

City.

Dec. 17, 1900.

Mr. R. E. Railey:-

My Kind Friend:-

you remember  
in that note that I wrote you I said  
that I made that arrangement. I  
was in quite a hurry and used the  
wrong word (arrangement.) I should  
have said that I tried but it was  
not agreeable with the young lady.  
I am real sorry but I can't help it.

Your true friend,  
Ella

City,  
Dec. 1900.

Mr. R. G. Raily,

Kind Friend:  
I had done made that  
arrangement but can in-  
form you that no arrange-  
ment that I can ever  
make for you will do any  
good.

Respt.  
Ella

Mr. R. G. Bailey  
Caly. J.

Hope Kentucky  
Aug 16. 1895

Dear Mr. Bailey:-

Yours received  
several days since guess you  
have another letter waiting  
for me have you not? but let  
me tell you we have <sup>had</sup> some family  
for a week or more and I  
have had no chance to write  
to any one, so please excuse  
me and don't scold me  
this time and I won't do  
this way any more.

Well are we not having  
some very warm weather  
now seems like any one  
cant hardly find a cool

2.

place any where, How are  
you by this time? I am just  
completely broke from have  
been going so much for  
the last few days, two young  
ladies from ~~Edinburgh~~ are our  
visitors they are going to  
stay several days longer.  
Mr. Pailey you spoke of  
coming down about the 10<sup>th</sup>  
or 12<sup>th</sup> but I had rather you  
would post your visit  
until later as I have an  
engagement for next Sunday  
and then I am going away  
to be gone a few days so it  
would suit me better for  
you not to come until Sept

3,

and I am quite sure it  
will suit you. Well Mrs Boyd  
is dead I was a little surprised  
at her dying as soon as she  
did. Oh Mr. Pailey my friend  
Mr. Walker has returned home  
just you know I was glad  
he was up last Sunday and  
--- but that spirit  
spell any thing for it?  
we can write if we cant  
see each other so often,  
cant we fear? You Mr.  
Pailey dont you come unex-  
pected to me like you did  
the last time let me know  
several days before you  
come so there wont any other

44,

boy be here, for I am in  
a hurry will have to close  
for this time, Hoping to have  
a long letter from you very  
soon I am

Your little friend  
with much love

Lillian D. O.

P.S. I have not been to Sulphur  
well yet and have given out  
going as you told me not  
to see,

New Bow Neb  
Apr 23-00

R. G. R.

Kudcorw's c 4 han

Seeing your ad in the Pilot I  
thought I would ans just for fun  
I am a ranchers' daughter, am  
the only child at home, my age  
being 17, height 5 ft 5 in  
weight 120. have black curly hair  
and black eyes. I am Graduate  
in 5 musical instruments.

Organ, Piano, fiddle, Guita,  
mandolin, am just as full  
of fun as you ever find them  
for Reference write to Mrs Katy Maben  
Deloit, Neb. Hoping an  
ans with which please enclose  
Photo I remain

Yours Respectfully  
Miss Bertha Lowery.



Huber, Ky. May 22, 1900.  
Mr. R. S. Bailey,  
Tompkinsville, Ky.  
My dear friend:

Your kind letter  
of recent date, at hand.  
I am still at home, have  
been attending protracted meeting  
the past two weeks.  
Last night Bro. Jasper and I drove  
over to Brooke's church and  
did not get back until after  
eleven o'clock.  
We will have meeting at M<sup>r</sup>.

Clayton, our home Co., the next  
three nights of this week.  
Don't you think we ought to  
be good?

Yes, dear, you can get off  
at Hubers. The train is due  
there about 7:00 o'clock, I believe.  
We will try to meet you, if you  
come.

Should you fail to come, I will  
go to Louisville Tuesday morning  
May 29<sup>th</sup>.

I will stop with Mrs. Bunch,  
312 E. College St.

Hoping to see you soon, I  
am, as ever,

Yours sincerely,  
John G.

Hook's billage, Mass.

May 21, 1900

R. G. R.

Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:—

I noticed your personal ad. in Cupid's columns and shall be pleased to correspond with you if it proves agreeable to you, and trust it may.

I'm a young lady of twenty years, dark brown hair, blue eyes, weigh 115 lbs.

I trust I shall hear  
from you, and promise  
to be a good correspondent.  
Very truly yours.  
Annie N. Plympton.

Walt Beck Penn.

May 18 - 1900

Mr. R. S.

Franklinville Ky.

Dear friend

I received your good letter a few days ago and was so glad to hear from you thought you was never going to write

-the time seems so long since I saw you and your letter was so short - but good.

Say, you must quit writing to so many

of these other old  
girls and write  
to me often  
won't you? I  
am so lonesome  
down here and a  
long letter from  
you does me  
so much good. Now  
please write me  
often. I am almost  
afraid to write  
Miss Wilson has the  
P. O. now and I  
don't know what he  
may do we don't get  
our mail more than  
half the time yes I

Mailed your other  
letter at Alkerville  
because I didn't  
think it would  
ever leave. I all sick  
but guess I <sup>will</sup> mail this  
there if it never  
leaves.

When have you  
heard from your  
Texas girl and  
when are you going  
back to see her?  
Never. I hope  
how is Mrs Hestand  
getting along and  
Uncle Rocky? does  
he ever turn himself  
loose on Papa and the

(4)

boys like he did  
last ~~time~~  
June don't I will  
be here  
I don't see how I  
can stand to see them  
all leave. Debb. may  
be at home then  
he says he wants  
to be here at the  
trial. but don't guess  
he will come then  
how is Ella Smith  
and Charlie Hodge  
Progressing? tell  
Ella "Uncle Leslie"  
is still on the creek.  
Have you seen any  
thing of Mr Parler (over)



(5)

or I am lately I  
have never had  
a line from them  
since I came home  
Guess I had better  
close or you will  
tire of reading -

Please write soon

Your little friend  
Edward -

West Bay City, Mich.  
May 11, 1900.

My dear Sir:-

During my last year in college I met several Kentuckians and it seemed to me that of the many men I knew they were the most gentle manly. So do you wonder I have taken this means to try and know one better.

gentle as a "hound" will not fail to write to this little Southern maiden.

Respectfully

Walter S. Myer

20 S. Duane St.

West Bay City  
Mich.

I have never used this method  
of searching for my ideal  
but while looking over a  
paper one day for fun I  
came across your notice  
and it made a great im-  
pression on me and I thought  
"There is no harm in try-  
ing".

There are many good men  
to be met of course but a  
woman who has spent  
four years of her life in

a great minority can not acti-  
vly survey with men who are not  
as wise as she.

I am in kindly feminine -

I have never desired to vote and  
do not wish to be born. I am  
small and fair and my eyes  
and hair are a chestnut brown.

I hope the Southern gentleman  
who is "bare and bearded and

Henderson, Texas

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Mr. R. G. Railey

Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Friend:

I will now take  
pleasure in answering  
your nice letter. I  
received same a few  
days ago. The photo  
was appreciated  
very much. I think  
it very good; and  
kind of you to  
send same to me.  
I am sorry I can't

return the favor  
but I have not one  
of my photos at  
present. I thought  
of sending you a  
kodac picture of  
myself, sister and  
friend, but will  
wait and have a  
kodac picture made  
of myself alone.  
I like this kind  
of pictures, they  
are always so like  
me. I have a friend  
who so often comes

down and takes  
"snap shots".

I was surprised  
to hear, this lady  
gave you my  
address, but remember  
now how anxious  
she was to find  
out my name, it  
seemed she could  
not remember, not  
so uncommon, eh?  
Mr. Pailey, as you  
desire to know more  
of me, I will send  
you ~~an~~ names of

gentlemen here and  
I will be glad to  
have you ask them  
all you desire to  
know, they have  
known me all my  
life and will write  
you more than I  
care to, I will tell  
you briefly something  
of myself, I am of  
a good family, have  
lived here all my  
life and have lots  
of friends, good  
true friends. My

education is not  
classical. I have been  
to school only here  
I am an elocutionist  
finished same last  
term intended  
teaching this year,  
but didn't. Will  
come day. My mother  
is a widow. I am  
the youngest in the  
family. I have four  
grown brothers, each  
holding good positions.  
I am very fond  
of music, flowers,



and a great lover of  
nature. I am sincere  
and truthful, a  
member of Methodist  
Church. If you  
care to know more  
please write one  
of my friends,  
I have a young  
man friend in  
Henderson, Ky. he lives  
in Abing' Texas, just  
left for Ky. a few  
days ago.  
I was going to Abing  
when you were

on the train with me  
to visit my brother  
who is telegraph  
operator there, spent  
four weeks with  
him.

There has been some  
very hard rains  
here the past  
month, guess you  
read of the persons  
drowned in Waco, Tex.  
seven I believe.

There is quite a nice  
little lake about a  
half mile from

town. it is quite a  
pleasure resort  
bathing & boating  
being the features  
of amusements.

I have an engagement  
for a boat ride tomorrow.  
I also hope we may  
become friends.

With regards,

Sincerely,

Mary W. Young.

Judge G. L. Brachfield  
Henderson Texas

Mr. B. H. Long  
Marshall Texas

Mr. D. G. Harris  
Henderson Texas

HENDERSON  
MAY  
7  
1900  
3 PM  
TEX.



Mr. A. G. Railey  
Tombkinsville,  
N. Y.

Am-5-23-1900

MAY

10 PM

25

LEWIS  
MAY 7 1900  
REC'D  
KIL...

Willis Tex.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1900

Mr R. G. Bailey,

Tempsville

Ky.

Dear friend:-

I beg a thousand pardons for the long delay in writing but this is the very first chance I have had to write since I received your letters.

I fully intended writing last Friday night but could not and Saturday night I went to Danville. Sunday a crowd of us, Miss M<sup>rs</sup> Kibbie, Liller

Garden, Annie Ballard  
Mr Anderson <sup>Mr Dwyer</sup> Mr Thompson  
and I went to New Haven  
We went up on the nine  
o'clock train and attended  
services at the Catholic  
Church. It was quite a  
gloomy day for Easter but  
I enjoyed the day very  
much anyway. I saw  
Mr Traylor and he asked  
about you. Last night  
I went from school to  
spend the night with a  
friend and went by  
and got Claudia to go  
with me. She told me  
she heard from you at  
last, and that she had  
some very serious thoughts  
about going to Ky. for

the sweetheart you prom-  
ised her. Who is it?

School will be out in  
one more week and I am  
so glad. I am going to  
have a picnic on Lewis  
Lake the last day and  
a party near by (Friday)  
<sup>that</sup> night, of course you have  
a special invitation.  
I'll carry dinner for  
you of course.

When this school is  
out I will tell free  
again and I think this  
will be my last for  
with some help I have  
my mind fully made  
up on the school and  
old maid questions.  
Will tell you about it  
later perhaps.



I suppose from your  
last two letters you  
will feel relieved when  
I say I am not going  
to be an old maid.

Aunt Mollie said tell you  
that papa wrote <sup>to you</sup>  
without letting you  
know it until it was  
too late for her to add  
anything to the letter  
but that you would  
hear from her next  
time.

No I have not yet  
decided anything about  
my Ky trip. I am  
afraid to come of course

and to stay as long as  
I can conveniently, but  
please do not look forward  
to the time as being  
the happiest <sup>days</sup> of the  
season for I fear you  
will be disappointed  
I still feel as I have al-  
ways felt; that we can  
be nothing but friends.

Well, I believe the  
smallpox scare at Millis  
has subsided, I did not  
take it, fortunately,  
there was only one case  
and that was in a  
very mild form. By the

I think you were mistaken  
when you said there would  
be no danger if I came  
to Ky. The "Times" states  
some time ago that  
there were several cases  
in Glasgow, still I would  
not be very uneasy there.

I will try to find  
time to write again  
in a few days as I  
have to make this letter  
short. It is getting very  
late.

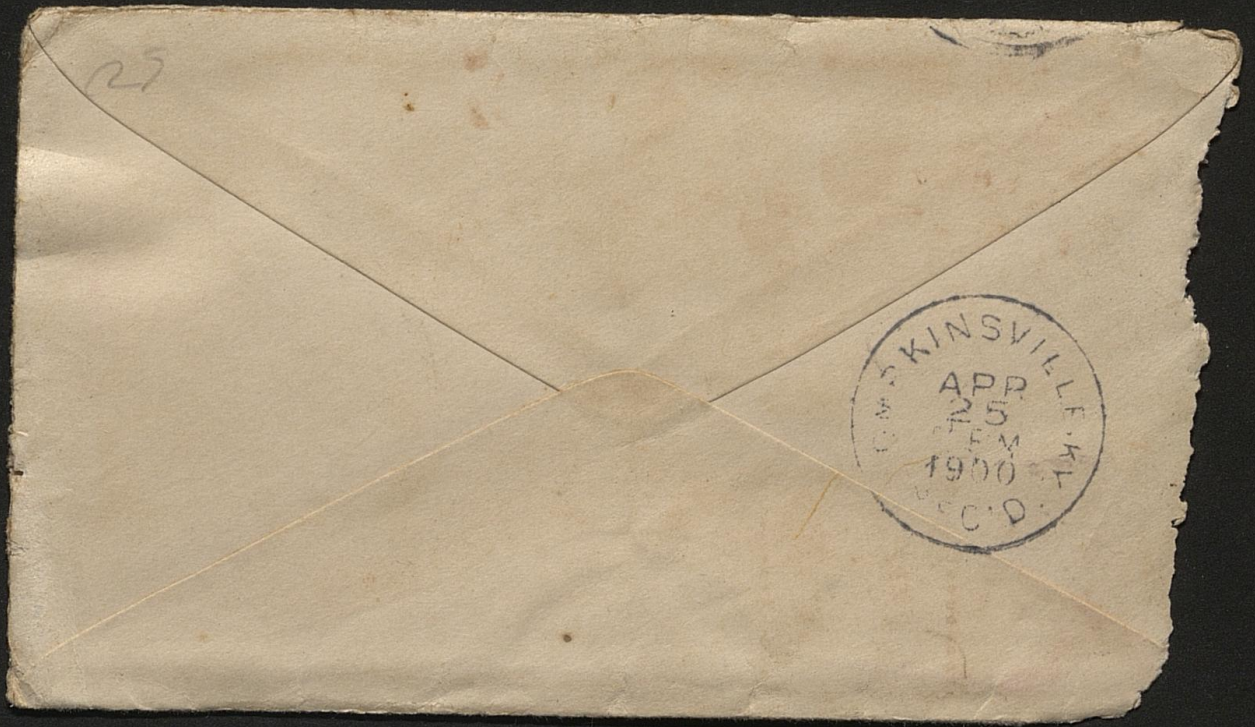
Awaiting an early  
reply, I am

Your friend  
May Bybee

WILLIS  
APR  
23  
5 PM  
1900  
TEX.



Mr R G Bailey -  
Tombkinsville  
Ky



27

KINSVILLE KY  
APR 25  
P.M.  
1900  
C.C.D.

Concepcion, N. Mex.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Kello here is the girl that will  
suit you! I am twenty years old  
five feet five inches, weight  
112, chestnut-brown hair and brown  
eyes, rosy cheeks, pearly teeth,  
loving, kind, cheerful disposition  
high-school education. I am  
considered very good-looking  
refined, and cultured have  
some means, and would like  
to correspond with gent of  
refinement, good looks, and  
strictly temperate. Should my  
letter meet with your approval  
I shall be glad to correspond  
with you, for your improvement  
and results. Hoping to hear

From you quite soon and  
also send photo in first  
letter with loving heart I  
remain,

Margaret M. Barry,  
London, N. Y.  
N. Y.

P.O. Box 114.

Concord, N. H.  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Hello, here is the girl that will  
suit you! I am twenty years old  
five feet five inches, weight  
112, chestnut-brown hair and brown  
eyes, rosy cheeks, pearly teeth,  
loving, kind, cheerful disposition  
high-school education. I am  
considered very good-looking  
refined, and cultured have  
some means, and would like  
to correspond with gent's of  
refinement, good looks, and  
strictly temperate. Should my  
letter meet with your approval  
I shall be glad to correspond  
with you, for fun, improvement  
and results. Hoping to hear



From you quite soon and  
also send photo in first  
letter, with loving heart I  
remain,

Margaret M. Barry  
Riverside  
Ill. Pa.

P.O. Box 114.

REPENTINARY

Frankfort Ky

Dec 25th 1900

Mr R. G. Bailey

my Dear friend I wrote to you  
last week but you may not get  
the letter so I will write this and  
if you fail to get it it will be  
there that P. M. I have wrote to  
A. B. Smith to come up to see you at  
once - and go see the Jury - I could not get  
that type wrote and it got dirty so I  
didnt send it back but it was  
wrote all O K - you please write another  
for A. B. to get signed - when you write  
a letter of the evidence in my trial  
he shoud to state Jal was a  
candidate on the Republican ticket an  
show the Sheriff and county clerk  
was cousins James newman or his  
cousin by marriage - you may show  
the Sheriff and others stated I  
and Jal was friends for we was  
you need not say political friends

for that may take up too much  
space in the letter - you know how and  
what - you see the County Judge and  
Atty if they will make a statement  
for me a parole then you put up a  
notice and soon as to days is out take  
it down if the statements can be  
got that is required for parole you  
have. A. C. to get them and fetch  
with the other affidavits and some  
petition will do for Parole or  
parole or time out - I ordered the clerk  
to send ten Dollars to A. C. he  
said he would but I haven't got a  
receipt yet I sent you a letter  
Mr Duff write me if A. C.  
will tell Duff if he writes a  
letter that helps get me out I'll  
send him my land he may write a  
good letter you advise A. C.  
Please let me know if you get this  
letter yours truly  
J. Matthew Smith

141 B 5