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To My esteemed Friend
Wm L. Root Esq

It makes one smile, or sometimes laugh
When men ask lines or Autographs
I hardly know then what to write
That would give them the most delight

The thoughts that we on paper place
May represent our mind or face
Or prove to you a Souvenir
When I am not among the living here

If with these, you desire my name
At your request, give, you the same
If these lines please or do you good
It will repay your friend "Bloodgood"

Bloodgood H Cutter
Little Neck Long Island
May 15th 1891

L. J. Root

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Long Beach, Cal