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will fully recover health and speak
The R.R. is finished from ^{here to}
Huntington and two (2) Trains a day
are run. There has been twice to
Boston, leaving here at night and
reaching there next morning -
Was in Washington 22nd ult
called on Mr & Mrs Neal - ●
Mrs K looks very well, better than
she has for years. With them we
called on Sgt Stevenson and wife
at their new home. I would have
proposed him for President, but am
well satisfied with Garfield,
Father has made the deal transferring Princes
to Bellefonte, so that both are our own ship ●
and will be managed by Mr Russell
It is probable, we shall move
Princes in to Ashland, where
she should have been built at
the first. The ^{Bank} has made a
4 per cent dividend. Your other matters
are all in good shape, and there
is not much danger that you

Ashland Ky, 2nd Jan'y 1880.
Dear Maggie

I hope you are having a jolly
Time at the beginning of this year.
● We have had very cold weather
here, Mercury 7° below 0 yester
morn, standing at 27° above to day
which is the highest for one week.
Have 10 or 12 inches snow on the
ground which has been covered for
two weeks with fine sleighing, only
it has been so cold, there was
● not much comfort in driving.
The river has been frozen over since
Wednesday 25th ult - and our Mails
are carried over on the ice. Cooke &
Harry are at home for two weeks
and look well and hearty, and
are enjoying their vacation, Had
the usual giving and receiving

✓
Presents at Christmas, I gave Lily a watch, having given Rose last
winter, one that Fannie had worn - Also Bessie and Ann
portfolios of engravings - Received Gold pens, calendar, flower stand
and a very nice chair for my room. Ben went out to
ride Christmas eve, slight upset and one of the bones
of right arm dislocated at the elbow, She walked up from
near the Bank and did not know her arm was out
of place, thought it only sprained, We had the Doctor
in a few minutes, and soon got it into place, Saturday
it was pretty sore, but since that has given her no trouble.
We have had the usual invitations to parties and are
having quite a pleasant winter - Have not seen any
one from A Rock since the 16th ult - When father and
Tom A. were up - and dined with us - I see by the newspapers
that Mary and Emma Campbell were to 'receive' yesterday with
Mrs H. B. Wilson. Mr. Brad has moved the Independent office to this
place, and calls to see us often - Mack and Pierre Butler were here
yesterday - Mr. Gayard has improved a very little, can
speak a few words, has just begun to come to the office every
day and we think this will be of benefit to him, in that
he will be interested and entertained, to see what is done,
and make an effort to speak of matters, and learn
again to talk - We have little hope, though that he

And of the

Hanging Rock. Pa.
Jan. 2. 1888.
Mr. John Means.
Rohland.
Ky.

Dear John. Please send me a check
for one hundred (\$100.) Dollars.
Two hundred of my former church
was towards my church's missionary
money while the other hundred
of it for some was expended for
some stationary which I obtained
from Florence and also for personal
expense for the house. There is
a great deal on yet without
forgetting Father. Love I send

Hanging Rock, O.

Feb'y 20, 1880.

Mr John Means,

Ashland, Ky.

I herewith return draft of
W.^m M. Dustin, Banker, Lincoln, Ill
on Metro. Nat. Bank, N.Y. for
Six Hundred and Seventy One $\frac{36}{100}$
Dollars, \$671.³⁶, with the
endorsement of T. W. Means.

Aunt Mag & Sadie came
down in the hack about
an hour after you left.

Yours truly,
T. M. Adams

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Ashland Poage,

Miss Libbie Coles,

Miss Sallie Jones,

Miss Mary Savage.

— 0 —

RECEPTION COMMITTEE:

Miss Lucie R. Coles,

Miss Anna Gartrell.

1880.

Leap Year Party.

PRINCESS CLUB ROOMS,

Thursday, March 25th.

ASHLAND, KY.

Home News Press.

PROGRAMME

1. Grand March.....
2. Quadrille.....
3. Waltz.....
4. Polka.....
5. Waltz Quadrille.....
- BON GÔUTER.
6. Quadrille.....
7. Lancers.....
8. Waltz Quadrille.....
9. Cotillion.....
10. Waltz.....
11. Virginia Reel.....

ENGAGEMENTS.

1.
2. *B. Savage*
3. *M. A. [unclear]*
4. *W. Savage*
5. *C. J. Tidman*
Lacy
13-15-14.
6. *Fanny Jones*
7.
8. *X*
9. *Adelta Jones*
10. *X Lucy R. Coles*
11. *Sally Jones*

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, HYLE & CO.

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 1880

General Balance Sheet April 1, 1880

Assets

Cash	1000
Accounts Receivable	2000
Inventory	3000
Fixed Assets	4000
Total Assets	10000

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2000
Notes Payable	1000
Capital	7000
Total Liabilities	10000

Pine Grove Furnace Balances, April 1, 1880

STATEMENT showing cost of iron made during blast ending April 1, 1880

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1880

<u>Assets.</u>	
Cash,	236 74
Hands' Ledger Balances,	2913 39
Bills Receivable,	125
Merchandise,	4444 16
Principal office, Pig Iron	54553 19
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	28426 96
Balance cost of 336 tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,	66423 36
	\$104155 80

<u>Liabilities.</u>	
Book Accounts,	329 21
Hands' ledger balances,	3010 63
Sales---Pig iron,	134 134 51
Principal Office	14904 73
on Merchandise	4446 72
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 1880,	\$104155 80

<u>Assets.</u>	
Cash and book accounts,	3150 13
Merchandise,	4444 16
Bills receivable,	125
Principal office,	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	28426 96
120 tons pig iron at Jeffersonville	4400
114 115 " " " " Cincinnati & C. Co.	26454 19
10 112 " " " " Pitts & C. Co.	23396
	\$90432 44

<u>Liabilities.</u>	
Book Accounts,	3339 84
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
Principal Office	14904 73
Profit on Merchandise	4446 72
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1880,	\$90432 44

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton iron at Hanging Rock,	19 76 9	Number tons iron made,	3360
133 20 bushels coal at 45 1	438 1	Whole number cords wood used, Co. Land	8632
2 1/2 tons ore at 12 1	29 5	" " loads coal "	2250 69
39/100 " limestone at 43 1/2	28 6	" " tons ore "	8400
Running up stock,	652 4	" " " limestone "	1206
Tranp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,	1	No. cords wood to make one load of coal, -	5 81/100
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,	234 1/2	" " " " " ton of iron	
Average sales per ton,	324 1	" days furnace was in blast	234
Merchandise sold,	23066 15	" tons daily average product	14 36/100
Net profit on merchandise,	4446 72	" " iron sold,	5202 2034
Cost of one load charcoal,	11 03	" " on hand,	2314 1100

Furnace commenced Blowing June 2nd, 1879, and ~~blew out~~ *stopped* Apr 3rd, 1880.

Principal Office, Hanging Rock, Balances.

<u>Assets.</u>		<u>Liabilities.</u>	
Gain and loss to April 1, 18 Past Due notes	14112 49	Pine Grove Furnace,	
Cash,	50081 23	Ohio Furnace,	
Bills receivable,	119813 09	Bills Payable,	425
Individual Accounts,	9944 74	Individual Accounts,	10654 96
Real Estate,	258506 36	Capital Stock,	100000
Coal Works,	19205 25		
Cash Dividends, Since Apr 1 st 1879	140000		
Stock Dividends, Ohio Furnace	30408 61		
Ohio Iron & Coal Co Stock	5444 10		
Means J. Co	4000		
Balances Cash, Goods, Sec "	14904 73	Balance, Profit & Loss a/c	159088 70
	\$640071 66		\$640071 66

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
FOR
June Election '80

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Ashland, Kentucky, May 1, 1880.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the several Wards of the City of Ashland, Ky., to meet at the usual places of holding elections in said Wards--at the Mayor's office in the First Ward, and the Room adjoining Judge Savage's office, for the Second Ward, on

Formerly D. K. Weis
Monday, June 7,

being the first Monday in June, between the hours of Six o'clock, A. M., and Seven o'clock, P. M., of said day, and then and there proceed to elect the following officers for the time specified below, viz:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| One Mayor to serve for two years. | One Assessor to serve for two years. |
| One Marshal " " " " " | Two Councilmen for the First Ward, to serve for two years. |
| One Attorney " " " " " | One Councilman " " Second " " " " " |
| One Collector " " " " " | One member of the Board of Education to serve for three years. |

Given under my hand and seal of office this First day of May, 1880.

Republican Print.

H. B. BRODESS, Mayor.

Aug 14th

"Praise the Lord."

Dear Mr. Adams. June 12th 80

Dear Mr. Adams.

My brother is very anxious to get to work in some way. and I write to ask you if you know of any place for him. Papa would rather have him locate in Ashland because it is a more moral place than the other small places we have visited and on acct of the many temptations to which a young man is exposed. we don't want to have him go to a city. My brother is perfectly moral.

and willing to do anything
you think best.

I know you have an exten-
sive business and so appeal
to you. If you do not know
of any situation at present
will you please do what
you can to secure one.

I'm afraid this is a very
unbusiness-like letter but it's
my first attempt.

If convenient please let me
hear from you.

With kindest regards for
yourself and family and
grateful remembrance of my
visit. I am very sincerely

Wm. S. Barnes.

VALLEY
VIEW
CITY

Marietta Child
June 19/1880

Dear Mother,

I suppose in an hour or two you will have your fair daughters with you and at night peas by the bushel. We arrived a M this morning at about 4 O'clock and got our breakfast at the Hotel where we now are. The Hudson is by no means as nice a boat as she used to be having changed owners. I left Oakland with saying good by to any of the family but told Uncle to do so for me and I have now doubt but what he did so the trip was long and tedious being on the boat about

36 hours of Pa & Harry or either
come up tell them to bring the
other key to Pa's stable as I have
lost or misplaced ~~the other~~ ^{mine} I have
not yet gone up to Uncle's but
will before I finish this letter

It being to early when I first arrived
it is now 7 o'clock Charlie will stay
at Gutter's Give my love to the girls
and keep them at home till I come
back again in the course of a few weeks

5 1/2 PM Am in Uncle Geo's
Office finishing this letter
found all well and prosperous
Sarah is still here and Mr
Ross also. Have been up to Gutter's
and found them all well.

Will go to see rest of kin
folks tomorrow next week
made the acquaintance of some
of the boys Poor I wish Poor
Per Post Write amen Cooke

P.S. Please let me
know when Harry & Pa will
come up and when girls can
come I will probably stay to
Commencement

any business by brain fever, and many
of the narrowness. My Mother has gotten
a place as Teacher at the "Miller
School" and is thereby enabled to
support herself, and educate my
father. My Mother, now getting tired
must go to me, to see my Mother
who has been used to all the business
of life, go out to service, though it is
the means of giving my Father an
education which, other wise, he would
not enjoy. My Grandmother's niece
will go to teaching, leaving thirty
my Grandmother and Uncle for
me to provide for. The power as you
know, will remain only so long as my
Grandmother lives, which, in the natural
course of events, can't be long as she
is in her 72nd year, and after her
death my Uncle will be without a
home, so you see more exactly than
I am situated, and can't appre-
ciate how I must feel on the subject.

I have written you a very long
letter, much longer than I had ex-
pected, but I thought in applying to

Blackburg, Virginia
July 12th 1880

Mr. Means Esq
Shland Ky

Dear Sir,

I suppose you
have heard that I have lost my sit-
uation at Low Moor, and that I am now
out of employment, and I write to you,
who have been more than a Grand-
father to me, in the hope that you will aid me
in finding employment. I have a
position offered me, but it will be some
months before I can go to work, as I
will not be needed before that time.

The position offered me is on the "Con-
struction Corps" of the projected line of
Rail-road from Locust Point, Va. to
Kentucky. If no other work can be
had, of course I will have to wait
and accept it, but under existing cir-

circumstances the delay is causing, and I cannot afford to wait so long.

Since my Grandfather's death I am recognized as the head of our family, to whom all must look for support, and my efforts are needed at once, as there is scarcely anything left to live upon.

I would not trouble you under any other circumstances, but necessity compels me to do so.

To make you fully understand my present situation, it is necessary to speak to you candidly, and tell you exactly how I am placed.

My Grandfather lost all he possessed by the casualties of war, and from being a rich man he was reduced to poverty.

In 1845 he gave security debts, he sold what remained of his once handsome estate, leaving him not a dime to care his own. Several gentlemen, whom he had aided in years gone by, came together and bought 250 acres of the

old estate, for him to live upon, and which was to be paid for in five years, if he could so do. Having nearly the whole of that time to raise money to provide for, he was unable to pay for it, and now the time is up, and his family are, so to speak, homeless. Grandmother has her own interest in this tract of land, and also in her other small tracts, which in all amounts to about 125 acres, but is so detached that it is hardly available.

It is true that the family is much smaller, being four in number, and if not accounted as one, yet you must know that they could not live upon what is now left, therefore it is my duty to go to work and do for them all that it is in my power to do. There are three widows in the family - my Mother, my Grandmother, and the Grandmother's niece, besides an uncle who has been but might for

you to explain matters fully.

If there is any immediate chance
for a situation you might telegraph
me to come, if not, then you can
write.

Give my regards to all of
your family, and with best wishes
for yourself

I am

Very Truly Yours

Ro. Preston Means

P.S.

My telegraph office is Christiansburg
Depot, A. M. & O. R. R. and my P. O.
Blackburg, Montgomery Co., Va.

Aud/ott

Copy

[20 July 1880]



I Thomas W. Meade of Larroan Co + + + +
do hereby make and publish this my last
~~will~~ and testament hereby revoking all former
wills and codicils by me made.

Item 1. I hereby nominate and appoint my
sons John Meade and William Meade, and my
friend Eugene B. Willard as executors of
this my will.

Item 2. I direct that all my just
debts including funeral expenses and the
expenses of administration be paid by
my executors.

Item 3. I hereby will and direct
that no sale⁺ of my household goods
and furniture, books, paintings, pictures,
horses, cows, carriages, buggy tools and
implements of every kind, and utensils,
and hay, corn, feed, &c on the premises
where I reside, but that the same be
divided in kind by those of my hereinafter
named four children, now living who
shall survive me among themselves as
they deem proper and equal.

Item 4. I give devise and bequeath
all the residue and remainder of my
estate, personal, real and mixed,
wherever situated or located, of
which I shall die possessed

+ to be made

to be equally divided among my four children John William, William Meant, Mary A. Adams and Margaret A. Meant and my grandson, Thomas M. Culbertson (son and sole heir of my deceased daughter Sarah Jane Culbertson) who shall be living at the time of my decease and the issue of any child now living and of said grandson, who may then have deceased. Such issue taking the share to which such child, or grandson would be entitled if living. But said share given devised and bequeathed to said grandson or his issue is to be held in trust as hereinafter provided and to be subject to the provisions hereinafter contained as to said grandson's share.

Item 5— I have made advances to my said children which are charged to them respectively, on my books, and I may make further advances to them respectively or to some of them, and to my said grandson, which may be charged on my books to their respective accounts. I desire the equal provision herein made for said children and the provision for said grandson, to be a provision for them respectively, in addition to said advances

made and that may hereafter be made, and that in the division, distribution and settlement of my said estate said advances made and that may hereafter be made, be treated, ^{not} as advancements but as gifts not in any manner to be accounted for by my said children and grandson, or any of them, or the issue of any of them.

Item - 6. I hereby give devise and bequeath the said share herein before provided for my said grandson Thomas M. Leubutson, to said John Meany and William Meany, and Eugene B. Willard, the survivors or survivor of them, absolutely and in fee, in trust always and only, however for the following uses and purposes: That they ~~may~~ have full power to act in the division and distribution, and settlement, of my said estate as to said share the same as if it were herein devised and bequeathed to them, the survivor or survivors of them absolutely and in fee for their own use and benefit; and that they the survivor or survivors of them have, hold and manage the same, collect the same, and the income

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thereof, with full discretionary power of disposal, sale, and reinvestment of the whole or any part thereof and to execute deeds and all other proper instruments, necessary and proper, for carrying into execution this trust till my said grandson shall have arrived at twenty-six years of age, when his said share, its proceeds, and income, in the hands of said trustees the survivor or survivors of them, shall be turned over to him, said grandson, absolutely and in fee.

But if at the time he would have arrived at twenty-six years of age, said grandson shall have deceased leaving legitimate issue, that shall then be living, his said share shall then be turned over absolutely and in fee, to such issue.

But if at that time or at any time prior thereto it shall turn out that said grandson shall have deceased and no legitimate issue of his shall then be living, said trustees, the survivor or survivors of them, shall at once turn over his, said grandson's share its proceeds and income in their hands to my said four children, now living

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who shall then be living, and the issue of any child who may have then deceased, to be divided equally among said four children if all living, and such issue of any ^{deceased} child taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled if living. I hereby direct and will that said trustees, the survivor or survivors of them who may accept this trust shall pay out of the net income of my said grand-son's share, the expenses of supporting ~~and~~ maintaining and educating him in such manner as they may deem ~~advisable~~ ^{suitable} and proper until he ^{shall} arrive at ~~the~~ twenty six years of age. Should any of said named trustees decline to accept this trust, I will and direct that it be executed by those of them that do accept the same; but should they all decline to accept or all die, or all who have accepted become unable at any time to act then I direct and request the proper court to appoint in their stead a suitable trustee who shall be nominated by the survivors of my said children, and when appointed shall be vested with the same powers, rights,

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duties disentions and responsibilities as said named
Trustees would be vested with should they accept,

Item 7 - I hereby authorize and
empower my executors of this will to com-
promise, adjust and discharge, in such
manner as they deem proper, the debts
and claims due me, and to settle any
accounts, and affairs, and ^{also} I authorize and
empower my executors, if they deem it
best for my estate, to sell by private sale
or in such manner, upon such terms of
credit or otherwise as they deem proper,
all or any part of the personal property of
my estate, other than that mentioned and
bequeathed in Item 3, of this will, and
deliver the same, and give receipts for
any money paid or accounted for to my
estate by purchasers, or others, who shall
be exonerated by such receipts from all
liabilities in respect to the application
of the money. But I also hereby
authorize and empower my executors,
if they deem it best for my estate to
divide and distribute, in kind the whole
or any part of the notes, bonds, accounts,
claims &c belonging to my estate to any
or all of the legatees of this my will

according to their respective shares, including my said sons, John Means and William Means, whom I have named as executors, at such a valuation as my executors deem just and equitable and I will and direct that no final settlement of my personal estate can in any event be required before three years after my decease, and I declare that as well each and all said named executors, as any and all trustees under this will shall be charged only to the extent of his or their respective and actual receipts, and be exempt from responsibility for involuntary losses, and be entitled to retain all disbursements and expenses incident to the execution of my will and of any trust therein.

Item 8 If from any failure of any of said named executors to accept, or from death or disability to act, or from any cause, the number of executors shall at any time become less than two I hereby direct and request the proper Court, on the nomination of the Survivors or survivors of any said children, to appoint a sufficient number of executors so that the number of acting

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executors shall not be less than two, and such appointed executor or executors, shall have all the power, authority, rights, responsibility, and liability, as said named executor would have if acting. And if any one of said named executors shall fail to accept, or die, or fail from any cause to act, then this will shall be executed by the remaining two. And generally this will shall be executed by any remaining two executors, acting executors, whether they are said named executors or are appointed by the court as above provided —

Item 9 — I declare that this writing consisting of two sheets of paper, contains the whole of my will which is written on six pages and attested and signed and witnessed on the seventh page — In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of July in the year 1880
J. W. M. — Seal

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Witness H. C. Burr
J. L. Auden

Lakewood N.Y.
Aug 7 1880

Dearest Father,

We have just returned from a trip to S.A. grounds, Fair Point, where we met Mrs McKittrick and Sister Sutherland at took dinner with them, heard the Jubilee Singers the Original Fisk Singers who sang splendidly indeed, ^{on Sunday} their leader met with a very serious accident, falling off of the stage and hurt himself very badly and perhaps dangerously. A member of the United States Christian Committee which did so much during the war for the Union soldiers. In the morning the services were



1880



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

John Means
Ashland
Boyd Co. Ky

Marsatta

Sept 13. 1870

Dear Father

As we have taken up Geometry, and will need a set of instruments please send ~~me~~ that box of Instruments you have at home, so that I will not have to buy a new set send them with the Students Lamp and Latin dictionary as

soon as possible, to us ~~for~~ we need them now. Please send our letters care of Mrs Knowles till we can get a

we are well to Uncle a
all went to Uncle a
tea at yesterday
I looke hurry
up the papers
your son
Dooke

Ashland Sept 13th 1880

My Dear Darling Boy

The
time seems very long, since
you left us - and your
poor Mother has shed
many tears - Thinking of her
tryp - Your seat in Church
looked so sad to me, yesterday
I could not bear to look
out it - and we missed you
so much Sunday afternoon
it will take me, a long
time to be used, to you

absence - I do hope you
will try, & keep well - &
be good boys - Ask Cap
Ella, for anything you want
more bed clothes, cold night
or what ever you need - Have
you very thing comfortable, in
your room for studying?
If she had not such things
as you need, you can buy
them - be sure & don't study
by a poor light - for you
know, your eyes are not
strong - Go & see Uncle
George often, & give him &
Sarah & Mr. Russ, my love
I want you to go & see Miss
Mama Woodbridge & tell her

I was very sorry to miss
her visit - We have
a new cow - we bought her
of Henry Herbst - Mr
Piddit was just in to bid
us good bye - he goes to
Chicago for a long visit -
The girls are helping to clean
house - Aunt Mag will give
them a fine party next week,
she was sorry, she could not
have had it before you went
away - Mr. Dawson will get
up the supper for her, so it will
be quite expensive - Write every
week - both of you - one the first
& the other the middle of the
week - Much love & kisses
from your loving Mother

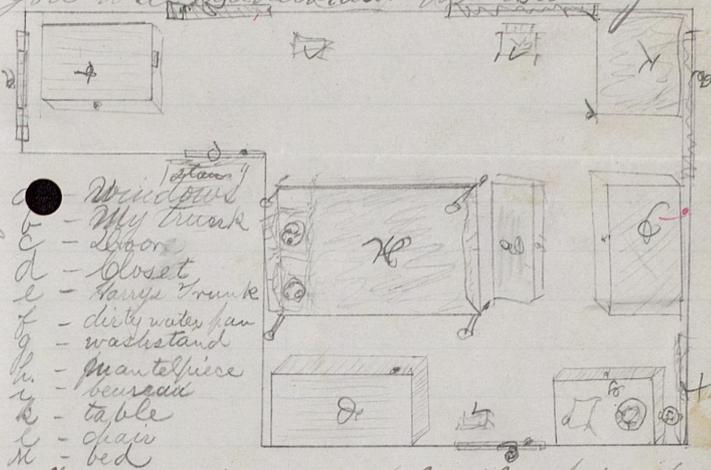
this in any time I will only say it is the best and save the rest for another letter. W is the table on which we keep our books and around which we burn the midnight oil. not a very large table but it takes up a good deal of room as you see. C are the chairs of which we have three in the room two cane bottom ones and one arm chair.

M is the bed in which we have heretofore and I suppose will continue to sleep, not a very fine one in fact no finer than the one at home, but still a very nice bed with 2 pillows and a bolster with plenty of covers, and it now being
 9.45 P.M. I will proceed to get in it as soon as possible so Good Night

I love to all now goes to bed
 My Brother will
 have their own
 own

Marietta O
 Sept 15 1880
 Dear Sister, Lily

As you was so fond of describing your bed room you will understand ^{me} the drawing



- A - Window
- B - Trunk
- C - Window
- D - Closet
- E - Trunk
- F - dirty water pan
- G - washstand
- H - Mantelpiece
- I - bureau
- L - table
- M - chair
- K - bed

Here you have a tolerable fair idea of the size of our room, a little larger than yours at school. The stairs

are almost directly in front of our door, and at the foot of them is a door which enters out on the porch, as you enter the room from the stairs you come into a sort of wing of the room about 8 feet long and 5 wide in which is 2 windows and my trunk, (a & b), the front window in this wing looks out on the street (c), towards College grounds and buildings, the side window looking into Mr. Elderman's (the Editor & Proprietor of the Register) yard and house, who by the way has two boys in our class, Carl & Fran, two great cutups in a station of whom you will hear a great deal more, at some future time, but to continue (e) is the door by which you enter this wing and room from the stairs, (d) which represents the wardrobe and closet in which we have stowed away 4 suits of clothes 4 overcoats and 3 hats, 2 pair of slippers

and a clothes bag &c &c &c (e) is Harry's trunk which sets at the foot of the bed and in front of the ~~beaman~~ in a very handy place as you see (f) is that tin basin in which water is thrown after it has been used and made dirty, paper, &c &c (g) is the wash stand, on which is placed the wash bowl and Pitcher a smaller pitcher and 2 goblets, over the stand is a dasher and a towel rack on which is kept towels, it (the stand) contains 1 drawer and below 2 shelves with doors in front (h) is the mantelpiece and fireplace which has not yet come in use as we study down stairs when it is cold, (i) I do not whether to save that for a whole letter or not, but if I wish to get through with

Arlaud Ky. 15th Sept 1880

Dear Cooke

Your letter to mother came yesterday,
card to me today -

Buy you a lamp in Marietta, I may
need mine here sometimes - I
shall also need my mathematical
instruments occasionally - and if
you need some, be sure of that,
buy what you need: also buy the
Palmer Latin - (~~What Dictionary do~~
~~you want?~~) I'll send you my
Ainsworths Latin and Webster's

Dictionary - Take good care of
the Ainsworth as it is one
that your grandfather always
used and I desire to keep
it as long as we can -

I have ordered the "Republican" sent
and will order South Register
in a day or two -

Yours truly
John Allard

Ordered this day - the printer's register to be sent you

Arkland Ky, 16th Sept 1880
Dear Levee

herewith I send
receipt for the Dictumain
I have left the charges 30¢
unpaid as I find that
Express agents are
more prompt to deliver
when their pay depends
on delivery. You were
and I were at Dourter
Fair to day. Exhibition
about as usual, saw
a number of old acquaint-
ances. The New Fleewood
came up yesterday, and
has attracted a good
deal of attention. She
is a nice boat, Capt
Hurdell says everything
works off right -
Yours John Meant

Also a bottle of Parness
Lotion

Marion O
Sept 11 1880

Dear Mother,

Your seas are
now installed at Mrs Knowles,
Having arrived at M. Wednesday
night, and as it was raining and
damp, we went to the Hotel
and there spent the night
coming around to Mrs Knowles in
the forenoon, about 8 o'clock, and
went to see ~~the~~ Prof Andrews of
the Academy, (the next went did not
till 11) about 9, were taken in, in the
A grade, at 11 we again went to
hear the geometry recite and again
at 2.30 to the Zoology recitation.
At the boat we were met by
the black boys and Lou Whipple

When we had been in bed about
5 minutes at the hotel, 3 boys,

Harry Butler, Dean Alderman and
a young Kinkaid, came up to our rooms
and ~~wake~~ roused us out of bed
to shake hands with us, and have
a 5 minute talk, and then be off.

in the first we met that we
knew was Muel Ross, who
told us all at his house were
quite well we then went around
to see Muel Geo. and Sarah, whom
we found in their usual places
one in the office and the other
in the dining room.

We made 2 recitations Friday
Geometry & Zoology, we have not
as yet made a Latin recitation
but probably will Monday. our Latin
is Cicero we have 3 recitations at
7:30 to 8:30, 11 to 1:30 and 2:30 to 3:30

Have not been to Cutlers yet but
will go soon.

Tell Pa I read at students lamp
and as there is one at home I wish
he would send it to us

We have had to buy all new books
as none of the which we have brought
are of any use to us yet. our books
will have cost us about 10 dollars
when have them all

John Russell boards O'Nyes next
door to O'Nyes and very nice and
a better table, he goes into our
class, Lou has taken up Greek
and therefore has but 2 recitations
at the same time we do Latin
and Geometry.

Tell Pa to send the papers
as soon as possible.

with to all from all
Yours son Cook

Marietta O
Sept 18 1880

Dearest Mother,

We have not yet received our Ashland paper but expect too, to day, have received 4 letters from home, ~~altogether~~ up to present time.

Everything is booming in N., over the coming election in November. Democrats and Republicans have been having torch light processions the Democrats had one Tuesday night and then were addressed in the City Hall. Wednesday night the Republicans had one and all ye Ashland boys carried a torch a piece, but as mine burnt up I only went about

half way with the processions, but
the rest stuck it out, Friday
night the Republicans and Democrats
both had one, the Democrats first
intended to have one and had
fixed up or intended to fix up
something about Maine, ^{and their victory} to carry around
in their procession, but they changed
their mind and only said, they were
satisfied with Maine, The Republican
was gotten up to welcome Gov Foster,
but only the clubs marched, and then
only from the depot to the National
House where Foster made a speech
of about 30 minutes, and just before
he made it, Sean Alderman and I
went up and shook hands with him.
Sean is my next-door-neighbor
and in the same class with me
the noble class of '85, we now
have in our class about 33 or 24

Lou has taken up Greek, and
is sub in that although he will
be up in the A Greek class Christmas,
John, Harry, & I as we do not
study Greek ^{we} zoology with about
five others, The worst cut-ups in
the class are Harry Chamberlain or
Chuf and Carl Alderman or Rats,
And the one of whom most fun
is made, is Slack Cotton on account
of the length of his legs,

Sunday we went to the Presbyterian
in the morning and to the Congregation
Church at night, we took ~~the~~
with Harle George, who is the only
one we have been to see yet,

Are all well and doing well
with much love to all from all
I remain as ever.

Your loving son
Booker

Miss Means' Compliments

For

Tuesday evening, September 21st,
at seven o'clock,

to meet

Miss Bess, Rose, and Lily Means.
Hanging Rock, O.
Sept. 1880.

Marietta O
Sept 25 '84

Dear Father

I received your package Monday and for same please accept thanks.

Mother & Bessie arrived this evening at 6 O'clock on the M & C Road, but were unable to find their baggage though they had checks for it, after having gone up to Uncle's in the Omnibus they gave their checks to the driver who said he would look for them on the morning train, but afterwards Mr Ross and I went to the office and told them to telegraph to Parkersburg for them.

but they said they could not
do so till they knew the number
of the check. Then we had to
hunt up the driver, and get
the checks, which we found to
be for Hamden instead of Hamier
then they telegraphed to Hamden
for ~~them~~ ^{it}, and it will probably
be here to night on the 2:15
our train.

Regret very much to learn
of Mr. Ham's death.

Received our first Iron to
paper Thursday in the 6 o'clock
P.M. mail.

John Ham and I have a
box so you need not
send our mail in the judges
care.

To day we were initiated into
the A.S. Academy Literary Society

to be a member of which
cost us (\$1.) One Dollar a year
Next week we have the
fair, the races ought to be
good for there is one purse of
\$200 and another of \$500.
Our tuition will be 12
Dollars.

All Well, with much
love to and from all
yours
E. C. Means

50 P.M.

Marietta Choo
Oct 3 / 88

Dear Mother,

After you left Mrs Knowles told us she had seen you off, but at the time you departed we were in recitation, John and Lou were both sorry they did not say good bye to you and Bess, I received the Ironton paper Friday and the A. paper Saturday; Saturday morning we went to the A. L. S., and were entertained by a few speeches &c &c in 2 weeks I come on duty in the A. L. S. and in the Academy thus the Academy we speak on Wed after noon and get off from Zoology Recitation in the A. L. S. we come on duty every 2 or 3 weeks but not for a

much longer period in the Academy
Saturday the College Base Ball Nine
Beat the Newport stars to the tune
of 17 to 5. Clara has been quite
sick since she came home from Church
tell Tom he must write to me
Harry and I are both well
there is not much news to tell
but what you and Bess know
Tell Charlie to answer that postal
or he shall ~~stand~~ suffer

With much Love

Brook.

Mr. Wiley was in last car
and inquired about the
boys, said he missed
the 'four' very much
Told me he would
write you soon

Remember me to all
the friends - boys

Yours
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 3rd Oct 1885.
Dear Cooke

Your letter came Sunday
and card yesterday, and
about 6 P.M., the Emma
with mother and Berie
and we were glad to see
them - We had the fair
last week as advertised.
Not a large attendance
First day about 100 - second
about 300 and last day
about 1,000 - Horse racing
alone don't draw the
people. The young gentlemen
and ladies have been making
their party and parting calls
on Aunt May for a week
past, some of them going
nearly every day - Rose

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has spent most of the time there since the party.
Mr. Mack came up Sunday, and on Wednesday he
and Russell and Putnam left for Low Moor, returning
Friday. The Frigate is about ready to start,
I expect to start over there tomorrow evening. Mr. Mack
will come up in the Heliotrope today, and go with
me. Fattus and Tom Adams came up one day to the
Fair - We had had ~~Washington~~ to dinner one day.
Friday night the Cooking Club met at Mr. Russell's
Minnie Brown stayed with us that night. The
Chataqua R.R. people are to begin tracklaying tomorrow
will join to our track up by the Norton D. W. and
lay up to join the C. S. & N. B. - use their track to Castleberry
and then lay their own up Big Sandy River -
We are told the C. S. & N. B. will have their track
to this place by the close of this week - One of
John Mitchell's little boys was killed yesterday by accident
with a pistol, Had no particulars. We are,
you Norton and I, going to church at Inverness today,
and down to St. Rock to dine - Aunt May came up
yesterday to see me - She came ~~Low Moor~~ Tuesday night
and sails on 14th - I don't know name of vessel

Ashland Oct 6th 1880
Dear Cooke & Nancy
Bess & I
reached home safely on
Saturday about six P.M.
We had to stay at Portsmouth
at the Biggs house Friday
night & Sat. morning - and then
came near missing the boat
as Bess thought she was
going down the river when
it was going up - We found
all well at home but Nildrick
who has a dreadful cold
he had a cold when we
left home & took much more

at the Fair - I am sorry
to tell you that your
pretty little white cat is
dead & as the little kitten
cant be found I expect
it is dead also - Henry thinks
some bad boy threw stones
at your cat & caused its death -
Arch brought your printing
press home today - I suppose
he concluded it would not pay -
Rose & Lily have gone to the
city to meet Miss Jessie
Wheeler - Aunt May went
to the city with them on her
way to Rome - It would
do you good to see the
big pile of apples up in the
granary - They came from
Sandy City -

The locomotive has come
down as far as Keys Creek
& is expected in Ashland on
Thursday - 13 of us went to
Hanging Rock Shouton Church
on Sunday to hear Mr Young -
Then Hildreth & your pa & I
went to the Rock to dinner -
Aunt Betty looks well - Tom
Adams is here while Charlie &
the Campbell go on horseback
up Sandy for a week - Give
my love to every body who
expect it - & love & kisses to
yourselves from your aff
Mother

Your Pa has gone to Lowman

Marietta Ohio
Oct 10 1860

Dear Mother,

Your letter was received on the 8th inst.

Saturday the 9th Bob Ingersoll spoke to a very large crowd in the Park about 5000 people being present. he was assisted by the Chicago glee club, who did some very fine singing.

But the best part of all next to the speech was the procession the like of which was never before seen in Marietta, being about 2 miles long taking about 30 minutes to go passed first came about 400 mounted men about half of whom were in Uniform (the campaign Uniform)

the same the industries of the city
led by 6 waggons or cars from the
Acair factory with the men on them
making chairs and ~~mounting~~ No Change
then some foundry was represented
with the men making a boiler, with
their blacksmith at his forge, then
a self guiding steam engine pulled
a car with ~~the~~ stoves and how they are
made at Nyes stoves' foundry then
a brick yard, then a skiff then
a canal boat with boy riding
mules towing it along, then a horse
on another for a livery stable, a
printing press on another in all
about 30 cars, then a long line
of buggies and waggons full of men
a about 200 men marching on foot
ending with a troop of boys telling
how they will vote in 10 years
All well Cooke

In Mrs. Cone - & then she is going
to have some company - The
locomotive has not been seen on the
new road since the first day
but will be driven in two weeks.

Aunt May has sailed for Europe
& is now on the Ocean - on the White
Star line - sea sick, I suppose -
We are having heavy rains now
so the girls did not go to Hanging
Rock - Give my love to all who
inquire - & to Uncle George & Sarah
& Mr. Ross - & to Aunt & go & see them
often & go down some evening with
Mrs. Amos & see Miss Maria Woodling
Love & kisses to you both
from your affectionate
Aunt

Ashland Oct 15th 1880 -

Dear Harry, Cook

My dear boys

Lily had a nice long letter
from Harry today - I am glad
you are so well satisfied in
your new home - and hope you
will take good care of yourself
so as not to get sick this
winter - Lillie & Nell has a
very bad cold he took it at
the girls first evening club &

Spent still more at the Fair - grapes - bananas & pears & ice
he seems very public, ever since Cream left - next day - & you
I suppose you have heard, of boys would have had an elegant
the folks around town, going to town, eating if you had been here
into 3 houses one night & taking if I could have sent you some
preacher McCoy & ^{the} little Hughes I would have been glad to - but I
best clothes - they have not yet - suppose they would have spoiled,
called on us, but we look for before you got them - last night
them very tight - The girls they had the cooking club at Mrs Morris
had a big party for Miss Lizzie & they all went up in the band wagon
on Thursday night - & they ordered (from Benton) with four horses - it
\$25. worth of bananas, pears, grapes & ice cream from Damon - who
& ice cream from Damon - who would be light to return in - Mr Grahm
they should have only ordered \$12 or was up to both parties - and asked
\$14 - & so they had a big pile of after you boys - Ben Loni is looking

Marietta
Oct 17 1880

Dear Father,

We received your letter and were glad to learn that the railroad has at last reached Ashland, and we are in hopes, that by the time we come home Christmas, you will be in connection with Postsmills that if the river is in such a condition that we cannot go home by boat, we can by rail.

Mr James Edgerton and wife are at Uncle Georges, Cousin Jim is in poor health being compelled to sell his store, and travel, we have not been to see

them yet but will go down
and take tea with them this
evening.

Next Monday, tomorrow, the Republicans
are going to have a Jubilee in
honor of their carrying the election
and to keep things booming, the
election passed off quietly. Gen
Warner being defeated and Gen
Blawie being put in his place.
Last Wednesday Harry and I had
to speak in the Academy and
Saturday had a declamation
A. S. S. to which we belong it is
the Academy Literary Society,
it meets, or has met, so far, at
8 A. M., next week Harry has a
declamation and week after I
am in debate, a person comes
on duty every other week,
They are working on the Ice Harbor

night and day, but will not
be able to finish it this year, I
heard one of the boys say that
it was to be 400 feet long and
about 100 wide and 20 feet deep.

The free bridge will be finished
about the first of December,
all but the draw and approach
on the Hammer side is ^{now} finished.

We are well,

With much love to and from
all I remain as ever
Cooke

Marietta O
Oct 17 1880

Dear Bessie,

I received your
epistle on the 9th, I was glad
to learn that you were at last
to see your beloved Jessie, and
would have been more so if I could
have viewed her lovely countenance,
"but the fates had not so decreed!
I give that delicious personage
my kindest regards, and sincerest
regrets, for not being able to meet
her, don't forget my love while
you are about it.

Last Wednesday '87 & '86 had
the boldness to challenge '85 to
a game of foot ball. I don't
think they will try it again

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for '85 give them such a game
as they won't want again for
some time '85 making the straight
goals in less than 15 minutes,
'85 forever. "You bet"

We have finished Cicero that is
some of us ^{have} John Lou & I will
pass into Virgil without an exam-
ination but Harry will have
to be examined not having passed
a grade above 70. four or five will
be examined.

There are three boys here from
Columbus, Moore^{'82}, Hughes^{'84}, and Dun^{'84}
and their room is a great loafing
place for A boys, and a great
place for playing whist.

I will now stop writing
Cooke



"you bet"

Mr Condit is still
away and the folks
have gone to the Methodist
church - After dinner
Miss W, and myself
propose to drive to O. Park,
Love to Harry and
regards to Lew + John
and other friends,
Yours,
John H. Young

Wilmington N.C., 17th October 1880
Dear Cooke,

We have been busy this
week part in hearing
and rejoicing over the news
from Ohio and Indiana
elections. Tuesday night
A. M. Thomas Republican
candidate for congress,
was here and spoke in
Finner Hall to as many as
could get in to hear him.
The Sanford Club, with
Tobacco, caps and caps in
uniform, met at the Hotel
Aldine and escorted him
(Thomas) to the Hall.

Arrangements had been made
to have the news, by telegraph,
from Ohio + Indiana, sent

7) To hall and as the good news began to come in they crowd was quite happy and jubilant. And determined to make a vigorous effort to carry the County for Thomas. Nearly every body at the District S. W. is Republican, and organized up for the work -

Thursday night the girls gave a party for Mrs. White of which I suppose they will write you fully Friday night they young folks went to Leebertown at 11 o'clock when the Cooking Club met.

Lowmors Farnau, made first cast Tuesday (12th) morning and made nice start - everything working well. It began to rain here Friday afternoon and continued to do so that night and yesterday so that we are hoping for another rise in the river which had fallen so low, that the boats were very irregular, being from 36 to 48 hours coming up. The new (E. Cecil) Little Sampson is transferring freight from here to Huntington the other boats not going up. Co. St. Thom Adams is sleeping in the Bank while Mr. Campbell is away Thursday he (C) and Charley were in Abingdon Va, when they expected to stay two or three days. We don't know where they go to from A.

hardly some of the boys in
A.S.D. are trying to change
the time of meeting from Morning
to night and I wish they
would, then I can go hunting
on Saturday.
I am in hopes the Portsmouth
Railway will be finished by Christ-
mas.

All well with much love
to all from all
Coke

Tell Tom to write.

P.S., Cousin Jim & Wife leave
Saturday, via Ganesville and
B & O R.R. to Chicago.

Cousin Mary sends love to all

Marietta Ohio
Oct 23 1880

Dear Mother,

Last Sunday
we took tea at Uncle George's with
Mary Edgerton, James (Cousin) going
to his father's. I have not heard
when they intend go West again.
Cousin Jim has a very bad cold
which has settled on his lungs.
I gave them an invitation to and
see you at Ashland but they
thought it would be too much out
of their way to do so.

Tuesday Adam F. reopens
Circus and "Menagerie" was here
but it only gave two performances
in the afternoon, so we did not
go.

Wednesday afternoon the Freshmen '84 and Sophomores'83 played a game of Foot Ball the Freshmen winning in about one and a half hours, they getting 3 goals to the Sophomores 0

Next Wednesday the same boys will play ^{with} the Freshmen's Hand our class '85.

'85. "you bet"

Last Thursday, We went to hear "Kit the Arkansas Traveler", and it was pretty good.

Sunday Rev Andrews preached at the Presbyterian Church "and a very good sermon too."

My or rather our heavy over coats are getting rather sholt so we would like to have new ones when we come home Christmas.

I wish you would send me a Gaskell's Compendium, old or new

I would like very much to have my gun, so do not disappoint me but send as possible.

How much did you subscribe for the home

Next time and ever afterward do not fear of good eatables spoiling but send them right along. You got some caramels from home. Oh for some Chocolate Cake, &c &c &c &c &c &c

Send us a nice box when you do send one, you can not send them so often, of course I am not so strongly in favor of a Change as the Democrats but I like good eating once in a while.

We have 14 hours of recitation a week and you had better believe we have to study. Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays come



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Mr John Means
Ashland
Ky.

Boyd Co.

Marquette Co.
Oct 28 1880

Dear Father,

Yours of the 23rd
received. The Knobel family say that
they have no objections, provided
you are willing to run the risk.

Yours truly

E. C. Mearns.

Marion
Oct 31 '80

Dear Mother,

I intended
to write this letter to Rose but
as she is going to Dresden now
it will reach Oakland before she
leaves.

The news about the Railroads
does me more good than enough
I am in hopes that if we
cannot come home by Boat we
can by Rail

Uncle Hugh wrote me a letter
asking me to hunt the Champion
Feed Cutter Co. which I did and
gave them his letter.

Cousin James Eder's wife
have not yet gone West yet

will tomorrow going up to
Jamesville and spending a day
with Uncle Charles, Confin has
a very bad cold

Monday night, is to be cele-
brated, as Hallow Eev, one of
the boys wanted me to give
some money to buy wood to
have a fire on the Campus
but I would not give any.

The Freshmen and Sophomores
are going to have a tug of war
the vanquished class to be
burned in effigy, which means
a free fight, like as not some
of the boys will get suspended
and great many of them will
have sore heads next day.

The time of meeting for the
A.S.S. has been changed from
Saturday morning to Sat night

Last night Mrs Knowles
had five ⁽³⁷⁾ Ladies here to tea
and the Oysters were "boss"
Wednesday our class '85 played
a game of foot ball with the
Freshmen '84 and after play-
ing Shows came out a tie
Each having made two (2) goals
the Freshmen had beaten the Sophs
the Wednesday before and expected
to walk right over us but
they were badly mistaken
we will probably play again,
Judge Knowles has had Court
for 3 weeks and will have
fore one or two more
we are both very well
with much love

Cook

hurry up the Gun

How much for each is your trading - and

looked so well for a long time -

The work on Railroads around us goes along swimmingly - And we hear that this week that Fair is to be put on the E. & A. P. S. for business -

Had a nice letter from Judge Piers, last week, who wanted to be remembered to you and Harry. His son is married to a young man with whom they are well pleased, I forgot his name. It now looks as though the R.R. might be finished in time, for as to attend the Judge's golden wedding next September - With regards to the boys and other friends

Yours,
John McLean

Atland N.J. 31 Oct 1880
Dear Corbin

Your letter of 25th and of 29th and Harry of 27th are all duly to hand - I'll send you in day or two, and want you to remember to be careful with your powder always - If you don't I prefer you should do so with a good gun, and send yours, it being probably better than most you can get the use of - Be careful, and remember that the saddest duty of my life, was going home to his parents, with the dead body of Willie Wedderburn. Have had a busy week, and heavy rains, so that we expect

water for our big boats soon - Monday night Judge Phinck
democratic candidate for Congress spoke in G. P. & F. Hall
Most of the Republicans went to Cullerburg, I went to hear
Phinck - who seemed very much discouraged, I was
sorry for him personally, but glad politically - So that
are even on time! Tuesday Mr Campbell & Cleary got
home having enjoyed their trip in the mountains; at
night we were at a pleasant party at Col Putnam's, Wednesday
we dined at Judge Inlands with a small number of
friends - Thursday your mother dined at Mrs Hamptons,
Friday the girls dined at Clear Meads, your mother declining
to go - and at night, we danced into the 'six o'clock'
hour at Mr Cole's - The party being given to Mrs Cole,
Miss Peck a friend of hers and Miss Hollie Murray -
Saturday I went to Portsmouth and attended a
meeting of the directors of Portsmouth Iron Steel Co., and
bought a share and got them, Reached home about
midnight - Went and came in Lizzie Johnston which is running
in place of City of D. - There was communion at the Peer Ch
to day - We are making arrangements to start
Princess F. as a charcoal F. - if Knafield and
Thomas are elected - Cleary and Mr Campbell
look very much better for their trip; Mr C has not

Marietta Ohio
Oct 1840

Dear Father,

We received
letters from you & Mother on the 19th inst
and are glad to learn that you
are all well.

I passed into Virgil from
Leicesters without an examination
Happy after two examinations.

I wish that you would have
the kindness to send me my
Gun and the box, which you
will find in my closet with loading
implements, shells &c and also
my belt (cartridge belt) which is also
in my closet and a file, and ^{pinchers} tweezers
if you can find them, Send as soon
as possible for there is some

good hunting and we need more
muscular exercise, we get a good
playing foot ball, but that soon
gets tiresome, Please send
it at once and if there is
any thing I have not mentioned
please send it along
and oblige your son
Dooker

All Well,
Much Love to all

Auckland Nov 4th 1880

My Dear Coke & Lucy -
Your
Father & the four girls, have
all gone & left me alone
in my glory - Of course
the house seems quiet enough
without them - Your father
will be home from the City on
Friday - I have Mary Casick
come up & sleep with Katie
nights, for protection - & we
seem to be getting along work
& taking a good rest - For of

course with four young ladies
with so many boys we have
had little chance for a quiet
house at night - If you
boys were only here, you might
enjoy yourselves taking the
measles - I never saw them
prevail so generally, as at
present - They have them now,
I believe, at Mrs Condit's, Russell
Campbels - Mountmollens &c - & all
our town - but they are light &
if the children don't get cold
they get along nicely -
We are having heavy rains now
and the big boats are coming out
Mrs Cone leaves today for California
she is much afraid her children
will get the measles & be sick on
the cars - I have not much

news to tell you - All you
hear now is about the election
but you will get all that in
the papers - I believe there is
to be another illumination next
week - one man in Cattsburg
got his hand shot off firing
the Cannon - Your father is
talking of sending you gun - but
I am in favor of keeping it at
home - The Condit's & Charlie Means
& Campbel are much improved by
their trips - Aunt Mag has reached
Queenstown safely - Love to all
my friends & love & kisses to
yourselves from your aff Mother

I want you to write to Hildreth

tell Tom he should write
first. he is the oldest

Marietta Ohio
November 7th 1880

Dear Mother & Father

Yours of
the 1st and 5th Received we are
all well and rejoicing over
Garfield's election to the Presidency
so ~~of~~ that Thomas was not elected
in your district, but I believe
old Kentucky put in our
Congressman,

Glad to hear the Rail Road
has put on regular trains to
Ashland, and hope that the
Ohio Valley will before long
how long do you expect it
will be before they lay the rails
and put on trains.

The river is up wth lots of logs

have passed down, the Ice
Bridge is all most finished
and the work still goes on at
the Ice harbor

Tom Whipple and Douglas Put.
have returned from the annual
convention of the Delta Upsilon
Fraternity held at Amherst. College
they were pleased with the trip
and spoke very highly of the
way in which they were treated
and especially the way they were
fed and of the sociability
the ~~boys~~ fellows and how well they
were selected, that is the one
to which all four of us are pledged
and to which Charlie & Will and
the slack boys belong Gen James
A. Garfield is the President
he belonged to it when at
College I have their Triennial

which I will bring home
Christmas

Cousin James Edgerton & Wife
departed Monday last via ~~Amherst~~
My Gun has not come yet
but I am expecting it
daily, the boys in our class
do a good deal of hunting
We are all quite well
with much love
Cooke

Note to Rose at Dresden.

for him out to meet
me to keep his money
remember me kindly
to ~~the~~ Mrs Means and your
daughters. I hope they will
come this way and make
us a little visit as they
return home.

Yours A D Knicker

Maratta C
November 14, '80

Dear Father.

The gun was received Friday morning and the Expressage was Eighty (\$80) cents. As they have a free delivery here please send the packages pre-paid after this, you sent every thing except the belt (Cartridge belt) please send it by mail.

We have received a letter or two from the girls at Dresden and they appear to be having a first rate time.

It snowed some yesterday but not enough to amount to any thing though it lasted about 3 hours.

Last Wednesday Eli Perkins Catapult

here. I suppose it was the same
one he gave in A. last winter
We did not receive our Republican
of the 4th till the 10th
and the first Iron ton papers we have
received yet but was only one
I told Mrs Knowles what you
said about the board
and she said she would
write to you

Please send us One hundred (\$100.)
Dollars

If you did not send any for
us with Mrs Knowles' money,
how much, does she charge
us, she has never told us

I must write to one of the
girls so I will finish

We are all well, with much love
to and from all

I remain as ever

E. M. Harris

after with least trouble
to all interested -

Your Uncle Will and
Capt Kyle were at H. Hook
Thursday - Pearl and Jettie
are in Philad, where your
Aunt Martha will go to spend
the winter -

Aunt May and Jennie believe
had a stormy voyage; were
on board 14 days, while the
usual time for that vessel
was only 8 days. One of
the sailors was killed, and
buried at sea, another
had his arm broken -

They thought at one time,
they were going down for
good - They have a young
son at Tom's Grange
Rec'd letter from Mr. Kinder
will answer soon - All well
your John Deane

Abland Ky, 14th Novm 1880.
Dear Uncle

Your of 7th inst came
duly to hand also Post of
10th to Tom -

Yesterday we had quite a
snow storm, beginning in
the morning and lasting
until 4 P.M. - The ground
is now white with
about one inch of snow.

We cannot tell much,
about the Railroad, more
than you see in the news-
papers. Mr. Robinson
Supt of the Ohio (Scioto) Valley,
was here Friday and said
he expected to begin on
opposite of mine and
get the work on their

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incline done by the time the road would be finished up to it - which he expected would be done about the first of Jan'y 81 - Of course must depend on the sort of weather we may have between now and that time; and many other causes may prevent working successfully. I send you the Independent, which after one more issue from Kintla will be moved to and published in Akland - Mr Graham was here last week and rented Campbell House corner of 4th St and Winchester Ave - where James Hugger had his store - Mr. Hugger will to morrow, take the place of Agent, for the E.L. & P.S. R.R., and Jim is to succeed him as Conductor on the A.C.R. The wet weather is making the banks slide in our new work but Mr. Hilton, does not think there will be enough to cause serious delay - Father and Tom A, came up yesterday - We are considering whether to start Princess when she is, or ~~to~~ move her to Akland and set her up and start here, I think the better plan is to bring her here - When she can be looked

Ashland Nov - 18th / 1881 -

Dear Cook + Harry

Mr Patterson
was so kind as to send
you + Lu + John R. some Candy
& nuts - The tin box & the small
box of nuts are from him - &
the pea nuts & almonds are for
Cook + Harry from Mother. - You
must not forget to write him
a letter of thanks & get the
other boys to sign it - You
I cannot find the Carriage belt
you will have to hunt it up when
you come home - I send the
Gaskell to improve your writing

and I am sorry to say you
need to improve - The socks are
a good pair you left behind -
Gay has the measles so they won't
go to Marquette this week - Eva
is taking them - Chachi will
come next - Lou pa went
Lowmoor last night on the Cars
at 4 P.M. Love off -
Mother -

Wednesday -

If the girls were at home they would
have made you some cake!

for yourself

Yours truly

E. M. Caudill

to
Mrs John Beaus
Ashtland Ky.

Mrs Kuswols received the letter
and requests me to return thanks
Have not received my money yet

Many thanks for box,

Marietta Ohio
November 21 '88

Dear Mother,

We received the
welcomed box Saturday morning
and ate so much (I sh. South P.)
that we could eat but little dinner
afterwards. We shall write Mr W W
Patterson a letter of thanks in a
day or two. Had a box just as
you please, it will always
be welcomed with the greatest
satisfaction.

I suppose the town is full of
strangers since you have two
passenger trains from the East.
Glad to hear that the Independence
is going to come to Ashtland Ky.
I hope it will benefit the City and

drive of the Express,

I would like very much to see the Ohio Valley road completed and running to Ashland by the 1st of December. Is the incline below the Furnace worked by steam or is it simply a track leading to the river, and the cars to be brought up by an engine.

We do not hear as much about the Rail Roads as we would like to. Last Friday night Douglas Pitt Jr gave a class party and Lou, Harold were invited a few girls of Bekins age were there and we became acquainted with them, so that our first appearance in Marietta, and I trust it was successful.

We are invited to Mr Doug Cox's Parsonage for Thanksgiving dinner and have accepted the invitation.

The Chinese who was staying at Miss Maria Woodbriger's last year has returned some of his friends in the East having volunteered to pay his expenses while at school.

14 boys picked from the Junior & Sophomore classes played unequal numbers picked from the Freshmen and "A" Classes in foot Ball last Wed in which the former came off victorious much to my regret.

Today we went to the Presbyterian School for the first time and think we will continue to do so for some time to come. Lou expects his Mother Tuesday on the Scotia.

If Charlie has the measles tell him I wish that I was in his place. We are both quite well give much love to all and keep much

Ashland, Nov 23^d 1880 -

Dear Corker Harry -

I received Corker's letter today - I suppose you have seen Mrs Putnam by this time - I hope you wont take the measles from Gay - You pa sent Miss Knowles some money and she was to give you some of it, I believe ^{some of} what was over the board bill - The girls are coming home this week, they have made it so lively up there that Mimi got sick "on the strength of it" - So I suppose they will make their friends twice glad - The town is so full of darkies now - rail road hands - that some of them at least, I suppose it is them, have been stealing my chickens for two nights - They come about

from in the morning - We have
had very cold weather - & it is
so, still - I have had headache
& chills, more than any other -
Mr. Grahm is moving up the
Independent today - Chachi &
Eva have the measles - Al. Gray
is very sick - Ashland is
terribly dull this fall - & so many
have the measles, that people have
to stay at home & nurse them -
and there have been no parties
since the girls went away -
Anna Cartell goes to Hillsboro for the
winter next week - Miss Cornwell
says, to tell Mary she has a class
of girls - Aunt Mag is in Paris
waiting for company to Rome -

Give my love to all my friends -
go & see Miss Maria Woodbridge

Much love & kisses

from your aff.

Mother -

Aunt
of Sam



Marietta Childs
November 28 '80

Dear Father,

Cousin Loue came
Wednesday, and Thursday John,
Harry and I were over to Mr
Douglas Putnam's to dinner, where
we met Mrs Col. Sug, and Gaylord Put.
Cousin Sam, Wife, and two boys, Cousin
Littie, Sug Jr and Bessie, Bartley Warner
Henry Moore, Nnn Morgan, and the
family, quite a party in all.
we had a splendid dinner, and
played games and had lots
of fun afterwards.

We expected Mrs Russell would
come up with her but were
disappointed.

Mrs Knowles had a lot of her

friends and kinfolks to dinner
Friday night Prof. Nauat & Wife
were here for supper ~~that~~ ~~with~~
~~and~~ ~~was~~ John Russell was in-
vited but did not come.
This week has furnished us
with the winter sports, skating
and coasting, and especially the
last.

Wednesday afternoon we went
up to Duck Creek to skate
and I must say it was the
nicest skating and smooth
ice I have seen for quite a
while the place where we
skated was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in
length the ice was about six
inches thick and very clear
about 20 students went up
and there was some very fine
skaters among them.

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The Independent will be published next week
has been running and fitting in this week
in the Scioto (Ohio) Valley Road
as fast as can be done to
profit. But you need not
expect, to be able to come
home that way for Columbus
Railroads cannot be built in
a few days or weeks -
Our coach (incline) below the furnace,
will be to take care down and
up, by locomotive engine -
Expect to have six (6) cars on a
trip on it - Cleary has been
pretty sick with diphtheria but is
now better - The Leekers and
at Mr Clearys place Friday night
went out in sleighs and
wagons - You have not written
why you need so much money
as you asked for - Remember
me to the Ashland boys, and
other friends -
Yours
John Mearns

Lorain made \$59 two week ending 20th inst.

Ashland Ky. 28th Novm 1881.
Dear Leekers

We have had quite a
term of "Squaw Winter" as your
mother calls it. The ground
had snow on it when I came
home (19th) from Sun Moon -
And has not been cleared
from snow since. Wednesday
evening 24th and all day
Thursday and Friday until after
noon it snowed more or
less all the time. Sleighs
were out from Thursday.
I was up at County Court
Monday 22nd and we had an
order made to establish, and
\$5,000 appropriated to make a
road from Ashland to the
mouth of Bear Leekers in

The Best Work. This is near to Jim Poy's Store, I don't know whether
you was ever up there - The road starts up through my Cow Pasture
and on to Bates - Mulligans & Co - And will be a good thing
for Ashland and the County. - The girls came home Thursday
noon at 1^o P.M. - coming via Portsmouth - The river has had
ice floating in it for several days and is getting so low that
the Buckeye State came up in Place of Fleetwood Friday
Elderside Saturday in place of Astoria - I want you and
Harry to remember, that the Muskingum River, while a nice
place to skate on, is always dangerous one - If a
skater breaks through, the current carries them below
the hole he goes down through, and there is no chance
for him to get up, and out again - So you must be
very careful on it, never go where others have not been,
nor try any weak place to see how strong it is, don't
take any such risk - We shall always feel glad
when we hear there is no ice on that River -
It is raining to day and we hope will take off the snow
and bring some water in the river. The trail is increas-
ing on the C. L. & P. B. R. - and some freight begins to arrive
by it - The Coke and some ore from Va, for the Ironworks at Steel
Tennessee comes here now and the A. C. & D. Co. takes it to
Ironworks on our barges with the Pike - The work is being pushed

Marietta Ohio
Dec 5 1880.

Dearest Mother are you going to Florida this winter. Your letter was received last week and I will now proceed to answer it.

Saturday the Zoology class dissected a cat for the benefit of science and we enjoyed it very much indeed, and no doubt derived a great deal of good from the operation, we examined different parts of it through the microscope.

Miss Nye gave it ^{to} ^{cat} one of the class Robert Bosworth and at the same time telling ^{him} ^{his} he did not expect he could keep it but we easily managed that.

with a little Chloroform and
after a few desperate struggles
he kicked his last kick and
breathed his last breath, and soon
lay on the dissecting table when
we at once proceeded to business.
Last Friday night there was
a small entertainment at the
Reading Room of the Congregational
Church and I of course attended
much to my satisfaction for the
entertainment was first rate
it consisted of declamations
songs tableaux and the well
known play of Mother Goose
and refreshments after the per-
formance which were very
good. A little girl sang to
great enjoyment of all and was
well applauded by all and
sang again for all.

A Chinese man talked in Chinese

Dear Father-
and Mother Goose was
splendid and the acting in
it was first rate making in all
a first class theatre for 10 cents
Mrs Putnam and Gay are
still here but will probably
return about the middle of
the week.

Mrs Newport of St Paul is
here with two children.
Luther is going to school at
Clford.

We had a heavy rain here last night
and the River is booming today.
Would it not be best to get the 2
Henry's presents at home, and Kate's
We shall get those of the family
here.

We are both quite well
With much love
to and from all I remain as ever
your son
Cooke

Marietta Ohio
~~Dec~~
November 12/1880

Dear Mother

Your little
letter of ^{12/6} 6/12 was received ^{12/8} 8/12 1880
glad to hear the news about the
"Cow Pet" and about the Chicks
hope the same good luck will
continue especially the last.

I was up to call last Tuesday night
on the Newports, who expect to
stay till New Years, they all look
very well and the baby is quite
pretty, the young lady Mary is very
nice indeed.

Mr Cutler has returned from the
West will probably call on them this
week or some time before coming
home.

Mrs Knowles says Mrs Thomas

has been or is very sick. I don't remember
I wish that you would buy the
Christmas presents for the two Henrys
and Katie, ^{Biddy} for Harry & I, we here
or soon will have those for the rest.
You may expect us home on the
Andes either late Wed night or Thursday
morning next week if the river keeps
up, but if it is full of ice so the
boats cannot run, we will come by
rail to Portsmouth, and get from there
home the best we can, leaving here
Wed morning.

Next or rather this week our exam-
inations begin and they will be
tough customers too,

We have been reviewing in Zoölogy &
Geometry for some time.

With much love to and from all
I remain (quite well) your son E. O. Means.

Ashland N.J. 12th Decr 1880
Dear Uncle

Your of 5th and Stamp
of 8th inst came duly to hand.
There is not much to write
about which you do not
get in the two papers you
now get from here. "Pete"
his calf is now in the
family - Thursday your
mother invited about
twenty ladies to dine with
her, and proposed to them
to have some kind of a
dinner or lunch party
around among them
any week or two, this winter.
At night the Leaking Club
met here and had good
time, two parties in one

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day found a little too much I think, as she has had
bad headache since — Tom Adams came up Friday
went to Princeton and home again yesterday.
The girls were up Saturday skating on Beckett's Creek,
and had good ice —

You can do as you think but about the presents for
Kate and Henry. Genl. Wickham and Mr. Sumner
were here yesterday looking over their RR matters and
called to pay their respects to me at my office.

We hear that the Scioto Valley people are pushing
their work, but have difficulty in getting timber for
bridges and trestles as fast as they need it —

The Chatahoochee have had some delays caused by banks
slipping in during the wet weather, thereby preventing
tracklaying if no more slides come, may reach
Lorain this week with their track. All well —
Remembers me to all the friends —

Yours
John Adams

Ashland Ky, 14th December 1880.

Master E. C. Meany
Marietta Ohio -

Dear brother

Some weeks ago you wrote me to send you one hundred (\$100x) dollars. And I asked why you needed so much money, to which you had no reply. I sent Mr K Two hundred (\$200x) dollars, and asked her to let you have what you might need. I send you herewith draft for fifty (\$50x) dollars which so far as I know should leave you considerable surplus funds. As I have already written that while I do not wish you and Harry to be extravagant in expenditures, yet I do not wish you to be mean or niggardly in its use. If I should allow and encourage you in large or foolish outlays, and to acquire such habits, you would, when you have to make your own money, find very hard to break off the habit, and tempted to run in debt, without prospect for paying which is, simply dishonest. I know neither of you nor myself desire anything of that kind. Remember that you are not only receiving

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education to be obtained from books, but the foundation of
a business education. To do which I prefer to
entrust you and Harry with your money to manage
in your own way, this I hope to continue, if
you act prudently. Your mother is out
to day dining with Mr Haskell our next
neighbor in Bath St. - Rose & Lily have been
invited to act as bridesmaids for Miss Sarah
Mallon, and expect to go to night to assist
to procure dinner &c &c for the occasion.
I expect to leave Saturday for Lorne and
Washington and to return by Christmas.
Remember me to Aunt Betty and all our
friends, yours &c

John Meany

Marquette Ohio

Mr John Means

Dear Sir,

Received

draft on New York for fifty (\$50)
Dollars, for which please accept
thanks

Yours &c

Dec 15. '80

E. C. Means

Marquette Ohio
Dec 19 '80

Dear Father,

The term ends Tuesday, but we have our last examination Monday morning and will leave for home Wed morning on the Andes about twenty students will leave on her, so that we will have a gay time going down.

We had a Zoölogy examination Friday at 3 P.M. a final one but will not get the reports till Tuesday morning. have had three examinations in Latin and will have one more Monday morning

and at 9 A.M. Monday we
will have an examination
in Geometry, which no doubt
will be very difficult
Tuesday night we will go
to a D. U. banquet at
Bust, where we expect to
have a good time

Last Friday night we had
(The Boys) a second
Annual Banquet at the
residence of Mr Curtis
in Hamar, (Mr Curtis Pilot
on the Ohio) where we all
had a first rate time leaving
at eleven. Those that could
dance, did, but as I could not,
I did not.

Charlie Barker, the
Boarder before us at this

house is here for a few
days.

We are all very well and
have been for all the time
we have been here.

Lat or yesterday morning I skated
on the ice harbor (or coffee dam)
and in the afternoon on the
Myers Kingdom River

You may expect us late Wed
night or early Thursday
morning with much love
to remain as ever your
son

C. C. Means or Ky

over

dont like Lowmore + wishes his
Self back in dear old Ashland -

The Sunday School are to have
Candy Bags + a recite "The Gleanings"

Mr. Grahm has been to Sunday
School - twice - he never went before
in his life - Mr. Nylin made him

Put in half a dollar - but Mr. Wise
made him take it out + give ten cents -

He is going to prayer meeting - he never
went but once before - that was in Boston

Love to all + Kisses + Love to your
from your aff
Mother

Ashland Dec. 1880 -

My Dear Boys -

As you will be home
to soon it aint worth while to
write you very long letters - I hope

you will keep well this cold
weather - I am going to have a

dinner party of Ladies on Thursday
+ Thursday evening there will be

the Cooking Club at our house -
Wednesday, there is to be an

eloquentist at Leigh's Hall & Sunday
The New Orleans Negro minstrel
so the town will be lively this week
mercury is at 17 above zero this noon
& we are hoping for ice in the
creek for the ice house. - The
cow has a heifer calf, born Sunday
as her feet seem well again I think
we will probably keep her - so you
will have plenty of milk when you
come home - Your father has
some of going to Cincinnati this week
& to Washington next week - but
if it gets too cold he won't go to the city -
we have sold the big buggy to Luther
Miller & you pa will get a new
one when he goes to the city - The
measles still continue in town
I hope Cooke won't get them when
he comes home - Rose got a
letter from Aunt May today. She
is still in Paris & don't say anything
about going to Rome - She also
had a letter from Preston, he