

with the ladies into the car. The R. Road terminated  
at the foot of a hill about two and a half miles from  
Mt. Vernon. Here I handed Jerry & Dode out, secured  
their baggage into a cabin to let them wait for  
a conveyance to Vernon. Miss Denny invited me to go  
over and spend the evening and take a game of  
Croquet but I reluctantly declined. Shook their hands  
most affectionately and ~~left~~ kissed them farewell. Then ran and  
climbed in to the car. Soon we saw them jumping into  
a corn wagon, and then they stood waving as long as  
our shaky receding car was visible. Miss Woodward and  
I then sat down and got right well acquainted before we  
got to Leonard. While at the same time I suppose  
Jerry & Dode were enjoying the pleasure of a ride on  
a corn wagon. It was 5 o'clock when I arrived  
in Leonard. Miss Woodward invited me to take supper  
with her, but the tedium of the hour and the necessity  
of riding around the bridge compelled me to start for home  
immediately. She remained till this morning.  
Miss Woodward says that Jerry wrote letters of going a party  
to - Miss G. & Miss G. as such to attend the ball at  
Lottsmouth in the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Jones will have his ball  
room finished this month, so I am in hopes that  
we may get up a nice dance there in Nov<sup>r</sup>.  
What do you think of it? Miss Woodward danced  
Dad. I must wind up for now at the end  
of my sheet.  
I know of nothing very important. Will  
at present.

Ohio Journal Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 53.

Dear Sister

I have nothing very new or interesting to com-  
municate neither do I know whether the girls  
will reach your side of the river or you may  
arrive on this side. But I shall endeavor  
to give a few notes on passing events.

On the morning after the party George & I  
returned to Ohio Journal very sleepy, and at about  
11 1/2 P.M. Miss Denny & I passed on the gallop some-  
what drunk. We went to bed about dusk, sleep  
on the next evening (Saturday) went out to U.S.  
I. we arrived there at about 7 1/2 P.M. and were  
informed that the girls had retired for the night.  
Therefore I struck the "Catherine" on the old  
heels and soon had them about taking the  
steps - Dr. pronounced, Schickel, Chausage, Paltz,  
Tilt & C. until 1/2 of ten. On the next afternoon  
George went to Union Journal and the girls and I to  
the Hanging Rock to change. After supper I bed  
them all in affectionate farewell and came to the  
Ohio as blue as the D.C. but at a matter of  
course had been so gradually since the party.

But that is not all. Now I have commenced  
with the girls I must take them through in good  
style. Well on yesterday morning I  
left Ohio Journal in search of a slow manner



went out to the Landing found Dick Jew packing up to take the Carbine on the same day. Ascertained that Mollie and Dick had been to Portsmouth & London, that as they were coming up the river in R. Fishers No. 3. Misses Green & Lucy Smith took passage at Greenport for Denton on their way to St. Vernon L. They talked a good deal about the party - and scarcely thought of anything else -

Finally I bid the girls a long farewell and went to Denton and left word for him & C. C. concerning C. G. I took dinner at Uncle Sam's learned that Miss Jimmy was from stopping at Ocean Falls when they came up - that Jimmy had called upon Aunt Sam when she was not at home, and that the Mr. and Dodge had gone to Mr. Vernon a day or two before.

How I was disappointed for I had all the time entertained a sneaking notion that I could catch the working couple in Denton and take the pleasure of calling on them before leaving town. So I swallowed down my disappointments as well as I could with a case of beer and after dinner mounted the "Dancing Feather" with Ohio in perspective view. Noticing my horse near the Denton house and having business with Mr. Richards I alighted in at a side door of the depot and started for his office. But what was my surprise to see Miss Green standing on the passenger car in conversation with C. G. I soon jumped on to the platform and said my "adieu" to the young lady, when she asked if I wouldn't go in and

see Jimmy which I certainly did and found her comfortably seated, and as pretty and agreeable as ever. Miss Maria Woodrow was also in and going on to the terminus of the R. Road as company for the girls - I mean Campbell to be the gentleman word. The car had but a few minutes to stop, passengers and baggage was awaiting us.

The girls insisted on my going along, told me that if my business was urgent I could be back at 4.15 P.M. anyhow & C. G. and looked very pretty and were very persuasive.

But I vowed myself until Mr. H. Campbell came in he also urged me to take his place and go out with the ladies as he had business at home. Well, after due & mature deliberation with W. Means I determined that since John Penn the Steam Mason was at work at one of the furnaces on the line of the R. Road, it was my sacred duty to go out and hunt him up, lest his wife might forget to tell him as I directed him when he came home on Saturday evening. When the car was about starting, so I took Mr. Campbell's ticket - he jumped out - I took him to look to my horse - and with leggings on and whip in hand took my seat by the side of Jimmy on one of those small seats. When we got to the depot Miss Green and Woodrow on the seat immediately in advance with their faces towards us, and in less than no time we were streaking it for the country. And what a glorious ride we had talking about feathies, Miss's Mustache and and fireworks - Mr. Henry Dagers being having business at Vermont and being in the same train, I entrusted my Steam Mason business totally to him and retained my seat



Union Landing Feb 9th, 53.

My dear John

Assuming you were still inclined to go up the river next week thought best to confer a little more on the subject, before you should come over. I heard that Aunt Jane and sis were spending the winter in the Crescent city so it appears to me that our trip would be rather a dull one just to Marietta and Sherburne, so what say you to going to Wellsborough and on to an ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> instead of the places first spoken of? That and I went down to Portsmouth last Monday on the S. B. Cabinet. Wren and some other young ladies were on board bound for Collyer Hill. We returned the succeeding day on the the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Farkis~~ <sup>Farkis</sup>. Miss Lett & Miss Luene came on board at



Greenup. Miss Sacere intended arriving <sup>in</sup> at  
St Leon with ferry until the 22<sup>d</sup> when I  
believe they both are going to attend a ball in  
Portsmouth. Kit and Sue left for their home  
the last trip of the Cabinet.

I will be prepared for a journey some where  
the last of next week; having bought my  
cloak and other necessary articles in Portsmouth.  
Hope to see you soon. Love your fond sister  
Hollie Means



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W. J. Nichols & Co	223 95	John Bevan & Co	65 78
W. Curdy & Loomis	2,842 05	A. J. & S. Ellson	00 00
Williams Town & Co	94 47	J. S. McMullen	39
A. Hurtenshaw	4 37	Wm B. Ellison	1 54
Engle Page	6 40	Bills Payable	846 65
Simsley	4 00	Watchel & Kramdenburgh	59 50
P. & W. Scott	52	Comstock Wilcox & Co	7 05 30
Sam'l Watson	1 70	James Salisbury	6 00
Carpenter Pierce	2 33	James Fursell	58 16
Ern Ulm	46 75	Robt Bell & Co	4 98
Thos J. Potete	10 80	John J. Innd	38 45
Wm H. Drotte	12 17	Pat. Challey	50 00
J. S. Perry	6 68	Johnson Sprung & Co	52 00
J. L. McVey & Co	85	C. A. W. Pamarin	328 60
A. J. & S. Ellson	37 10	D. W. Murray	148 77
L. D. Walton	34 96	Bates & Whiteher	171 20
Wm L. Singer	819 82	J. Stephenson	13 70
R. Kite & Co	25 81	Langston McCullough & Co	16 23
Perkins Wood & Co	60 42	Hall & Spear	24 29
Sinton & Means	98	S. C. Colburn & Supton	122 72
Law suit	274 34		
A. J. Kincaid	11 37		
G. Tickets	6 50		
Road Expenses	238 60		
Wm Langston	112 14		
M. L. Kirby	2 00		
D. Sinton	50		
John M. Wilson	2,298 09		
Calhoun Mansie & Co	880 00		
Bills Receivable	5,356 78		
Traber & Auberry	585 98		
G. Means	3,320 29		
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Amt Forwarded	17,322 42
Cash	56 28
Bank of Portsmouth	42 08
Fellfonte Furnace	2,083 50
Thos St Means	56 56
Norton Atchison & Co	7 05
A. S. Smith	257 00
Furnace	6,489 81
Interest	224 53
N. A. Stock	500 00
	<u>27,039 20</u>

Amt Forwarded	27,14 36
John Tinkett	13 67
Trig Snow	22,643 43
A. W. Merrill & Co	11 60
A. F. Conway & Co	2 27
Jones Brothers & Co	1,299 75
Duke & Kingsbury	24 38
Scott Brothers & Co	21 00
Hampton Willow & Co	307 98
Cash	65
Interest	21
	<u>27,039 20</u>

Trial Balance  
 July 9th 1853



Ft. Wm. Feb 11th 1853

Messrs H. Means & Co

Gentlemen

We have opportunity to send direct to your place by private hand -

We are now reluctantly constrained to say the price for H R Hot blast metal cannot be sustained here - there is daily rec<sup>d</sup> from over the mountains by R R of such metal as will answer foundries for almost any purpose, especially hollow ware, it sells for about 42 to 43 \$ per ton as in quality - this is new competition and will continue so long as prices here rule higher than in Eastern markets - there is also large quantity of H R - the most of it we presume belonging to Davis & Smith -

Mr Hamblton, of Centre, told the writer it would be sold at \$40 if no more can be had in limited time - the agent for same owners sold Pine Grove at 45 when he had informed us he had put it up to 50 \$ - I believe Mr Hamblton's word will soon be proved true - there are daily indications of tendency that way - so confident are we of the truth being verified, we have closed out the metal belonging to W Warts at 42 \$ - that was the highest we could get, buyers assuming us they would wait at the risk of paying higher - I should be glad to close out yours at same if no better can be done with it - to wait until new shipments are rec<sup>d</sup> would be impudent - Instruct us if you please - if you can find private opportunity send by it - will without fail immediately - we have said enough to convince you how we would do were the property ours -

Respy &c

W. Curdy, J. Loring



McCune & Loomis  
July 11/53

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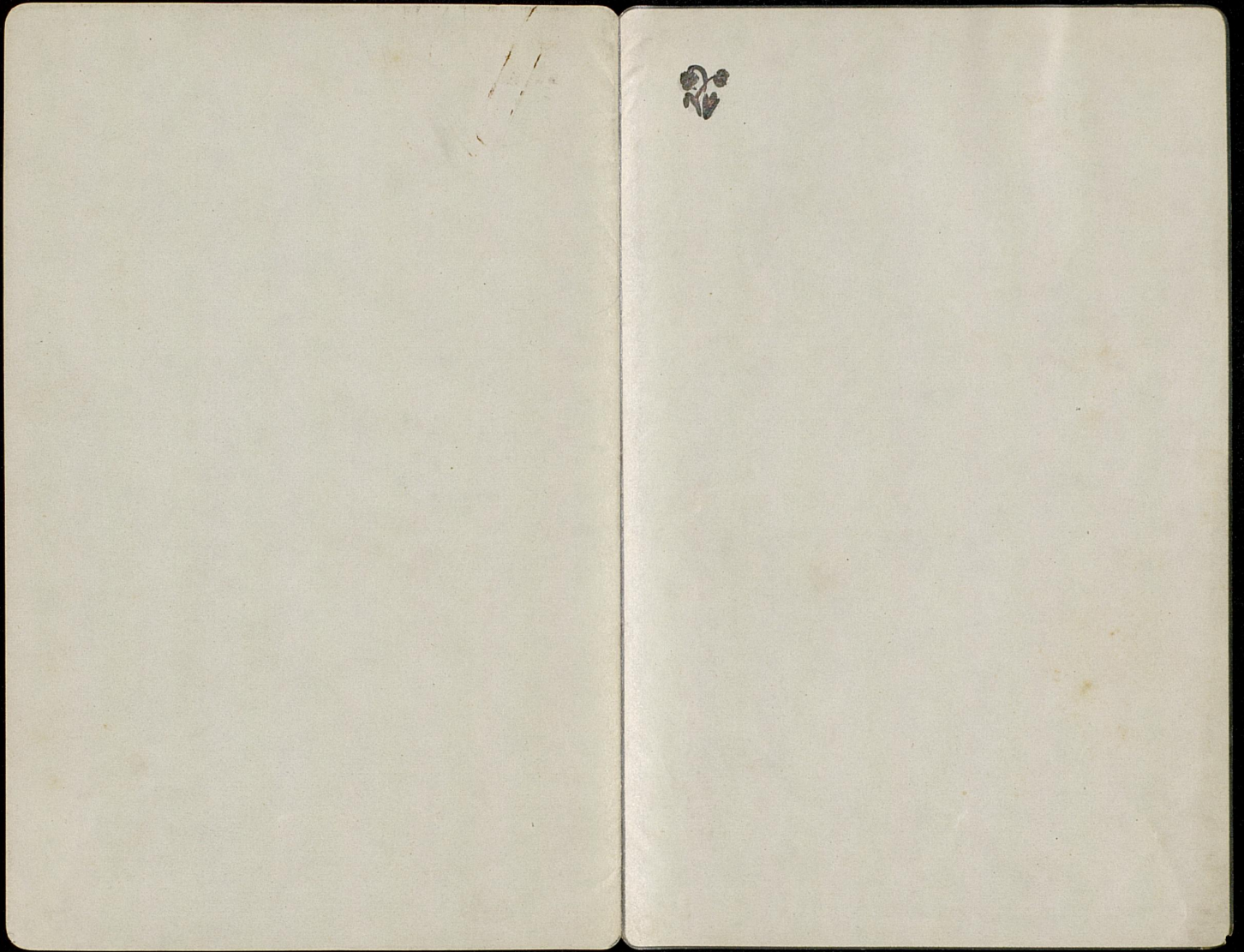




Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1833.

" 'Tis not because thine beautiful,  
My spirit seeks for thine,  
And lays its purest offerings  
Upon thy young heart's shrine.  
'Tis for thy truth and purity —  
Thy loving heart and kind, —  
And for the jewels glittering  
In the spirit of thy mind. —  
'Tis for these alone I've loved thee  
For amid the festive throng,  
Thou hast shone, and brightly sparkled,  
And filled my soul with song.  
Oh! a blessing on thy pathway,  
My beautiful my fair!  
May flowers crown the ever,  
And be woven in thy hair;  
And down life's dreamy journey  
All joyful mayst thou go,  
And life's sweetest pleasure  
Be thine alone to know. "







San Francisco, March 23<sup>d</sup> 1853.

Dear Mother,

I send you a few lines; mainly to inform you that I shall leave Francisco to day for the mountains, where I expect to pass the summer. I shall probably be somewhere in that section of country known as the middle mines, though I cannot now say in what locality. My stay in this place has from various reasons been somewhat protracted; but I have been desirous of escaping the rain and snow of the interior. Any letters that may be sent to me had better be directed to Francisco. I am hoping to receive a letter from some of you in April.

Studley Stone and family arrived here ~~about~~ about the first of this month. They speak of the passage as having been a very pleasant one. Studley thinks of farming near Monterey. Dr. Andrews, brother of the Prof. in Marietta College, has recently arrived from a voyage among the islands in the Pacific. He has left for Santa Cruz, where he owns some farming land.

My health remains good; and I trust this will reach you all in accustomed health.

With much love to all, I remain

Yours affectionately, G. O. Aldrich



Francisco April 2 1853

My Dear Sister.

I send you a few lines merely to assure you of my unabated affection and how deeply I sympathise with you in your affliction and loneliness of heart. I often think of you and of the sad and sorrowful hours you are passing; hours of gloom; days beclouded and dark. I trust that ere this reaches you, the saddest hours will have passed, and that you will have regained calmness and repose of soul. I look back with much regret upon my first year in California, and can see now how a very different and fortunate career both for Douglas and myself might have been attained. An injudicious use of early in the summer of 1850 of the funds I possessed, resulted in a total and entire loss; and since then I have been in circumstances too straitened to enable me to render him any essential aid. The opinion seems to prevail that any one disposed can accumulate in California: and very uncharitable remarks are made by persons not familiar with the true and real condition of things here. If such persons could be placed here without means or friends, they would better understand the reasons of failure. I make these admissions with reluctance, and that you may understand why I did not befriended Douglas to better purpose. The past, however, is beyond recall: as to the future, we can but hope for the best, and that when we meet, it will be with affection unestranged by an absence of many years.

Your affectionate brother,  
George.



Mrs Harriet E. Perkins.

Manitla, Ohio.



I am very glad Prudence has purchased his  
house - after so much anxiety lest he should  
lose it - It would have been a great pity  
to fail of securing it when it was such a  
gain - Much love to them also to Charles &  
Sarah - Yours truly Rhoda

Ans to E. Perkins

on the fine house so far from  
in the house to make the  
wonderful 12 - it is really  
wonderful last summer & first  
thing I think it must be  
I have not yet seen  
Rhoda April 12<sup>th</sup> 53

Dear Hatty  
Mother told me she was writing  
you & I thought I would add a few  
lines though under difficulties - for  
Mary is as usual planted in a chair  
at my side, with both arms on the table  
asking fifty questions in a minute, with  
her mouth full of biscuits -  
I was glad to hear of your safe arrival  
and the apparent enjoyment of your  
visit - and hope nothing may happen  
to mar it - If Adelaide were not  
coming so soon, you might prolong your  
visit some weeks as Charles & Sarah are  
going to town as they expected -  
I have been down to see Mother very  
often since you left and she seems  
quite like herself - is well enough



to see in her cap but though seems rather  
disgusted with it - and thinks she  
should not put it down if the beads  
were not cut off - also is ripping out  
Miss Holt's sewing, thinking it not quite  
perfection - I went down to see  
Mrs Perkins the other day - Mary took little  
L. the "nine pins" with which he was much  
pleased - I did not see Mary, as she was  
up stairs & I thought it might disturb her.  
Mrs P. talked very calmly about her, seemed  
to think nothing could be done but to make  
her comfortable, & that she would never  
go back to Exeter again - was very sorry  
the child was taken down there - I don't  
know whether she really meant what she  
said or not - Father went in to see  
her the day after you left - and seemed  
to think she would never be any better.  
He has not seen since I believe - I heard  
to day that Dr. Regnier had been to see  
her & spoke very encouragingly of her  
thought she could be helped - He says

Love spoken encouragingly to the family,  
but I cannot think Father was so mis-  
taken in her symptoms as to differ so much  
from him in opinion of her case - Mother  
Gill was her nurse when I called, and they  
expected to lose another when she left - they  
had no girl yet - all goes on as  
usual here - I have been trying to have my garden  
made - old Dick comes & works about an  
hour & then vanishes like an apparition -  
I am growing quite desperate & think seriously  
of going out to spend it up myself - I have  
had five apple trees set out & presented the  
length to the Miss Stoves who wanted one - they must  
expect a long life before them to think of cutting  
out any apple trees - ~~John~~ Emma's  
funeral service was preached last  
Sabbath to a very crowded house - It was  
very able, and I think with the family  
were much gratified - What a melancholy  
thing was the death of Philis Bunkingham -  
The rich can die as well as the poor - and  
all their money cannot purchase life -  
Father Gutter's wedding must have been rather



Marion April 16 1853

Dear Harriet,

I write you a few lines to enclose with the notes sent in to go to you.

I have not received but one letter from you, & that was written the day after your arrival; I have been hoping to receive more. I was very happy to hear that you got in safely; I am in hopes it will be of service to you, it will be a change for you & of course it must occupy your mind in some degree: the wound you have received is too deep to be eradicated; time will in some degree alleviate such sorrow & it is wisely ordered that it does, or mourners would not live long.

Few things have transpired out of the general routine since you left: I will mention a few. Mrs. C. Rhodes has another heir: Mr. & Mrs. N. Ward are going next week to Columbus, & from there to Madison to make a visit. Miss F. Ward leaves on Monday for Rochester, she call here yesterday to say good bye & leave her kind regards for you; "Hannah" says she will come back again with Henry T. of course she knows.

Our old Factor is dead! he died after two days illness; your father thinks it was the same complaint that so many cows died of last season. Your father says



he was worth eighty dollars, he cannot get one  
as good, short of that, horses are very dear now.  
Several have been yprancing up to the door for  
him to look at, that wish'd to sell. but he is trying  
to negotiate with Jesse, H.

Mrs Prophecy fell down yesterday, & broke her <sup>left</sup> leg, or  
this I think will do for them.

Your Father has just come in he says Mary Shaw  
is about the same tho' rather better since he comm'd  
with her; if she should change rapidly, for the worse  
I will let you know.

We have just receiv'd a letter from Prescott, he  
wants you to remain some months with him, but  
I think I cannot consent to it as I am so lonely. I think  
you will want your summer clothes. The articles  
have arriv'd from Philadelphia color'd beautifully.

Tell Dr. P. I was in to see Mrs. W. yesterday, for the first time  
she desir'd to be remember'd to him, as he was such a  
favourite with him Mr. W. tell him I wish he would write  
a letter to her & Maria to let them know how deeply he sym-  
-pathized with them in their affliction. ask him also if he  
did not receive a paper of an obituary notice of Mr. W. if not I will  
send another. - I am much pleas'd that Dr. P. has secur'd the horses.

Give much kind love to Dr. & Sophia. I shall expect  
to see you about the time you set when you left. write often,  
Your father & Mother are gaining finely. Yours ever - Dr. H.



Pelle 9 May 58

Sturbridge May 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear John

Arthur & I arrived here Saturday afternoon -  
on the Highstone later than most of the Sunday girls on  
board. We left home Thursday evening on the Beville  
and went to the Rock, stop at Mr. Russ's Hotel &  
Mr. John Stewart. Watched for the boat for us, and  
saw us safely on board of it. We had about half  
a mind to Conny up on the Seldons as far as Walling  
the Captain said that he would put us on the Seldons  
and we would get up before the Highstone, but we  
thought as we were alone we had better not change  
Linn's plans as we were waiting for us she had  
been in all week, I guess she thought that you would  
be along, and was a great deal disappointed  
when she found out that you were not along, but she  
did not know he went out and staid all night and  
came in next morning in time for church, I like  
the thought a great deal better than Missions, there I did not  
see for that I had known how long it will last.



mother of us has been the best house kept. we haven't any  
wish to be at home. The school is very full this session and  
all of the girls here and got mixed. There are a great many  
other long girls here this session, I was much surprised  
to find my old room mate Miss McCluskey a teacher  
and very glad to see her do. The teachers treat us  
as much. This session is the girls here. There is only  
has teachers here this session that we have <sup>very best</sup> seen  
Emma Minor is here and as ever sends her love to you  
Did you get Mollie's letter. I remember leaving it on  
the table but forgot to give it to the man and brought  
it up here with me. Well, I gave it to one of the boys  
Scholars that came up on the boat and had it put  
in the office the very day I got here. Did Mollie and  
Aphelia go to Cincinnati to day, as they intended  
to do. Will you go with them. Mr. Adams was at our  
house ~~today~~ when I left home and intended  
leaving ~~home~~ yesterday. I don't know he said  
The man is giving my love. I am afraid the packages  
and are much longer. Mother really saved me room  
for as a little room just big enough for the one  
thing that that is some of <sup>the</sup> girls here that see me make  
Edie is very much pleased with the school. I think she will  
go along very well. She sends her love to you and says  
to tell you to write to her. I am writing in study but had  
for my own. We have not got our books yet to day it  
Monday <sup>at</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>is</sup> Friday, and we have been getting our  
class marked & giving in a list of them for packing and  
for shipping. They have all been examined but our trunks are

not taken to our rooms yet. Esther is writing home this is the  
first letter I have written since I came here, we had a very  
pleasant trip up there being several of the girls on board  
so we did not have to come up to the land very long  
when we got a long as well as if there had been some one with  
us, ~~for~~ Mr. Adams's, I don't know very much suppose we will  
to think that we come all of the way by our selves  
with them see you love from your affectionate  
Catherine Bell - Mary.



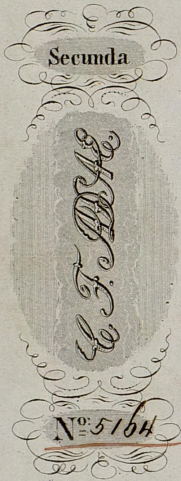
# SOCIAL BALL.

You are invited to attend a  
**FANCY DRESS BALL,**  
at the Eagle Hotel, E. S. Goble,  
Proprietor, Grayson, Carter Co.  
Ky., on the 4th of July 1854.

## MANAGERS.

J. J. PARK, Grayson, Ky.  
MOSES HORD, "  
WM. ELLIOTT, "  
JAMES W. REILEY, Catletsburgh, Ky.  
JOHN MUSSEN, "  
WM. RICHARDS, Owingsville, Ky.  
WM. CONNER, "  
O. HOLLISTER, Greenupsburg, Ky.  
J. M. ROBB, "  
Col. T. J. GRAHAM, Portsmouth, Ohio.  
W. S. CUTLER, "





Cincinnati den 9<sup>ten</sup> July 1853.

Für 62.30<sup>er</sup> in festem Fuß

Nachricht zahlen Sie gegen diesen Secunda Wechsel  
(Prima nicht) an die Ordre von Friederike Traub die Summe  
von **Zwey und Sechzig Gulden 30<sup>er</sup>** in festem Fuß  
Worth erhalten und stellen denselben auf Rechnung laut oder ohne Bericht.

Herrn Stahl & Federer  
Stuttgart.

Gilt für zwei und fünfzig Gulden 30<sup>er</sup>  
in festem Fuß  
v. C. F. Adae  
A. Seinsche



Prof John Swains

Ernest A. Swain

Aug 13

Paris, 27 Sunday, Aug 26 1873

Dear John

Mr. Bell arrived just a few moments ago with your kind note. We have been thronged - with company, ever since you were here - a Sunday Miss Clara & Emma & Edwin from Newton Rosa Rodgers & Optilia & Maria they all come early in the morning and spend the day. Mr. Bell's Optilia the come the night before in the evening will come in, and Mr. Bailey, Dr. Highton and Mr. Rodgers, came down, we did not they were coming, until they saw word with Miss Aldice they would be down, <sup>the evening</sup> we spent a very pleasant evening. Will & Edwin stay all night. They left yesterday morning at 10. Rosa she did not go until the afternoon. Dr. Highton also was here in the evening about four o'clock. Hannah - Bailey & Mr. Johnson came down and ~~stayed~~ all night, as soon as they left George Sparks came & as soon as started Mr. Bell came. I have not heard of any more arrivals since but I expect no body else will come until he gets a way, George. I believe. I think of going back to the



Oh! he says he thinks he can keep pretty  
steady for a year. Annie Reed had a  
little party very long ago. Some of the  
London people were out. Rose Rodgers and  
I am going out to Junior next week. It has been  
a three day. George Chen is coming up to see  
us in a bath of the sea some before we go  
He thinks she has seen all of the wonders in  
the world. Looks better than she ever did in her  
life to the day. I have not had the pleasure of seeing  
her yet. I had a letter from Hollie some other  
day she sent her love & wanted you to pay her a  
visit. The Richards has been very sick. he and Mrs  
Richards are going to Springfield soon, on a visit and to  
bring the children down. There is a Company from  
London going on to the world fair. I don't know  
who they all are. They are 10 of the Company.  
You asked when I could be over just as soon as  
Hollie moves over have you done anything to the  
house yet. You ought to write to Mr Adams and  
tell what you can about for he thinks you don't  
are whether he comes or not. Our little is waiting  
Hollie & all had their love.

Yours in haste  
Hollie



wrights 140 - he says - Philander  
is very pleasant - & looks very  
well - Mary + Lane McLelland  
called yesterday - Mary has  
just returned from N. Y. & c  
been gone five weeks -

If there are any letters come  
for me while I am gone please  
send them up -

I ~~sent~~ took my dress to the Mantua  
maker yesterday but can't get  
it till Tuesday - Add did not  
get my note in time to engage her  
to make it this week - I am

going out to Add's tomorrow so  
I suppose I shall not need it -  
Hoping you are all well - & will  
keep well - I am your aff daughter  
Harriet

Add says send them our particular  
love - & that she is very well been getting  
better ever since she left M - & that grief  
for Charlie Matthews has taken all her hair  
out -

Wheeling Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 53 -

Dearest Mother -

According to your  
request I write immediately  
though having no particular  
news to relate except the  
important fact that I arrived  
in safety - We reached  
here about 7 o'clock Tuesday  
morning - & Mr. Fraing came  
up to Eugene's with me -  
as the boat stopped at the  
lower landing & I thought  
Sam could hardly find me  
there - I had a very pleasant  
trip up - Met Mrs Joseph Barker  
Mr + Mrs Geo. Barker - Mr + Mrs



Wing Dool & Mr. Frasing were  
on the boat & several very  
pleasant Parkersburg Ladies  
so I had a much better time  
than I expected. Mr. Frasing  
acted as my gallant & was  
very kind. I believe George put  
me under his care. There were  
about a hundred passengers  
most of them coming to the  
Fair. The Ladies Cabin was  
so crowded that many had to  
sleep on the floor - but I was  
fortunate enough to have a  
state room to myself through  
the day - ~~at night~~ & at night  
I took another where there were  
fewer "midnight fers" but found  
them so plenty that we made  
our bed on the chairs with carpet  
bags for pillows. They were

expecting me at Eugene's & had  
waited breakfast for me -  
Car. Add & her Mother came in  
in the afternoon & are here to  
day - but it is raining so that  
the prospect of attending the Fair  
this afternoon is a very poor one  
About an hour after I arrived  
we went up to the Episcopal  
Church & saw Charlie Dool,  
married - the bride was a Miss  
Anderson & not very pretty - they  
went to ~~Parkersburg~~ <sup>Parkersburg</sup> on their  
wedding trip started immediately  
& probably you may see them in  
Manetta - Charlie looked very  
finely - resembles Pres. Dool -  
Last night we <sup>all</sup> went for ice  
cream &c. Sam is quite  
attentive also Cor. Philander  
Sam looks quite fleshy



a quart of dried plums to him  
besides a bottle of Uncle Daniels  
wine & as it is <sup>is</sup> has filled my  
trunk with seed Beans - of great  
variety - Con. Eugene sends his  
love & wants you & Father to  
come up & return his ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~visit~~  
says he can hardly wait for that  
sail wad to be finished -  
I hope George will not have  
the trouble of watching for me  
tonight I sent word in a letter  
Add write Lucy that I thought  
I should stay longer - The river  
is so low the boat does not get  
in very early I expect -

Yours aff -  
Wattie -

Wheeling Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1853 -

Dearest Mother

I suppose you  
will not be too much shocked  
if I tell you I have concluded  
to stay till next Tuesday -  
I could not get quite through  
with my visiting before -  
I intend going to Grave Creek  
tomorrow with Con Sue & Mr  
Lane - in the car - Con Sue  
has a sister living there  
& we will dine & spend the  
day with her - I want to  
see the mound ~~in~~



I took tea last evening  
with Mrs. Swearingen & had  
a pleasant time - met Miss  
Mary Wheat, who inquired  
after all the antiquities of  
Mauietta male & female -  
Mrs. Swearingen had expressed  
a wish that I should spend  
some time with her - but yesterday  
afternoon will be the whole of it  
I presume - Thursday we are  
to go out to Addis & Friday &  
Saturday I am to spend with  
Sallie McMechen at Benwood -  
So I shall put the week through  
very well - & make out my  
five weeks from home ~~very well~~.

I am very sorry Rita is not coming  
home soon - I should feel quite  
lost without her & Fannie -  
If Fannie gets married before  
I return bid her good bye for  
me - now Hannah has returned  
I suppose you have found out  
who Fannie is to marry -  
I am so glad Aunt Nett is  
coming in - & hope she will  
make us a long visit -  
Con Add is quite happy with  
her school - she has four scholars  
three girls & a boy - I went out  
last week to see her - she  
says she will write soon to  
Father she was quite distressed  
that I couldnt carry down



CATLETTSBURG, KY., Nov, 4th, 1853.

DEAR SIR:

You are earnestly requested to be present at this place on Saturday, November the 19th, on the occasion of breaking ground on the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad; and your aid is desired in the ceremonies of the day.

JAS. W. RIBLY,  
A. McCULLOUGH,  
J. CULVER,  
M. WELLMAN,  
WM. HAMPTON,  
Committee of Invitation.



Ironton Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear Mother Eliza has an attack  
of Dysentery; and feels anxious to have  
you come down if Amanda can spare you  
we hope she is not dangerous, although her  
symptoms are this morning not very favorable  
I send Bob for you.

A. McCallister

P. S.

Say to Mr Means that the Southern Bank  
of Kentucky Commercial Bank of Ky Miami  
Bank of Dayton have broke or at least are  
so reported.



UNION LINE.

Sacramento, Nov 7 1853.

G. L. Simons

To Steamboat **CONFIDENCE**, Dr.

For Freight of

2 cases

1.75

Received Payment.

*[Signature]*



Mr. G. L. Sumner  
To A. B. Gorman Jr  
To sitting Head & Foot stones  
for the grave of E. D. Perkins \$ 5.00

Recd Cash A. B. Gorman  
Sac City N.H. 1853



Doctor Hildreth,

Sacramento Cal Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that the "Marble Slabs" which you forwarded per "Flying Dutchman" have been received by me in good order, and set in their proper places.

I experienced considerable delay in receiving them from San Francisco, which will account to you for the length of time between the arrival of the F. D. and the date of this letter.

I enclose a note of the expenses incident to the "Grave Slabs" the amount of which is so small that I hardly think it would be worth while to send the same to me in Sacramento.

In fact it will be just the same to me if you omit this entirely, — however — if you insist on my receiving it, you can enclose them on some Boston Bank, to the amt. and direct to my Father.

Mr Samuel Simmons,

Wingham, Mass.

All your acquaintances in Sacramento as far as I know are well, with much esteem

I remain,

Yours Respectfully,  
S. S. Simmons

To Dr. E. D. Hildreth.



Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1883 - Leuberville Ohio

My dear Mother

Days to write her  
Billie sends her best love with  
me

I was very glad to get your letter and will answer it now, as I have time. ~~The~~ <sup>the</sup> city is composition day. I have more time to write than any other day. I like the school and teachers ever this session than last. I some times get have sick but not very often. I have not been out to Limine yet, the road was very bad and they could not bring the carriage in. We are going out next Saturday if the roads are good. I received a letter & paper from Shalie this week & talk a letter from Will. There is a great many girls here this session. The room on the upper story of the house Frank Warden & a ship Sawyer room with us there is one little wardrobe in the room and a stand one looking glass and some that will not have any thing in it but wood and as we have to carry our goods a good long ways it is so troublesome. Mother says is going to get me a new one for my, that we can



look on if we had any thing to look. I have just  
finished my composition. Archy means to go  
down to Houghton to see if he can get a  
situation at any of the Ordnances. Will get a paper  
from Charlie to day. I will be so happy when I get  
home I would not like to go home before the decision  
is out like last summer. I like to stay away from  
home any time and go see them the bill has run  
for us to quit writing and I will stop till I get  
another opportunity to write. I wish you would send  
me some homemade shoyes if you have plenty.  
I suppose Charlie will soon make over the river to  
his new home. Will surely have the head ache <sup>day</sup> yesterday.  
Charles Bailey is in a very good humor & his  
Pictor. Linné means has been down to see us and  
Archy came down the day he left for the rock.  
Will send a letter down home with him.  
Dr. Pinsky's daughter from Massachusetts is going to school  
here. I must soon stop as the supper time is going  
ready. You must write soon and tell me  
all the news. I cannot write to you often  
as I only get to write one letter a week and  
I am Charlie & tell me. I wish to write to Charles  
soon. Good by and write as many letters as  
you can to your sister Esther & Maud

My dear brother,

John Means

1820



Quaker bottom Lawrence  
County Ohio Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mr John Means

Dear Sir

Yours of  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst is received, I have  
not published a catalogue of my  
fruit trees yet I had 500 bills  
containing a list of varieties  
but they are all distributed  
of apples I have of two years  
growth and from 4 to 6 feet  
high the following varieties  
Southern Queen, Early Chandler,  
pound Royal, Seek no further,  
Cooper, Rome Beauty, Crawford,  
Keeper, Pryor Red, Blue Pearmain,  
Rawles Janet, Romanite, Wine-  
sap, Northern Spy, and Newtown  
Pippin, and some 25 other varieties  
of one years growth and about  
3 feet high I also have a splin



did, lot of Peach trees among  
which are the following varieties  
Red Rareripe, Coles Early Red, Early  
Tillotson, Crawford's Early, Grosse  
Mignonne, Italian, Mammoth  
Cling, Morris White, Oldmixon  
Cling, F. Tree, Heath Cling, Lagrange,  
George the Fourth, Early York,  
Blue Cling, Wards late, October  
Cling, and Late October Sweet,  
my prices for those trees are  
12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts each, or \$100 pr 1000  
for peach trees will be taken  
when the selection of varieties  
is left to me, I have a lot of  
hardshell Almond trees at 25  
cts each, and Plum trees at  
50 cts each which comprises  
all the fruit trees I have for  
sale, your other question is  
hard to answer, if well set  
out and cultivated apple trees  
will commence bearing in

three or four years and  
peach trees in two or three  
while if poorly done and not  
cultivated twice that time may  
be required, Should you want  
any trees that I have, I shall  
be glad to supply you  
I remain  
Yours, J.C.  
Cornelius Turley



Union Landing Lore 27/53

Bro Ino,

Our friend Ino well has been very unfortunate in getting on a spree and consequently was discharged. He goes to Buena Vista to see you to see if you will not give him a berth of some kind. He pledges me his honor that he never will drink an other drop of the ardent. I think we can get along with him and he will be useful to us, in many ways. I therefore hope you will find him employment as I feel a great interest in him. Also you well know Ino can in a pinch, work at most any-thing so if a hand gets obstropelous we can place him in his place -

Hire him for my sake and I'll see that he will be useful and Inolie also says he is so good in doing little things when needed - about the house. I send your love by him - I have hired a Negro Girl from Mrs Bartley - Yours in haste

He Clear

I'll be over as soon as possible -



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