

Tell them not to be
ill talk when I appreciate
them very much that with
yesterday fixing my trunk so I

you can and out
has not and I
your own of
and I

Frank would like the
at home and Cornie's
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could have been put up in the
lumber room, and I am glad to
say have arranged things to my sat-
isfaction and comfort. Monday I shall
begin hemming my sheets, pillow cases
and towels. I made a nice purchase
last week of a decanter and six
wine glasses of Bohemian glass, from
a pedlar of old clothes, so am all
ready for the wine you are going
to send me. Uncle gave me some
nice cake yesterday this morning
sent me a pitcher of milk and
yesterday Frank sent up a basket
of delightful grapes and apples
so I have them on my table to
regale myself. Frank has been all
day looking over old papers
and sitting in the lounge enjoy-
ing his company and occasionally
reading extracts. And I thought
of you at home and Cornie's

things being so near to you as to go over so often and every Sunday
spending with you and I wonder if you were thinking
upon you I have I
can tell you. I thought
perhaps you were with
we had hoped so I
had two letters last
week one from Mother &
one from Burt. She
said I named with
of so one week and
I guess we had to be
at the lot, is it not
Mansions some
to all. I like the
I had good news
I ch. but don't
I guess are better
I remember

Whitchall, the dear
familiar name. A month ago this
night I gave up my maiden name
at a happy month - it has been to
my dear mother, and I have all
confidence I shall never regret the
change. I have just returned from
making my reception calls and
I feel quite relieved to know
that that ceremony is gone through
with - I can now commence home with
some comfort - and not have that
weighed on my mind. Thus far I am quite
pleased with my boarding place
and think when I get my piece
I shall feel quite at home. I have

you do not seem to get my letters as soon as you ought to do so
I get them in two days from date I have written them
I am

ever since I got here been trying
to fix it so I could have my last
rest trunk taken in the trunk
room but as yet have not been
able to accomplish. I have been
around to Dale's or some of the
other of them have been here every
day since our arrival here it
is like sunning into home some
one that I know well and when
ever I feel at all lonesome
I internet going they have been so
kind and loving to me that I
feel perfectly at home with them
Dale loaned me a comfortable
and offered to let me have
shirts if I wished or did not
get mine in time yesterday she
brought me a pitcher of such
nice milk as she heard me
say I should enjoy it so much.
D.L. offered Frank and I his horse
and buggy whenever we wanted

Dale says he'd not mind my not come out. He wrote
last night over when I had to go to the
school

Dale still gives over his little boy
in a rather gloomy disposition
D.L. came up last night just
to stop a moment as he was passing
and found Frank and I playing
or rather him teaching me how to
play cribbage so we insisted upon
his taking a rub of Euchre and
he became so interested he staid
up after nine. You don't know
how much we are fixed up and
so cheerful. My darling is bent upon
Vallie and Laura coming to see
us during the winter, he says tell them
they must be sure to come, we will
see about a room for them, and
our parlor will be so nice to
entertain them in. Brutus visits
perhaps he and Hew will come
and spend the holidays with us
and if the girls are here then
will be charming. Sunday Eve.
Darling Mother
I was busy all day

Corrie is quite anxious to return & I do not blame her for it is worse than prison life to live here. I sent to Odessa & got some books other wise I do not know what we could have done to wear out the time. I like living in Anapa better than Tamman for I am now at home every night & all the rainy days so I see a great deal more of Corrie & besides do not have to expose myself to so much traveling & bad weather. I hope that you & Doctor Walker will be more successful than I have been thus far. You must not spend too much money in boring for oil, until I return. I have at least learned a great deal about the business since I have been here. I am amazed at you & Lallie writing to me about oil works, the manner of getting & at what depth it is found. I have sent some money to Pa to send to you, I hoped it will go far towards paying what I owe you

Sent from Anapa, Russia
Anapa, April 1, 1865

Dear Ma

In your last you mention that some one had burnt up the old office. I regret all of your losses but none so much as this, for I have learned to love that old house, from my earliest childhood, and it was one of the few things in this life that reminded me of happier days that are never to return. I have sent Pa a plea and I think a good one to catch the devil who is doing us so much injury, but I hope you have already taken measures to accomplish that most desired act. Whatever you do, always keep your own counsel, you must act secretly. Pay Frank fifty or one hundred dollars to find out for you, and promise not to mention his name in the matter, if you learn anything, give the case to a detective unknown to any one. Mr. Pierce will select one for you in Cincinnati, write to him.

I am astonished to know that I owe Uncle Sam's so much money I cannot recall what I gave my notes for. You may let them stand until I return & I will settle them myself. Pa writes me that Mary is going to marry Green I am very sorry for it & she & you will both live to regret it as I do now. I am very much disappointed in our state going for McClellan. I was in hope that it would at last be willing to give up negroes & take a stand for free government, a position worthy of the nineteenth century. Since I have been in Asia I have learned to hate slaves more than anything on earth. If I were only out of debt I would come home & join the army again. The more I see the more I dislike the rebellion. You could not get the Senatorship for Pa, no the state must be run over & washed with

the best blood of her sons get before the people will give up their idols & old leaders. Write me who are the leaders in Madison of the Union party. Does Mr Neal still remain true to the cause. I have the bill of Sader for the books but I do not think the books will ever come to hand, you should have sent them to Pa. I do not believe the Gov will let me have them. I have met with no success here yet. I have worked harder than any man would but one in my condition for success but have failed from the fact. I have tried to overcome the laziness & rascality of this country. I have to send to Sevelon four thousand miles for any little thing I need & of course it costs money and takes up time, when I have to work so far from my supplies I expect to leave here next September & come home, I do not think I can stand to hold out longer.

for I can assure you I am tired
of debt. I have gained another
thing I hope since I have been
here & that is business habits. I
know too the value of money much
better than I did when I started
& then I thought I was quite close.
Fullilove will be at home next
summer some time, he has kept
some of his money but he will
spend the most of it; although
I try to get him to keep it.
You must not make any arrange-
ments with any one next winter,
for miles for I will be at home
& I will go in with you myself.
We will put our farms together
& raise all the corn & oats we
can & get rich at once. I am
determined to come home, and
live there, for I will be near
enough out of debt to pay out
some time, & that is all I want
just now in life. Pa from what
he writes me, will remain in
Prussia. He does not love home

as I do. Is it not strange that
I should love home so much
& yet get to stay there so little.

You have never written to me
whether you got anything for
Franklin? If you have never sold
my wine, I wish you would buy
it for me, I like wine better
since I came here. I have learned
to distill, so we will put up
a little still & make our own
brandy out of grape hulls when
I return. You see I am full of
plans for when I get home. How
do you get on with the negroes
do they work as well as usual?
Tell Bantus to write to me if he
wishes to hear off me. He has
never yet written. Give my love to
all of my sisters & help Anne
& do not let her forget me.

Corrie sends much love, & I
send all my love to you dearest
Mother, & wish I were near you
to assist & comfort you. Yours
loving son, Goodbye. Green (ley)

but not until Mr. Cley promised him twenty rubles.
We were sixteen miles from Anapa, and not a hut to
go for assistance. From Tomon here, nearly a hundred
miles there is not a place for man or beast to stop!
We found Fuller in our house, we expected him to
have finished it, but his work bench was in one room
and he had only laid one floor. Mr. Cley made a fire
put up a few planks, and laid a single mattress on
them, we covered with what we brought down in the
cave, and slept soundly from exhaustion. This got
lost on the prairie, and got in at day, colder, and
worse than ever. Our baggage did not get here for five
days after we did, the miserable mud but looked ten
times worse than Hammett's house, we ate out of a few
plates I brought in the lunch basket, on a piece of
coffee but with a stick, & snored in an upper room, some
times, and frozen potatoes. This only lasted a few days, for
Mr. Cley did not get sick from his ride & exposure, as I
found, and he made all hand work, and worked
himself, and yesterday we found ourselves quite comfortable
and homelike. We have a small dining room, with a piece
floor, four small windows - about half as large as those in the
cave at home, but I have put up my calico curtains,
my wardrobe sits in it, a large oak writing table in the
center of the room, two pine tables, one with a flower
arrangement, and two beautiful lamps. Mr. Chandler gave us my
room had my bed, bureau, washstand & trunks. A small
porch or rather servants room for they sleep there - and
kitchen, both with dirt floors. I have a large box with three
pound tins for flour, sugar & coffee, with a lock, then a nice
cup board for the dishes, and a table in the porch, a
small table with three tubes, and any quantity of cooking
utensils, since the boat left here for us, and all our own.

I have two servants now, my same cook, and another
girl who cleans the house, and washes and sews. I
am much pleased with both, and they give me
very little trouble. They have been all snowing white
- washing the hall, porch and kitchen, and everything
now looks as clean and comfortable as possible. I am
sure I shall be more contented here than I have
been hitherto, for Mr. Cley will be at home all the
time, and before he was never with one, and I had
many, many trials. We have a nice garden here
and anticipate much pleasure in its cultivation.
It will be a pleasure, and an economy, for vegetables
are dear here. I find a much better market here than
in Tamara, I find meat here every day, and different
kinds. Mr. Cley and I took a horse back ride yesterday
the matter is very pleasant here now, they do not have
so much wood here. Anapa is at the foot of the
mountains, it must have been once a very nice place
there are many ruins of good, well built houses, but
now an only to be found the miserable thatched
wood hut. The town has a stone wall around it
twenty feet high, a ditch dug around it, and
two gates with drawbridges. I do not realize I am
in Asia, and upon ground once round, and
inhabited by a more refined cultivated people than the
one. We have much pleasure in riding over the
mountains next summer I think. I long for summer
to come, I am so weary of the house. Mr. Cley left
for a nice ride this morning for a nice field of operation eight
miles from here, will begin a new store in a few days.
The mail began here when the boat - was here it was
at a stand still for a few days, they went twenty feet

You must bend as we pass in and out or we stand
in great danger of having the tops of our heads taken
off. Instead of a nail to this door Mr Clay has a screw
with a shell on it to shut it by, and a button inside
to fasten it. He is so fond of fixing & mending he makes
everything more comfortable than it would otherwise be.

We are looking for Mice in a few days, we hope with
letters from every body at home. We are very anxious now to
hear what is going on with you all, and anxious to hear
what gold is worth. I would not care if it was three
about the time our money got home. I suppose Sallie has
gone to Washington, Mary to Frankfort. I trust Mr
Clay will go to the Senate, we feel so anxious to hear
he will be elected. Dear little Annie, is gone only
company this winter, unless Aunt Ann will come to
you again. Dear Ma, I wish we were in our home, near
you. I am sure I should see you every day.

Tuesday. Jan 8th

Mice returned from Kentucky last night
but brought us no letters, greatly to our disappointment
I am sure you all have written, and I enclose it
the best I can. You have no idea of the exertions we
have here. I am astonished at Mr Clays endurance. I
would rather be poor always, than go through two more
years of life here. Mr Clay had a letter from his Pa
last night, no news from him. Mr Vogel gave back to
Kentucky today and I close my letters to send by him.
We have great no courage to go through this winter hardly,
it will be the last I shall undertake. Give my love
to dear Grand Ma & Aunt Ann, & all at Lexington. Love
to Louisa & Brutie & all at home. Kiss Annie many
many times. Goodbye. Yours lovingly
C. W. Clay.

Dear Ma

As Corrie is writing, I will also write you a short note. I have just received a letter from Pa he is quite well. I wrote him begging him to return home but he prefers to remain in Petersburg to keep company with P. White. so let it be. I expect to return home myself in the Fall I cannot stand to remain here longer. I have not made much while here yet I have learned something. You say you do not make anything so I will come home & see what we can do together. I live such a hard life here that I prefer to be in debt & not kill myself while I am yet young. You write Pa that you are sorry that you both gave me so much more than you now have to give the other children. I am just as sorry as you are, & when I return we will see if we cannot arrange it so that you will be better satisfied as well as myself. I believe I would prefer to make my own money & then I will have not one to cry out against me, that you get to much. I will not get what was promised me. I know that so do you. Give me what I have spent on the farm & what I have paid you for it, & I will not ask you or Pa to give me anything. I will give up my interest in both of your estates to my sisters if I have any interest. Your loving Son

Green Coley
Jr

"London", July 12. 1861.

My dearest Laura:

For some time, I have
been awaiting an opportunity to write
to you, but everything seemed deter-
mined to prevent me until to-day, as
I am not going out, and the rain
will prevent company, I now
can carry out my intentions. And
yet, I am half inclined to throw
down my pen, and write no more,
because of your all's outrageous
neglect of us. How faithfully did
you promise to write from Washing-
ton, New York; on ship-board, as
soon as you were off the ship,
Liverpool, London, Paris, and
finally a perfect journal from

St. Petersburg! But except a
solitary letter from Sallie at
London, and one from Aunt
Mary at Paris, we have heard
nothing of our dear travellers since
they left this country. Now I should
like to know the meaning of this
is it indifference, forgetfulness,
or lack of time? I shall try to believe
it the last, but can't help feeling
some doubt on the subject.

I have at length finished school
and found, but still feel, that when
September comes, I shall again
take on my old bonnet, bundle up
my books, and march off to school
at eight in the morning. But alas,
for me, no more will I have to live
over those dear, old times. Alice God
is coming up to pay me a long
visit at the Fair time, and then
Mama insists on my giving a
large party, to make my debut, I

suppose. I hate it very much,
but Mama and Papa seem
bent on it, so I will have to yield.

Our old teacher, Miss Smith,
the one I used to give you such
terrible accounts of, is going to
be married shortly to a gentleman
from New Jersey! She is a regular
Frumm's Yankee, at least fifty, and
Sallie can give you full accounts
of her beauty. The happy individual
has not seen Miss Smith for
fourteen years, and I should ad-
vise him to take a look at her
before the "fatal knot" is tied.

War is raging to a terrible
extent in Virginia and Missouri.
No living soul can tell how soon
it may be here. The Union men
want Her to join the North, the
Secessionists desire to be in the
Southern Confederacy, and a
struggle between them seems

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almost certain. Just think of our beautiful Kentucky, laid waste, streaming with blood, and given to destruction! It is too awful to contemplate. God grant that the mad passions of men may be quelled, and this unholy war put to an end! My sympathies are all with our noble southern brothers, and I do trust they may go to where her interest and affection both call her.

We are all perfectly well. Grandma I never saw in better health.

Last evening we spent at Aunt Carrie's. Grandma, Aunt Nancy, and Aunt Rebecca were there to tea, but left immediately after; we staid until ten o'clock, and had a beautiful moon light ride home.

Lew, and Harry Warfield were out blackberry hunting until late, and when they came in, I wish you

could have seen their hands and
teeth. She is still devoted to
Miss Lilly Blackburn, and has
I believe been lately composing
verses on her beauty, especially
her dark lustrous eyes; they are
as perfect cat eyes as you ever
saw.

Tell Brutus I saw Miss Ida
the other day, but only had chance
to bow to her as we passed
quickly in carriages, so she could
not send any tender messages
which no doubt she would have
done, if she had ^{had} the opportunity,
and had known I was going
to write soon to any of the family.

My very best love to all, and
tenderness kisses to the Baby. Tell

Fannie I have not yet received the
photographs she promised to send
from New York; they must have been
lost on the way, for of course she did as
she promised.

Ways fond cousin
Maria B. Hunt

Dec 28

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Miss Laura Clay



Care of state department
St Petersburg
Russia

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tempted to steal you & Burtie
from your dear Parents while
you are going to school -
I am glad to hear that you are
improving so in your music
I trust you are a nice little
girl & feel it is a great privilege
to have the opportunity of gaining
knowledge & so sensible as to
know it is for our good &
not your teachers & every night
& morning in your prayers thank
God for His love & goodness in
giving you loving Parents who
are willing & able to give you
this great & inestimable
blessing, an education - Tell
every body for me & hoping I
shall soon see you, I am as
ever your loving & interested
Aunt Ann -

Ryland

The Meadows, Dec 29. 1860

A happy new year to my dear
little niece Laura & I hope she has
had a merry and pleasant Christmas
I send you a small Christmas
gift which I hope will afford you
some amusement -

I am so anxious to see you and the
baby - and she actually walks
alone - I send her a crying doll
and I want you to write to me &
tell me of all her ~~good~~ ^{dear} looks
when you make the doll cry
and she sees the great black
eyes she will almost think
it is another sure enough baby,
you must kiss her a thousand
times for me, & write me all
her smart doings & sayings - I
expect you will be very smart
making clothes for the cobb, till
the baby is old enough to do for
herself - I send a pocket handker

chief to dear Bontus for a gift
I want you to give it to him
for me with a kiss & wish you
to hem it for him & whilst you
are hemming it for him - I
want him to read something
interesting aloud to you - & em-
brace the first opportunity that
offers to render you a service
or a pleasure; to show his obliga-
tion to you for your kindness
in hemming his handkerchiefs
these little kindnesses one to
another is so beautiful - in-
creases your love one towards
the other, uniting you closer
than blood - enlarges your
heart & affections & therefore
making you both so much
more happy - my dear child
cultivate your heart as well
as your head - if both can't
be done let head alone -

but thanks to a great good
God we have the power to do
both - making ourselves respected
& loved - I hope you study
your commandments constant-
ly - I do wish you & Bontus would
every week commit say a dozen
or half dozen proverbs weekly
& repeat them every week when you
come home - with the blessing of
God you do not know how much
wisdom it may preserve you from
for having the knowledge of them
in your memory - what a shield
they will be to you in the battle
of life - I got a letter from you
and you did not know it - I was
so glad to get it though you did
not send it for it showed me
that my dear little Louisa
thought of me and that is
such a pleasure to me - if I
had a home I should be sorry

Tamara Nov. 14th 1864

Dear Pa

My last letter was from Kertch, I wrote just after getting Mrs. Lett's in which she sent me an account of the money you sent home for me. She says she received three thousand and seventy one dollars & forty one cents and out of that amount she paid Mrs. Pahlitov one hundred and ninety six dollars & fifty cents. You sent 2,000 R., or two hundred & sixty three pounds ten shillings & ten pence for me & seventy five dollars in gold for Pahlitov is this right or not? The above is the amount Mr. Chander should have paid to you, he has credit for that amount here on the books. You see at \$480, four dollars & eighty cents to the pound - & two dollars and six cents to the gold dollar, unless your banker charged a very large commission, there must be some mistake, or else I cannot understand Mrs. or your letter. You will please let me hear from you on this subject at once. It may be that you did not get the seventy five dollars in gold for Pahlitov. I am getting eight thousand rubles now a year, and a promised interest if I am successful in finding oil. We have quit work

near Petyka and are now at work near Anapa where I hope to have much better success as there is plenty of rock there & none here. I will move from this place to Anapa in two or three weeks, so you may send all of my letters to that place after that time. I get the Times nearly every week, for which I am very much obliged to you. Mr Walker has got employment at last, at one hundred rubles per month without board. I think it is a good salary and he is much pleased to get it. I am going to send you a check soon for some money, & I want you to send the gold home and have it sold whenever it is worth two hundred & fifty again, if you think it will ever get that high. Write your banker to hold it until it does go up if it is not up when he gets it. Write me who is elected and what you think about the war. Are you going to remain in Russia another year? I hope not if we have peace at home, I want you to go home & go to the Senate from our State. My health is quite good now, I have taken to drinking port for dinner to keep Annie company

and I find that I am begining to grow fat & strong. We have had fine weather up till to day, but now it is cold & freezing. I am very glad to get your pamphlet giving the account of your visitors & your own speeches at the time of reception. You both gave. I am afraid that you are living so high in Russia that you will be unable to live in Foxtown ever again, while I would give a great deal to be there now. Annie wrote to you the other day by Mr Salmon's who left here for St Petersburg. I could not write at the time. If you hear from Salmon in any way please to let me see. He is a good man but without brains & needs assistance. I will write again soon
Your Son
Green (Hay)
(Annie sends her love)

me so much to live I hardly expect to be able to
get out of debt yet for some time. I am still
willing to wait for it will be a happy day for
me when I can say of one no one. I think I will
be doing quite well if I get out of debt in the
next two years. I am not old yet & have got
plenty of time to make money if I live before I get
old if I am once free, but to come make me sick
& I cannot work so well. I have been living in
Pamoa until now but in a few days I am going
to rent a house in Anapa & shall move there at
once. I am being near there & will be with Lornie
much more than I am now. I have got work
for Will Walker at last. one hundred rubles a
month so we all are much better satisfied than
before. You want Piddins to come home, he made
a new contract to remain until next April & then
I will try to get him to go home if you
want him still, he get 75 R. & board per month.
Can he do better at home. I have no very great use
for him here now. I learn very little of the language
yet I am able to ask for all the necessaries of life
Salmon's my old interpreter has been dismissed & I have
a new & better one. Mr Serle - came down from Petersburg
with Novosiltsoff. as his interpreter he told me that he
was four & P. French teacher, he was a drunken
fellow & was soon sent home. I am getting fat & Lornie
looks quite well - once out of debt & I am alright
Give my love to my sisters & P. writes me all the
news I value my dearest Mother & you write often
Your loving son (Edward) 27

Dear Ma

Pamoa Nov 14th & 26. 1864.

I am at home with Lornie for a day or two
and as I have a little spare time I will write you what
I am doing in this far away country. You will be glad
to know that I have found a place where there is soda
stone, and now have great hope that I shall find oil.
One year has gone by since I left you all, it seems
ten times that long, and yet I have not met with
any success in this enterprise; Coustent has gone to work
for other parties, Cook the barrel factory man has been
sent home, Schenker has left the company & for some
time things looked quite gloomy, but again I begin to hope
that I will meet with success. I am going ahead at
least until next Fall, & then I do not know what I
will do, if you have peace at home I will be very
much tempted to return & try & make a fortune out
of our own oil lands. I work hard out here to
see if I cannot get oil, for if I should meet
with good success I am promised an interest & I
have no doubt I would be able to pay you all
I owe you & have something left but I can only
know what will take place. I hear from Pa quite

after four, & besides the census and the New York Times
every week, so that I know what is going on at
home very well in thirty five days after it has taken
place. I am so glad to learn from Pa that your
health is better. Grand Ma has been over to see you
I am happy to know it, for I know it must have
done her good, & it gave you great pleasure to see
her at your house once more. I hope she did not
suffer any ill effects from her long ride over &
back. How is it she could not remain longer with
you? I hear she only stayed only one night.

Tell who is elected, Mr Lincoln or not. I hope
is if I had been at home I should have voted
for him, Pa & I would have gone together for once.
Not that I wish Pa to remain in Europe for I
do not, I hope he will return home in the
Spring. Write me all the news about the election
who votes for & against Lincoln at Fort Worth.

You are still building I hope you get on well, & will
be living in your fine house when I get home, I hope
you & De Jones are making a great deal of money.

If you think I can make more money at home
than here, write me at once & I will return.

You wrote me at one time that you would get
four hundred dollars for Franklin as a soldier

did you get it, or have I given that to the gov-
ernment also. I wish you would write me every time
I send money home, just how I stand, how
much more I have to pay, you see I am interest-
ed very much in knowing. You must take receipts
for all the money I pay to Mr Johnson & hold
them until I get home. Will you please ask
Mr Johnson, if Pa can give me any title to the
land, in case I should want to sell it. Write me
all he says. Now I want you to send me your photo-
graph & not in your Court dress, I do not like that
style. I have Annie, & Mary, Sallie & Louisa, send
me Boutin & yourself. I wrote to you sometime
ago to send me some books you need not do it
for I am not willing to pay the expense on them.
Please write me again how much money you got for
my two thousand dollars I sent to you, & how you
disposed of it, as there must have been some
mistake in some place. I ought to have had as
much money as Pullibus & I both got. I owe you
for the money lent to Pullibus to come to New York.
I will send you again some money in about one
month, you must let me know just what the
market is when you sell the check. I now get
eight thousand dollars per annum but as it cost