any one outside to  
the graduating banquet or  
not. When I find out for sure  
we will talk it over, and if  
I take any one it is to be you  
— you know. The two dollars  
& ten dollars received. I think  
you are trying to steal a march  
on me but never mind I will  
bring the ten dollars out with

me when I come. You remember  
those stamps you gave me —  
& said to use them on your  
letters, I didn't like to have you  
do it but I have been careful  
to have all those particular  
stamps used on your letters,  
but you won't do so any more  
will you —? I have been  
carrying all the letters in my  
pocket that you have written  
me since I was out to see you  
last and have been intending  
to answer them every time I  
have written but I am afraid  
they won't get answered tonight  
either —. If I don't get them  
answered in detail before I come  
out we will read them over  
together and talk about them  
won't we —? I am going to  
read them all over tonight

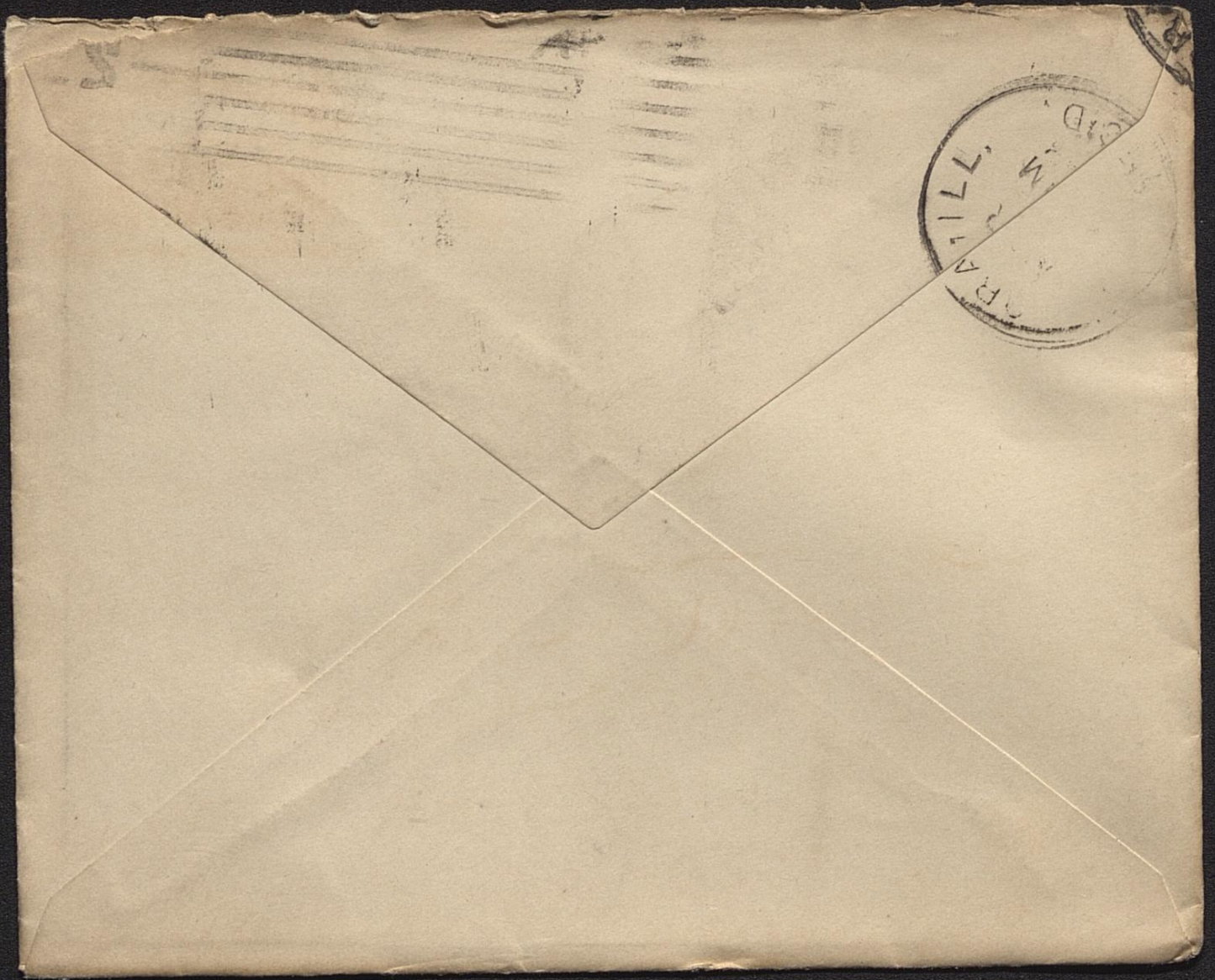
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done me lots of good —. I am  
so glad you didn't put off altogether  
about coming in to see about your  
eyes. It did take a little of my  
time but I was so glad to give it  
to you — And it is over with  
now and you are better & I am  
so glad —. I think your pictures  
are nearly done, I will bring them  
when I come out unless you wish  
them sent sooner. I am glad we  
could go together to sit for our  
pictures, I never supposed we  
would be able to do that. We have  
done a number of things we never  
supposed we would be able to do  
haven't we —? Aren't you glad?  
I am. I hope your pictures will  
be good. Mine are very fair. Yes,  
— we will have a nice time after  
my examinations are over. The  
clipping about salting the coal in  
your letter of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> I think is  
probably a good idea. If it is true  
it is worth a good deal. The money  
you sent I believe I have spoken of.

Chicago 3-12-93

Dear Friend:-

Here I am  
writing to you on probably  
my last Sunday in Chicago  
for a long time. I can  
hardly realize that the three  
years are past & that this may  
be my last Sunday here & that  
soon I will have to begin a  
very different sort of life  
altogether. I don't seem to  
be able to prepare for it or  
take it in at all. But never  
mind, we will let that pass.  
The boys have gone off somewhere  
& I am going to have a nice



time writing to you this  
afternoon for I know you will  
be glad to get a letter in  
the morning. And perhaps too  
this will be the last one I can  
write you till my examinations  
are all over. Some of the boys  
are studying but I haven't done  
it yet. I am not going to do  
it now even if examinations  
are so near. You remember I  
was out to see you Feb'y. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
The first letter I received after  
that was an awfully wrong one.  
(Four of the boys have been  
in all afternoon & have just gone)  
I felt sorry to get such a letter  
but then I didn't wonder much  
either for we had had such a  
nice time together. I was  
lonesome too — only I had  
more to occupy my time and

attention than you did. But  
there are some things in the letters  
I can't write about, we will talk them  
over —. Yes —. I got the seven  
you sent in your letter, I have  
taken them a good many times.  
Your letter of Feb'y 25<sup>th</sup> surprised  
me some, I didn't know what  
to make of the envelope at first,  
after I had opened it it was all  
right. Yes — I think we will  
have to christen the glasses again.  
(He will give them a good  
christening — when I come out.  
In your letter of Mch 2 you  
wonder why I shouldn't write  
that night. I was only a little  
worried & rather tired — that  
was all. I was over it the next  
morning. You say you wish you  
could help me. You have helped  
me lots — your letters have

closer every day, I often think of you  
as I open the little book I carry it in. I  
shall not lose it again —. On your  
letter of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> you speak of my  
letter doing you more good than usual  
and you say you will tell me why.  
I am glad it did — and you must  
not forget to tell me why when I  
come out. I would have liked to come  
out that night with you ever so much  
— if you know I would too don't you —?  
No, I like to shop best of all with  
you — if I am glad you didn't buy  
any more when you felt you couldn't.  
But we will shop together again  
some time —. Yes you have thanked  
me enough for what little I have  
done for you. But you will be good to  
me when I come if I do so much want  
you to —. I don't believe your company  
thought they weren't entertained nicely.  
I only think you were too tired that's all.  
I think it would have been nice if I  
could have helped you make those  
pillow slips. I am sorry you haven't  
been sleeping well but I am glad you  
slept in my bed. I don't think it was

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I didn't like to leave you at the  
depot that day. It wasn't the way  
to do things at all but then I  
had Howard on my hands that  
day if I couldn't do any better. I knew  
you would be lonesome. I would  
much rather have sent spirit  
the day with you if we could  
have done lots of things. But  
then you had a pleasant time  
during the ride home. Yes —  
I wish I could have been with  
you when you got home. I would  
have made the fire if I wouldn't  
have let you be so awfully forlorn.  
I would have made you nice and  
hot warm too —. And we would  
have had such a cozy time eating  
our lunch. You say you thought  
of some things I said, I hope I  
didn't say anything to make  
you feel badly —. You will tell

me if I did want you —? And then I could have helped you dress too —. Our clock was awfully late for you to get home wasn't it after such a hard day as you had. Yes — it would have been very nice for me if you had come in my room & found me there, that would have been a nice surprise. But I think if I had been there I would have come down & got you and brought you home before one o'clock. I was very tired last Saturday night but I soon got over it. Bert has just gone out. He came in for me to prescribe for him. He is feeling very bad. Of course I dropped everything and went to work & prescribed for him as best I could. I knew it would make me too late for church

but I couldn't refuse to do what I could for him. And so — I am going to spend the rest of the evening in writing to you. Yes, — I will try to keep as cool as I can for my examinations & then whichever way it goes I will come out & we will have a nice time together. I think you can make me forget it all very easily for I know you will be glad to talk & I do so much want you to —. The paying for the glasses is all settled — but we have to christen them yet. Yes — three sides was right but two dollars wasn't. He can easily straighten that though. I was real glad to see you the other times — you know I was, only I had a good deal on my mind & I didn't say I was so often that is all. I know you was glad to see me too. Yes — I carry the four-leaf

just because you slept in my bed that you didn't sleep well, I think it was more because you were worried about something and you will tell me all about it when I come out won't you — ? And we will talk about locating in Aurora too — when I come out. I don't know yet just what kind of a case I do want but I will decide after examinations and then get it. But I can't have you stealing a march on me that way <sup>if</sup> we will straighten out that medicine case business when I come out. But you certainly shall help me fill it, I should like to have you very much <sup>if</sup> we will have such a nice time doing it —.

Yes, I was glad to get your letter — and I will take good care of myself. (Will you take good care of yourself too — ?)

I got your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday <sup>any</sup> I was glad to get it. I am glad you rested on my bed — but it was too hard work for you to wash alone. Yes, — we have had some real good times together, I don't like to think of those that weren't so nice. And oh yes — I do think if we can have some more

good times together — I do hope we  
may. Yes — I wore your little pin  
to day and I will wear it right along  
just as you wish me to. You are to have  
one of my new pictures too you know —  
Yes I got the goodnight but I wish I  
could have helped you upstairs. Yes —  
I would have been glad to meet you at the  
depot last Saturday. I didn't want you to do  
the work of washing my shirts and yet I  
did like to have you be the first to handle  
them —, you know what I mean don't  
you —? I bought the clock Saturday.  
Saturday I got a draft for \$40<sup>00</sup> from  
brother Howard & Will. Was a present to  
get my graduating suit with and I  
went right up and ordered it. Here  
is a sample of it. It made me feel  
blue though for I don't like to have  
them make me a present of that kind.  
I see by today's paper there are some  
bargains out. I wish you were in here  
and we could go shopping again. Don't  
wonder at the long letter — I am  
glad I could write you one more before  
examinations. I would like very much  
to see you —. I wish I could say  
goodnight to you —. This may be too late  
for the mail I hope not. Good night — your friend  
E. B.

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Chicago 3-17-93

Dear Friend:-

Here I am Friday night writing you your Saturday's letter as usual. This is probably the last letter I will write to you Friday night from here. I can not tell you how pleasant it has been for me to endeavor every Friday night to write you your Saturday's letter. I think I have missed but one Friday night with the exception of those nights I was coming out to see you. Your letters have been a great source of comfort & encouragement to me & I cannot thank you enough for them, especially the letters you wrote me during the recent examinations. I was working hard then & your letters did me lots of good. I was very tired & low spirited & not feeling very well

when the last one was over & nothing  
would have done me so much good as  
leaving everything & running out to  
Aurora to see you —. I wanted to  
do so very much indeed & I have  
wanted to do so ever since —. But  
there were somethings I felt I ought  
to stay & attend to and I think now  
that it is well that I did. I will  
not be able to come out before Monday  
& perhaps not before I get through  
with the graduating exercises. We  
will know Saturday night next about  
twelve o'clock or later whether we are  
going to graduate or not & I will let  
you know — the first one & just  
as soon as I can after I know myself.  
It has been a great disappointment to  
you I know — not to have me come  
out on the last train (Wednesday night &  
so it has been to me — but never mind  
— we will have such a nice time when I  
am able to come. I am feeling much  
more like myself again & I will be  
just as good as new when I see you again  
—. Take good care of yourself — for I  
am not there to take care of you you know. I  
wish I was — I would like to see you so much.  
I will write again before long — Goodnight — E.E.B.

Mar 18, 93



Mrs. R. M. Haskison,  
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Chicago 3-19-92

Dear Friend:-

I got through  
all right & I will try to get  
around to come out tomorrow  
noon. I will get this in this  
mornings mail & you may get  
it this noon. I would have  
telegraphed but it was too late  
when we got the returns last night  
& when I went over this morning  
I found our branch telegraph office  
wasn't open on Sunday. I would  
like to see you so much —

Your friend

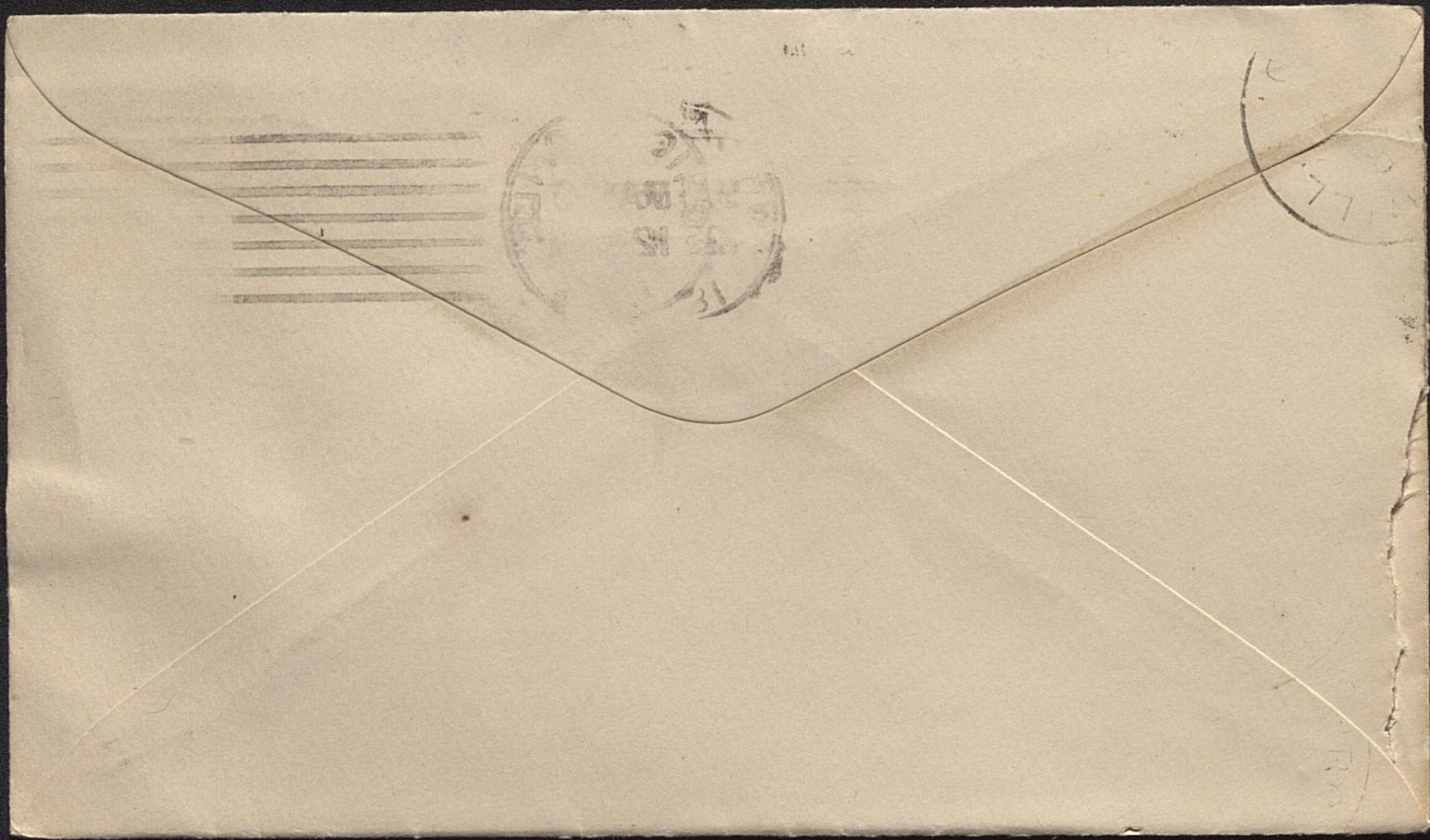
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March 19, 93



Mrs. R. M. Harrison,  
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Chicago 3-24-93

Dear Friend: -

I bought my medicine case <sup>and</sup> instruments today. I have yet to buy my medicines <sup>and</sup> supplies. But I will have to send for some more money so I will not be able to come out tomorrow night, but will try to get out Monday night.

Yesterday was an awful bad rainy day! No one was in but Heintz David <sup>of</sup> Brother Sus. It is going to be an awful job to pack up, I wish it were all over with + I was out there with you —. The last two days have been very long. I will tell you about everything when I come out. Try to wait patiently —

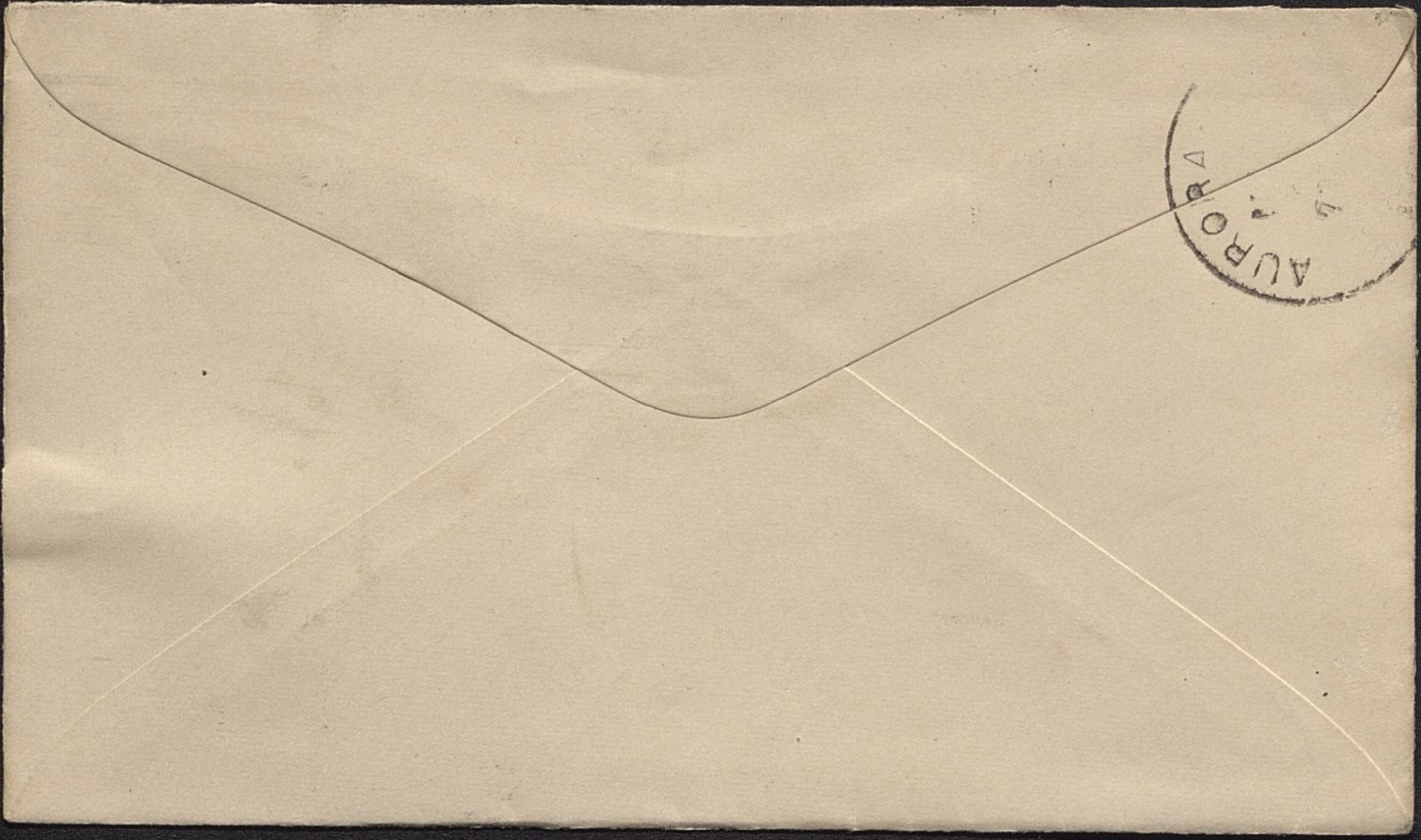
Hailly, your friend  
E.E.B.



March 25, 93



Mrs. R. M. Harkison  
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Chicago 3-27-93

Dear Friend:-

The boys & girls are most all gone. Gilbert & I are here yet, we both have been waiting for money to get away. Gilbert has gone to the theater & I am here getting grafts of remedies. I am alone & how much I wish you were here to help me —. I ordered my supplies today & will pay for them tomorrow. I have a few more things to buy yet, & how in the world I am going to get everything packed & out of here I don't know. It seems an awful job & I dread it. I wish you were here to help me —. If I had had my stuff all bought I could have been out of here before

this. Look for me Wednesday  
night. I will try to come tomorrow  
if I can. I am so sorry to disappoint  
you tonight — I wanted to come  
ever so much but I can't seem to  
get ahold of things & make them  
move off. I wish you were here to  
help me —. But I will come  
before very long now —. It has been  
lonesome without your nice letters  
but of course you couldn't write when  
you expected me out every day. It  
is mail time now — & after I mail  
your letter I want to finish these  
grafts. I wish I could say goodnight  
to you — & wind your clock for you.

Goodnight —

Your friend,  
E. E. Bouslogh.

March 28, 93



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