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## Ashland National Bank,

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1880.

### RESOURCES:

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	\$350,000 00
Notes and Bills Discounted.....	437,514 02
County and Corporation Bonds.....	35,302 36—\$822,816 38
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$131,642 40
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	15,750 00
Currency and Coin on hand.....	42,721 21
U. S. Revenue Stamps on hand.....	134 00— 190,247 61
Banking House and Furniture and Real Estate.....	14,980 00
Total Resources.....	<u>\$1,028,043 99</u>

### LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$350,000 00
Circulation Outstanding.....	315,000 00—\$665,000 00
Due Depositors.....	\$302,003 56
Due Banks and Bankers.....	7,199 55
Dividends Unpaid.....	3,780 00— 312,983 11
Surplus Fund.....	\$33,750 00
Profit and Loss.....	16,310 88— 50,060 88
Total Liabilities.....	<u>\$1,028,043 99</u>
Profit and Loss as above.....	\$16,310 88
Less Dividend No. 16, of 4 per cent. this day.....	14,000 00
Leaves Profit and Loss.....	<u>\$2,310 88</u>

A. C. CAMPBELL, Cashier.

ASHLAND, KY., January 1, 1881.

$$\frac{33,750}{350m} = 9.64$$

$$\frac{\text{Surplus } 33,750 + \frac{P+L}{2310}}{350m} = 10.3$$

so Mr Cutler informed us -

Harry & I are on for declamation next Wednesday

The students have been very late coming in this term but have all arrived -

Sarah was <sup>very</sup> well pleased with her present and returns many thanks - Uncle George shows much interest in the Wunders trail -

We are both quite well  
Love to all -

Yours truly B. C. Means

Marietta Ohio

Jan 15 / 55 /

Dear Mother

Your letter was received last evening, hope you will not have your usual headache after the yearly trouble of raising the pastors subscription -

We had a very good sermon today from Dr. Addy -

The Roller Skating rink is the only place we have for exercise

unless you are able to play  
pool & billiards -

Last Thursday Dean Aldeman  
gained the prize for being the  
best gentleman skater, and Sat  
Miss Mary Gates received the  
silver medal for being the  
best lady skater -

The Olivo came out yesterday  
nothing very new, the Glee  
Club lost many possessions  
at Murderville alias Mudvill alias  
Ashland (the names of the town  
as known up here) -

Mrs Knowles was in to see  
Sarah but Harry & I were out

Winnie is in Washington visiting  
one of the W. Va. Senators family.  
A good many people have  
asked me about the Ashland  
murder I cannot tell them any  
thing <sup>more</sup> than they already know.  
My voice <sup>father's</sup> husband came up  
on the boat with us, he is  
one of the best cricketers we  
have ever met -

We also had some of the W. Va.  
legislators aboard on their  
way to Wheeling -

There is still a rumor of  
a Muskingdom valley railroad  
and they looking at <sup>the</sup> line on 7<sup>th</sup> St

April 23rd

Marietta Ohio  
January 16 1851

Dear Father,

We left Ashland  
on the Scioto about 5 o'clock P.M.  
and when we passed Hanging Rock  
only the two Miss Hempsteads got  
aboard Robt. having gone on the  
back Friday morning, he reached Me  
at 2.30 A.M. Saturday. We reached  
Portsmouth about 9 o'clock P.M. and  
spent the night at the Biggs house  
Leaving Portsmouth at 7.35 next  
morning, arriving at Hamden at 11 A.M.  
and waiting there till 3.45 P.M.  
we met Pres Andrews there on  
his way to Portsmouth.

We reached Marietta about 6 1/2 P.M.  
Tuesday after a very tiresome trip

The Knowles family all appear to be very well. The Judge is holding court here at present Mrs Knowles thought the book Mother sent her was very nice. We have had some fast rate coasting on Wooster or Worchester just below the Presbyterian Church going all the way from Fifth St to Front about a quarter of a mile almost.

The people coast mostly on what they call double runners and they go like lightning almost.

There was skating on the Muskingum yesterday but as I was coasting I did not try it although I expect it was very good.

We had a nice sleigh ride Wednesday about 20 boys and girls were in one

sleigh and we had just a splendid time. Josh Billings lectured here last night Harry went but I did not.

Robt Hamilton and I will probably go to dancing school.  
Your son  
O Means

We are all quite well.

I have have shown you our bill of  
 fare and remembering what it was  
 at home I find some little difference  
 and therefore we do pray and  
 beseech ~~that~~ you and the rest of  
 the shemales and also the hemales of  
 the House ~~at~~ on Bath av and  
 bet 2 & 3 streets in the town of  
 Ashland on the state of Kentucky  
 that you do get a large box  
 and that upon getting said box  
 that you go to the kitchen and  
 begin to bake and cook and  
 that the men do catch chickens  
 and kill them and pick them  
 and give them unto the women  
 for to be cooked, and further more  
 that the said chickens be young  
 and tender, and that the men  
 moreover shall be sent down into

Marion Ohio  
 January 23 1881

Dear Mother,

We have a very  
 nice time now, making all our  
 recitations in the morning, and  
 getting our lessons in the afternoon  
 and at night, which suits us  
 to perfection almost.

Yesterday we had a nice  
 time playing whist in the  
 morning and Studing, coasting,  
 skating, playing cards and reading  
 in the afternoon the coasting  
 was good for two squares,  
 and the skating was on the  
 Muskingdone opposite the  
 "Boat House" and was pretty  
 good. the cards were also good

"When it becomes necessary  
 in the course of human event  
 that" (this for it <sup>has been</sup> a quotation  
 but now the scene changes and  
 and we do implore that you  
 will carry out, <sup>to</sup> the fullest sense  
 and beyond, what now follows)  
 a change must take place  
 and that we must have a  
 variety from the same old  
 bill of fare (if you can call it that)  
 (the said bill of fare composed of  
 Meat (<sup>steak</sup> ~~steak~~) <sup>potatoes</sup> <sup>and beans</sup> (with  
 without gravy) bread (or biscuits that  
 have been warmed and rewarmed)  
 for the last week) and water, some  
 times desert (of pie or pudding without  
 a pedigree or name.) Sundays excepted  
 Buck wheat cakes, <sup>breakfast</sup> of fried mush butter  
 molasses of sugar and warm water  
 bread and water baked or potatoes  
 without a name

For supper we have a variety  
 once in a while  
 Sometimes Mush and milk or oat meal  
 " Biscuits but generally bread  
 " Jelly but generally apple sauce <sup>or</sup>  
 " or rather once we have had  
 chocolate, but Harry does not like  
 that. and Water  
 very seldom <sup>big</sup> Cake once in a while  
"tough" nuts

I guess I have given you a  
 pretty good representation of our  
 Bill of fare with the exception  
 that, that is when the Judge  
 is here it decreases a great  
 deal when the judge goes a-  
 way. Then we have apples and  
 some cider that is half  
 vinegar. But to continue  
 I will now go on to what I  
 started to say



the town of Ashland and they  
 shall buy gandy and nuts, and  
 that they shall buy salmon  
 and show show and sweet pickles  
 in abundance and every thing  
 that pleases and maketh glad  
 the heart of a young lad at  
 school. and moreover that when  
 the women folk of the said house  
 &c &c have had cooked ~~many~~  
 chickens, mush tongue and baked  
 many cakes <sup>of all kinds</sup> and many pies of all  
 variety and have pulled much  
 candy and have make many caramels  
 and have gathered to gather mull  
 preserves and canned fruit, that  
 the said articles which ~~the~~ men  
 were to procure and the said viands  
 which the <sup>said</sup> women were to have had

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cooked &c be gathered together  
and be placed together in the  
said big box and be shipped  
to

E. Means & Co  
Care of Judge D. Knowles  
Marietta Ohio

and that the Expressage on  
said box should be paid beforehand  
and that the sending of Boxes filled  
as the one afore said should continue  
as often as possible for they will  
always be received with the  
greatest of pleasure and  
also many kind thanks shall  
be returned

We have all enjoyed health as  
much as possible under said bill of fare  
and are getting along all right

Winnie goes to Cincinnati's next week.

Yours Truly  
Your Son,

I guess that there  
was little need of  
signing this letter

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To do so - Remember that dancing teachers are generally pretty hard cases, and that it is best to learn nothing but dancing from them. All well, and trying to persuade your mother to go to Leint with me - But she don't seem inclined,

Yours truly  
John Meany

Ashland Ky, 2nd July 1881.  
Dear Lecky,

We received Harry's postcard of 20th and yours of 16th just in due time. I do not suppose the delay at Henderson, was an entertaining part of your trip. We then had all kinds of weather for the week past. Tuesday Sleety, and rain - Wednesday Clear, and Thursday rain, Friday snow and snow to day.

Thursday night Mr Pitts-ly and myself attended an exhibition by the Barkis Singing, declamation and dialogues. We had a nice time, Charles Cecels and Pete Adams were among

most active of the party. It beat any musical performance by white men that I have seen.

I think Gay Pat, sent few one of the programmes. Rev P, was gone from home. Friday the Irving (Litch) Society met at Mr. Leondis, and read from Bret Haite's writings. All took part and we had a pleasant evening. The ice began to pass here last night and we hear the river is open now all the way to Pittsburg. The blifter was sunk at Carrollton and is said to be badly wrecked. I owned 1/4 of her - Have no particulars from her - I expect to be in Leinti this week and suppose will learn the extent of the loss. Lumber has started again, Mr Lyman and J. F. Winslow will meet me in Leinti.

The Norton is stopped, by a break in the big engine that drives the rolls, It will take a week or two to repair it. Some body sends me the "College Olio", Please pay for it for me so as to help out the boys - I don't know how long it has been coming, so pay whatever may be due for it and up to end of a year - If you attend dancing school, I think it would be well for Harry

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 24th Jan'y ..... 1881

Miss M. A. Means

Can Duval Harbor Tex, Paris France.

Dear Sister

I send herewith statement of <sup>my</sup> account current and interest with you; which shows that I am in your debt nearly as much as at the beginning of last year. We are all very well. The boys have gone back to Marietta, after a two week vacation; the girls are all at home. Hattie, Bess and Lily expect to start for a trip South in a week or two. I may go after and return home with them - Expect to go to Centre tonight if ice in the river does not prevent the boats from going down - Alice Meather was up yesterday to church - The Neg Lee wedding is to morrow, but I think our girls will not go down - Remember us to Jennie C -

Yours truly, John Means

tell Father that I paid for  
his Olio and fixed it up all  
right.

One day last week or  
rather one night 3 boys came  
up to my room and we  
had apples and nuts and  
popcorn to eat. Quite a feast  
I wish you would send - when  
you send the Box - that mignon  
papiere which you gave to me.

We are both not sick  
Your Bro  
Cooke 83-M.C.

So Rose Means  
Ashland Ky

Hurry up the Box.

Marietta Ohio  
January 30 1887

Dear Rose

You said something  
about the box I wish you would  
hurry up and send it if you  
could try living here for a week  
you would be willing to send  
us a box if eggs did cost 40¢  
a doz and send it quickly  
at that

Where is Mother going to and  
how soon, nobody has told us  
yet Mrs Knowles says she thinks  
she is going to Florida I  
suppose she will take Lily with  
her for an escort as you are to  
be housekeeper and Bess invalid how

is Bessie's Am and Leaton  
getting along? I suppose the  
sands are not out yet.

We have been having a glorious  
time, skating on the Muskegon  
which has been frozen for 2 months  
and we have had over a week  
steady skating Sunday being  
excepted. Yes every afternoon for  
the last week we have been  
skating. And I do wish  
you were here to enjoy it.  
The river has been crowded with  
boys and girls, Merchants and  
business men, loafers, preachers  
and Professors and tutors and  
Old men and women in  
fact almost all kinds of men  
and beast.

I boys have sails and and  
one man a sail boat.

But I am afraid it has  
come to a close, yes very  
much afraid, as it is growing <sup>warmer</sup>

Last Thursday was the  
day for prayer for colleges  
and of course we had a  
holiday and we skated  
from morning till night  
and then went up to  
Cutlers to a Pres. Circle  
where we seen all the folks  
including Aunt Burgess.  
she is better than  
she has been for some time  
only she is afraid of leaving  
her room for fear she will  
catch a cold.

Hamilton got slightly hurt  
playing shinny on the  
ice.

Hurry up the box and let it  
be large

South -

Left Oakland Wednesday Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> - 1881  
at 2:4 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. - on the train for  
Richmond - Conductor Kaplan was  
very kind and introduced us to  
Conductor Capt Lillman at Huntington  
& he at Williamson introduced us to  
Conductor Capt - so we were well taken  
care of. Capt Lillman telegraphed to  
Lowmorr to Mr Preston Means - Henry  
Foster & Mr Lyman & they all came  
on the train at Lowmorr & went two  
miles with us & the next Conductor  
telegraphed Mr Walker & he came on the  
train & went 20 miles with us - Mr  
Malcomy also came on. At Richmond  
we met Mr & Mrs Morrison so we  
had an abundance of company -  
The side was the most charming winter  
side I ever had - there was but little  
snow & though the morning we  
were constantly admiring the icicles -  
every where that in summer would  
have been a fall or cascade or falling  
water - now was turned into the most  
beautiful & gorgeous icicles - the rocks  
were all draped with them - particularly  
the entrances to the tunnels - looked  
like the most beautiful rooms in



the mammoth cave or Adelsberg  
grotto - hung with the loveliest of  
alabaster stalactites - a minute  
from Niagara - In the afternoon we  
seemed to pass through a country  
where they had been having a storm  
of sleet & very fence rails & tops of houses  
trees - bushes - twigs & blades of grass  
was encased in ice & hung with  
icicles - glistening in the sun light  
like so many diamonds - it was  
perfectly lovely - & we enjoyed the  
side more than in summer when  
the trees were green - The cars were  
very warm - but the sleeping cars were  
too cold - We reached Richmond  
at 9 P.M. & went to the Ballard  
Exchange Hotel - The rooms were high &  
the gates very small & we found it rather  
too cool for comfort - Friday the gates  
& Mrs. Morrison took a ride to see the  
city - it was so cold I did not go - We  
left Richmond in the 2.35 train but  
did not leave till 3.35 P.M. - We  
could not get a sleeper till we got  
to Wilmington which was near 1/2 5 o'clock  
& we were all very tired - We reached  
Charleston at 9 A.M. & came to the  
Pantheon Hotel - (3.00 a day) Charleston  
Hotel is (4.00)

the best in the city) In the morning  
we took a carriage & went out to see  
the city - Saw Fort Sumpter at a  
distance - & Sullivan's Island - In the  
summer a little boat goes out twice  
a day - as many families live in  
cottages on the Island - There are  
no soldiers now in the Fort - The  
Battery is a long high sea wall extending  
around part of the city & has a pretty  
park all along the side - with big oak  
trees - & walks & seats & is quite a favorite  
promenade - & some of the finest houses  
on the city are on the other side of the street -  
we ~~noticed~~ <sup>noticed</sup> nearly all the houses <sup>have</sup> porches  
or verandas some with four but  
generally with two, upper & lower - very  
few of the houses are without a porch  
we saw hyacinths in bloom & a japonica  
Many live oak trees & a very large hard  
wood shaped tree like the English oaks -  
also many evergreen trees, which the  
driver told us were the wild orange  
the palm trees - cecilians - pampas grass etc  
are turned yellow with the cold winter - but  
the magnolias don't seem injured -  
The Custom House is their most handsome  
building - it is of white marble - St. Michael's  
Church is 300 years old - there are 2 very fine  
German churches - & other quite fine churches -  
a very large handsome Stephens' Asylum  
belonging to the city - we saw the old  
Arsenal & drove through the

yard it is now used as an institute for  
boys & said the Citadel - In the afternoon  
with Mr. & Mrs. Hinkle of Boston we  
drove out to the Magnolia Cemetery -  
4 miles - on the way out we saw  
immense fields of straw berries Magnolia  
Cemetery is lovely - there are lakes  
with bridges & some handsome mon-  
uments - but the great beauty is the  
magnificent live oak & Magnolia  
trees - draped with Southern moss  
it seemed to be the most luxuriant  
of any we have seen most of it open a  
yard long & all the trees & very bush  
& shrub were covered with it & as it  
waved in the breeze it looked as if  
all the trees were draped in mourning  
I never saw anything so beautiful or  
appropriate for a cemetery - we were con-  
tinued of admiring its beauty - Here in  
Charleston you see at least ten or twenty  
black faces to one white one - & the black  
do not look so well clothed as in Rich-  
mond - these long reaches of barren  
pine lands which you travel through  
as the South are a wonder of dullness &  
a marvel of beauty - to go for miles & see nothing  
but the great brown trunks - <sup>the pines</sup> this far  
(another like coal is 12 dollars a ton)

spreading & crowning arms & the fine glistening  
needle leaves above & around you - never  
to see a house - unless it is unpainted - un-  
painted & unfinished & to see no one but  
blacks inhabiting them - Charleston does  
not seem to be growing rapidly - only two  
new houses were in building that we could  
see - King Street is the roadway & the  
finest stores - Equipages & handsomely  
dressed ladies - The city was dusty - it  
is well paved - they have had 6 weeks  
of rain - but for us, the sun shone brightly  
Sunday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> we attended a Baptist  
Church this morning - one of the waiters  
directed us to Grace Church the finest  
Episcopal Church in the city - but when we  
got to the Church he pointed out a  
very handsome Church with an immense  
steeple we found it was a German Church  
so we tried another & found it a Baptist  
heard a fine sermon - Left for Savannah  
at 7, 20, A.M. <sup>Monday</sup> Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - the road lay through  
the dismal swamps - 100 miles of road did  
take us 6 hours - & the roughest road I was  
ever on nearly jolted us to death - 5 miles  
of trestle through the swamps - saw rice  
fields - ditched like Holland - cane & palmetto  
palms - wild orange - Magnolia & miles of  
pines - Southern moss hanging ~~gracefully~~  
over many trees & killing them - & then  
leaving them so draped with the sea eagle

moss that they are more beautiful than when in life - We arrived at one P. M. Came to the Palashi Hotel - very good - took a ride in the afternoon - It is the most beautiful Southern City I was ever in - on broad street there are 4 rows of trees - a grass plot through the center - trees on each side of it & then trees by the pavements - looking down through these grand old live oak & water oak trees arching over head the view is beautiful - There are several handsome monuments - there is a beautiful park in the City - full of magnolia & live oak & other magnificents - We then rode out to Bonaventure a private cemetery of 100 acres 4 miles from the City - it is full of magnificent live oaks draped with the Southern moss & as you look down through the long roads & paths ways - & see these grand old trees meeting over head - <sup>impressing with the</sup> <sup>every</sup> <sup>moss</sup> it looks like the arches of some magnificent Cathedral - with funeral banners streaming in the wind - I thought it the most beautiful cemetery I was ever in - even handsomer than Magnolia Charleston - Savannah is said to resemble Hartford &

New Haven - These grand old live oak trees - remind me of the English oaks of Hyde Park or Windsor Castle - We have bought our tickets through Florida - to Havana & New Orleans - for \$87 - apiece - The agent kindly took us to the Mayor's office & got our passports for us which are to have vises at Key West - We left Savannah for Fernandina at 4 P. M. ~~Monday~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> - 7th on the Steamer Florida - on the inland route - which being near the shore avoids the rough waves & you are not sea sick - but found the Florida a nice boat much like our river boats - We reached Fernandina at 12. A. M. & rode around the City twice in half an hour - it has a fine Hotel - the Edmont & has 25 miles of beach for driving but it is a mile & a half from the town, so we did not see it - It has the live oak & a park with Palmetto trees - at 2. P. M. we took the train for Jacksonville & reached there at 7. P. M. - the ride was through swamps & palmetto & palms & we saw one just Florida flower & very large ranges - at Jacksonville we went to the St. James Hotel a very <sup>large</sup> house - & very crowded & the table was elegant - prayers three times a day & very sweet & juicy oysters & oysters - Jacksonville is the <sup>city</sup> of Florida - there are said to be 100 hotels there - the Windsor & Carlton are also very fine - there are many live oak shade trees & it is really a very pretty place & is the favorite resort of

invalids - We left at 10. A. M. ~~Thursday~~ for Palatka - on the steamer John Syceter - which is built like a Hudson river day boat with upper & lower saloons & ~~seats~~ around them ~~large~~ decks no state rooms - The day was perfect - bright sunshine & warm as the last of May. ~~we had~~ a band of music - the scenery on the banks was very pretty - live oaks & orange groves - the houses are a story & a half & are surrounded with orange trees & sometimes the ground ~~was~~ covered with the oranges which would be fallen off - they are now just coming into blossom - almost every house had its boat house by it - we passed Mandarin Mrs. Stovis residence - 12 miles from Jacksonville - also Green Cove Springs a very pretty place with large hotels & fine live oak trees - we reached Palatka at 3. P. M. - much pleased with our trip on the St. Johns - The river is very wide at Jacksonville - but falls ~~down~~ more narrow & beautiful ~~and~~ on up to Enterprise - ~~at 3. P. M. we reached~~ Palatka - went to the Pulnam Hotel - found it small, but pleasant - Palatka is a small place & has large hotels - it is shaded with orange trees - loaded with ripe fruit - which is very pretty

at 4. P. M. - we took a row boat & went over the St. Johns (a mile wide) to Col. Harts orange grove - there are 20 acres 1000 trees - 600 in bearing - they are 25 feet high & 40 or 50 years old & each tree bears from 500 to 3000 oranges - they are immense - & the sweetest & most juicy when fresh cut from the trees of any I ever ate - the ground is swept clean under the trees - they sell them <sup>oranges</sup> at 50 cents a dozen \$5 a box - The grove is valued at over \$100,000 - to stand & look up at the beautiful green leaves & bright golden oranges over head, is a most delightful sight - a large flock of happy chickens ran under the trees & ate oranges that the visitors threw down - This is said to be one of the oldest groves in Florida & was not much injured by the frost. Some of the trees were ~~we had~~ - we left Palatka at 10. A. M. <sup>Feb 11th Friday</sup> on the steamer Osceola for the Ocklawaha River - we go 28 miles on the St. Johns - & then 100 on the river - The banks of the St. Johns are very pretty and lined with Magnolia - live oak - water oak - palmetto all draped with Southern crows & the scarlet maple blossoms - & many pond lilies (and in bloom) today we bought violets & yellow jessamine & had lettuce yesterday for dinner - The stores are full of

Florida Curiousities - Sea Beans - Fish  
 scale flowers - Alligators teeth made up  
 in pairs &c - Frisks fans - Stuffed birds -  
 Shells - palmetto hats - Florida grasses -  
 Orange tree canes - &c - Saw a stuffed panther  
 killed last week 7 miles from Palatka -  
 We see Banana trees - all without more  
 than one leaf - 2 P.M. - We are now in the  
 Ocklawaha river - the most beautiful  
 river I was ever on - there are no banks  
 that we can see but on each side <sup>grows in</sup>  
~~the water~~ <sup>the water</sup> ~~the water~~ <sup>the water</sup>  
 full of night scarlet blossoms & all the trees  
 are out in the delicate first green tint of  
 early spring - & there are many vines  
 also green <sup>over the trees</sup> of different kinds  
 among the pond lilies - & many of the trees  
 are <sup>like</sup> the Southern moss - there is  
 a small place in the river for the boat  
 & how we will pass the other boat tonight  
 at midnight is a mystery - we have  
 seen several alligators - & a few buzzards (but  
 no other birds) there are no houses in sight  
 the Capt says he can go over small logs & trees  
 but does not undertake large ones. The wheel  
 is put up inside of the boat so as not to  
 touch the logs & windows are put far in  
 so as not to be broken by limbs of the trees -  
 It is the oddest boat I ever saw - but very  
 clean & a perfectly splendid table even wine  
 jelly & ice cream among the other good things -  
 I wish we had the old world on the Ohio

river - the Cook Room is said to be no larger  
 than a small state room - I never saw anything  
 so lovely as this little river - it even feels big  
 sandy - We arrived at Silver Springs at  
 7 A.M. Sat. & laid there in haste &  
 took a row boat & went over the  
 Springs - in some places the water is 50  
 feet deep - clear as crystal you can  
 see fishes swimming about & many  
 kinds of sea weeds - in one place  
 you can see the water boiling up  
 & large masses at the bottom that look  
 like silver melted - composed they say  
 of ~~iron~~ <sup>iron</sup> shells & sand - it is quite  
 curious & very pretty - Saw wild ducks  
 yesterday they counted 12 alligators  
 the swamp is five miles <sup>wide</sup> on one side of  
 the river - yet full of trees & shrubs  
 & pond lilies & other green flowers. in  
 the summer the wild morning glory  
 covers the bank we only saw one house  
 yesterday in the 100 miles - The trees come  
 in the windows & scratch the boat - &  
 occasionally we can feel a log under  
 us - & we nearly had a tree break on  
 the boat it is dangerous sitting on  
 the guards - we have seen 6 all  
 gators - 12 turtles - 3 snakes - but nothing  
 upwards - 3 cows pastured in the water

bought some Indian beans saw a Shadok  
sk - Had oranges cut in quarters  
& laid on grated coconuts & Candy  
powder - over them. Candied oranges  
for dinner - orange fillers very  
nice - rice cooked such grain his  
best - deliyptid plum pudding -  
river in the narrowest place between  
2 trees is 22 feet wide - the boat is  
20 feet wide - makes a turn every 3  
minutes - 60 miles from Palatka by  
river & you cross & it is 20 miles  
by land - Oklawaha means Broken  
river - We remained on the boat  
all night Saturday - Sunday went to  
the Putnam House Palatka - went to  
the Episcopal Church - about 60 percent  
took a walk & saw peas in bloom -  
also Verbena - Jonquils - Snowdrops  
roses - yellow jessamine - saw plenty  
of oranges on the trees - left on for or-  
naments - it is hard to tell the  
wild orange from the sweet orange -  
Palatka is shaded with the wild  
orange - We left Palatka - Monday  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8. A. M. reached Looe  
at 11. A. M. took the train for St  
Augustine - distance 16 miles - Cars

are made like an omnibus seats  
at the sides - Country is very flat  
Saw cows eating the grasses in the  
river - trees are the Palmetto - pine  
Magnolia - wild orange &c - not much  
variety - Everything looks tame after  
the beautiful scenery of the Oklawaha  
We came to "The Magnolia" - which  
we find cold & have a poor room &  
poor table - Yesterday we went out  
shopping - went into a good many stores  
bought Palmetto hats - Florida grasses  
Sea beans - Indian Beans - feather flowers  
& saw fish scale flowers - <sup>alligators</sup> - <sup>snaps</sup>  
lans - Alligator teeth set in bracelets - Buff  
purses - saw saw birds stuffed - & wings -  
feather fans - palmetto fans - Sea shells  
corals - a great many stores all with the  
same things - but much cheaper than  
at Jacksonville or Palatka - Took a carriage  
& ~~took~~ rode around to see the City - the  
old part looks like Cuba a little - Coquina  
Houses are made of shell & limestone it makes  
a hard stone - the oldest house is over 200 years  
old - & so are the huge graves - monuments  
like pyramids made of Coquina - Saw the  
City Gate the only gate in the U.S. made  
of Coquina - rode to the Fort - it looks  
quite old - made in the form of a square

with water towers. The rooms look very  
mouldy - it has a parapet where we  
walked on top - has a draw bridge &  
moat around it - Pocca-an Indian  
escaped through a small hole in  
the wall - this is all made of Coquina  
& the walls are very thick - there is  
only one soldier there now - to show you  
around - We did not go into the dun-  
geons - It was very cold so we did not  
tude long - Tues. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Today was cloudy  
& warmer - We went to see the old Cath-  
edral 200 years old - then down to the  
wharf & took a nice yacht with a little  
cabin & cushions & went over to Anas-  
tasia Island to see the Light House -  
it was a long walk to it 3/4 mile &  
the sand was deep - & the gulls got so  
tired they did not care to go on top  
234 steps - it is the largest light  
house in the United States & is very  
handsome - white with black stripes  
We then went down to the Beach  
& gathered beautiful shells - & got  
a lovely pair of Coquina - we came  
back at 12. A.M. - Having had a very  
delightful sail - we have good fires here  
in an fire place & it gives but little heat -  
most of the Florida travellers are old gray  
headed gentlemen & ladies from the North

present - plenty of boys came around but  
bullet to sell picked up on the battle  
ground - We rode through Peach Street  
coming home - where are some very  
handsome residences built within 5  
years & called at Mrs. Bucks on Tuesday  
morning - Atlanta has 3000 inhabitants  
& spreads out over a large space -  
Monday - The Kentucky press association  
& the Kentucky legislature are here today  
Col. Moore & Mrs. Moore called on at this  
morning - Monday we went out again  
to the Exposition & saw writing machines  
silk handkerchiefs bring to view  
The Kamin plant & fiber woven - very soft  
& silky - some fine cotton plants  
The Kentucky exhibit - principally Coal &  
Iron ore - Kansas - Georgia has a diamond  
found in a gold field among the ore -  
in the Carolina - Candy Manufacture  
& bright shells - coral & for Caskets cabinet  
Florida curiosities are for sale at about  
Florida prices - Also Indian snow work  
& Chunks - all sorts of fancy things at  
high prices for Christmas gifts - Going  
coming we go in the Steam Cars for 10 cents  
a trip - the weather is pleasant but have  
to have a fine Tuesday we took a ride  
around the city - & saw all the fine  
residences built especially on Peach Street  
nearly all within 5 years - Col. & Mrs.  
Moore went with us - Left for home at  
3 P.M. - Missed connections & were

Dress \$6.00-60 up to 70  
 Silk \$6.75-75 up to 8 yds  
 Stockings 1.95-6.5 3 pair  
 Handkerchy 1.25 -  
 Bonnet 4.00  
 Stockings .75-1.50 - 752 pair

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - \$3 -  
 Can to Atlanta  
 + return - \$19 -  
 Hotel House  
 Atlanta today - \$14 -

detained at Chattanooga 7 hours -  
 passed through Nicholasville, Louisville  
 & Lexington by day light - over the  
 highest bridge in the world 285 feet  
 over the Kentucky river saw the  
 blue grass region - fine fat cattle  
 but the grass now short yet bright  
 green - Reached Chi at 8<sup>1/2</sup> P.M. -  
 & leave on boat Thursday at 4 P.M.  
 for Ashland - raining hard in  
 the city & looks dismal as usual -

& the young ladies & gentlemen are most  
 invalid - we meet the same people. Stay-  
 ing a day or two in a place like ourselves -  
 Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - left at 9.30 A.M. on cars for Lodi  
 then at 11 A.M. took the Elina Hancock for Luck  
 Nowell - reached there at 1<sup>1/2</sup> P.M. went to the  
 Duval House - Miss Bolly Lewis proprietor - told  
 him of Mr. J. D. Cobb Peckles recommending  
 his hotel so highly - so he was very polite -  
 Saw Mr. & Mrs. Col. Norton of Wheeling & Mrs.  
 M. Cornick of Cincinnati - who made it  
 quite pleasant for us - & we liked the hotel  
 very much - The scenery on the St Johns  
 seems quite tame after the Oklawaha  
 river - It is so wide that you can't see  
 much of the banks - supposed I saw Manda-  
 lin Mrs. Stone's residence - 12 miles from  
 Jacksonville - have been more people with  
 Asthma & throat diseases - than with  
 Consumption - Left Jacksonville at  
 11 A.M. on the cars for Cedar Keys - the  
 scenery as usual - country perfectly flat  
 pine trees - & young orange groves in  
 a few years Florida will all be orange  
 groves - a few new villages on the back-paded  
 Gainesville - a charming little town - found  
 the road very rough - & made many long  
 stops - reached Cedar Keys at 9<sup>1/2</sup> P.M.  
 very tired - walked on a platform to the  
 Hotel - Swanee house the only nice one  
 here - Cedar Keys is a very small place  
 but the N. Orleans steamers come in here -  
 Feb 18<sup>th</sup> spent at Cedar Keys at the



Swanee Hotel - the only good one in  
 the place - found the air very pleasant  
 for 18th came on the steamship Hutchin-  
 son - at 4 P.M. a fog rising did not leave  
 Cedar Key - till 11 A.M. For 19th. Have nice  
 rooms - 1/2 pleasant ladies for company  
 Mrs. Garwood & Miss Belle Garwood - the  
 Gulf is nearly as smooth as the Ohio river  
 for 20th Had a quiet night & the gulf still  
 smooth. None of the party are as yet sea  
 sick - met also Dr. Mrs. Shaw of Memphis -  
 at 4 P.M. came into Key West - there are  
 about 4000 inhabitants & houses are almost  
 all of wood - here we first saw the Cocoa  
 nut tree - it resembles the palmetto except  
 it is taller & the leaf branches more long  
 & feathery - the nuts grow at the top among  
 the leaves & have outside shells like a nut  
 shell. They gather the fruit 6 times a year  
 we bought 8 for 25 cents - & on eating one  
 found about two tumbles of clear juice - &  
 the rind quite thin - Saw two large fish in  
 a tank called the Manutan - or cow fish -  
 Saw the tamarind trees & ate some tamarinds  
 the leaf & pod resemble to castor - saw the  
 Almond tree - the Rappadillo - large Banan  
 na trees - Cactus - & some large feathery  
 shade trees - live oaks - saw tube roses  
 in blossom - Dahlia - roses of all colors -  
 very large - Magnificent oleanders -  
 Hibiscus in trees - cloths of fine - periwinkles  
 tomatoes Cabbage radishes lettuce &c

& many varieties of hot house plants  
 all growing luxuriantly in the garden -  
 bought some Guava jelly - rode all around  
 the town twice - then went back to the boat  
 got our passport signed by the Spanish  
 Consul at a cost of four dollars - left at  
 8 P.M. & reached Havana at 8 A.M. <sup>Wed</sup>  
 Tuesday - You have a fine view of Castle  
 Morro & other forts as you come into the  
 city & some very green places on the  
 water - the boat stops a mile from the  
 city & you get into a sailing yacht & come  
 on shore - paying \$1.50 a piece - we  
 went first to the Custom House - where  
 our small valises were examined - then  
 took a volante (which is only like a  
 gig, & holds two & has one horse) & came  
 to the hotel Telegrapho - Havana looks  
 like the old European cities, Verona &  
 Genoa - the streets are narrow - the  
 houses flat roofed from one to two stories  
 high & plastered or yellow brick or stone or  
 plastered - Saw the Cathedral - large &  
 tolerably handsome - several squares  
 set in flowers & cocoa trees &c - saw all the  
 ladies in the streets wore trains & black  
 veils - saw several naked babies & the  
 rest with one dress - the open have the  
 eyes through their noses & boards tied to  
 their horns to guide them - the cows are  
 milked in the streets saw 4 cows

with four Cabots - their stores look well  
Saw ~~two~~ horses carrying boxes into stores  
like a shoe store - they had bags of cat  
bags one on each side - all sorts of things  
in bags - every one we met was either black  
or tan color - Saw the two headed woman  
get off the boat ~~last~~ this morning she  
is black - & has two heads - 4 arms - & 2 legs  
& one body - ~~then~~ Hotel proprietor  
Clerk, Chambermaid & one waiter speak  
English - our driver could only speak  
Spanish - the bananas for lunch were  
very small & very nice - In all our  
rids we only saw five ladies in bonnets -  
all the black women wore gowns & calicoes  
with trims - & were in their bare heads - the  
ladies wore veils & also trims - there  
are said to be 400,000 inhabitants of Havana  
mosquitoes are very plenty & they have their  
bars up - the windows are up high in the walls  
& you cannot see out of them - they have iron  
grates like a prison - the stairs are of white  
marble - & the carpets are oil cloth - the beds  
are of wire mattresses - the ceilings are high  
there is a Court yard & garden in the  
center of the hotel - modest style - saw the  
horses tied together by their tails 16  
in a row - We rode 6 hours - at different  
times - first we rode through the streets  
& visited the Cathedral - this was  
quite fine - the streets are very narrow

no volunteers can barely pass a small  
side walk - there are some pretty fount-  
ains & large public squares - with the  
beautiful plum like Cocoa nut trees - & other  
tropical trees - the next ride we went  
to see the Governor's garden - here were  
all sorts of tropical flowers - immense  
blossoms higher than your head - large  
banana trees with bananas on them  
& a great variety of figs - many  
roses - new varieties of cactus - large  
live oak trees - & some immense Co-  
coa nut trees - large fountains - it  
was the most wonderful garden I  
ever saw - as all our little hot house  
flowers were here as great trees higher  
than your head - & many strange plants  
we never saw before - returning we  
passed the finest homes in the city  
they are nearly all one story high  
with large pillars in front of the houses  
& porches & are built of white stone  
or plastered so that they are all  
white - the windows all have a grating  
in front of the glass & inside shutters  
& the Cuban ladies seem to be all in  
dolls - so that you seldom see them  
more generally blue tubes under the  
windows or <sup>white</sup> lace dresses on blue ground  
the houses are nearly all alike & look  
the prison like - & the Cuban ladies

don't seem to come out till evening on  
the front porches - the streets are  
very dusty + the floors in their yards  
were white with dust - Every woman  
has a train - + let it sweep the street  
all the black women had on lawns  
or faded calicoes + their dirty train  
swept the street - we did not see  
more than 2 dozen bonnets or hats in  
the city - the ladies wore black veils  
+ others wore ~~black~~ <sup>nothing</sup> on their  
heads - Saw many Chinese - Look another  
side by India - Saw large Sugar cane  
fields - bananas - Coconuts - bananas  
are small here - had them fried for  
dinner - also guava jelly + jam +  
Sapadillos - (which taste like a peanut  
ripe + very sweet) Came back to the boat  
at 11 - had a rough ride of a mile in  
the Yacht to the boat - Had a fearful  
rough night - as the vessel has a very  
light load - Mr + Mrs J. S. Peebles are on  
board - Arrived at Key West this morning +  
left at 9 A.M. arrived at Cedar Keys  
Friday at 3 P.M. Sea smooth as  
glass all night + day - left Cedar  
Keys at 5 P.M. for New Orleans -  
(Havana is beautifully lit up by  
night - + the plaza looks a little like

Paris - the city looks beautifully  
as we left it by gas light - <sup>Turns 2 1/2</sup>  
Friday - Feb 26 - All sails up + the  
ship rolls fearfully - ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~badly~~ -  
Rough - Drizzly also - white caps  
on the waves - ship rolls on  
account of the sail being up -  
Feb 27 - A violent storm last night - the  
ship rolled fearfully - thunder +  
 vivid lightning - Early this morning  
came into the fetters of the Mississippi  
they are made of <sup>sticks</sup> ~~bags~~ of willow work filled  
with sand + piled in <sup>squares</sup> blocks one  
above another - these are cemented  
together - + form sides ~~in~~ which direct  
the water into one grand Canal  
+ keep the sand bars from forming  
today we are passing immense <sup>sugar</sup>  
plantations - Sugar mills + <sup>sugar</sup> mills  
in extent - + orange groves of thousands  
of trees larger than any we saw  
in Florida - but the trees are all  
bare of leaves after the severe winter  
the sugar canes have all been cut  
off + are now ready to start again  
with Havana they replant the cane  
every 5 years - in Louisiana 3 years -  
300 Hogheads of sugar were made in  
one year on the first plantation

We saw - ~~very rough~~ Sat night  
 Saw many plantations & some  
 large orange groves through the day -  
 reached N. Orleans at 7 P.M. Milush  
 the purser invited us to remain on the  
 boat all night - Mrs Thompson a friend  
 of Mr & Mrs Conely of New Orleans was  
 very kind & found us a boarding place  
 on Camp Street ~~at~~ 181 - near Julia  
 where we have a splendid view of  
 the procession - Monday at 4 P.M.  
 King Rex made his appearance the  
 procession was nearly an hour passing  
 our <sup>board</sup> house - He was received by the dukes  
 of the Realm & guards of Honor & escorted  
 to the Royal Opera House in the following  
 order 1<sup>st</sup> A platoon of the Household Brigade  
 music - Major Gen W. P. Behan & staff Col  
 Richard Ross & staff - Battalion United States  
 Marines - Band of 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment - 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment  
 National guards New York - Band of Spaulding  
 guards - Spaulding guards Buffalo N.Y. Cadets  
 of the Military Institute Col. Miller Continental  
 Guards Arabian Body guard of his Majesty  
 Majesty National cadets of Boston - then  
 his Majesty King Rex King of the Carnival  
 in an open Carriage - Charleston Cadets -  
 Ministers Countries - Baggage & Licenses  
 (a Gaudalotunk among the rest of immense size King  
 Gen John Clynne & staff - First Brigade National  
 Guard of Louisiana - Brig Gen

Augustus Richard & staff - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
 National guard of Louisiana - the  
 horses & Carriages were very splendid  
 & all the Soldiers in elegant uniforms  
 so it made a very magnificent pro-  
 cession - March 1<sup>st</sup> Mardi Gras - The  
 streets are quite full of children in  
 masks & Colored suits in all varieties at  
 12 A.M. The procession commenced going  
 by & it was three hours passing our  
 boarding house - The tableaux were taken  
 from scenes in the Arabian Nights -  
 first came the heralds Court bands - Tail  
 Marshall - Royal Guards on Arabian horses  
 standard bearers - Brahmins - then his  
 royal majesty on his throne - then more  
 guards on Arabian horses nobly attired then  
 the Queen & more guards then 2 floats  
 each drawn by 4 horses led by Khass -  
 1<sup>st</sup> float Fifth voyage of Sindbad - 3<sup>rd</sup> Story of  
 Aladdin - 4<sup>th</sup> Story of Peter & Bohara - 5<sup>th</sup> King of the  
 Black Isles - 6<sup>th</sup> The three Calendars - 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Mendicant  
 8<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Mendicant - 9<sup>th</sup> Story of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Calendar -  
 10<sup>th</sup> The Barber & his brushes - 11<sup>th</sup> History of Prince  
 Zeyn Alacnam 12<sup>th</sup> The nine diamond Statues (very beautiful)  
 13<sup>th</sup> The 40 thieves - 14<sup>th</sup> Baba Abdallah - 15<sup>th</sup> The enchanted  
 horse - 16<sup>th</sup> Aladdin in the cave - 17<sup>th</sup> Aladdin's banquet -  
 18<sup>th</sup> Alonzo Hassan - 19<sup>th</sup> Prince Ahmed & the lion - 20<sup>th</sup> The  
 little Hunchback - 21<sup>st</sup> The story of the various men -  
 (this was also very handsome) - After these came  
 floats by the phunny fellows - principally

making fun of the ladies - The best one was on Sara Bernhardt & the Inductees of the South - then other masques on horseback & in carriage. The best costumes on the first 2 floats were made in Paris & were very elegant in great sizes & precious stones & brilliant jewels - In the morning the Mischief Crew of Comus - had a very beautiful procession - The Myths of the Northland - The first float was the Aurora Borealis - 2<sup>d</sup> - A young girl - Comus - A third in blue & silver & seated on a magnificent Peacock - 2<sup>d</sup> - The genius of the Northland - 3<sup>d</sup> - Fabian Gods of Scandinavia - 4<sup>th</sup> - The sword in the Brantstock - 5<sup>th</sup> - Death of Sigmund - 6<sup>th</sup> - The house of Reidman - 7<sup>th</sup> - The treasures of the world at the water fall - 8<sup>th</sup> - The workshop of the dwarfs - 9<sup>th</sup> - Sigmund finds Brunhild upon Hindfl - 10<sup>th</sup> - Elfland - (This was very pretty) 11<sup>th</sup> - The tower of Ludlum - 12<sup>th</sup> - Grimhild prepares the magic drink 13<sup>th</sup> - Valhalla - 14<sup>th</sup> - The Voyage of the Niflungs - 15<sup>th</sup> - The last of the Niflungs - 16<sup>th</sup> - Hl - were brilliantly lighted & made a much more beautiful procession than by daylight. In the evening we saw the two bales of Rex + Comus - Wed. March 7<sup>th</sup> - Today went to the Ice Factory - it was not in operation but we had the process explained & then to the Cotton press - where we saw bales of cotton about 2 yards through pressed into about a foot about thickness - the machinery was very powerful - we then went shopping & concluded goods were cheaper & as good in Cincinnati - The weather is very warm & we sit by the open windows - the trees are just budding out in their spring green - There were lions & camels & beautiful snakes & many other animals full size - some the gold & silver in skins stuffed a row by ones -

March 2<sup>d</sup> - Came - Went to Moran for dinner then came on steamer W. P. Halliday - March 4<sup>th</sup> - On steamer Halliday a St. Louis Boat - have a good room & large fine boat in the St. Louis side - Had Bess with Quinine & sweet oil for Malaria which she has collected in her travels - mix it with oil & put on spine - breast & under the arms a new Orleans remedy said to be used for yellow fever patients who cannot swallow the Quinine - April 8<sup>th</sup> - Bess was sick four weeks in Memphis at the Peabody Hotel with Staphylococcus fever contracted somewhere in our travels - Dr. Millet was the physician - her father & Rose came down & Bess was with us 3 weeks - her father went home after two weeks & came again for us - Left Memphis on the 11 P.M. train April 8<sup>th</sup> reached Louisville April 8<sup>th</sup> 3 P.M. - stayed all April 9<sup>th</sup> 3 P.M. left on steamer

Gen Lytle for Cim-Bess stands  
the trip very well - except her  
broken arm & pains her a good  
deal -

Ashland to Richmond = \$13.50  
 Sleeper = 1.00  
 Richmond to Charleston = 19.25  
 Sleeper = 2.00  
 Hotel Ballard & Ex = 3.00  
 Carriage \$2. further \$1. after  
 Charleston to Sav = 5.00  
 Carriage — 2.00 for hour  
 Parkion Hotel Charleston 2.50  
 Pulaski Savannah 4.00 carriage 2  
 Trip from Savannah  
 to Havana + New  
 Orleans — .89  
 Hotel West to Havana \$20  
 Havana to New Orleans \$35  
 Silver Springs & back \$12  
 St James Hotel - Jacksonville \$4 - carriage 2  
 Pincam " Palatka \$4.  
 Palatka to Jacksonville \$2  
 Local to St Augustine — 2  
 Carriage - \$1.50  
 Sail boat to Anastasia Island \$2 -  
 Trip from Jacksonville to Baldwin Cedar Key - \$6.50  
 Magnolia Hotel - St Augustine \$3.50  
 Duval Hotel - Jacksonville \$4.00  
 Swanee Hotel Cedar Key \$3.00  
 Passport - \$4.00

Telegraph Hotel Havana Cuba \$30

McCurdy's - who inquired kindly  
after the family - & if Rose was  
staying at home to take care  
of the boys & "The old gentleman"  
(meaning your father) Supper we  
took on the cars out of our lunch  
box - buying coffee & chicken at  
Charlotteville - <sup>buying the things like to see Preston means</sup> Conductor Lillman  
telegraphed on to Lowmore to Mr  
Lynman - H. Foster & Preston means to  
meet <sup>the</sup> us at the cars - & at Lowmore  
the three young gentlemen got on  
& rode 2 miles with us & then walked  
back - much to the delight of the girls -  
the next Conductor <sup>was equally kind &</sup> telegraphed to  
Mr. Walker & he got on at Charlottesville  
& rode for nearly an hour with us  
& then ~~at~~ at another place Mr. Walker  
got on & spoke to us - so it was all quite  
exciting - at breakfast this morning  
at our table we met Mr & Mrs Morrison  
who is an engineer & used to board at  
Mr. Wilson's 8 years ago - & she has gone  
to ride with the girls - Give my love  
to your Pa & Rose - Harry & Kate & let  
your father & Rose read this letter -  
We leave for Charleston at 2.35 this  
afternoon - Take your walks & your medicine  
& your gymnastics & keep well Love & kisses  
from M. S. H.

4<sup>th</sup>  
Richmond Va Feb 7 1851

My Dear Hilduth  
As I suppose  
you & Army are amusing  
yourselves twice a day with  
going to the Post Office I  
will write you a letter to  
encourage you in well doing -  
We arrived safely in Richmond  
last evening (Thursday) at nine  
o'clock - & are now safe at  
the Ballard & Exchange Hotel -  
The girls have gone out to  
ride, & see the city - but as I  
have already seen it last  
summer & it is so cold - I  
have concluded to sit by the



fire & keep warm - which I find hard to do - as the room is large & the grate with small & anthracite coal, which I don't think makes as much heat as the Ashland coal - I was not as much fatigued as I expected by the ride in the cars - They were very warm in the day time - but the sleeping car was so cold, that I could not sleep much, I was so cold - We found the scenery very beautiful - very little snow - but in the morning the rocks where ever there were little rills or cascades or falling water it was now all frozen in the most gorgeous icicles particularly the entrances to the tunnels - reminding me of some of the most beautiful rooms

in the Mammoth Cave or Adirondack Grotto - & in the afternoon we passed through where they seemed to have had showers of sleet - & every blade of grass & twig of tree & shrub - & stick was covered with ice glittering like diamonds in the sun shine - it was a charming ride - different from any I had had before in my life - & we thought we enjoyed the scenery more than if the trees were green in summer - The conductors were very polite & kind Mr. Raglan was very kind & introduced us to the next conductor Mr. Lillman & he in turn to the next, Capt - They carried out our trunks & Mr. Lillman took us out to breakfast at Aldersons where the girls saw those wonderful biscuits big as small loaves of bread - & to dinner at Williamsons where we met one of the Miss

How does your "C" Club get along,  
and the Literary Club.

Letters which you and the following  
owe to me should be written once  
in while. The following letters to  
E. Means. now at Marietta Ohio  
viz. Mrs John Means Ashland Ky  
Miss Rose Means " "  
Miss Lily Means " "  
Miss E. J. Means " "  
Mr J. H. Means. " "

We did not receive the usual  
letter from Pa what is the reason  
We are both well except from  
the weather and winter sports.

E. Means. '83-

Much love to all

Marietta Ohio  
February 6 1881

Dear Bessie,

I suppose you  
have not yet recovered the use  
of your right arm, so as to  
write letters, but you can prevail  
on some of your younger sisters  
to answer a few for you

We have heard that mother  
is going to make a trip some-  
where in the U. S. but we  
have not heard where as yet  
perhaps you could inform us.  
If so do so.

That most noble Box has  
not yet reached our fair  
habitations nor have we sniffed  
its fragrance from afar "hurry up".

Our visions of another week of skating were swept away by the warm Sunday and rainy Monday of last week but Tuesday night it snowed and therefore on Wednesday we coasted and Thursday we coasted and on Friday we coasted and on Saturday we coasted and also went to skating most nobles in fact we went with a lot of girls that is two of us H.B. & myself. went with a girl apiece and H. went with one also. The place where we skated was back by the C.V.M. depot and consisted of several lots flooded and frozen, thereby affording much amusement for ye merry boy and girl. Some of girls in fact a great many are first rate skaters.

and they go skating every chance they get. ~~Be sure~~ and put some ~~much~~ jolly and preserves in the aforesaid box.

We go down every Sunday to tea at Uncle George's and he inquires about Bessie Ann but as have not heard any thing about it since I came away from A. I can not have the pleasure of informing him and the rest of the family.

We saw in the Cincinnati Gazette about a R.R. from New Port to Ashland to be built by H. please inform us about it.

We would like for you to send us the last 3 Harpers Weekly the 3<sup>rd</sup> one at least.

Put 2 nice chickens in that box

Keep well & try to get on comfortably  
without us. Today is the first warm  
day we have seen - We have a good  
fire in our room which pleases the  
girls very much - At Charleston Coal was  
40 cents a bushel + our grate held half a  
peck + we were not any too warm -  
Here we are comfortable - Savannah  
is the most beautiful city I have  
seen at the South - or North either -  
the streets are very wide + there are  
four rows of trees - on Broad St -  
a grass plot in the center - + trees each  
side <sup>of the</sup> ~~the~~ road each side of  
<sup>the grass plot</sup> + trees by the pavement - to look  
down the long broad streets + see the  
magnificent live oaks + water oak  
trees arching over the street is splendid  
they have a beautiful park full of live  
oak + Magnolia + other evergreen trees -  
We rode out to Bonaventure 4 miles a  
private Cemetery of 100 acres - with hundreds  
of immense live oaks draped in the  
Southern Moss - Looking down the  
pathway, they looked like the arches of  
some grand old Cathedral draped with  
funeral banners - it was even handsomer  
than Magnolia - The Charleston Cemetery  
Love + kisses to you all  
from your loving  
father

the side of the road for through the  
the most beautiful view the picture  
of the view to have - than here we  
make little work through the drainage  
and fields + palm trees + palm  
+ care - He has been sweet enough  
here - + plenty of other

Savannah Ga. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1851  
Trinity

My Dearest John -  
We arrived here  
yesterday afternoon at one o'clock  
+ hours traveling 100 miles over the  
roughest road I ever was on -  
the sails are so worn out on  
these Southern roads, that they  
felt you to death - and so I have  
concluded to make some of my  
trip by water - We found at the  
Palastik Hotel where we are staying  
the agent of the boats - + on  
making inquiries of him about  
Cuba - he says the passage to  
Cuba + Havana Cuba is \$20 + from

Here to New Orleans in \$35 -  
So as we will probably never have  
another such a chance to see  
Cuba - we have concluded to go  
& the agent made us out tickets  
for the Florida trip & all clear  
to New Orleans - We go from here to  
Fernandina by boat this afternoon  
Thursday by rail to Jacksonville -  
Friday by boat to Cocoa & by rail  
to St. Augustine - where we spend  
Sat & Sunday - Monday to Palatka Tuesday  
by boat to Silver Springs - Thursday by  
boat to Jacksonville - Friday by rail  
to Cedar Keys, Saturday to Havana  
& stay there till Wed 130<sup>th</sup> for steam  
for New Orleans - The agent has  
written it out for us in full, with  
hours of leaving & arriving at different  
places & we have paid for the tickets &  
have them all - & as this is rather a  
more expensive trip than I expected

for fear I may run short of money  
perhaps you had better send me  
a draft on New York for two hundred -  
to New Orleans, to the St Charles Hotel -  
in a letter "to be kept till called for" -  
I may not need it - yet perhaps  
I may - & I would not like to be left  
without money in a strange land -  
I will come from New Orleans to Memphis  
by boat & then to Cincinnati by rail -  
shall not stop more than a day in  
New Orleans - The trip will be about  
four weeks or over - on account of our  
having to stay in Havana 8 days to  
wait for the New Orleans steamer, which  
only leaves on Wednesday - if we don't do that  
we can only stay there two days, which  
the girls say will not pay them for  
being sea sick for - It will take us  
two days from Cedar Keys to Havana  
& four from Havana to New Orleans -  
I hope you + Rose + Hildrith will

# City of Cincinnati

Mayor's Office,

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1891.

"To whom it may concern"

This certifies that Mrs John Means and Misses Lillie and Jessie Means, of Ashton, Kentucky, intend to visit the Island of Cuba, on business and pleasure, that they are personally known to me, as citizens of the United States, and are prevented from obtaining passports from the United States authorities, for want of time previous to their departure.

John F. Wheaton  
Mayor



Attest

Frank E. Rebarer  
Clk. of Council

El infrascrito Consul en Comision de España en Bayo Luceo: Certifica: que la firma que precede, es, al parecer, del propio punto y letra de Mr John F. Wheaton, Alcalde de la ciudad

de Savannah, Estado de Georgia, a quien se da  
fe y crédito así en juicio como extrajudicialmente.  
Y para que así conste y obre donde conenga,  
libra el presente certificado que firma y sella,  
en Cayo Hueso a 21 de Febrero de 1881.

Dios A.  
Ant. H. del  
Arancel



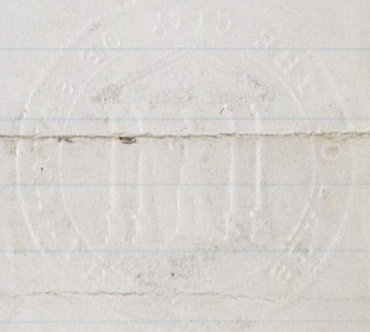
El Consul en Com.  
S. Miquel

DOMICILIO. Calle W. Telegrafo

Habana 22 de Mayo de 1881



Manuel  
M. B.



Marquette Mich

February 13 1881

Dear Father

We have had  
a rise in the river, a very  
large rise in fact. Front street  
is flooded to the depth of something  
near 6 feet business of course  
being suspended and we are  
unable to get to the Post Office  
without out the aid of a  
boat or very high rubber boots  
There is about 6 inches of water  
in the Post Office and the  
park is flooded and also the  
lower stories of the Boat House  
a great many houses in the lower  
part of town are flooded.



The Court House has been  
given up to the use of those  
who cannot stay in their houses  
all or most all of the stores on  
front street have the cellars  
full and 6 or more inches of water  
on the first floor.

The Brown House has a ferry  
to convey the boarders to a  
resting place.

Although none of the houses  
except in the cellars <sup>as yet</sup> are suffering  
(above Front and Butler or Wells do)  
3 feet more of water would bring  
it up into the first floor of  
a great many.

The reports last night were  
that it was rising at Zanesville  
and at Pittsburg and Wheeling.  
All the stables in the upper part  
of town are full of horses from

the livery stables and buggies  
aloud the streets in a good  
many places.

It has not yet reached  
Ucles.

The approach to the True Bridge  
has not yet been cut off but  
will be soon, if it is not I  
probably mail this letter in  
Hannan if you <sup>do not</sup> mail it there  
nothing when I can mail  
it. We received your letter  
enclosing programme of performance.  
Please send us some more  
money.

We are both well  
with much love to all I remain  
as ever

Your son  
Cooke.

enough in Havana, I will write you, if only enough to send you a letter post mark.

Tell your pa to bid him to send that \$200. to New Orleans that I have written to in my letter I am so afraid we won't get it. As the banks are all delayed send to St Charles Street New Orleans -

Cedar Key is a small place so we shall not have our usual drive, but will rest and prepare for our voyage tomorrow. Ma has had the head ache for a day or two but is feeling better today.

We see a great many queer specimens of humanity traveling in Florida, and if you were with me, we would find many amusing things to talk about.

If I were coming South to spend a winter I should certainly stay at Palatka and Jacksonville, as those are the pleasantest places I have visited. It is quite large, there are about a hundred hotels and quite a number of stores, a very large business is done there. If we stay long

We will have to spend a week in Cuba on account of the steamer arriving Tuesday instead of Monday. So we will not get to New Orleans in time for Mardi Gras. We expect to be in N. Orleans March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
I am in good care of my health. + you fear I don't let them I like - My + Bed  
I am with best  
I am with many oranges -  
I am with  
I am with

Dearest Rod,  
This is a lovely day, one of the brightest and warmest we have had since we reached the "Sunny South", which has not been as sunny as we would like.

Yesterday morning we left Jacksonville at eleven and did not reach here until nine at night. The car goes very slowly and the road was rough, so it was not the most pleasant ride one could imagine. The train stopped every few minutes and stayed a long time, I thought we never would reach here, we had quite a pleasant time at the

"Dunval" House, met Mr and Mrs Norton from Wheeling, (the old gentleman and lady), and Miss Mr: McCormick of Leitch, her son Will was with her but I did not meet him. We were introduced us to their friends, Mr Bishop & daughter, Mr and Mrs Snow bridge and Miss Clement. Mr "Bobby Lewis" was quite a hospitable land lord and seemed quite pleased when Mother told him she had come to his house through the recommendation of Mr Peeples.

Mother says she hopes you will save all his letters to the Register and those which came before we left home if you can find them. I was very much disappointed that we did not receive letters from you at St Augustine as I thought you would surely

write to me there, even if the letters should have to be forwarded to us at New Orleans.

Yesterday we had quite an excitement on the cars. It seems a colored man was lying on the track asleep, and the train crew catcher through him off and hurt him, considerably but did not kill him. It caused quite a commotion among the passengers, and the train stopped for some time. But the rest of the journey was rather uneventful. Only very tiresome. Mother and Bessie have gone out to see about securing our rooms in the str. for Havana tomorrow.

There are two ladies here who are waiting for the Havana steamer and are from New York, quite pleasant.

Marquette Ohio  
Feb 20 1851

Dear Ben

Having written to  
Father last time I write to you  
this time heard from Lily  
at Palatka letter was written  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> and mailed on the  
14<sup>th</sup> and recd on the 17<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

They are all well and having  
a good time.

when you write to them tell  
them to send a box (of fruit)  
and to put in many nice oranges  
bananas &c &c.

Back water has receded and  
left Marquette high and muddy.  
It was above the high water mark  
of 175

The Bernhard Listermann Concert Co  
was here last Wednesday night and  
set up the most beautiful strain  
of music imaginable simple  
immense it was all instrumental  
music with the exception of one vocal  
singer a young lady and she could sing  
if any one can the audience we impatient  
with her singing and recalled her  
again and again much to my satisfaction  
and I trust to the enjoyment of my  
lady.

We have a good many trees  
at the hall this winter and  
still there is more to follow

We can not skate or coast nor  
can we play base ball or foot ball  
so we sit in the house and play  
cards generally Whist

Frank Oldham the man that  
married Mrs Loveall daughter Bossie

has the vinoloid (Druppouit is) something  
like small pox

We are all well  
your Bro.  
(C. C. Means.)

P.S. Send us something to eat  
Jelly we have not seen for months  
Cakes except in the Bakery's for  
weeks

Hurry up

Nº 45

R. D. *Mrs John Meanes e hijas*

# AL HOTEL "EL TELEGRAFO."

Calle de la Amistad núms. 136 y 138, frente al Campo Militar,

HABANA.

Desde el 22 Feb hasta el 23/3 del mes de 1881

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		Oro.	Billetes.
	Por 1/3 dias pension y cuarto para tres a 79 en oro diario	12	
22	Por pagado dos coches.		11
	" bote y equipajes	4 50	
23	" pagado un coche		6
		<u>16 50</u>	<u>17</u>

*Recibido  
Juan Batet*

FF

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Farrar  
request your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter.

Lillie G. Farrar  
TO  
J. A. Foster.

Wednesday, February twenty third, 1881.  
at twelve o'clock.  
At Home.

Lillie G. Farrar

J. A. Foster

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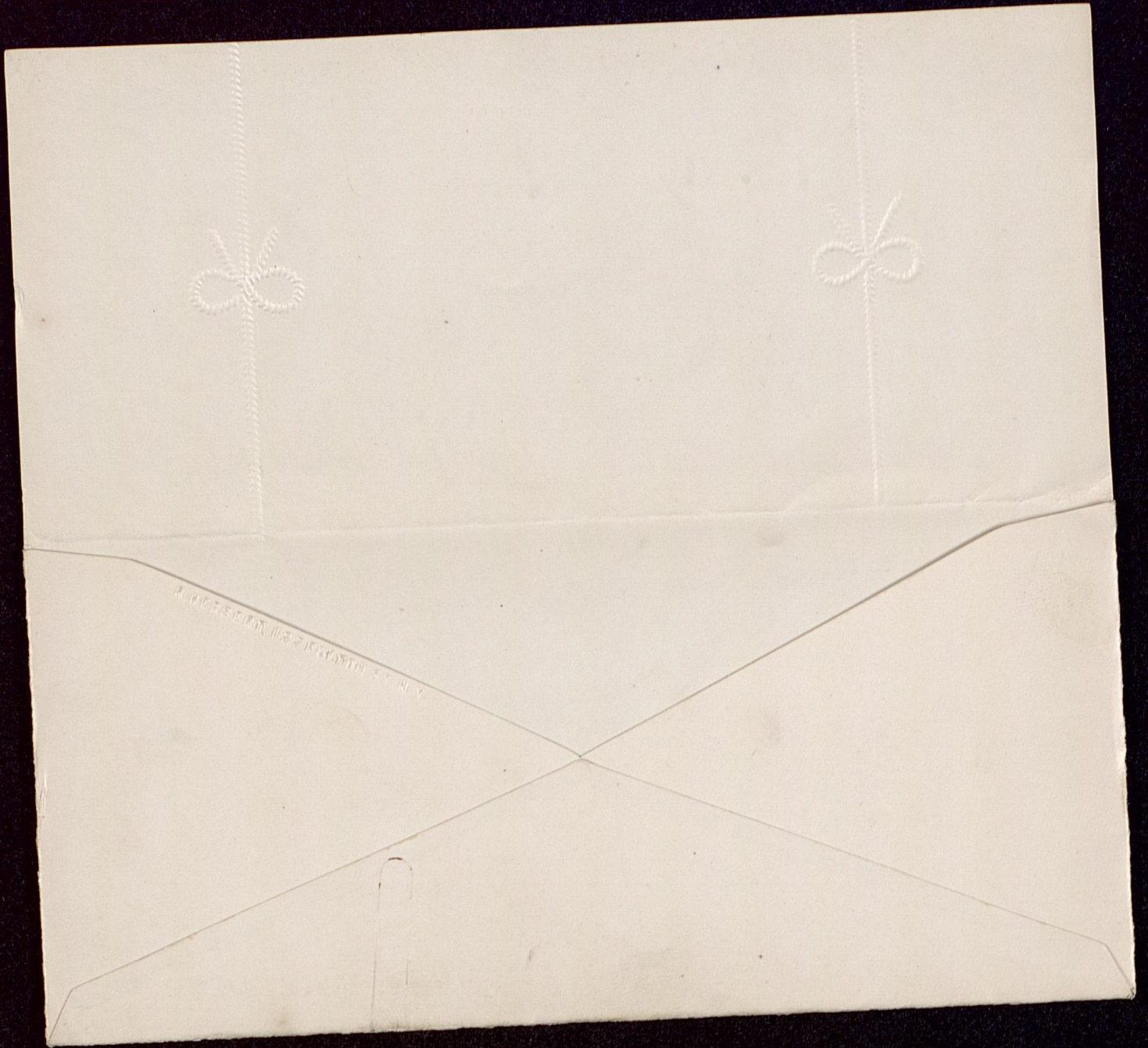


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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

81

Mr John Meaus  
Ashland  
Ky

Marionetta Ohio

February 23

Dear Father,

Yesterday  
we had a holiday in  
honor of Washington's birthday  
and today Harry spoke  
in the Academy but  
as I have not been to but  
one recitation today on account  
of my eyes I did not speak  
but will next week we  
received our reports for  
the last six weeks today  
Harry is quite well.

Your son

Cooke

1881

Putnam Jr and Luther Newport  
are going to spend their spring  
holidays in Cin

With love to all  
I remain as ever your  
son

Cooke

Marietta Ohio  
February 28. 1881

Dear Father,

We supposed  
that you had up to Lowmoor  
because you did send your usual  
letter, we have heard from Mother  
since the 18<sup>th</sup>, but should think  
she would soon be home if not  
already there.

Harry and I were vaccinated  
last week by Uncle George  
although there was no real  
necessity for so doing, yet it  
will do ~~no~~ harm.

Uncle has had S. Oldhams  
case under his care, and says  
he will be out before long.

The boys had a game of

Hare and Hounds, Sat. and think that they run about 13 miles altogether

Harry and some boys walked down the railroad to the Sunnall and Harry is rather stiff to day.

I have been out of school for 3 days, but go back Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, the reason that I was absent was that I had a severe headache and it settled in my eyes, and made them ~~red~~ so that when I would read or study they would hurt or seemed tired but I think that they are about all right now so dont feel alarmed Mrs Knowles thinks it is Neuralgia

Miss Winnie came back from Cincinnati Friday night and the Judge from Athens Sunday morning. Miss Clara is going to Boston Wednesday to make a visit at her Uncles Mr Newport of St Paul has been here for several days past at Mr Edgertons Mr Cutler is at home Aunt Burgess is at present unable to come to Church How soon will the road to Ashland from Portsmouth be up opposite to A.

We want to come back after spring vacation, to W. via Cincinnati, so that we can buy our summer suits and some light underclothes hats &c &c. Douglas

New Orleans March 1<sup>st</sup> 1851

Dearest John

We arrived here  
safely on Sunday evening 4 days  
from Havana. We had a  
very good trip part of the way  
but the last day & night were  
quite rough. I was delighted  
with Havana - every thing was  
so foreign - more so than any  
thing since Europe - We would  
have stayed longer - but there  
was no ship on the line, we had  
bought our tickets on, for two  
weeks - & I did not want to stay  
so long from home - but I think  
it paid, if it was only, to see, the  
Cocoa nut trees - the most beau-  
tiful trees I have ever seen - so

tall & straight with the leaves on  
top looking like great feather  
plumes or ostrich feathers - at  
Key West we saw every variety  
of tropical trees - I hope you will  
take the trip sometime for I  
think it is the next thing to going  
to Europe - We met Mr & Mrs A. Peck  
on the ship they got off at Cedar  
Key Fla. the 2<sup>d</sup> day - The thermometer  
stands at 85 - all the year in Havana  
most too warm for Bedd I have  
enjoyed the trip very much, so far  
& to day is Mardi Gras & the streets  
are filled with gay masked partentary  
the children - Yesterday the King  
came in & the procession was  
very fine & lasted nearly an hour  
all the military - & a great many  
elegant suits of foreign style & beautiful  
horses - Today it is to be seen from  
the Arabian nights - I was much  
pleased to get your letter & the check  
for I was afraid my money would  
give out before I got home -  
I hope Hildreth & Rose are well -  
We will leave on Thursday for home  
on a boat & take cars from Memphis  
that is if the girls are not too tired -  
If they are, we will go all the way on  
a boat - love & kisses to yourself & children  
from Hattie

3  
be made about the  
middle of May next.  
They run trains to Grafton  
now, but the track is  
in such poor order that  
they run off two or three  
times in a trip. Not  
very safe yet—

I inclose check for  
two hundred (\$200) dollars  
You can pay Mr. Kewler  
\$150+ and have \$50+ for  
use of you and Harry  
Have her gone down to  
Mr. Ireland's and  
Tom is reading and  
sleeping,

Yours truly  
John W. McLean

Adelands Ky, 6th March 1881.  
Dear Cooke,

We have letters today from Liz  
and Matt at Harrodsburg, and  
from your mother but constant  
at New Orleans, where they  
arrived last Sunday having  
enjoyed the trip to the "Fair  
Island". They were to  
leave N.O. Thursday next  
for Memphis, but had not  
determined whether to  
come up the river from  
thence or come by rail.  
We expect them here  
some time during the  
week. I shall go to Leitch  
Monday night to meeting of  
directors of Big Sandy Park & Co.,  
but hardly expect them to



✓ reach here before I learn them. Last <sup>Tuesday</sup> ~~Wednesday~~ Capt  
Hruskull came to see me, and I went down to Hanging  
Rock with him. He wants to sell out of the P&B Co.,  
and be relieved from business for a time, and  
would not sell unless father and I agreed for  
him to do so. Capts Kyle & Holloway will buy his  
stock. Your grandfather and aunt Mary will go down  
with me, and they will make a visit at Mr  
Sirtens. The Campbell has been away a week  
in New York and Washington, about retiring the  
circulation of the Bank if the "Funding bill"  
had been made a law by Congress. We  
have had snow four days the past week, and  
patches of snow cover the ground to day. The Akela  
furnace broke part of her engine, Thursday and  
will be stopped several days.

The Irving let out next at Holt Pecker Friday  
and read from Hollands works.

Some part of the machinery is broken at the Norton  
and they are stopped too — The Seeto Valley Supt  
and engineer were here last week, and think  
they can have their track laid, ballasted and  
incline finished so that tronspus can be



There is not much news  
in this town but what you  
will get in the paper  
Stewart Rogers will be here  
this week he is an actor  
like Alf Burnett

Uncle George appears to be quite  
well as also Sarah but Mr  
Ross is in poor health

Miss Winnie is spending Sunday  
in Parkersburg the Judge is in  
Athens holding court.

We are both well  
Yours Truly

J. C. Means.

Stannetta Ohio  
March 13 1877

Dear Father:

We received  
your letter last week enclosing  
Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars  
For which please accept our  
thanks we paid Mrs Knowles  
\$150. for our board &  
and divided the rest (\$50)  
between ourselves which I  
can assure you we were  
happy to receive.

We were sorry to hear  
that Commodore Hushell  
was to retire from the Co.  
but supposed it could not be

be avoided, what was the reason? did he stop on account of his health?

Do you think they can save the Fleeting or not.

Mr Frank Oldham has recovered enough to be out again there are as yet no other cases in town.

I suppose Mother Lily & I have returned from the Sunny South but we have not received a box of fruit but expect one soon.

We will probably leave here Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1881 or not till Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

we will have examinations up to Tuesday noon school begins after vacation April 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

Cousin Jim Edgerton is in Chicago and Cousin Mary in St Louis Jim has very poor health.

I want you, if possible, to have a good riding horse when and your little buggy fixed up <sup>by the time</sup> we come home in April so that we can take plenty of exercise for we both need it and myself especially.

Our examinations begin next week and they will be very difficult lasting about five days.

Peabody Hotel -  
Memphis Tenn -  
17th March 1897 -

Dear Bys

We are still here, and likely to be  
for a week to come. Bessie is improving  
slowly. The fever has not quite left  
her: but the only medicine she takes  
is Iunin - Which the Dr. (Willetts)  
left of Monday night and last  
night (Wednesday) - saying he was  
afraid to leave it off altogether.  
He seems to think now, that some-  
thing good to eat, to keep up,  
or to help her regain her strength  
is of more importance than  
medicine - Lily had a slight  
cold with sore throat Tuesday  
but is well now. So are the  
rest of us. It is tiresome to  
sit about the Hotel all the  
time, and part of us go to

walk them, the others go -  
There is not much to see here  
A great many houses are  
empty and have been since  
the Yellow Fever two (2) years ago -  
One or two streets have all the  
business and the others are  
lonely - Except in the business  
part of the city, the streets and  
side walks are not much  
better than in Ashland. The Dr -  
thinks there are 10,000 less white  
people than there were here 2  
or three (3) years ago - And the  
business men complain  
bitterly, that they are losing money +  
We hope Bessie will be strong  
enough to leave some time  
next week - Will probably go by Rail  
to Louisville and back +

Yours truly

John Means -

POSTAL CARD



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

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*Martin E. Co. Meant*

*Marietta*

*Washington Ohio.*

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Memphis - Tenn 26th. Mare  
1881

Bessie is clear of fever  
but very weak. We  
think that from this  
forward she will  
mend as fast as can  
be done. Will start  
home as soon as is  
prudent to nurse her.  
Will not write you at  
Marquette again -

Genl Echols and Mr  
Huntington in line  
yesterday -  
glad to meet some  
that we knew -

Yours

John Meany



# OHIO FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1881

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1881

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1881

ASSETS.		
Cash,		37500
Hands' Ledger Balances,		570046
Bills Receivable,		
Merchandise,		754988
Principal office, <i>Furnace Invoice</i>		1370815
Invoice of iron and		3536464
Balance cost of 3745 tons iron delivered at Union Landing,		4084506
	\$	13664445
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,		767150
Hands' ledger balances,		314955
Sales---Pig iron,		4932401
Principal Office		7656414
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 1881		495716
	\$	13664445

ASSETS.		
Cash and book accounts,		557647
Merchandise,		754988
Bills receivable,		
Principal office,		
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,		1370815
668 <sup>495</sup> tons pig iron at <i>Pitts Lanesville</i>		1612053
444 <sup>494</sup> " " " <i>Laurensburg</i>		1442754
48 <sup>494</sup> " " " <i>Cincinnati</i>		180154
	\$	5646939
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,		580114
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 1881		
Principal Office		7656414
Profit on Merchandise		495716
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1881		1945195
	\$	5646939

## REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Union Landing,		7439	Number tons iron made,	3745
134 <sup>3</sup> bushels coal at 11 <sup>44</sup>	980		Whole number cords wood used,	
7.6 tons ore at 7 <sup>50</sup>	650		" " loads coal "	7700
46 <sup>100</sup> " limestone at 1 <sup>44</sup>	64		" " tons ore "	8405
Running up stock,	66		" " " limestone "	1515
Transportation to Union Landing,	40		No. cords wood to make one load of coal,	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Union Landing,		155	" " " " " " ton of iron	716 1/2
Cost of one load charcoal,		1444	" days furnace was in blast	156/10
Average sales per ton,		7694	" tons daily average product	4991 8/10
Merchandise sold,		7551749	" " iron sold,	1546 9/10
Net profit on merchandise,		495716	" " on hand,	

Furnace went into blast *May 17<sup>th</sup>*, 1880, and blew out *March 16<sup>th</sup>*, 1881

## HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS, BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF COAL MINED.

ASSETS.			COAL MINED AND SOLD.		
			Bush.	Stack.	Bush. Coal.
Book accounts,		345209	To Steamboats,		354400399100
Cash,			" Sundries by Barge loads,		59801333600
Invoice merchandise at New Castle Store,		501839	" Retail by Wagon loads,		2240046400
Invoice personal property at mines, <sup>*</sup>			" " " "		240015100
" " " at Hanging Rock,		3614194	" Quantity on hand, <i>Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 1881</i>		8004000
Balance,		4461445	Total Mined,		441800498300
LIABILITIES.			Average Sales per day, <sup>to Steamboats</sup>		9691090
Book accounts,		406586	" " " " <sup>to all parties</sup>		17067141
Principal office,		7546071	On hand <i>Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 1880</i>		600400
Balance, <i>Gain for the year</i>		1508838			
	\$	4461445			



# PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1881

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1881

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1881

ASSETS.	
Cash,.....	330
Hands' Ledger Balances.....	3,744.85
Bills Receivable,.....	684.50
Merchandise,.....	1,324.00
Principal office,.....	895.64
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise, <i>Pig Iron</i>	15,153.69
Balance cost of 37.5 tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,.....	48,714.97
	\$ 147,960.31
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	834.61
Hands' ledger balances,.....	4,343.38
Sales--Pig iron.....	11,349.04
Profit on Merchandise.....	446.16
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18.....	\$ 147,960.31

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,.....	3,446.15
Merchandise,.....	4,344.09
Bills receivable,.....	684.50
Principal office,.....	895.64
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise, <i>541 tons pig iron at</i>	15,153.69
" " " ".....	17,324.29
" " " ".....	\$ 44,444.34
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	570.44
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18.....	446.16
Profit on Merchandise.....	446.16
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1881.....	350,448.0
	\$ 44,444.34

## REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock.....	22.06	Number tons iron made,.....	3750
131 1/2 bushels coal..... at 6.58 <sup>34</sup>	867.34	Whole number cords wood used,.....	7170 <sup>84</sup>
3 tons ore..... at 2.55	7.65	" " logs coal ".....	9456
61 lbs " limestone..... at 1.00	61	" " " tons ore ".....	1940
Running up stock,.....	645 <sup>13</sup>	" " " limestone ".....	5 <sup>54</sup> 160
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,.....	1	No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	71.3
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,.....	2	" " " " " " ton of iron.....	15 <sup>26</sup> 160
Average sales per ton,.....	34.50	" days furnace was in blast.....	5090
Merchandise sold,.....	71,956.30	" tons daily average product.....	541 <sup>1479</sup>
Net profit on merchandise,.....	446.16	" " iron sold,.....	
Cost of one load charcoal,.....	1316	" " on hand,.....	

Furnace commenced blowing April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1880, and blew out July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1881

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Telephone Exp.....	26,800.00	Pine Grove Furnace,.....	895.64
Gain and loss to April 1, 18.....	Ohio Fee	Ohio Furnace,.....	550
Cash, & Bank accounts.....	6,136.54	Bills payable,.....	3480.06
Bills Receivable.....	18,872.205	Individual Accounts,.....	50000
Individual Accounts.....	16,444.04	Capital Stock,.....	11,617.10
Real Estate,.....	26,835.636		4000
Coal Works,.....	7546.71		13,427.63
Cash Dividends,.....	40,000		11,617.10
Stock Dividends, Past Due Notes.....	13,427.63		4000
Ohio Iron & Coal Co Stock.....	11,617.10		\$ 686,700.75
Balances, M. L. & Co Stock.....	4000	Balance, Profit & Loss ac.....	\$ 686,700.75
	\$ 686,700.75		



P.S. Tell Mother how the  
Luce send a box and send a cover

Love & all  
Yours truly  
C. W. McKean

Mrs. McKean has returned  
from the doctor's trip

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Marilla  
April 17, 1855

Dear Father

We have not yet received any letters from home and only the Independent from Oakland. If you remember I told you when we were at home about the Republican that neither we nor Uncle George have received any copies of that paper for some time past, and we hope you will renew our subscription for it or else send us the Express or both.

When we came here Mrs. Knowles not having expected us till the following week did not have any carpet on the floor or the stove in place or the

bed made up, but she  
set the room to rights the  
next day much to our satisfaction.

Dr Harry Debol and his  
mother have been here for  
the last two or three days  
the Doctor is a very jolly  
fellow, she has one peculiarity,  
that is, she does not believe  
the world is round. I do not  
know how long they are going  
to stay but I hope it will be  
for some time.

Uncle George seems about the  
same as ever, in regards to health  
perceptible differences in other  
respects, have not seen Mr Rose  
yet but Sarah said he was  
pretty feeble.

Judge J S Knowles  
has not put in an appearance yet

We have three recitations a  
day Latin at 7:45 AM Algebra  
at 11 AM, and Physics at  
3 PM. wed ex.

We have three new scholars from  
Petersburg and another from - I do not  
know where - All 4 in our class  
so we have a very large one  
and when we enter college we  
will have the largest class that has  
ever entered Marquette College for a  
number of years if there ever has  
been any larger at all entered.

We had a very bad day on  
the boat but not any rain since,  
till today.

It has been rather hard  
work starting to study again  
after two weeks vacation  
but still it must be done.

There was a play at the City Hall  
entitled "Rooms to Rent" Harry went  
I did not. Last Thursday night.



LETT  
APR 14 9PM



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

Mrs John Means  
Ashland  
Ky

Boyd County.

Marietta  
April 14/88

Dear Mother

We

arrived here last night  
about 7 O'clock P.M. you know  
the state of the weather while we  
were on the boat and of course  
it had some effect on my cold  
but I will try and take care  
of myself the best that I can.  
Judge Knowles is in Poucevoy.  
we have 4 new scholars in our  
class. Mrs Knowles was not  
expecting us till next week  
and had not our room fixed  
but it is all right now.

We have begun study at once and  
we "hate it too" you must give  
my love to all the family and to your  
self kind wishes for Bessie's improvement  
Yours Truly E. C. Means,

THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

"Nos Etiam Speravimus Meliora."

T. A. MEANS, M. D., Secretary.

Montgomery, Ala. April 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

Hon. William Means  
Mayor Cincinnati.  
My dear Sir.

Seeing your name at the head of the City Government, and believing our ancestors sprang from the same parent stock. I take the liberty of asking you to give me a brief history of your forefathers.

Three brothers, namely, William, John and Alexander, emigrated from County Tyrone - northern coast of Ireland - about the close of the last century, and landed in N. York. The two first went north West, the third came South and located in Staturville S. C.

My father Rev. Alexander Means D. D. L. L. D. was born there, but moved in early life to Georgia where he now resides.

I would please, if you would give  
me any information that will assist  
me in locating my name in America

Trusting you will pardon me for  
thus trespassing upon your time.

I am Sir

Very truly

Yours obt. Servt

J. A. Means.

My dear Sister

Please obtain the  
desired information and forward  
to Mr. Means at your convenience  
Hope to see you next Thursday

Affectionately

William Means

Cin. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> 1851



# Means, Kyle & Co.,

HANGING ROCK, O., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1881

John Means Esq

Ashland Ky

Dear Sir

We enclose

our Check

No. 4959 for

\$4799<sup>35</sup>

in payment of Dividend No 20 of 8% \$4800 -  
less Freight on Tarpanlins Sept 23<sup>d</sup>  
1879 .65<sup>c</sup>

Please report

if correct.

Very respectfully, yours,

Means, Kyle & Co.  
Willard

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Pig Iron

H. Rock & W. F. Landis	21%
Cincinnati & Louisville	22%
Pittsburgh & St. Louis	23%

CINCINNATI  
MAY 2  
6 o'clk

Mr John Means  
Cincinnati Ohio  
East of Ark  
Dear brother

Cincinnati Apr 29 1857

Dear John

I will not promise to write you  
a long this time for I have nothing of any  
importance to communicate to you. So  
we will have a little conversation, I was  
down to Mary Jane Hanger's a saturday  
to see Sid. She is going home a Thursday  
I think she looks better than I ever  
saw her. I dont know whether Mary Anne  
& Elson has gone home or not for I have  
not been down to uncle Gintons for  
two weeks it is the first saturday I have  
missed going there since more some  
went to home I am there twice a week  
Miss Cox lets us go walking every Wednesday  
evening by our selves I always go down  
there and stay a few minutes. Every time  
the door bell rings I think it is Mary Anne

and every old Cray or wagon I here I think  
it is her and run to the window to see  
if it is not her carriage, I think it is true  
she was here long ago, it is only two  
months and two days until school  
is out it nearly set me wild to think  
of it. I went to here Jeng Lind &  
was perfectly delighted with her, we did  
not head a very good seat it was  
a way up in the third tier and  
was the third seat I had to stand  
all of the time when I wanted to see  
her. Miss Coxe and nine of the girls  
that had not been there were the  
Miss Brouches are also a long when  
they came both Liza Jane said  
to me that she did not want to  
~~praise~~ praise Kate (that was her  
sister) but she did not want to  
run down Jeng Lind, but she said  
she just went like her Kate did  
when she neighed, she said when  
she saw her standing down there  
a singing she just thought  
she saw her Kate standing down  
there neighing, she wash one of their  
own pocket handkerchiefs then sit  
do as to save pieces for washing  
the little says to the big one & Liza Jane

we have got enough of stockings to wear  
with out washing until we go so that  
we'll see so much went at Liza  
Jane. She always calls her Liza & I  
and Miss Coxe want her to  
call her Eliza, but she won't do it  
she says if she does say it mother  
will make her call her Liza Jane  
again when she goes home  
she says she never saw such a  
thing as Miss Coxe silver forks are  
she says they put her in mind of  
Moles claws. I must now say the  
most interesting letter to a class  
written soon to your affectionate  
sister Beth