



DEAR HELEN  
AND ROSALIE  
MAY

SNOW IS ON  
THE GROUND

WE COAST PA  
AT THE PAPA  
ON OUR SLEDS  
DID YOU KNOW  
SISER COULD TALK  
REAL WELL.  
I GOT GOLD  
CUFF ~~B~~UTTONS  
FOR MY BIRTHDAY  
WITH LOVE  
FROM HART

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FEB 8 12-M 1912 KY.

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Misses Latham,

Rapidan

R. F. D. # 1

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BRIDGEMAN VA.  
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S.C.O.

Nashville Tenn. Feb 1/17  
211-24<sup>th</sup> Ave. So.



My Dear Ellison:

Just with-to-day  
as it is Timm & today all over about  
as usual here. ~~No~~ mens. Much colder  
& trying to snow. it is quite nice to  
clearly night. Yesterday & before it was  
like spring. How is M.M.s sick? I  
thought you said you would be in about May

new year day full. I am  
so curious for all of us to  
go home (L.) I do not  
know that Pat was mistaken  
in saying she had lost her  
dent. She never even knew  
until the middle of this  
month. Do you see anything  
of her since I left; go to see  
her some times, she is lonely,  
& appreciates it. Letta from  
C. Pat last week says see  
see me. P.M. much out with  
her teacher, says she is learning  
nothing, I do wish I could have  
kept them here they were doing  
wonder. Best <sup>love</sup> kisses to all,  
Ask G. ja when his grand father  
ceased to be related to him? The  
letter was read don't; Learning names  
G. Pa has his book all ready



Mrs Mrs L. L. Spider,  
#26. "The Octavia"  
1669 Col Rd.,  
Washington.

Dear Little Girl

\$14/12

You are meaning cedar (now)  
Seems a long time since I kissed you  
goodbye in the hall of Representatives  
in Wash D.C.

I arrived a little late.

Nothing of interest happened  
Home OK. Haven't yet phoned  
your mother, but will.

I will not be able to get away  
till next week or later.

I will go to Wash for a couple  
of days Monday Tuesday next week probably.

I wrote Mother enclosing Thos's letters  
this AM from Auntie Ohio

Love to all

with my daily till Hart is well.

Did you get your passes? Young  
sent them on Tuesday.

After Fillion

Return the bills I sent you several days weeks ago



My dear Little Wife:

Louisy. 9/16/1912

I received your Thursday letter this morning and I will answer it every bit. I thought I had dropped it out of my pocket at the restaurant. I don't expect to get back home by Oct. 1st. I will leave here about that time. Will be in New York the week of Oct 6th and will get back home about Oct 12th or Oct 13th. Your grand mother is still improving and will probably get up soon. Nobody had any idea she would ever be able to do it. I shall send her some flowers as you suggest.

Smith Baileys restaurant opened Saturday and is a great success. Lots of people are going there to get meals and that is what makes a

②  
restaurant successful. I hope  
he will do well. It certainly  
looks nice & clean. People talk  
well about it on the street.

I don't know whether to send  
this letter to Annettes or Cedar  
Mountain. It will certainly reach  
you at C M sooner or later.  
Now to answer your questions.

Question

No 1

yes

No 2

No

No 3

Not yet.

No 4

about Oct. 13th.

Now!

Papa recognized the carriage and  
horses as he went by Mitchells but  
they did not see any of you all.

I sent your two intended papers  
several days ago. You should now  
have 4 papers.  $\frac{C \text{ } 0 \text{ } 0}{2}$   $\frac{\text{Low for all}}{2}$   $\frac{\text{Low for you}}{2}$   
 $\frac{\text{Miss for you}}{4}$ . I have not yet been  
to see Dr. B but will go soon.

(3)

I have not yet had the house fumigated. Want to wait till my cold is over - it will need fumigating again. Will not attend to plumbing till you return or till some one can stay in house while plumbers are there; I have not any thing more to tell Sutchiff so - the next move is yours. I wrote Barnett to come for his check. I have no assurance my letter was reached him, - nor would I have a check if enclosed in said letter. Good business people don't send checks when they have no addresses. I'm a little particular about my checks. I think it well for Hank to get strong before leaving - if it takes till Oct. 13th. Think that would be well. I'll try to see you about Oct 4th 5th or 6th. I feel sorry for Aunt Nellie but she's children - tell her - am having the

thing of their lives. They had two  
big rides in autos yesterday.

Cousin Kate around Jacob Park  
Cousin Eddie down to river and  
up Broadway. 20 or 25 miles.  
They listened to Norman's \$200.00 Victrola  
for an hour. It was good. Barry was  
there. N.M. wanted to know whether  
it was proper for her to call her  
Mrs. Norman (2) Cousin Kate (3) or "Kate".

Cousin Kate split her coat over some of  
the funny things N.M. said. Commenting  
on one of the Victrola solos she said  
"I like the music of this piece but I don't  
like his mouth" (meaning his voice).

They were astonished when they learned  
that electric lights cost money to burn.  
N.M. has been begging for a little money  
dog that she saw at the  
Washingtons Saturday. I found  
her a nice cat this am. left her  
feeding it. Dr. B. finished Helen  
this am. but N.M. has a good

deal to do. (5) news to Kill.  
Rue has lots of surplus news.  
She can spare some you see.  
I sent Ann & Nellie a box of candy  
yours will follow later. Wish I  
knew positively when you were going to  
Ann's. Maybe shed like some  
Maatha Washingtons too. And yours then?

Take good care of yourself traveling  
around this way. I suppose of  
course you will not go unless  
the boy's condition warrants.

Don't be gone on Sunday - be  
sure Ruth is there all the time  
you are gone.

I have been pretty busy with all  
things here. It will be awful  
lonely when all leave on the  
12th next. How would you like to  
see me about the 5th or 6th enroute  
to New York?

I'm going to take the girls for  
a boat ride (ferry) this afternoon

and possibly for <sup>(6)</sup> supper at the  
Purton Hotel. — If they get  
here in time and other plans turn  
out O.K. They never get any  
when on time.

Will here is another long letter.  
Especially as I wrote you yesterday  
too. But as I have always said  
you allow me to do the most loving  
& writing kissing & hugging — I had  
a dream about you last night — no  
I can hardly trust it in writing  
in a sealed envelope. I'll have to  
save it to tell it to you or have you  
duplicate it in reality Oct 5th.

Will here's lots of kisses and one  
big long juicy kiss — and another — and just one  
more — yes two and ~~at~~ a tight close mashey  
hug from your Hubby

I notice you always send "lots of love & a kiss"  
Will well well. — I've been interrupted  
so often and my letter exposed on my desk while I've had  
another part of the building that lots of the clerks have  
had (and probably embraced) opportunity to read what I've  
written. Well, let them. If I had you here I'd give you  
a big hug and a loud kiss that would echo back to Washington St.  
after Fuller

Louisville Ky Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Dear Chick:

I left home last Tuesday morning for my little vacation and returned Thursday evening, after a very pleasant meeting with my old comrades at Estell Springs. About one hundred and twenty were present and though it rained some every day, it did not interfere with our enjoyment of each others society. The hotel has wide porches extending around two sides of it, considerably over a square long, there were plenty of chairs for those who wished to sit down.

We spent the time going from one part of the building to <sup>another</sup> meeting friends, when the meeting of the Association of Morgan Men was not in session, and their meetings did not take up very much of our time. Their main business was to call the roll, register the names of those present, elect officers of the association, and hear informal talks from anyone who had something to say. Many of these talks were very interesting and entertaining. Our membership consists not only of Morgan's men but any other Confederate who chooses to attend our meetings and registers. The latter are associate members, and we have besides these two associate members who served in the Federal army. One of these, Col Milward of Lexington, has attended

our meetings for several years, and seems to enjoy himself as much as any confederate. His command fought with ours several times, and we captured him once, a compliment he returned, to some who were present at our meeting. The other Federal officer is Major General Moore, now bishop of Indiana, quite a prominent man in the Methodist church, a handsome good humored cultivated gentleman whom we all got to like very much indeed. He came in conflict with our command on the Ohio raid near its close when he was captured while on detached duty, by the 8<sup>th</sup> Ky Cavalry under the command of Lieut Col. Coleman but made his escape and two days afterward with his own command captured the 8<sup>th</sup> Ky. He gave a very amusing account of his capture, his treatment by Col. Coleman, they having formed very high estimates of each other from the treatment received when each was made prisoner. I had quite a long talk with the Bishop and found him excellent company. He seemed to wonder that I could have been a soldier, and lifting my hat with an apology to see my hair, asked how old I was.

saying he would not take me to be over forty. I told him I was forty, that I was sure of it for I had been that old for a good many years and hoped to remain at that age. He wanted to know how I did it, and I told



him it must be largely due to the fact that I loved young folks, associated with them, had a young wife and three very fine grand children. That I did not think about getting old, took as good care of my health as I knew how, had regular habits, and tried to see as far as possible the pleasant side of things and had consequently good health ever since the war was over. The town of Irvine about half a mile from the Springs invited all the Officers to meet at the Court house to be welcomed by its citizens with speeches, and songs by the children and in return the Hotel proprietors invited all the ladies and girls of the town to attend a masquerade ball at the Hotel that night. There was music and dancing each night principally by the regular guests, though some of the "old boys" did join in the Virginia Reel. The accommodations at the hotel were rather poor. So many more came than were expected that there was difficulty in getting beds for all. the dining room service inadequate and the food such as made me glad to get home to get what I wanted to eat properly cooked. I slept in a cot, the sheets were damp and I took a slight cold and have been lame since I came home. When our train going to the Springs reached Frankfort the C & O train was standing on the next track. I ran over to it, asked the brakeman how long it would remain there, and as he said "two minutes" I went in the sleeper and found Guch and Shirley. did not have time to say much

gave them "howdy" and "good bye" but was glad to see them, if but for a minute, before the train started, and know that they were safe that far on the way home. Meride being absent myself, the President <sup>of our Co.</sup> and the chief bookkeeper were both away, and the coming week my stenographer is away on his vacation, as well as several others, so that I expect to have difficulty in getting work kept up in my department, on account of the absentees. We all gained in weight while away, but think it only temporary, and we will soon be back to normal again. With the food I ate, I did not expect any gain, but my main nourishment there was sweet milk, no better milk to be had. There is nothing of special interest to write about the home folks. Mother and Gerche are now at church. Shirley came home after Sunday School. We received a postal from you Friday written last Monday, now yesterday. Think your R.F.D. must be slow, and not very sure. Hope Hank has made a turn for the better by this time, and that Mother's suggestions have been helpful. We are anxious to hear every day if only a post card. Gerche told us much about the children and the folks at Milford. The pictures of the children, at least one of them, makes them a tough looking lot with the strong sun light in their eyes. I am ready for you all to come home, as soon as you can, but hope that the remainder of your stay at Cedar Mountain may bring health and pleasure to you all, which has been clouded by Hank's sickness. Kiss them all for me and tell them Daddy Joe wants to see all of them a whole lot. Remember us to all the folks  
Dad

Mother says tell you she is making the pattern piece  
crocheted uncertain she ever made and one of the  
patterns she ever saw. Its object purpose or design,  
has not yet been determined, but is supposed to be  
good to fit in anywhere it is needed. She was given  
the pattern about a year ago, but has not heretofore found  
time to concentrate her mind and energy on its development  
until now. I was interested myself in crocheted work  
about fifty eight years ago, and have had my  
attention drawn to ~~occasionally~~ since. Its fascination  
for me is somewhat faded now. Mrs. Mitchell says  
she intended to write to you today, but will delay until  
tomorrow or next day because I have written all  
the news up to date. You may not see it exactly in  
that light, as this is by no means a newspaper I am  
sending you. Fellicia told us of some peaches of  
wonderful beauty and lusciousness which he had  
at Cedar Mountain, which were so far superior to  
any we have seen here that I had to eat an entire  
dozen of cantaloupes to make me feel even  
with him. Mother stopped my writing a little while  
ago so I could finish one, and this piece my  
strength at dinner is ready. Hope you all may  
get all the good there is in whatever comes your way  
and especially that you may all keep well.  
all send love  
Dad

<sup>business hours</sup> ~~any day~~ <sup>to Louisville Ky.</sup> ~~any day~~ <sup>Aug 18 1912</sup>  
Dear Dad:

Your postal telling us about Dad, come  
yesterday morning, and in the afternoon Fellicia sent  
us a note you had written him. Of course we all hope  
it is only an intermittent fever, but even that is too bad  
for it spoils to a great extent the pleasure of the visit  
for all of you. Fellicia promised to take dinner with us  
today and I thought of suggesting that he call up on  
see Dr. Rogers and ask him to suggest what to do  
or send you one of his health restoring prescriptions.  
Tell Dad that I say he is going to begin to get  
all right as soon as this little letter gets to you,  
and that he will soon be able to run out, climb  
shak tree and then write me a nice little letter  
telling me all about it. I expect to go to Estill  
Springs Tuesday leaving at 7:45 on the L & N,  
as that has been decided on as the best route.  
I will miss seeing Lerch and Shirley by a few  
hours. It is hot and sultry here today and  
I suppose that at least 50,000 Catholics are  
praying for sunshine this afternoon when  
there big parade marches. There is considerable  
decoration of buildings, and some of it was  
considerably streaked by the hard showers

yesterday afternoon. Flats, uniformed companies  
from various Catholic societies, carriages with priests  
of various degrees of altitudinosity, plain and  
plain Catholics, with two Indian Chiefs will be  
in the parade, all under the command of Col.  
John H. Whalley. There is some sort of a  
Conventicle going on and some of their meetings  
will be in the Armory, a special representative  
of the Pope being here to open up proceedings  
at the Cathedral this morning. Revising tables  
have been erected in two or three places, one being  
at St. Joseph's Infirmary, for the special benefit  
of the nuns. I suppose the monks will all be  
expected to be in the parade. We have had a  
letter or postal from Gerche, since she arrived  
at Milford and her intention was to pick up  
Shirley at Olympia, on the morning train de-  
parting at 11 am. I suppose your visit to  
Annette has been postponed if not prevented  
by Harts sickness. She as well as yourself will  
be disappointed. Inroad to Will on day last week, also  
such him part of last Sunday. Can't be telling of

the great improvements made at Prospect Station since  
they left as I did not know whether they take a Louisville  
paper or not. Tell Fil to send me word whether he  
wants me to send another bunch or two of "gas", and if he does  
whether he prefers plain taffy to such as I sent or Kismet  
gum, and what flavor he prefers, orange, mint or what not.  
I would like to have seen Marian take her first  
chew, and imagine the changes in her expressive face  
would have been worth seeing as the delight of the  
chewing, soaked into her experience. The City, Wash.  
Life Ins. Co. will be running on one wheel the greater  
part of this week, as the President, Cashier and the head  
book-keeper will all be away the greater part of it.  
Mother and I met Mr & Mrs William Smith on 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
yesterday afternoon, as we journeyed toward a picture  
show. They had been stuck car riding to New Albany.  
She had heard from Gerche, a postcard from Washington  
I think. This is but the second time I have seen her  
since I saw her married. With all three of you  
away, I write more than my usual number of letters  
and as I have no carbon copies, am likely to forget  
what I have written or repeat what has already  
been written by mother, but this is not prize  
 essays, only means by which we let you know we  
are thinking lovingly of you, throwing in any little  
idea that may suggest itself as interesting to you

fall day clear bright and breezy. A slight frost was reported Saturday morning but it was not visible in our path of town when I started out for the anchorage and nor did I see any signs of it in the way to the office. For more than a week the foremen have been at work in the trees in the grounds of the office, gouging out decayed parts, lopping off dead or unsightly limbs and tree-tops, and cutting down the fruit trees. The trees all looked unusually green & healthy, but these men found rotten places which have been dug out and have been filled with cement and in many trees the cement has been reinforced with heavy wire and an occasional iron brace. The appearance of the grounds has been considerably changed by their work and very much improved. In a few days after they have finished and the rubbish all cleared away the trees will look beautiful in their fall suits, which are already beginning to take in rich colors. In fact, the ride to and from Anchorage in October will be delightful because of the beautiful foliage all along the way. Items of news are lacking to me. I hope you visit to Annette was altogether pleasant. I hope you have found something about lost baggage. Hope you have found it as I know what it is to lose a value a long way from home. With much love for you and the kids

Dad

Dear Chick: Linnville N.J. Sept 29 1912  
I did not write to you last Sunday for two reasons. First I did not know whether 'a letter' would have to be directed to Milford or Hopedale, and secondly, I was sleepy after writing to Gertha which I did after coming home from church. We have had in or two communications from Gertha in the past week, which contained nothing of special importance being mainly about where she ate and where she had been and proposed to go during the week. We sent her a belated box with some birth day things by express Thursday night which she might have gotten Saturday morning, a flannellette bath robe, and goods to trim it, a pair of gloves and a box of cigarettes. Fillion was with us at dinner and left only a few minutes ago, to go first to his office to see if there was a letter from you waiting for him and then for a long walk to look at his lot at University Place, and guess how much more it is worth now than it was when he traded for it. I suppose from his remarks on the subject that you will probably come home with him, on his return from New York, which will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, as he wants to be at his church on Sunday. Detsy says to you she received Aunt's letter

written by Ruth and also a letter from Ruth in reply  
to one Mother had written her about the children.  
Well it is a long time to go without seeing you and  
the children, nearly three months, and I will surely  
be glad when I know you have taken a train for  
home. Shirley has gone out to see Miss Martha Cook  
about filling out her application for entrance to  
Wallerby next September, which must reach that  
place October 1<sup>st</sup> or be left out probably. She and  
Mother went to church this morning and I expect  
to go tonight to hear what the Parson has to say  
about "Armageddon, or the Battle of the Lord".  
I enclose a souvenir picture of The Young Men  
Efficiency class taken last Easter Sunday. There  
were distributed today with programs of that class  
list of speakers for the coming year, about  
thirty eight. There are to be no end of meetings  
from now until the close of the Convantione.  
All sorts of committees, societies and entertainments  
to be for the Convantione gets here, and then a week  
or more after its arrival. Great efforts are being  
made to take care of the expected crowd, but at  
the last report I saw, there is still a lack of  
several thousand lodging places for those  
who will come. People are not so ready to  
open their homes to lodgers at 1 to 2 dollars a day  
for a bed and breakfast. I wish it were

so that I could take some without charge, but we  
are full now as far as beds are concerned. Your  
grand mother continues to improve. She sits up at  
the table for her meals now, and walks about the  
house a little but is yet quite weak and easily  
tired. Her appetite seems good and she gets quite  
a lot of sleep though she won't admit it.  
Margaret was about half of last week, sick and  
expecting to have her teeth all extracted, but she came  
back yesterday. She is worked down waiting on your  
grandmother, and Mother will get another woman  
to come in and do the laundry work this week.  
Margaret is all right in every way except that  
she is delicate and liable to be unable to work  
almost anytime and when she does not come  
Mother goes to the kitchen and wears herself out  
as she did the past week. She was so tired yesterday  
that she had to go to a picture show to get rested,  
and did not take me along, though I could have  
gone very readily if she had let me know, and  
then I have taken her to a whole lot of picture  
shows in the past year. "The Divorce" seems to  
be doing a fine business. I have not been in  
it yet, though Mother has and Father and  
J.W. as well as Smiths own family. I want to  
go some time when I am fresh and hungry to  
sample his "sea foods". This has been a fine

LOUISVILLE  
APR 18  
530PM  
KY.



Mrs. F. L. Speiden.

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of  
Mrs Geo. Latham

Va.

WABIDAM, VT.  
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