

Peria 26.  
Dec. 12. 1912.

Miss Helen Hungerford:

Yours of the 9th received  
and I need not tell you how  
pleased I was to receive such  
a sweet (pardon me) sweet  
invitation, and so sorry that  
I cannot come. It is so near  
Christmas that everyone is  
giving something.

I do hope you girls  
will overlook this and not  
forget me some other time

when you are going to  
give a dance. Because if it  
is possible for me to come  
I sure will do so. Thanking  
you once again, one and all

Yours,

Yours very truly

Georgia Ellsworth.

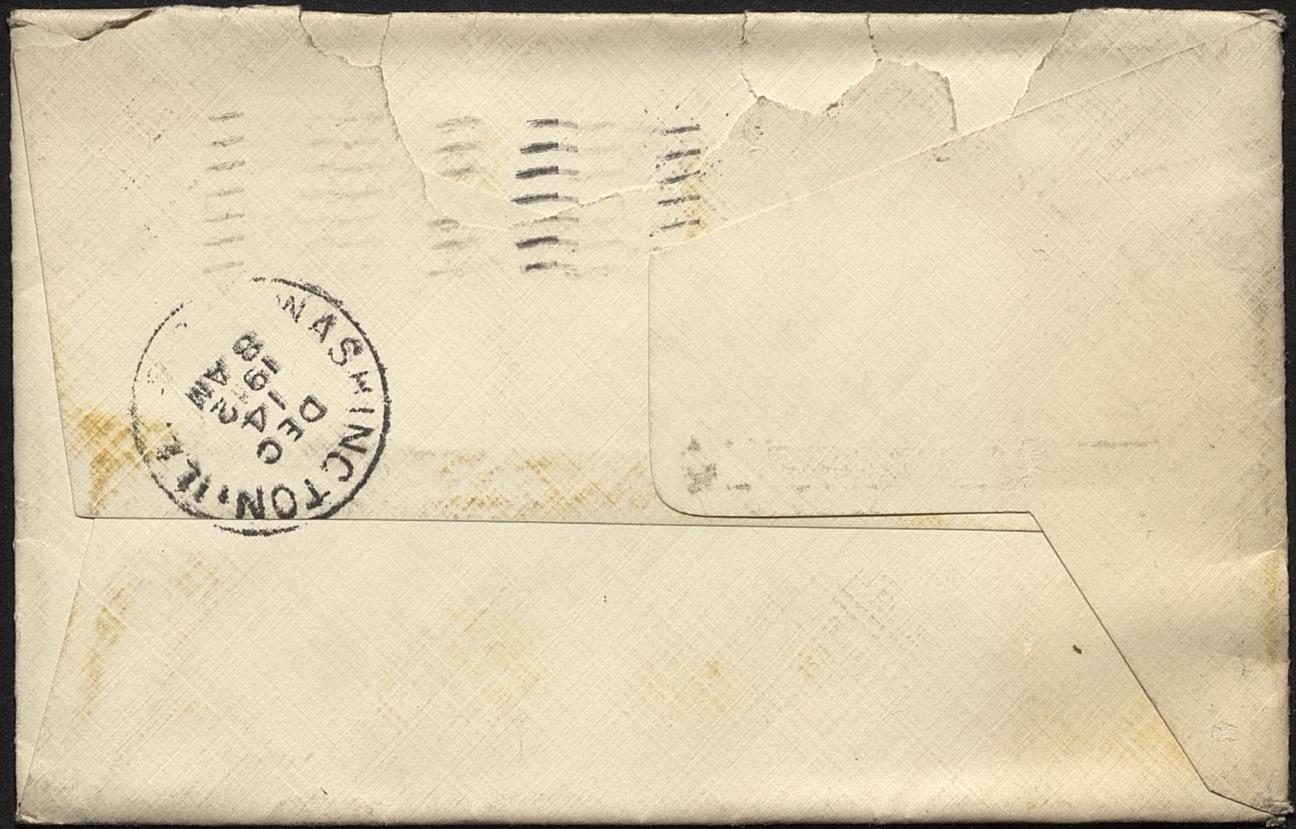
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Miss Helen Hungerford,  
Washington,  
Ill.

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Helen:

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[Postmarked Dec 9, 1912]

I have just written to Mrs R. F. Lanton and I am  
sure she will call you up and tell you and the other  
girls to come down sometime before Thursday. When  
you do go get some form of invitation ready and  
write them out - you do it - I commission you  
C. and send as soon as possible to the following.  
Mr and Mrs Sheridan Van Dolah -  
Lexington, Ill.  
Mr and Mrs Alfred Heitman\*

Mrs Christ - Mr Decker - Harry <sup>da</sup> Brunenmeyer  
Miss Cicikson - Miss De Bord - Mr and Mrs Smith  
Mr Daugeldein. Louis W Fark\*  
and anyone else whom I may have left out.

The names that have ~~a~~ a cross after  
put a clause in so that they will either acknow-  
ledge or send regrets - It's a naughty thing to say but  
I hope Baldy sends regrets. Send them with ~~P.~~  
~~manus~~ and answer to come to Miss Shubbs as Pres.  
of class.

Hoping you can comply with my wishes

I am

Y. O. F. A. F. C.

Ade a Petri

(Excuse mis-proportion  
of stationery, we got  
to purchase a new  
box)

Figure that out if you can,

(B)

[Postmarked Dec 9, 1912]

grape fruit  
Tomato soup

celery	pickles	olives
chicken, dressing, cranberry sauce		
mashed potatoes,	<u>beans or peas.</u>	
salad		wafers
rolls	butter	
ice cream		cake.
cheese		coffee.

Helen M. Hungerford.

[Postmarked Dec. 9, 1912.]

(C)

#### UNWINDING A "STUNT BALL."

To arrange for a seemingly impromptu program it is very amusing to have a witch preside over a "Stunt Ball." Inflate a punching-bag, then wind over it three skeins of wool; in the last skein tie at intervals slips of paper on which you have written "stunts", as a boy ties scraps of newspaper on twine for the tail of his kite. The ball will arouse the curiosity of the guests. After the guests are assembled the witch announces: "This is the ball of fate or stunts." It is unwound quickly and the first "stunt" is that Mr. A. will act as Stunt-Master for the evening. Second, Mrs. A. will wind the yarn with care, so that it may be used for knitting a scarf. Third, all of the company please rise and join in singing the first stanza of "Home, Sweet Home." Fourth, "Our own artist on the spot," Miss B., will now make a sketch. Fifth, Miss A. will show her skill by adorning a hat with the United States colors — red, white and blue. Sixth, Mr. W. please sing us a song, like a good fellow! Seventh, Miss V. will show her benevolence by giving that young bachelor, Mr. A., a lesson in darning socks. Eighth, Miss W. will kindly favor us with a violin solo. Ninth, Miss C., please give an illustration of your favorite method of getting rid of agents. Tenth, Mr. J.W. will be kind enough to draw his "castle in the air". Eleventh, a whistling solo from Mr. B., the United States Bullfinch, is now in order. Or strictly Hallowe'en tricks may be called for, like blowing out candles blindfolded, biting an apple suspended by a string, or perhaps you might try the following "stunts".

Pile sofa pillows, books, plants and anything in the way of obstruction on the floor. Then tell a certain person to mark each obstacle carefully in his mind, blindfold him and tell him to walk across the room. In the meantime, after the victim is blindfolded, the objects have been noiselessly removed leaving the floor clear. It is amusing to see the blind man making his way, and when the bandage is removed his astonishment is great.

Take an ordinary glass filled with water and place it on a table; at the opposite side have an ordinary soda cracker or an egg biscuit. Select two persons and let them be seated, one in front of the glass and the other in front of the cracker. Give the one who is to drink the water an ordinary teaspoon. The trick is to eat the cracker before the one with the teaspoon drinks the water by taking a teaspoonful at a time. The one who is eating the cracker is not allowed to have anything to drink.

Two bonbons are wrapped in paper and tied each to a piece of thin string or cotton about six feet in length. These are placed on a table, the free end of a string being given to each of two players who are assigned to this penalty. At a signal, with hands behind their backs, each player puts his piece of string in his mouth and chews rapidly at the string, trying to get it all into his mouth. The one who first gets to his piece of candy is rewarded by having both pieces.

Return to  
Sa-hara the Mysterious  
after 5 days



Mlle. Helene Hungerford  
516 Dishpan alley  
Washington,  
Illino<sup>s</sup>

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Grape Fruit  
Turkey  
Dressing  
Sauces &  
Mashed Potatoes

W.W.

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ten (early for us) and we slept this morning instead of going to church and Sunday school. I slept till ten and read a book in bed then got up and dressed for dinner. After dinner I read and wrote letters. Then one of the girls took four of us down to the Illinois for dinner. We had an awfully good dinner and lots of

November 2, '12.

Dear Helen:-

I wrote three letters yesterday, two today and here goes the third. I think 2 will run out soon. But 2 find 2 owe you one and must answer it soon or I will never get another.

Last night we girls all went to bed at

fun.

I am almost angry at you for not coming up yesterday but will forgive you if you will promise never to do it again. I understand how you felt. Was awfully sorry not to get to see Ella before she left for Chicago. May and I slept until late Sunday morning after the dance. speaking about that dance, I don't believe I ever had a better time in my life, I felt just like dancing. You asked how May liked her escort - well - she liked him fine - says she is crazy about all the girls and boys. We got home safely Sunday and the only thing I felt bad about was that I couldn't stay until Monday morning.

~~Friday~~ Friday night  
two of us girls met  
Esther Engle down  
town and went to  
a moving picture  
show, then brought  
her out here to stay  
all night, made fudge  
and sat up and  
talked till midnight.  
The next morning we  
slept till late and  
then had to rush  
around to get our  
room cleaned before

Monday evening five  
of us girls made fudge  
and hot chocolate  
and incidently got  
scolded by our matron  
Mrs. Williams. Wed.  
we had a quiz in  
chemistry so Tuesday  
evening I had to  
study. Hallowe'en  
night the girls up  
here raised a rough  
house, I guess, but I  
lost out on it because  
I went to the  
Majestic that night.

noon. In the afternoon  
we planned our party for  
the active chapter of Sigma  
Kappa. I think now that  
we will give them a  
theatre party to see "Freckles"  
which is to be here at  
the chautauk on Thursday.

I got a letter from Hazel B.  
last week and she sent  
me a silver seal Illinois  
pin for my birthday. It is  
a dear. She must be having  
a dandy time. I will be  
real nice of you to print  
some pictures for you. We  
took some real good ones  
here but I haven't had  
any extra ones printed  
yet. I must bring this to a  
close or you will get tired  
reading it so good bye.

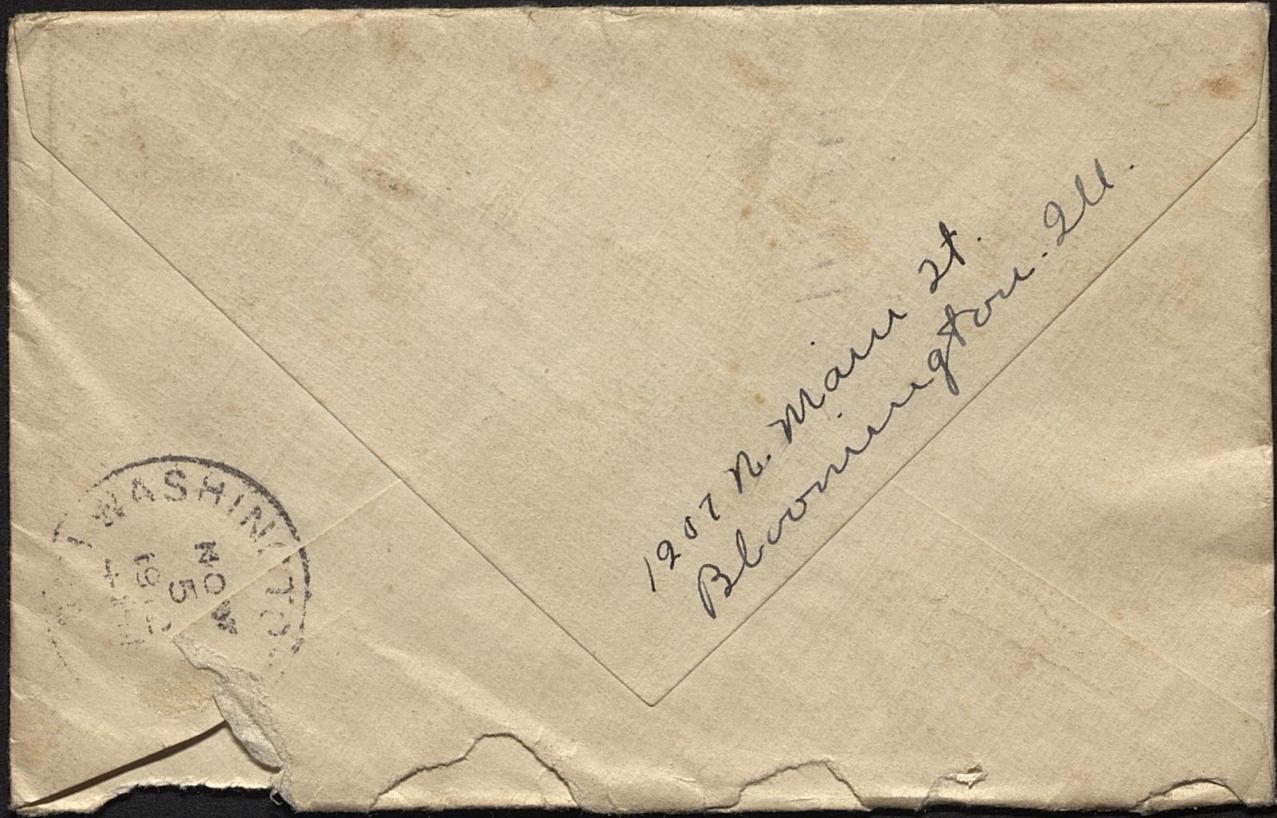
Isabella.

P.S. If you don't get this letter  
let me know and I will  
write again - Bebe.



Miss Helen Hungerford  
Washington  
Illinois.

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Princeton  
Sunday

Hello "B. & S."

I have been out of town all weeks and did not return until last night so did not get your letter until then. Nevertheless I was very glad to receive it.

I have decided to comply with your request and open the first week of Sept with your "B. & S." "listen" the Providence Picnic and which is the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept. I would you or can you arrange to go the 5<sup>th</sup>? I won't make any arrangements to that end.

if it will inconvenience you  
because if I have to I can  
easily wait. You'd find  
a title to be there then but  
I surely will not "cry" if I don't  
get one?

I rec'd a notice from the post  
master here while away this  
week that there was a special  
delivery letter there for me.  
Of course this aroused my  
curiosity greatly. I came in  
last night and it was simply  
a letter from my wife wash-  
ing me to come to Chicago  
to go home with her. Of course  
I was sorry (?) to refuse but  
had to decline that time. Ha!

I am afraid this "married life"  
<sup>will all cause</sup> will bring my avocation. Ha!  
Say "your beloved" is certainly  
pulling them on you. I don't  
think he is trying to kill  
you off. It is probably  
growing more dense. O - u -  
love stuff. He must surely  
be an ideal young man.  
I will probably get to meet  
your friend Best when she  
returns. I should like to  
O - u - Miss Monroe. Indeed  
I shall be glad to have the  
opportunity of meeting young  
lady who is "justly as a  
picture". Ha! I am game  
providing she is ~~satisfied~~ pleased

Now for the weather. Gee it has been raining something fierce here. This continual course of rainy weather always makes one feel lousy.

Those awful boils have kept me "bedridden" for quite awhile. I had five or full blisters at one time. They sure are an aggravating thing.

It's a dangerous game catching it for playing Sunday base ball. You know I played every Sunday at home and I don't see that it is any worse to play here than there. Can you? They always watch me.

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like a "hawls" any way  
and it makes me tired  
I guess it will all come  
out in the wash so what's  
the diff.

I had contemplated tak-  
ing an excursion in to-  
morrow but havent decid-  
ed for sure as yet.

Well have a good time in  
Peru and be good

Sincerely Your Cousin

L. S.

D  
Just asking tho...  
I don't tho...  
I think the graphite  
mountain is my go st.  
Peru

Aus Malawi

After... 5....days, return to

Les L. Smith  
PRINCETON, Scott Co., IOWA.



Miss Helen Hungerford  
417 Glendale Ave ~~Peroria~~ Peoria  
Ellen

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I went home last Friday eve, came back Sunday eve. We have a practice dance at the gym every Saturday P.M., but next Saturday we have school, so I guess there will be no dances. Better plan to come week from next Saturday. I bet you kids had a time camping, well I'm having one too so I don't care which way the wind blows.

Tell Mrs H. hello for me, is she still making little things?

Well honey, I ch bin (tired) so I will close with love & kisses.

Write C. D. G. cause I love to get lots of mail. How is Hazel W. P. And all the other Washington kids.

Again good night & write right away  
Yours as ever Shorty

10.30 A.M.

Normal Ill. July 29, '12.

Dear Doods: — Received your letter this A. M. when I came from class, and was surely glad to hear from you, but when you write again, please finish your letter instead of sending just a blank sheet. Madge Kerns, Frances Neelon and I just came home from Bloomington, I guess we have some time. We took off our duds and all got in the bath-tub at the same time.

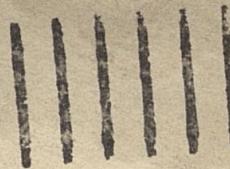
F. M. came from Toulon Ill. Frances got sick the first eve and was in bed a whole week. There are seven other girls rooming here, besides me and seventeen board here. Oh, I wish you were here to hear me giggle. Messes Mich, Mulvane,

Ryan & Petty are the names of the boys who board here. Well Mr. Petty decided he couldn't eat sitting opposite me, all we did was giggle, and last Wednesday eve I had to leave the table. So today he changed over to the same side that I am sitting on.

I like it fine up here & I am sorry I didn't come up last term, for the six weeks will go all to quick.

This eve a bunch from the house went over to the green house to see the blooming banana plant, well there are some teeter (I don't know if that is spelled right) boards over there so five of us got on one plank. The fellow what boards next door went also. Well he is bald-headed, we got him on on end & Mr. Mulvaney on the other and three of us girls in the center. When we got him way up in the air, we jumped off and down he came, I nearly had a button laughing at him. Well he's pretty nice even if he is bald-headed, cause he said he liked little people, and now they tease me about him.

Say kid you & Cugs better plan to come up some Saturday & spend Sunday, I'll show you a good time and you can sleep with me, for I have no room-mate.



Miss Helen Hungerford,  
Washington,  
D. C.



Cork County. Irish Lens School.  
Hosier Dept. Name <sup>sweet</sup>  
Age 16

Date Feb. 3d 190<sup>d</sup> Mrs Sullivan Teacher.

N. B.  
Number each paragraph by a Roman numeral  
in the middle of the preceding line.  
Indent the first line of each paragraph.

[AVERAGE Cray]

Use a capital letter for I and O,  
Name of Deity.  
Beginning of sentence,  
Proper nouns and titles.

SUBJECT:

Nothing Grouchy.

Dear Woods: — This is Monday  
noon and I feel pretty good  
today, don't chew?

Did you carry out all your  
intentions yesterday? I stayed  
home all day. Wasn't Herr W. sore  
at you Saturday? The nasty thing!

Have you purchased any green  
calico or Holy embroidery lately?

How is your maw, does her  
tummy still hurt? Mine feels  
better, I guess that's why I don't  
feel grouchy today. I presume  
you'll go to the game tomorrow  
eve, I don't know whether I'll  
go or not. I guess not. I'd sure  
come in if I thought they would  
have curtains, I'm crazy  
about curtains. Have any  
more W.H.S. kids traded hats?

Same old County. Same old School.

Same Dept. Name Age

Date. Nov 1901 Teacher.

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SUBJECT:

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(noisy people)

I'd like to trade my red one for one  
made of seal-skin. Why not.

Everybody's doin' it

Put it there, it's a bear.

I just looked out from my window  
and behold! a light snow was  
falling. That's about as much  
good as I'll get out of it.

See it fall

" ... melt. How nice."  
Say what you going to do 9<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb. nothing? Oh I am.

Who's the unlucky fellow?

I dunno. But there's as  
good little fishes in de lake  
as not has been caught yet.

Have you got your seal picked  
for the show yet? You know  
you promised to pick mine  
also. (over)

Well its about time to ring the bell, the kiddlets wanted ~~the~~ <sup>16</sup> hour noon, but I had an hour (just for meanness) see who I am.

Give my love to Sal, Billy +  
Dug. & keep a bushel for yourself  
throw the rest away from Shorty

An answer  
if you soon  
value your life.

**REPAIRS WANTED**Pekin Ill.  
DATE Jan 28, 1912.**SUPERINTENDENT:****THE FOLLOWING REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED IN BLDG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_**I

Dear Friend Helen

Well I guess you thought I had  
for got you. Well you are unsteaken and  
Hudley fooled for you know I would not  
for get a nice little girl like you  
any how. You will have to ~~or~~ for give  
me for writing to you on this kind  
of paper. But I am working nights and  
this is all I can find in the Laboratory  
office that is where I am working nights  
But I dont think you will care any how  
will you. I see where they are going

**FOREMAN****APPROVED****SUPT.**

## REPAIRS WANTED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERINTENDENT:

II

THE FOLLOWING REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED IN BLDG. NO.

to have the county meet at Wash.  
this year well I was glad to here it for I  
will have a good time in your town  
on that day if everything goes well  
which I think it will. I wrote you a  
card when I was visitin down there this  
summer did you get it, when you ans.  
this tell me so cause I want to know  
if all my dear friends got one. Say by  
the way you and that crowd of yours wants  
to show me a good time in May so dont  
forget that. If you dont it will worry  
me. For I will thank you have gone

FOREMAN

APPROVED

SUPT.

**REPAIRS WANTED**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERINTENDENT:***H.*  
**THE FOLLOWING REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED IN BLDG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

back one me and I don't want that to happen for the world! Do You! (I Don't.)  
 Well as time is scarce around here  
 I will have to quit and say Good By  
 until the next time, that is to you Ans.  
 this sweet heart. which I think you will

*Yours truly*  
*John Oltman*  
*531 State Street,*  
*Pekin Ill.*

P.S.

Here is a kiss for you on  
 account of I haven't seen you for so long S. Heart.

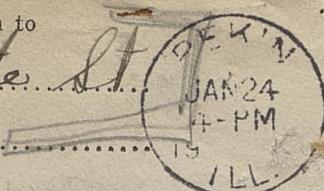
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After 5 days, return to

531 State St.

PEKIN, ILL.



Miss Helen Hungerford  
Washington Ill.

