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Dear Dick,

As I may be too busy or lazy or sleepy or occupied by other matters or have company or mash my finger or have something more serious interfere to interrupt or prevent writing to you tomorrow therefore your request for a "farewell note" shall have compliance now. (Wait a few minutes while I step up to the bank and make a deposit) - You will notice I did not say "farewell shot" for I do not wish to call up sad recollections of Mr. More or his successor the Guallimans Capar. Everything looks favorable now for the "Confed G.B" to start to Charleston early in ^{the} morning or afternoon as the case may be next Monday. I will not know until the Courier Journal is seen tomorrow just what train will take us. or we will take which is the same in Daugh. Mother with Mary Adams to look after Shirley and do odds and ends is happy, house cleaning, sawing, talking dry steam in her rubber banal and occasionally coming down town where she is expected any moment to assist me in selecting an umbrella, collar, ties and a pin of some sort & exercise a retarding influence on the latter when they have a tendency to slip out of



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their proper places, to hold them down to work, as it were, just as is sometimes needed by you and me. I suppose no communication from home would be satisfying and filling unless it contained something about that "Imp o Satan" called for short "Ted" He has no useful or remunerative employment, but does not seem to lack for smarting to do. He has constructed quite a number of earthworks in the back yard, possibly as a place of refuge from the next earthquake, has chewed up the only tree back there, so that his share of sun and air may not be diminished, to the shedding of much tears by Shirley - and when he can't get into the house to demolish rugs, ladies hats, & baby's dolls. He practices for the "Musical Festival" which begins next week. His energy, persistence and ingenuity would run a saw mill if guided in proper channels. May be ~~he~~ is trying to divert his mind from thoughts of you, while you are out of sight. Mama & Gertrude with Mrs Giselle went to the rehearsal of the "GGB" last Thursday evening. I invited Stark, but he failed to attend. He may never realize what he missed. The rains are upon us. I have not been don't expect



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or dare to go, and do not know even the name of a horse that has beaten except one that won the Derby - There seems to be a crowd of batter-man in town, but Sam Jones does not think they improve it. if the paper report him correctly. I have not yet heard him, and did not see Bison Williams great Aggregation, either on parade or under the tank. Shirley saw him and is proud of the fact, though she said "he was not riding, just driving". Grandma is lively - J.W. is as usual - all are in fine health and spirits. Hope you are in similar condition and that you are being good. If not I hereby authorize miss Annette or her mother to exercise their might and persuasive influence to make you so or ship you home. A letter written before Wednesday evening next addressed to me at Louisville 86 c/o Headquarters Kentucky U.C.U. might reach me, none later would unless it caught me on the way back or chased me home. May you be happy and well /and "auf wiedersehen". Present my kind regards to Professor Ditzel ^{and} and tell her to get her muscles in order for the conflict when school opens again - and if need be keep us taught practice for the boys' sake. You loving dad

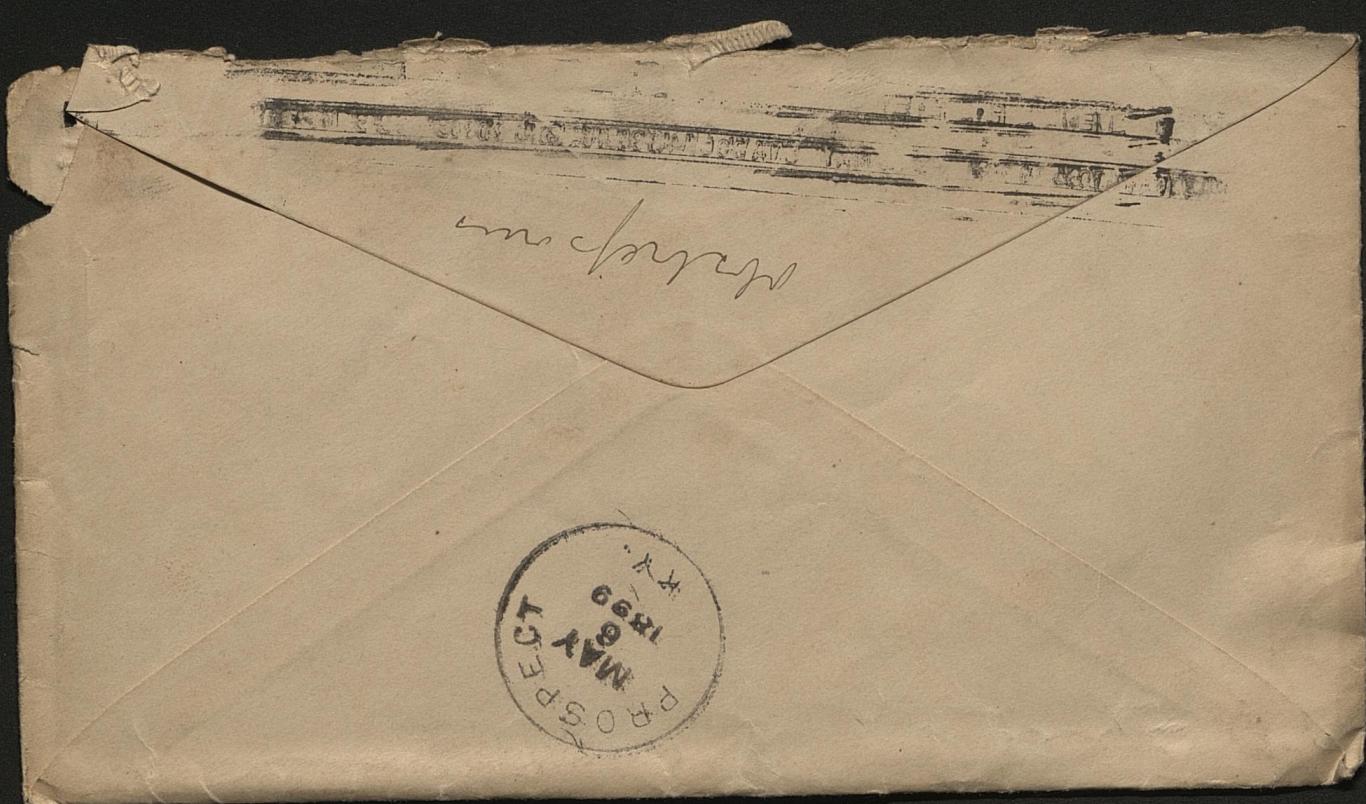
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My dear Chick,

While waiting for a car with the blue stripe around it, at the NE cor of 10th & Broadway, I noticed that your train left the depot 2 minutes and 5-3 seconds behind time as indicated by the clock on the depot tower, and as that train has now to my knowledge made up any lost time it is presumed that your arrival at Stamford was at least 3 minutes behind schedule time. As I never like to be late at any time or place, and as my opportunities for private letter writing are irregular and uncertain I seize the present. By the nap of the neck, as it were, and sit down on it hard and suddenly. There has been no time to gather news since we parted, and can only give an account of myself for the last 3 hours and 7 minutes. I boarded the first blue car that passed 10th and Broadway after leaving you and without delay or accident

A camp meeting took
place by the colored
race, way down in
Georgia. There were
cows large and
thin all lanky lean
fat and tall, at this
great cow camp meeting
When church was over
how the sisters did shout.
They were so happy
But the young folks
were third and wished
to be inspired. And
hired a big brass band



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though necessarily compelled to surrender your
tickets to the "train boss" - you kept possession
of your check until you were able to release
your trunk from the possession of the L & N
Railroad - and that you found Linda on
her representative awaiting you at the
Stamford depot, ready to pilot you to
Breezy Point - on the highway that leads from
Stamford to the neighboring city of Lancaster.
the latter being celebrated at the place where
your own and only Father Irish opened his
eyes on the the scenes of this world and began
his checkered career - Some other notable people
have had the misfortune or good fortune as
the case may be, to have been born there, but
none, whose birth had a greater effect on
you and your present surroundings. Therefore
think kindly of the old town, and forget all



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reach \$106 70 man, when I stopped here - while the
noteman was adjusting the switch for a car
just ahead at 5th & Main - was on time to
open the vault - enter the receipts on the cash
book, write a mortgage, made a deposit at
the bank, look up some assessments in the
sheriff's office and then sit down to write this
and since beginning have been interrupted
so far only 3 times to answer questions and
give some directions to a customer as to the
signing &c of some business papers. As this
closes the account up to the present moment
the best thing would perhaps be to stop.
but the secretary is out and I do not wish
to leave until he returns, so will keep on
scribbling whatever runs off the point of
my pen. I think you got off the train without
the loss of umbrellas, pocket books or hats, and

dead and all joined
with the rest
Chas



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the bad things you may hear or have heard about
her. Take good care of your body, your spirit
is healthy, and your mind in condition to grow
on the fresh food and exercise to be found
among the good people and pleasant surroundings
in Lincoln Co. May your visit be as pleasant
to your hostess as it is to you, and sufficiently
so to both to make a repetition desirable.
Shirley advised me yesterday to take my umbrella
"for while it is not raining now, you might get
caught in a turn when you are coming home".
I followed his advice and was prepared from
dampness, but failed to ask it this morning,
and the present cloudiness indicates that I may
not be so fortunate today - but I am "neither
sugar nor salt" and can swim when necessary.

Saw your friend Capt Henry Johnson, Atty at Law,
in the Court House, but did not speak to him.



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and only mention it that you may be advised of his present whereabouts. Remember me very kindly to aunt Kate, and Linda, also to ex-consul Miller if you should meet him and don't fail, forget or be ashamed to tell any old ex confederate you meet, know that you are the daughter of your daddy. Take your pills at the proper times and get so well that you will soon need none when the punch supply is exhausted. and emulate the Lincoln Fights in their habit of getting fat, though I do not wish on your taking them as examples to be followed in some other habits. Well the Dr. has not yet returned, but that little rheumatic twinge in my fore finger which some insinuated might be "an anapysis" developing makes it agreeable to me as well as to you to stop here.

You "truly Dad."

When ^{the} dat band of
darkies began to play
Pretty music so gay
Hats were thrown
away. I thought
them foolish cows
their necks would break
When they quit laughing
and talking and went
to waiting for a big
chocolate cake.
The old sisters raised ^{said}
When they first heard the band
Happy down in Georgia
The preacher did stare
And the deacons did stare
At dem young darkies
from city. The band played
so smart that nobody could
get them reentrance. So the
white folks agreed to was not as sinful

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Dear Chick.

Your letter reached me in due time, though it had been opened and read by the little woman (another one of them) who bases me, before I reached home. The week has been quick at home and very busy in the office, this being the first quiet time I have had, and the reason it is quiet is that the others have gone home, and I have stopped work locked locked the vault lighted my "cup of consolation" and begun to write to you. Your mother has made arrangements for rush room beds and will probably have the beds made today, if the gentleman of color she employs for that work does not disappoint her again as he has done several times before. I took her some thermometers yesterday to heat the soil properly and then cool it off to sowing temperature. The "Colored Fair" - (somewhat a misnomer it seems to me) has been going on this week and we have a view of the returning crowds of colored folks, black and tan



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predominating, every evening as we sit on the red bench and rustic chairs after dinner. You mother has more than once expressed a desire to attend, but I have always encouraged it. It may do for Breckinridge white folks to go, as perhaps they know the country well enough to keep to the windward of the assemblage. but 7104-H² It is as near as I wish to get. Shirley makes her usual trips daily to "Central" Park to "swing and play in the sand" has been quite well, only getting a little X about bed time. Edna has been over but once when I was present but sends Roy over all the other days. with a note or message to J.W. just after dinner time. and he answers by another note or in person. may be both, as a rule. Mr Browning is at Patasky, and there seems to be very little improvement if any in his condition. Roy said he might come home next week.



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Old Mrs Jenkins after lying at the "point of death" as her grand daughter expressed it, for a week or two took a sudden notion a few days ago to have a ride in her tricycle, and in spite of remonstrance and under the promise to go only a little way, made her propeller take her out to the race course and back - consequently the Doctor was called again and the old lady is not so well as she imagined. and I imagine relives the monotony of Edna's life by grabbing at a look gap one moment and abusing all creation and the Louisville Railway Co the next. Mrs Gridley & wife are yet away both have been sick most of the time since leaving home, and Mr Gridley, not home sick through at home, but Mrs Webb says, ^{sick} because her brother is away has written for them to



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came home, just Tuesday. Thursday evening after we had closed up the house and gone up stairs the bell rang and I went down to answer it & saw some. I did not know at the door until he remarked that his name was Saul. and I then knew I stood in the presence of the "King of Israel" I explained to him that his back was toward the electric light and consequently his face was in darkness - and I therefore could not tell him from any goodlooking man. (If I could only have caught a glimpse of him en profile it would have been entirely different you know) He asked for "Miss Gertrude" and before he could ask for Miss Hanish I told him you were out of town, and invited him in to see me. He declined, but we talked quite a while on the front steps in the moonlight electric light and the light of the stars and the passing cars.



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We had only come to speak a fond farewell
as he and his mother expect to start to Liverpool
Sunday to be gone an indefinite time. three
weeks, months or years ~~and~~ circumstances might
determine after reaching there. I suggested that
he might be captured and kept for life, or perhaps
might in a patriotic mood enlist in his country's
service and go to the Transvaal to bring Dom
Paul Kruger to his sensus. but he denied having
any intentions in either of these directions. I tried
to leave a little bright spark in memory of this
plan. and hope I did. if you will excuse the
vanity which prompts me to say so. I promised to
say to you "good bye" for him which I hardly do.
Mama says I held the door open all the while he remained
and filled the house with bugs and mosquitos but she
accuses me angrily. for as soon as I saw he was willing
to have me talk to him a while I slipped out in the lights



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where I could see his smile - It was my understand
ing when you left on the 8th inst that you stay
would be limited by the 22nd inst but a remark
in one of your letters leads me to believe that I was
mistaken or you have changed your mind, unusually
as the latter may be. As I am in doubt I will give
you the benefit of the doubt in the shape of a
V to help as far as it will bring you home when
you are ready to come and send you what more
is required when you write for it. would send
the balance of the railroad fare now but the vault
is locked and I have only silver besides the V in
my pocket. gold bug as I am. I could write more if
permitted to do so. but have promised to deliver a telephone
message to Miss Fannie Brown. to come to Richmond to a
poorly rush week and when I have done that and
purchased some fair health for you doctor it will be
time to go home. With much love yours
Pappy.

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Dear daughter,

Kathy's letter was received Thursday and
Gretadas ^{arrived} yesterday, and is perhaps the last letter
I shall write to you before your return, will
make it a double hand shot at both.

Before I forget will mention the inclosed
two dollar bill, sent to complete the
amount necessary to purchase your tickets
home. The household has been very
quiet this week. Your grandma went
to Clark Station Tuesday and I went
to Cincinnati Thursday morning. What is
left of us went out to Jacob Park Thursday
night and last night we went calling
on Mr Jas Cocker who has been sick for
several months. He lives on E side of 3^d
near Avery. afterward we stopped a few
minutes at the Legans. For Shirley to see



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"Eva Lo'au" - and then I told her "tales" until she passed into dreamland. The white clematis is in all its glory this morning and perfume the neighborhood. The barrier erected by Harry against the electric light has not proved a marked success in that line, but has produced a few "too tumbees" as Shirley calls them, and would be somewhat ornamental if the forash of weeds just north of it was cut down. Harry Johnson inquired again yesterday as to when you would be home. I say the young lady visitor is yet at his house and returns his invitation for you to visit him on your return. Bro Powell expects to be home Wednesday, and at prayer meeting that night. His recreation this summer was made up partly of summer cold, attack of bilious fever, followed by seventeen



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feels - from the loss of which he is now recovering and by means of which he thinks he has worked off much of "his manners" I am glad he is returning and that the Sunday School Supp has returned thus relieving me of unsought extra duties. Sam Ginder has returned and inquired after kindly concerning you and as to when you would be home. His mother and Walter have asked you come back. Have not time to write more this morning as the others have come in to the office and I must go to work. I am very glad to hear you have enjoyed your visit so much and wish to join you in thanking Mrs Miller and Linda for their kindness to you. we are well as usual

You faithfully
P. D. [Signature]

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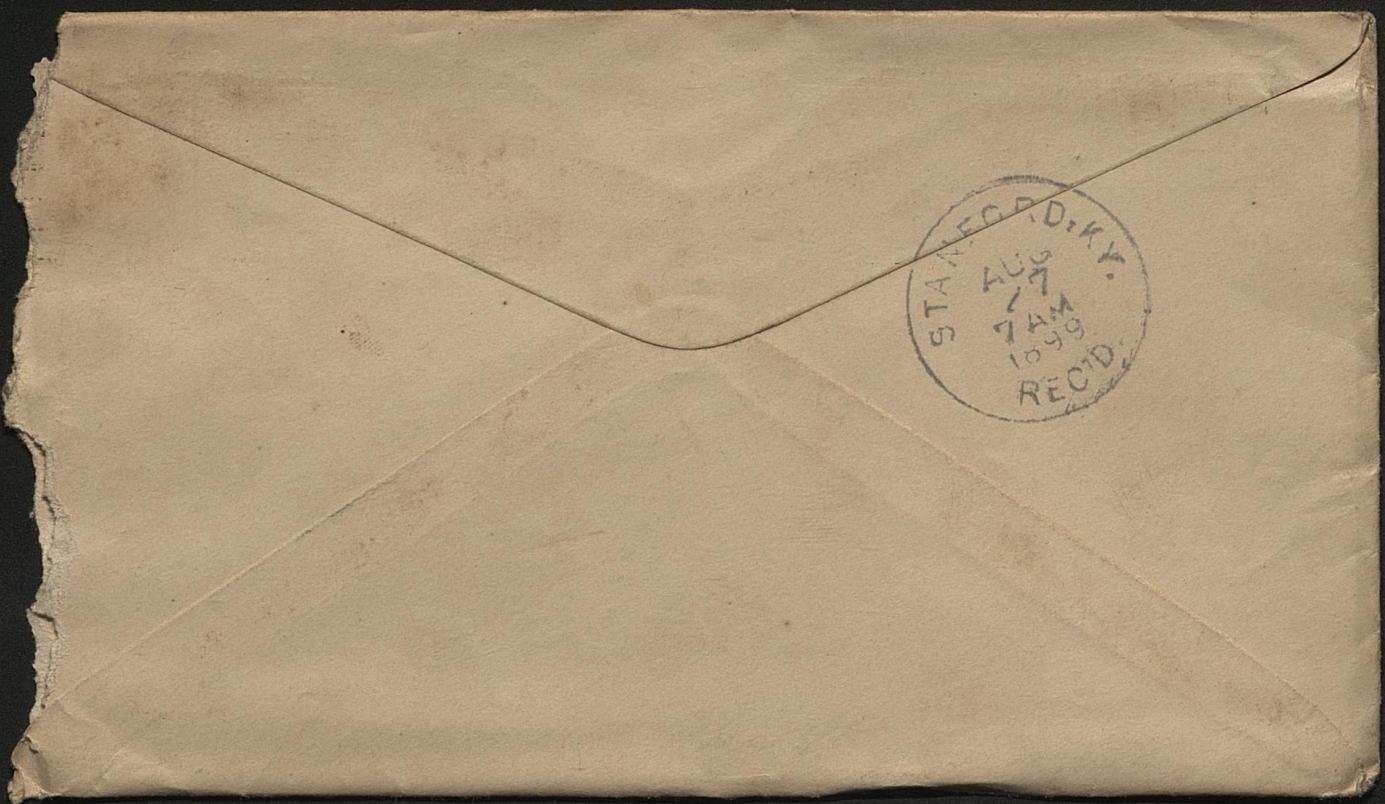


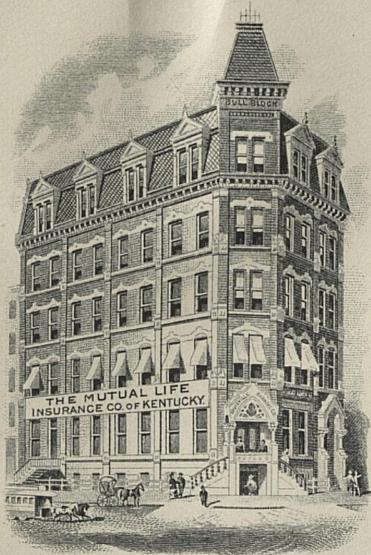
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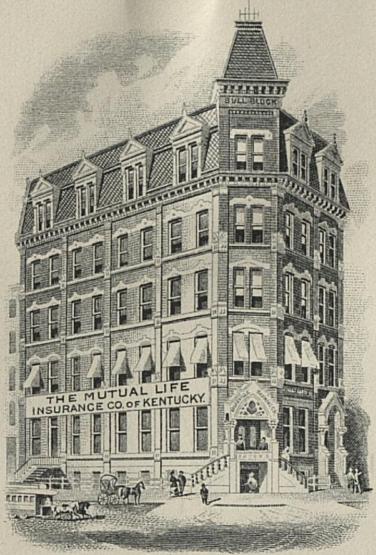
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Dear Chick,

as all the family except me have taken a whack at you (here comes the first interruption) I will venture to write a few lines, even at the risk of repeating some things they may have said. There was (2nd interruption) was an election, or rather a balloting, here last Tuesday, for there is a dispute as to who was elected, at which I cast one vote against rascality, and then went to work as usual, without excitement and without arrest. The next night I went to prayer meeting, not an unusual occurrence with me, the next night "The Confederate Glee Club" claimed my attention, Friday evening the little mother and I, notwithstanding Shirley's protest, went to hear Bob Burdette tell about "an old woman tossed up in a blanket seven times as high as the moon", and Saturday night I was good and stayed at home with my family, excepting the slice at Prospect, Ky. What I did Sunday you know without telling, and so I have (3^d interruption) accounted for myself most of the time since you saw me and can prove an alibi



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if anyone shall say I was anywhere else at the date mentioned. Now where have you been? Can you give as good an account of yourself. Shirley had company Saturday afternoon (4th interruption) Miss Elizabeth Otto, a very charming miss of five summers, I assisted in entertaining her to the best of my ability (5th interruption), which without egotism, I may say is some. On Sunday Miss Edith Stanley dined with us as Shirley's guest. and of course I prided over the duck with my usual &c. One of the important events of last week at 2104 4th was. 66 ft sof Bloom ave, was "possum and sweat taters", which you will regret to have missed. No serious results followed. (6th interruption) You know of course that the "Manuals" downed the "High Schools" Saturday afternoon, to the time of 6 to 0, The former are much stuck up, the latter correspondingly cast down as a result of their contact. Mr Meriwether Dr. attended the game, and as he sometimes says he is the "Jonah" for his side, his claim seems to have a degree of plausibility. Tomorrow night there is to be a "Star" performance, provided the "stars" get in on schedule time.



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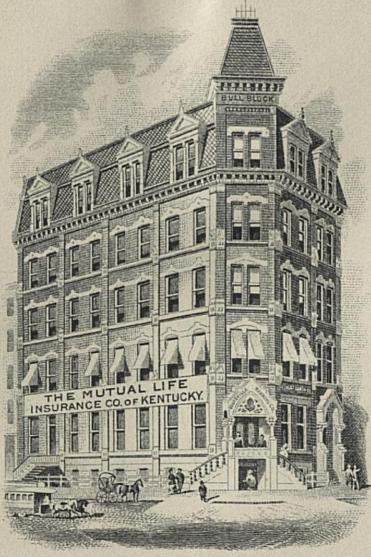
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There is to be no charge for admission to the performance, and assurance is given that it will be brilliant not to say gorgeous, provided the weather does not interfere. You and Miss Anna may attend, with a chaperone (a peculiar kind of a chap. Irish as it were though of French descent, being not a chap at all, at all.) and if you do, be careful not to get excited or weak, and dodging will do no good. A similar exhibition in 1833 is said to have been remarkably fine, but my memory is not clear for that date. In 1866 it was a dismal rainy cloudy failure, which I hope will not be the case in 1899, because I am unwilling to make a positive engagement to see the one billed for 1932. I might be absent, or otherwise engaged. I have not entirely neglected Mr. Ted Steedman since you left, having given him a crust of bread in installments twice, and a pan of cold water, as well as a chew of sausage, though it may have encouraged cannibalistic tendencies in him to do so. (I interrupt) He seemed to take it good humoredly, and considering its small size, thanked me at the rate of two wags a minute. His



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manners are somewhat improved, but still labors under the delusion that while there is light, in the house, there is hope that he will be invited to come in. and the delusion does not always leave him when "Taps" is sounded, unless assisted by a broom handle or some similar invitation to return to the basement. (8 interruption) From all the foregoing you will perceive we are pursuing the usual even tenor of our ways, on the same old base. Our colds are better, our appetites good. Your Grand ma is at your Auntie's and, the sofa pillow is finished. I have not sat upon it yet, and neither have I been sat upon for sitting on it, yet, though it looked when I passed the door this morning, that Ted might have sampled it, as a resting place. I hope you have heeded the many warning oral and written to take good care of yourself, and if you don't — your prospect of going to Prospect again has faded. Give my kindest regards to Miss Amatta, and tell her if she can't make you obey the rules at her house any other way, to use the formula, in the use of which she no doubt became an expert last Winter. At what train do you expect to be made by your

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