

in all the world, and
my prayer to day is
that I may make your
life, as happy and
complete, as you have
made mine.

The Lord mercifully
with his favor look upon
us and fill us with
all spiritual benediction
and grace, that we may
so live together in this
life that in the world
to come we may have

Valentine's Day.
1905

Dear Love,

If I were
only a poet I would
write it all in verse
but as I can not write
poetry I will say it
in prose. I love you.
I love you. I love you.
You are the dearest,
sweetest, best husband

life everlasting is the prayer of
you.

Valentine.

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12:30 PM
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Mr. F. L. Spinden,
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By

think in spite of my good night's rest I will take a nap this afternoon.

Grandma was in bed when I got here yesterday had been since Sunday a week ago. I believe I told you they were well over the telephone last night I was thinking of it afterward but Grandma is much better and is up this morning. She caught cold and had rheumatism in her back.

This is a very crude hotel compared to the Waldorf Astoria.

Grandma has a very pleasant room with four windows in it

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THE HOTEL ESSEX
BOSTON MASS

Scottsville, Ky.

March 7-78.

My dear Fillison,

Well how did you sleep last night? I slept like a top all the time from about half-past nine to six this morning. Did not know where I was when I woke up but soon realized when I did not find you lying up beside me. I was pretty well tired out last night and

but my room has only one window and
the funniest old timey stove and a box
sort of arrangement with a mirror
that would make even ~~the~~ Jesus look ugly
over it for a bureau and a painted wash-
stand (yellow). These things with two chairs
comprise the furnishings, ~~over~~ except
a white iron bed which is very comfortable
Over the bed hangs a snow scene with the
usual church and large yellow moon in
the distance. There are several other pictures
one of a lady who lacked sufficient

goods to complete her waist and another
of Mr. William Goebel. The latter has his
last words printed underneath and I
have turned the whole thing with its face
to the wall. The landlady's smallest
son rejoices in the appellation of Goebel Gode.

You don't know how glad I was to
get your telephone message last night
It makes me feel like I was so much
closer to you. The phone is right in the
house. I have heard your voice further off
than I ever did before. I recognized it
right away and could hear you

will get it in to night's mail
The mail leaves here at five every
morning and I believe that is
the only mail during the day.

If you direct my letters care of
Mr. H. C. Ditchell ^{or} of the Gracie
House they will be brought up to
the Hotel.

~~How~~ I am getting more and more
anxious for you to meet me in
Nashville. You don't know how
dreadfully disappointed I will
be if you don't. I think we could
just have heaps and heaps of fun.

I have not walked up town yet
think that will be about the wildest
excitement the town will afford.

There are no other women except

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BOSTON MASS

so plainly. You seemed to have
some trouble in understanding
me. I don't believe we talked near
three minutes.

What did you do last night?
I wish you would read a whole
lot of interstate commerce while
I am gone enough to do you
until I get ready to take another
trip. Also get up all of your
typewriter correspondence.
I have not gotten your letter yet

Grandma boarding here. Mrs Goade has a daughter Emma who is about seventeen Prof. Whallen a teacher in the school here boards here and several other men.

Emma is supposed to be very much in love with the Professor and goes to school ~~with~~ to him. Grandma does not think the Professor seems much enamored.

If I could just see you a little tiny while every day I would not get lonesome. I would just love to have a big bear hug one of the kind that make me fear for my ribs right now. You must send me lots of kisses when you write and Saturday if our plans work out all right I will get about a dozen dozen of the real articles. Do you love me much? Do you think of me often during the day? Did you miss me when you woke up this morning?

Dearie please dont forget to water my plants every day and put them in the front window. Where did you get the car yesterday? Give my love to Mother Rose and Papa Speiden.

Write real often and dont forget that I love you with all my heart

Your own little Harri.



Mr. F. L. Spindler,
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3/6/05.

My precious "little Pet" -

I will write you
right quick to day so I won't have
time to tell you that I miss you.
I got back to the office at 9 o'clock.

Seems like old times to be writing to you
don't it? I saw your father
as I came in Fourth Street in the car.
He did not see me. I saw Gertrude
as I went out to dinner. She was in car.

Pyrography has come. I shall begin
on the foot boards to-night. I shall
pyrograph "a love heart". Then when you get
back home we can put another one on it.

How are you standing the trip? It
is now 2.01 P.M. exactly and I can see
the train slowing up and you walking to the

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door, with a troubled look on your face
as if you were expecting to think of
something that you had forgotten.
I hope Theodore met you.

The agent's name at Gallatin is
G. W. Allen.

I do not think Dawson will get
the place. He is too light weight, from
all I can learn.

You are now in the Gallatin
district. Here I leave you, with
wishes of love and best of wishes,

Yours
Fillison

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Mrs. J. L. Spiden
Mrs. H. C. Mitchell,
Scottsville,
Ky.



I had a very uneventful and monotonous trip especially after I left Gallatin. The L & N was slow enough but the Scotts ville division is beyond all others for slowness. It is the limit.

They were all very glad to see me. Grandpa met me. I have a room right next to theirs I will describe it more at length tomorrow when I write.

Mr. Davis met a business friend at Shepherdsville and only came back a little while before Glasgow Junction was

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THE HOTEL ESSEX
BOSTON MASS

Scotts ville, Ky.,
March 6-1905

My Dearest,

I am so disappointed that I did not get the postal mailed to you at Gallatin.

Grandpa is going to take this out tonight and mail it for me so you will get it tomorrow afternoon.

reached. He gave us a very cordial invitation to come down and visit him when we go to Mammoth Lake.

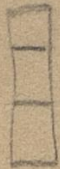
Theodore got on at Franklin as he expected and we had a very pleasant time together and he carried my suit case ~~etc~~ over and put them on the other train for me.

Mrs Goode is the keeper of the hotel. They keep several cows and I am going to drink milk and get fat while I am here.

There were a bride and groom on the train this afternoon, a very pretty but ordinary girl but how homesome I did feel and how I did wish for you.

I can't write more tonight for I don't want Grandpa to be up late so I must send you lots of love and kisses and tell you I do wish you were here and wait until tomorrow to tell you more.

Your loving wife.
Harri.



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My precious "little pet" -

I have just received your letter and am delighted to hear from you that every thing is O.K.

I could hardly hear you on the phone last night. I think some one must have been "rubbing". I tried to phone your father immediately afterward and found some body on our line. I suppose they heard those 200 mile kisses. ~~Mamma~~ I don't care a rap!

~~Mamma~~ could not hear you at all.

I shall be sure to write to you on Thursday so you will get it Friday night. You must get it as I will then tell you what I will do on

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Saturday. I now think I can
arrange it satisfactorily, and think
we will have lots of fun on our second
third "wedding trip." You will have
to get up awful early Saturday am.
5:00 o'clock.

I pyrographed last night or rather
did not, as I had the wrong kind
of benzine, and it made my head ache,
I never was so tired in my life
as I was this morning. No body
to ~~kiss~~ me out of bed I guess!

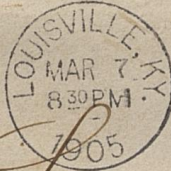
What is that word?

I miss somebody kiss every day at dinner & supper time
and feel like I shall have to call up the long distance again
to night, shall I? Long distance telephone kisses are like straw hats,
(not felt). Well bye bye till Saturday morning in
Nashville. Don't miss the train! Lovingly Yours
Fillison

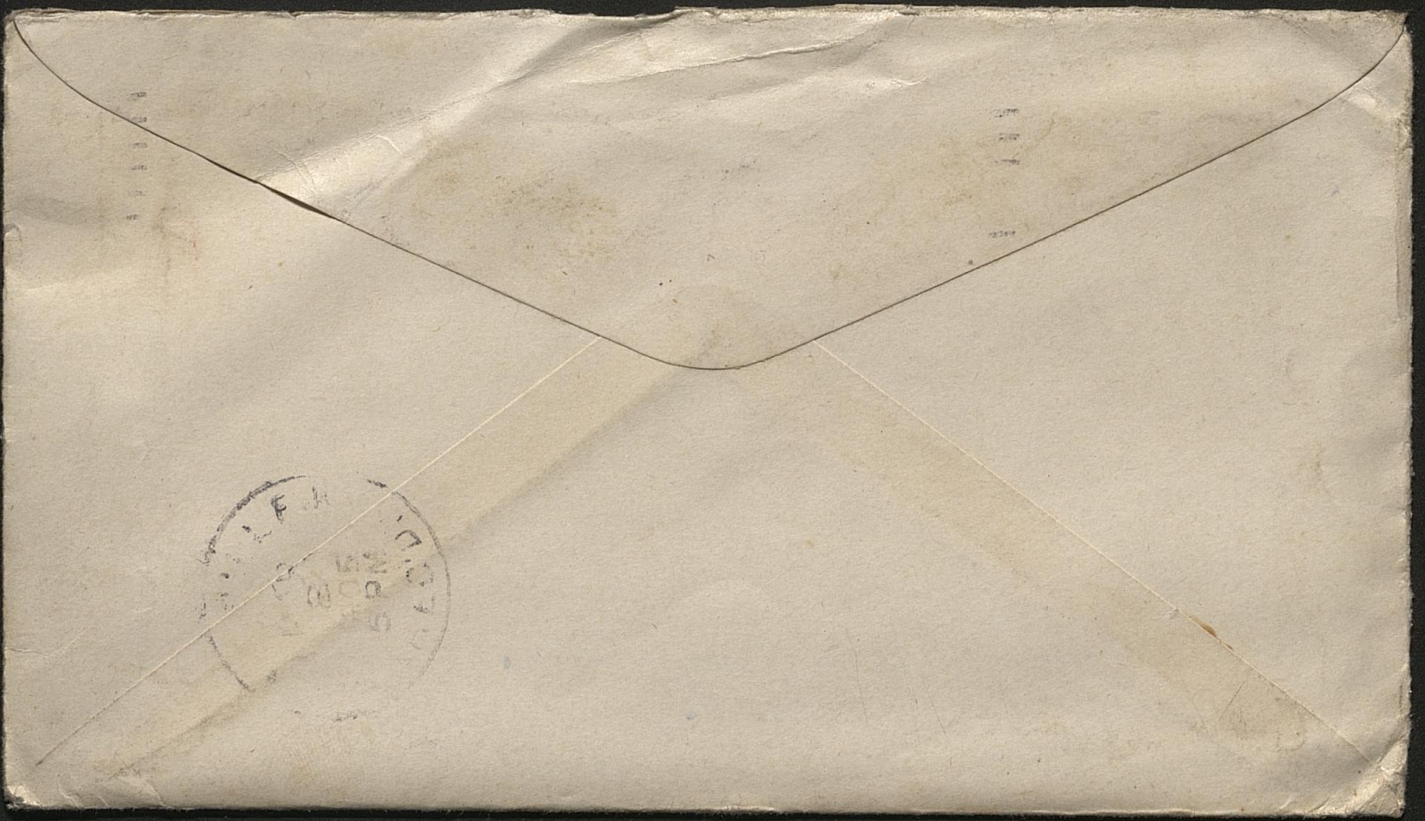
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Mrs. F. L. Spender
Care of Mrs. H. C. Mitchell
Scottsville
Ky.



Dear Fillison,

Maybe you will find this little note after I
am gone. I love my big sweetheart with all my strength and
I wish I could kiss him ~~after~~ tonight this very minute

Lovingly

Harri

Yes and your big sweet heart wishes the same thing
and has wished it a hundred times since the above
was so laboriously written. Saturday seems
so long and so very uncertain too. I will
write to you tomorrow (Thursday) so that you
will get the letter Friday night, telling you for
certain whether or not I can arrange to come
to Nashville on Saturday. What about Choir
Practice? "Eh? Tell me that."

I have been working hard all day and am trying
to get every ^{thing} up to date so that I can leave for
Nashville Friday night So I did not write you

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from the office but waited till I came home. I was very glad to find another letter awaiting me at my desk at home.

The Japs have licked the stuffing out of the Russians in the past two or three days 60000 or 75000 men killed or possibly more.

Hattie leaves tomorrow and we will live on cold ham for several days now.

It is very cold and rainy here now I hope it will clear off soon. We would not have any pleasure in Nashville if it were to rain that day. I think we had better not attempt it in that case.

We cannot take Dawson. He walked out home with me tonight. I think he is in love. I could not tell much about her except that she does not seem to be a Baptist. I feel awful sorry for Dawson. He seems to try very hard to get

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get along, but cant.

Mama hears me writing toy ou and has called up to me to tell me to send you her love, says she has missed you ever so much. Marian is having a good time.

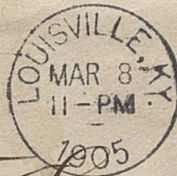
Pyrography is fine. I distinguished my self last night I made a fine picture of an old colored woman with her cap on ready to cook. Every body said it was splendid for one who dont know anything about drawing. I had to sort of trace it first and then fill in the shadig Well here's a thousand kisses and a hundred hugs and one more kiss from

Your big
Fillison.

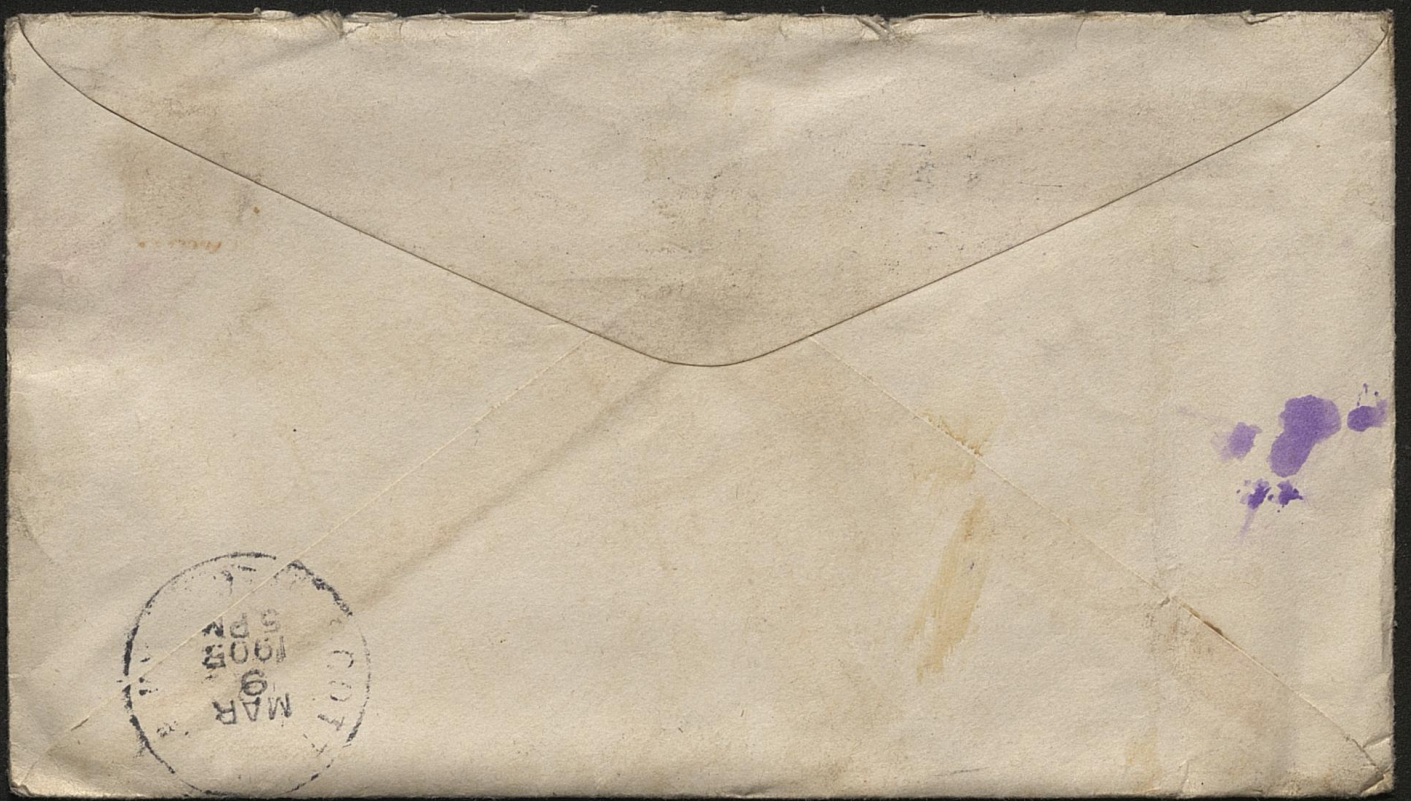
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songs, "The Old Arm Chair", "Castles in the Air" etc., I think his kind intentions to entertain were better than his voice.

There are several drummers here to day.

Harry Kitchell's mother and sister came to call this afternoon. Also Effie Carpenter (Mrs. Dent) and her mother Cousin Toy. I used to know Effie when I visited here as a child. Her father Mr. Titus Carpenter owns a drug store here and has been in the senate and several public offices and is they say the most popular man in the county.

Effie said she wanted to take me driving tomorrow if she could get a gentle horse. Her horse had died recently.

Well it is getting late so I will

Enclosed clippings from
Scottsville paper.

March 7-1905

Sweetheart,

Your letter came tonight and you don't know how I enjoyed it. It certainly seemed as you said like old times and little thrills ran all over me when I read it. I have already read it four times and as I cannot get another until tomorrow night I expect I will keep on reading it tomorrow. Any way I will put it under my pillow tonight and hope it will bring me sweet dreams of my sweetheart.

I have just come up stairs having been invited down into the parlor to hear a drummer sing some old time

write more tomorrow so kiss me good-night.

You are a dear, sweet boy so go to sleep and sleep tight till tomorrow.

Wednesday morning.

Well did you do like I told you to and have a good night's rest last night? I slept very well till about half past five when I woke up and wished for a certain person to be with me and put his arms around me. Then I dozed off again and dreamed some other man wanted to marry me but I would not have him. Then I had one of my funny mixed up dreams with you and Marian and I do not know who else in it.

It is raining hard here today so I suppose my drive will not mature. I am not vastly disappointed. I did not expect to do anything but see Grandma and do not care to.

So you had to write real quick so you could tell me you did not miss me. I wonder if you have since.

I missed you terribly on the train especially after I got on ^{the} branch road and saw that couple I believe I told you about them. The girl had one of the sweetest faces I ever saw and he would just look at her like, well, like you look at me and I did want you so much.

Grandma is not so well again today and has not gotten up I feel rather uneasy about her today. She and Grandpa go to bed about half past eight and I go about half past nine. If the nights are long the time will seem shorter.

your letter in the post-office Thursday night & ought to get it Friday at half past five.

I am sorry for Mr. Dawson if he can not get the place. Did you mean by his being "too light weight" that he was not capable?

Do not forget to address care of Grandpa instead of Grandma. He said something about my letter being in her care and I gathered that he would rather have it in his name so of course it makes no difference at all and if it pleases him the other way it might as well be that way.

I am finding out every day how what a large part of my life you have become but I thought I realized

I will expect to find some fine pyrography work when I come home but however on the foot board of my bed. Have you tried it at all?

I don't think I wore a troubled look on my face when I changed cars at Gallatin for you see I had Theodore to look after me.

Are you going to send me a telegram care of the agent G. H. Allen at Gallatin if you are unable to come? But not if you can come? I was thinking after I got here. Why do you not come to Washville on the same train I meet Saturday morning?

You will get this letter to-morrow afternoon and if you write and get

it before.

I am not going to seal this letter up until after I have read yours to night. You see I am confidently expecting another today. Maybe I will have something more to tell you and maybe not but "we'll let him be and when dinner time rolls round we'll see"

Six P. M.

Have just received your letter and the enclosed one from Inarian. I was glad to get both. Glad Inarian seems so well pleased.

Sorry the pyrography did not come out all O.K. He will try again when I come home. Was he so tired this morning? You must have been having too good a time the evening before.

I am just crazy to see you tonight. So you miss your kisses. Well I miss mine too. Be sure and write every day. I am so glad you think you will be able to come to Nashville.

Well I must hurry and find someone to drop this in the box for me. I will write every day. Lots of love and kisses from

Your own "Little Pet."

industries not mentioned here are
marks of the progressive spirit
that imbues the citizens of the
that little city of Scottsville.

In our town, there are many en-
terprising men. Our good "city
trusts" for instance, are public
spirited men and men of enter-
prise—hold on—are they public
spirited? Put on your overshoes
and leggings and wade through
the mud until you get to the
square that holds our splendid new
court house and stop on any one
of the corners and take a casual
survey of the "mud roads" that
serve as an excuse for streets be-
tween the handsome and substan-
tial brick structures in which hun-
dreds of dollars change hands ev-
ery day in the week, and then say
that be public enterprise. With
due respect to the trustees of
the town of Scottsville, esteeming
them as good and worthy gentle-
men, and men of enterprise and

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Success Summed Up.

(Baltimore Sun.)

“What is the secret of success?”
asked the Sphinx.

“Push,” said the Button.

“Never be led,” said the Pencil.

“Take pains,” said the Window.

“Always keep cool,” said the Ice.

“Be up to date,” said the Cal-
endar.

“Never lose your head,” said
the Barrel.

“Make light of everything,”
said the Fire.

“Do a driving business,” said
the Hammer.

“Aspire to greater things,” said
the Nutmeg.

“Be sharp in all your dealings,”
said the Knife.

“Find a good thing and stick to
it,” said the Glue.

“Do the work you are suited
for,” said the Chimney.

country. The inclemency of the weather, a few cases of smallpox and a cold wind has a decided tendency to keep us close. The cold here was not to compare with that you have had in Allen from what I gleaned from the papers and from the letters from Arthur. This close confinement to the house and the fireside has given me an excellent opportunity for reading. Among us here we take four church papers, the Youth's Companion and magazines. They are all good papers. I read and enjoy them and other good papers furnished me by a good friend, Mr. John Hampton, whom I have met since my arrival here. With all these good papers I want to say that I do not forget to read every day some in the best book books—the Bible. We should prize it above all other reading, and if any is left out let it be something besides the Bible. Wishing your paper a good patronage this year, I close for the

Self-Denial.

He stole a kiss,
The angry miss
Told him with blushes coy,
He must be good,
And that he should
Deny himself that joy.

“Oh, how can I
Myself deny?”
He asked the witching elf.

“The truth is this:
I stole that kiss
When I was not myself.”
Exchange.

Do you think love really is
blind?”

“It must be. A Wisconsin man
eloped with his mother-in-law.”

Tourist—Has your city any
dealer in relics?

Citizen—Yes, we have one
merchant who dosen't advertise.

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at home 3/9/05,

My precious little pet:

This is my last letter to you. I expect to see you in the Nashville depot at about 8.30 AM. Saturday morning, if all goes well. I have made all the arrangements at the office and church.

I shall not write to you again or send you any message care of the depot agent at Gallatin. If I have any cause to change my present plan I shall telephone you at the Scotts ville hotel. I hope the day will be fine and will have a fine time when we get to Nashville.

If you don't see me when you get off the train, go to the Asst. Engineers office in the station and wait for some sort of message.

I started to address your letter last night to Miss M.P. I have been
(over)

② figuring a great deal lately with H.P.
Do you know what H.P. stands for?
I mean the other H.P. Horse Power.
So Harriet Pettus and Horse Power were
analogous in one sense. EW! Tell me that.

I have just come up from
supper. I helped Mama to wash up.
Seemed like old times when I used to
wash the dishes out at #2104. Papa
and I did it fine.

Mama says she misses you too so
much. She is much better of her cold.

I am going to take a bath and
go to bed early to night. I shall
not get much sleep to-morrow night.

I feel like telephoning you to night
and if I were a billionaire I should do
so. But we will see each other Saturday
morning in Nashville. I do hope it
will be a bright fair day. I wish you
pass way to Bham. Alas so we could have gone
down there. I could have arranged it just as

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well so far I am concurred,

I feel very much relieved this week.
The meetings all over except the McFarney
Memorial. I went once. Shimura is fine,
but I had had enough.

Remind me of Geo. M. Boone when I see you.

I did not go to the lodge this week.

I have watered your ferns etc. (not etc. as
you always spell it) but have not put them
in the window because it has been
so rainy and cold.

I believe it is going to clear off
to night. You have my letter now.
Will you go to sleep on it? Well I
have been writing nearly an hour
so I must once more tell you
no more. Give my best regards

(4) to Grandma and Grandpa. Tell
them I wish I could come on to
Scotts Hill and spend the day instead
of Nashville. I know we would have
a better time if I could. Well here
are your thousand kisses, a hun and
~~an~~ hundred hugs — just one more kiss?!!
and good night! Little Pet, Good Night!
your Fillion

The poetry was fine. We all enjoyed it.
I hope you got your side.

Good night Harri

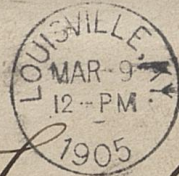
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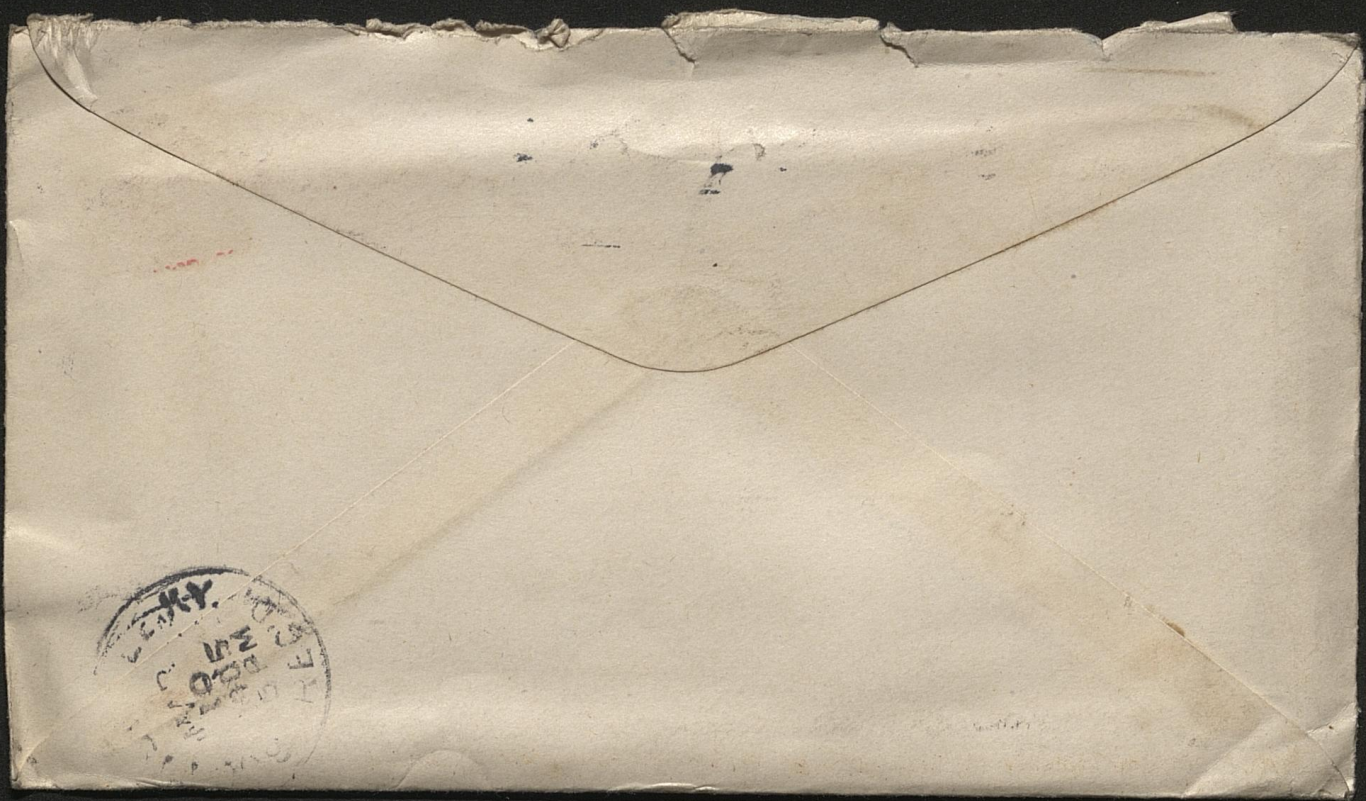
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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mrs. J. F. Spieder
Care of Mr. H. S. Mitchell
Scottsville,
Ky.

Goode Hotel



Grandma so I have really very little to tell you about.

I have made it seem quite an impression on Mrs. Goad's youngest son aged five and he has become quite attentive of late. He is a real bright little chap but pretty bad. So many people coming and going and he is real sharp and cute they pay so much attention to him that he is spoiled.

I don't know why but I feel as if I was not going to get a letter tonight and I will be so disappointed I won't know what to do if it does not come.

This will be the last one I will be able to write you for you will not get this until tomorrow afternoon and Saturday afternoon I expect to be

Thursday.

My big Sweetheart,

Day after tomorrow I will see you and I tell you I am getting pretty anxious for Saturday to come.

I have not been outside of the house since I came. Tuesday was a bright day but I had company that day and Wednesday and today it has just poured down rain.

Grandma is still in bed but is sitting up a while every day so I am playing nurse.

I have been doing some sewing I brought with me and talking to

with you either here in Nashville or Louisville
one.

I have been thinking a whole lot about you
since I have been away and talking to Grand-
ma about our trip and my room and about
you and have come to the conclusion that
I do not appreciate all of my good fortune half
as much as I ought and am not half as
good a girl as I should be. 6 P.M.

I certainly was glad when I saw my letter
this evening. So you found my note. I thought
possibly you might miss it. I wrote it
Saturday while you were at church and was
so afraid you would see it Sunday. I did
not know what to do.

Can't choir practice go just once? If it can't
please come even if we have to leave on the
afternoon train.

Am very anxious to see the old woman you
pyrographed.

Give my love to Mother Rose and tell her I
intended to write to her but Grandma being
in bed I have tried to spend as much time
with her as ~~usual~~ possible.

Oh, how I do want you so very bad. I am
just crazy to see you. Think I will have to
go to the office with you in order to see enough
of you when I come home.

Love to all and lots and lots for yourself
and heaps of kisses. Goodbye - dear till Saturday.
Little Pet.

Will not go to Nashville unless you say to in the letter I get tomorrow.

but you must go.

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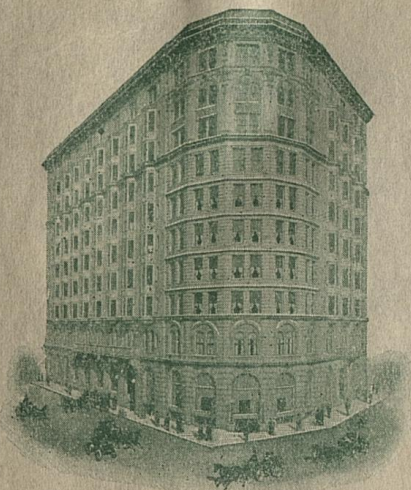


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The Piedmont

WILL V. ZIMMER, MANAGER.

C. J. OWEN, ASS'T MGR.

Atlanta, Ga. 4/7/05

THE SOUTH'S MOST PALATIAL HOTEL

Little Precious:

I'm awful
blue. I am in the magnificent
parlor listening to fine music
the blue variety. I have worked
awful hard but can't finish
I will have to come back
next week, for a few days
I may send for you, if possible.
I shall have to hurry if
this goes to you, to morrow.
I will be home Sunday
morning via So. Ry. will come in
4th Street. Hope to find you
at home.

I have only recd
2 letters from you.
Affec
Fillson



The Piedmont
ATLANTA, GA.

Station A

*Forward in
4th St. Car
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Mrs F. J. Spedden
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Louisville,
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My precious :-

I t is now 11 p.m.
I am listening to the hotel orchestra
& L Trumbull etc. This is an
magnificent hotel. I got your
letter this am. delighted. I
feel awful love some nervous.
Have been out to supper.
Saw Moses Wright on my
return to Hotel at 9 o'clock.

Now — —

I may have to
come back for 10 days or 2
weeks more. If so I may be
able to arrange for you. I'm
awful glad you did not come
at first. Will tell you why
later on. I'm home to night
afe music and you. I won't get
home till Sunday morning ~~and~~

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Atlanta, Ga. _____

THE SOUTH'S MOST PALATIAL HOTEL

I hope to be in time for
church.

Please telephone course
no choir practice

Your wr
Fillmore,

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Handwritten initials or signature, possibly "L.?"



The Piedmont
ATLANTA, GA.



Mrs. J. H. Spiden,
2104 - 4th av.
Louisville,
Ky.

Care of Mr. Geo. Pittman

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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LOUISVILLE, KY. REC'D
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1905

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MILLISON L. SPIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear little pet:-
wrote you last night mailing
~~mailing~~ the letter from Nashville.
I had sealed the letter.
Before I got off the train.
I did not see her as I told
in another letter to day to
Mama. I slept all the afternoon
when I was awakened at
6.30 p.m. I saw the bright
sunlight and could not be
persuaded that it was not
morning (it had been raining all day)
and that I had missed going to
church. I have not gotten
a letter since Thursday.
I suppose I will get four
to morrow. Tomorrow will be the
fourth day since I have

③ gotten one. I am very
much excited about Theodore
I do hope he will get the
place. I don't anybody write
to him about it till he gets
it. He knows nothing of this
so far. It has been
raining hard all day. The
cellar is now flooded again.

The corn fields in this section
are all inundated. Ben Green
is editing a paper (weekly)
in Columbus Nebraska, "The
Platte County Argus". I have
read two of his editorials
and except for the fact
that he curses the railroad

MILLSON L. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

FILLISON L. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

③ They are very good.
Tell Mama that Mr.
Mrs Satterwhite and Communion
were at church to night.
I have played my last
night for a month or more.
And my last morning for
two weeks. I hope you

are well and gaining
strength and flesh. I
feel rather uneasy sometimes
at not getting your letters.
Your mails are very irregular,
I have missed you very much
to day. I don't know how
much it would have been
if I had not gone to sleep

HILSON L. SPIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

① You have written
me some mighty nice
letters since you have
gone. I don't suppose you
will get this one before Tuesday
in which event I will not get
an answer to it if not mailed
Wednesday AM. The Col mail
is very uncertain. For example
the last letter I have gotten
was written and mailed by you
early Wednesday morning and
this is Sunday night.

I wished for you in the
chapel to night the sermon did
not interest me especially
and I wanted to hold somebody's
hand. I am sorry it will not

HILLISON L. SPEDDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

O be moonlight when I
reach Mitchells. Will
have lot of fun though
I hope peaches will be ripe.
I have not tasted but two
this year. Last night in
Nashville. Will you be
on the out look for
me when I come. and
or will you be out visiting
some of the neighbors and I
have to telephome you to
come home? Have you
got chiggers yet. I
am thirsty to see you
letters which I know

FILLISON L. SPEDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

⑥ I will get to morning
You write better letters
than you used to. I
write more. I can't
find Miss Pitcher's letter
will take another look
before I come over.

With good bye

will see you ^{both} soon

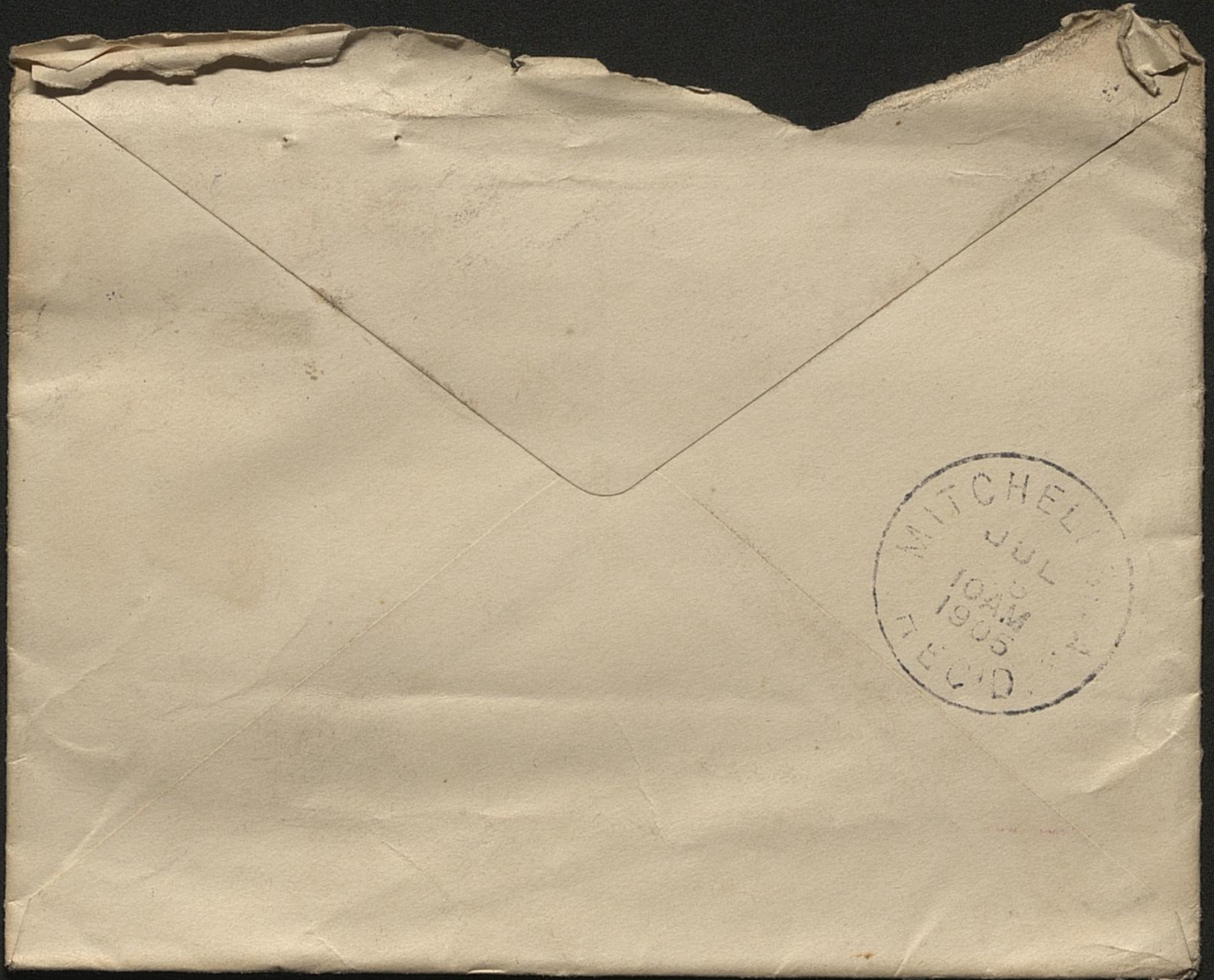
Affectionately
F. L. S.

FILLISON

LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mr. F. L. Spiden,
A. Geo. H. Latham,
Mitchells,
Va.



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LOUISVILLE, KY.

7/11/05.

My dear little Pet:

We certainly have missed you. I went home and played Samis and read. I delivered your several charges.

This letter will arrive almost as soon as you do. I am very busy about FLS Buzzle. Will work to night till about 11 o'clock.

Write me as often as convenient. I hope to receive your first postal to morrow am.

Presume you have had a pleasant journey. It has been very cool here to day.

Give my love to all of the folks, and tell them I will see them soon.

Will bye bye. There is no other news.

Your devoted
Fillian.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mrs. J. L. Spedden,
Geo. H. Latham,
Mitchells, Va.

MITCHELLSIA
JUL
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Dear Little Pat: I am rushed to death today. 7/12

Thought of you all day yesterday at each
point until ^{after} you left Salisbury.

I would go to Atlantic City I guess. All
an ill out home. Have only got a
one fatal so far. Went to Post office last
night to get it but it had not arrived.

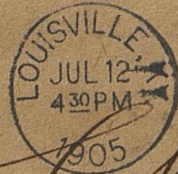
Hope you are ok now. Wish you had
wired me when you got to Chelapee

I hope to write a bigger letter to you
doubtedly Fr. 7/12

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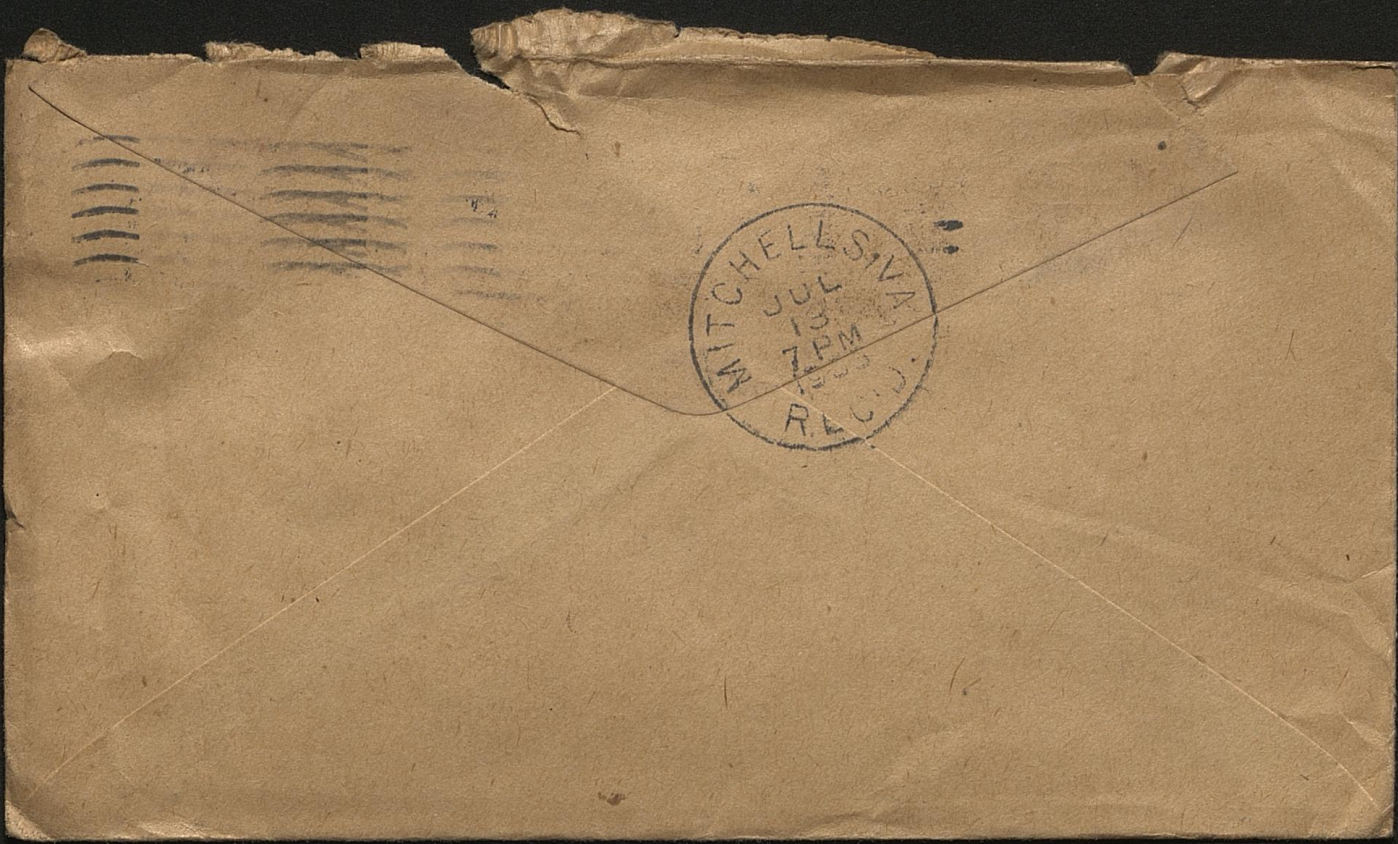
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Mr. F. L. Spiders,
Geo. H. Latham
Mitchells

Culpeper Co.

Va.



MITCHELLS VA
JUL 13
7 PM
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Friday.

Dearest,

I cannot imagine why but my head is just splitting this morning I do not ever remember to have had it ache this way. So I will not try to do much more than just let you hear from me.

Margaret and Mrs Ellison left this morning. I believe I never have told you she was here but she came over from Sulphur when I did. She lives in some place the call Crozet (I have no idea how to spell it) but Uncle George and aunt Sellie boarded with them several summers. Margaret goes to visit her cousins in Rapidan. I am sorry she is gone I like her very much.

I had a whole lot of things to tell you but my head aches so I cannot think. Bobbie will not go until late this

afternoon so I will write more later when I feel better.

4 P.M. Well, Sweetheart, I feel much better. My head ached dreadfully for a while but I parted with my breakfast and very soon I felt better.

We miss Margaret very much. But the children certainly keep things lively.

I have gotten two letters from you and hope you will get mine at least tomorrow. Sorry you did not get a postal the other night. I wrote you four altogether.

I was somewhat afraid I was going to sick this morning, and felt like I would give anything for you. In fact I think I am already in need of a little getting on general principles.

Went to milking yesterday afternoon and drank a pint of warm milk.

Margaret and I talked until about twelve last night. She was telling me

about leaving home and marrying Clem
 she expects to be married by Sept 1st.

Lizzie is taking a vacation and
 Lucy her substitute has four children
 the oldest aged six. Only two are here
 a baby nine months named Paulie
 who is tended by Spencer aged six years.

It is pitiful to see him tending to him
 and carrying him around and riding
 him in his chariot as Lucy calls his kiddy

ask Gerchie to look up my bathing
 suit to give Annette wrot you please?

Do you know whether Pers. H. has
 done any more talking?

I would give anything for Shil to be
 up here and play with these children.

Have they moved you yet? What have
 you done about the F.L.S.?

How, three weeks is an awfully long

time. Can not you possibly manage
to come Thursday night instead of Saturday?

What have you done about the desk?
Don't forget it.

Have you missed me yet?

I am going to lie down some more
so this will be all for today. Lots of
love to everybody and heaps for my
Sweetheart from his
Sweetheart.

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MILLS
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Mr. F. L. Spinden,

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Louisville,

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FILLISON L. SPRIDEN,

LOUISVILLE, KY.

7/13/05

My Dear little Sid:

It is now real late, after ten o'clock, and I am alone in the church when I have been entertaining a large crowd with the organ. Mrs. Parks. Mrs Braddens Mrs Baldwin and about twenty others. I don't guess I'll go to Atlantic City. The chime people took me shaw's bills, and have another prospect in sight for me. I don't know what I'll make out of it.

I have an organ in prospect, Went down to 30th Chestnut this afternoon to see about

② the matter. I am not counting
much on that thought.

Took Gertrude to hear
creator last night.

Mr Bailey got home to night
may possibly go to Buffalo
to live. May ~~be~~ as a better
position in night.

The mining people have
not sent definite word
about my piece. Their critic
is away. I have not packed
my trunk for Atlanta ~~yet~~
yet.

Little Ann Crocker
is out at the house.

How did you get along after
leaving Salisbury. I received
all three of your letters to day

(3) I have had no luck with
the puzzle. I am losing
hope. Guess I won't
go to New York.

MILLISON L. SPIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

I got right anxious about
you in Sal's busy. I was
reading The Right of Way
about Charlie getting knuckled
in the head & thrown in the
river and I was tempted
to telephone you. But it
is well that I did not try.
How about your sleep.
was it sound?

All send love, if they wish.
I read them your postals to night.
Well good night. I am
writing you this letter

late to night so that
you may not miss getting
one Saturday.

FILLISON L. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Bye Bye

Your husband,

I'll try to write
you a better letter

to morrow. May

feel better in morn:
wide awake and like writing

something to write about.

WILLISON L. SPEIDEN.

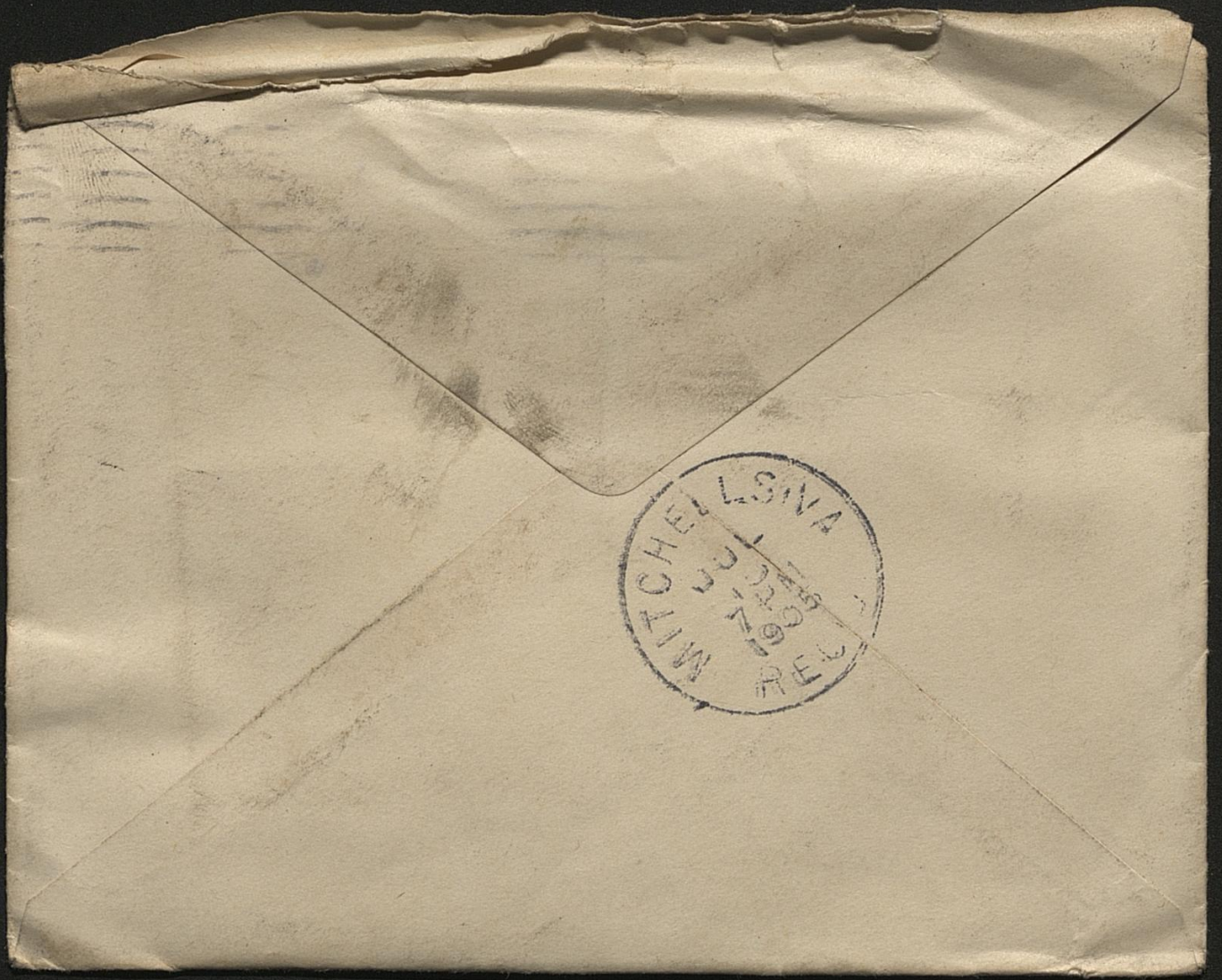
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LOUISVILLE, KY.
JUL 13
11-PM
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Mrs F. L. Speiden,
Mitchells,
Va.

Geo. H. Latham.



MITCHELLSINA
JUL 21
1905

Cedar Mountain,
July 13-1905

My Darling Fillison,
Everything is
perfectly lovely here and I am
charmed and delighted with every-
body.

They dont send mail directly to
Mitchells but down to Mr. Slaughters
about three o'clock in the afternoon
and then he takes it to the office
early next morning. Then it does
not leave Mitchell's this until evening
so you will get my letters very slowly
but if I write every day you will
get one every day after they start.

I am going to expect one from
you every day.

I believe I told you mostly about
my trip up to Salisbury. Well the
train was an hour late there which
put us in at 9.30. Miss Farris was
with me all day which made the
time pass more quickly. She was
going to take the 10.55 train to
Richmond. So we went over to the
hotel together. The man at the
hotel was the most indifferent thing
I ever saw. We asked if we could
get supper and ^{he said} he could not give
us anything, their dining had been
closed sometime but that we could
get something at the lunch counter
at the station. He said I could
come back over there and get a
room till train time if I wanted.
So there was nothing to do but

proceed over to the² lunch counter.

When we had finished it was quarter past ten. There were lots of people at the station quite a number of women. The agent had told me the 11.30 train was the first I could get and that he had telegraphed that morning for my berth. There was such a nice looking lady and her daughter sitting waiting and I asked her if she was going to Washington and she said she was on this 11.30 train. It was so late there only a little over an hour till 11.30 so this lady said she would be glad to have Miss Farris and me wait there with her and I was so glad to do so for the hotel man had been so exceedingly unaccommodating and

in different.

The train was an hour late, ^{12.30} and Miss Farris found she could go to Danville on that train just as well so we all piled on and the pullman conductor said we would just have to get off and take the train that came by at 1 A.M. for there was not even an upper berth on the train.

All the others all got off except Miss Farris and she had gone in a day coach with a gentleman she met whom she knew but I vowed I would not get off for my berth had been telegraphed for and I would rather sit up all night for I knew they were expecting me.

All the train moved off with me standing on the steps and the conductor on the platform telling

me I had better ³ take the next train
But when he found I was deter-
mined to stay and knew he ought
to have save me a berth he was
quite accommodating all of a sudden.

So I had the drawing room all to
myself. I told you how they met
me in Culpeper. Marian and I
had quite a bit of shopping to do
and I met Fillison Sathum then
we went up to Jennie's and met her
mother and sister Jennie had insisted
upon my coming up there to breakfast
but their cook was sick and they
had other company so we decided
not to trouble them and I had
fried chicken and honey at the hotel
I enjoyed the drive very much
The scenery is cert ainly fine

I slept for three ~~3 1/2~~ hours yesterday afternoon. Did not feel used up from my trip at all. Had rain yesterday and this morning.

The children are perfectly darling and "Lollie" (which she insists upon my calling her) is simply charming. Hope he will have some as sweet children some of these days.

Another Rose says tell you if you have not time to puzzle out her letters she is going to quit writing. She mentioned incidentally that she thought I would do enough for both of us now.

Cousin Kate says tell you not to work so hard. Oh I would give most anything to have you here all the time. I want you to be sure and spend all of your vacation here except

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the day or two in Washington I am
anxious to see what a rest will
do for you. Hope you will not
have to go anywhere else.

I just thought and thought about
you on the trip and compared it
to things that had happened before
I want to see you already. Please
don't work too much at night and
take good care of yourself.

I weighed 98½ lbs last night.

Margaret has gained seven pounds
while here. She leaves for Papadan?
(how do you spell it) tomorrow then
Marian will room with ~~you~~ me till
you come.

When you are not working or
having those fine times you told
me about think just a little of

"Little Pit", and also "Little Ellison"

Tell all of them the news I write you but I will also write them. Tell Skirl I gave the children the dolls and they are very much pleased but the grown people have just carried on about them. Aunt Nellie says they are simply wonderful. They all thought they were traced.

Tell if I don't stop I won't have any thing to say to-morrow. Mother Rose says thank you for the paper all the same.

Heaps of love to my husband and my family and ever and ever so many kisses for the dearest, sweetest, bestest man in the world.

Your little wife
Fanni

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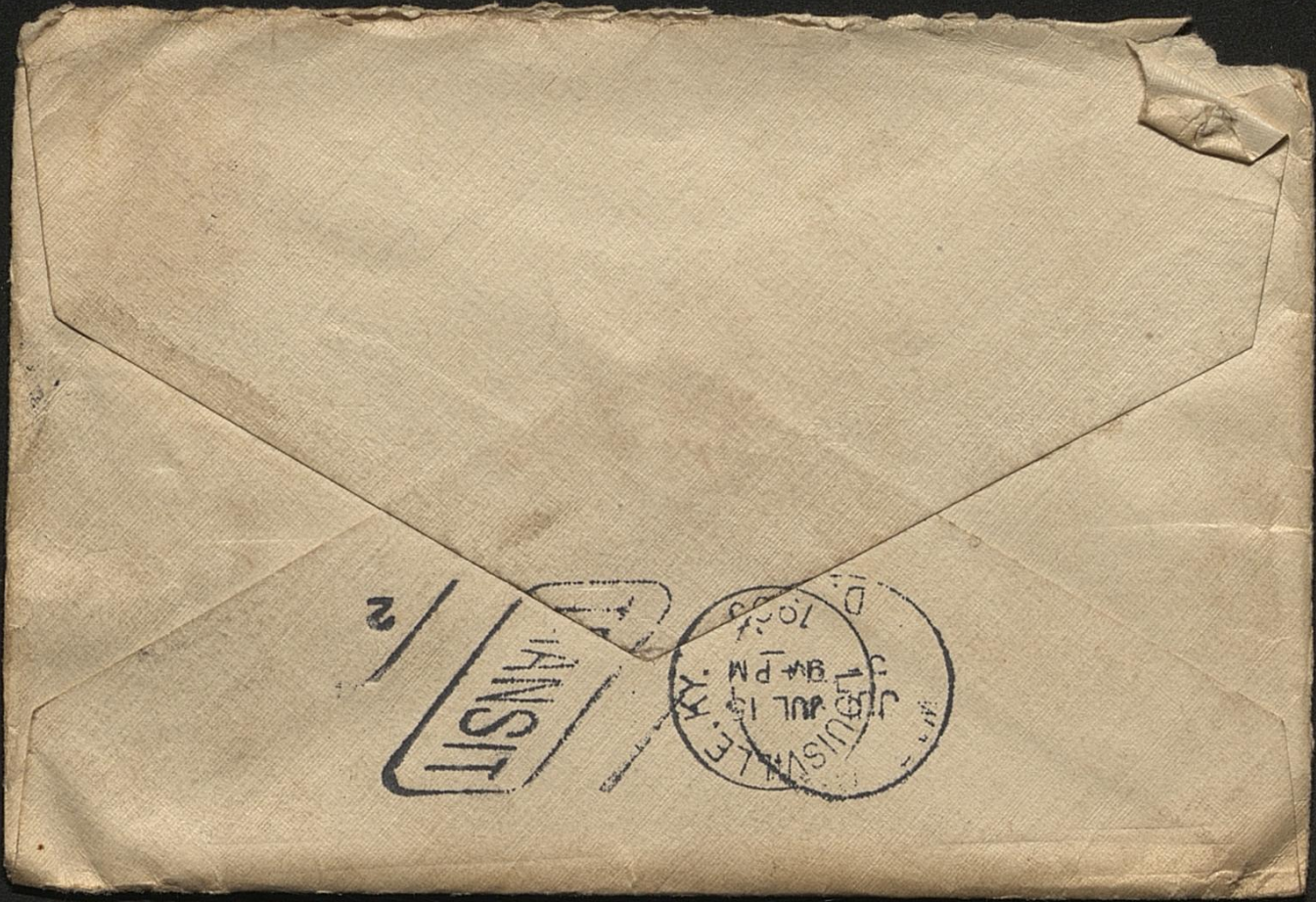
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Mr. F. L. Spierden
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Louisville

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TRANSIT

ST. LOUIS, MO.
JUL 19
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My dear little pet:-

7/14/85.

Have not yet gotten a letter from you. Have received all your postals (4). I wrote you a long letter last night at church. I have written every day since you left. (Will not write to-morrow 15th as you do not go to post office on Sunday. Are you having a fine time and getting fat? I saw Van Norman on the car day before yesterday the 12th. He said it was his anniversary 9 months from wedding date. He asked me how much he was ahead of me. I asked him which he meant. He said the wedding date of course. I ~~the~~ told him if that was what he meant, he was only 12 days ahead. from Oct 12th to Oct 24th. Now wasn't he bad?

I am, and have been since the first night you left sleeping in the little room. The little chiffonier was sent away. Did you have anything in the left hand partition?

(2) The door would not open and so
it was sent off unnoticed. Pls. advise.

It is getting quite warm here.

I took a ride in Mr. Stovis' 40 miles per
hour auto car down to Walnut St. and then
nearly out to the park (Jacobs) and back.
Part of the way at full speed. Shirley &
Gretchen Milled were along in the rear.

He explained it all to me.

Just to think, I will be in Mitchell's
~~on~~ two weeks from the date you receive this
letter. (Monday) We will go to Wash. D.C.
for a day and have a fine time. Don't tell
any of the Wash. people we will be there
as we will have to take dinner or something
and we will lose time. If Marian would
like to go to Wash. tell her I will try
to get her a pass.

I am waiting for your letter this p.m.
and will not read this until that is received
there may be some questions to answer.

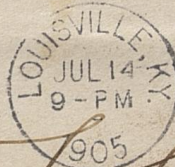
(3) No letter yet,

I am very much discouraged
over the puzzle. The Ky. Agent for the
Arturo after a 2 hour second interview
asking how much I wanted, said I
said \$200. he said he did not know
about \$200 but thought they
would give \$100⁰⁰. Tell Mama
+ all of this all the more
Filibin.

SOUTHEASTERN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mrs. J. L. Spender,
Geo. H. Latham,
Mitchells,
Va.

MITCHELL
JUL
17
10AM
1905

My dear little Sam:- 7/16/05

I have received
my four postals and your one
from Cedar Mt. but as yet
no letter and you have been gone
nearly a week, this being the seventh
day. I don't want to tell you
to write. In fact, I'd rather
you would only write a few lines
if you have not much time.

I have had very little time,
the S. M. V. has been on trial in
court and we have all been
more or less excited. I was in
the court room all yesterday
afternoon, listening to the testimony.

The W. M. V. people are trying to
cripple Louisville and the Louisville
people are fighting for their rights.

Well I have heard nothing

FILLISON L. SPEIDEN
LOUISVILLE, KY

② more from the T. L. S. puzzle.

I do hope I can get \$100⁰⁰ for it. He says he will give me a good write up in the paper. He seems to think I have accomplished something wonderful. He used to be an engineer studied at West Point. He could not work out the fallacy. Tried awful hard. Told me not to tell him but let him work it out.

He wants to offer 1000⁰⁰ policies in the Aetna Life Ins Co for one year to every body they will work it. This is rather ~~so~~ utopian but in fact so far as it goes, and if the home office does not take the same ~~correct~~ view that he does, it is not his fault. I am rather excited now a word of speculation. I am as it were throwing up 100⁰⁰ bills, and it's

HILLISON E. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY

FILLISON L. SPIDEN.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

③ heads, I win, tails, I lose.
I spend the evening Saturday
with Mr. Carother. He is
a fine fellow and seems to
like me. I wish you would
cultivate Mrs. Carother and the
children; I may need his
help some day. He is well
fixed and if he acts conservatively
he will be very wealthy some
day. &

I ~~see~~ you new surrounding I
suppose you have very little
time to think of me. I want you
to be sure to tell me how
you feel every thing you write.
also how Letter F. feels. Understand?
I say how L. F. feels... (?)... (?)
I hope you will be well the
return time and will be very

FILIPSON L. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

(4) much benefited. I do
not think I shall go any
where but to Mitchells and
to Washington. Had you got
the money back from the Pullman
Conductor? and how about Miss
Farrow? It is very hot here to
day. I have not been at home
much. I don't miss you so
much when I am not at home.
I often wonder what little jet,
is tonight that ~~trains~~. So often
at night when we sit out
after supper I wonder if you
are looking at the moon, and certain
stars at the same time. I am
I'm a certain sense I can
see you then. The moon has none
but reflected light, it is like a
mirror. Not a plane, but it diffuses
its ~~light~~ received light in every direction.
Then you see some of the light

5) from your face falls on the face of the moon. It is reflected in infinite directions. Some of it falls on the retina of my eye and I get a glimpse of you. Actually, scientifically true.

Proven by Physics, as I have shown above. Small, very small, infinitely small, but it is enough to start a train of thought.

Hill gate in East River was blown up, the initial action being the men touching of a button by a little girl. I wonder why the moon makes people sentimental. I have often thought of it. I wonder if there is not some sort of ray, not light ray nor electric ray, not heat, but ultra X ray, ultra, Marconi's ray, I'll discover it and call it the "Harriet Ray", a ray of sentiment, which has

② ~~these~~ vibrations differed from those
of electricity and light etc., perhaps
a lower rate, I think, about 20
per minute, keeping time with
the heart beat and keeping time
with Louis's sighs. How could you
think this is a great discovery
you helped me to make. If you
will write a couple of verses on that
theme I'll set it to music. And
then will discover something else,
that ~~I~~ we will ~~can~~ make money
or I can't write music.

I'm writing you a long letter
of nonsense. Do you like nonsense?
Very nonsense? I depend. I hope
you will be in the right humor.
Get in touch with me before you
start to read it. Sometimes when
your letters used to come, I may have
just been doing some nasty work,
and I have often thought

FILISON L. SPIDEN
LOUISVILLE, KY.

⑧ ^{is it} it would be better not
to "stop" the wheels of commerce
until I got in the right
humor.

I'm hungry for a sealed letter
one that you need have no fear
of any one else reading. Then
you can talk to me as though
we were in bed and the lights
all out, nobody but us three, you
me, and L. F.

Make all your letters like that,
just imagine the lights out, you
have your hand on my head for a
moment more, and you are thinking
what you ~~off~~ are going to say when
I arise, and we smuggle up together.
You need not read this letter out
loud. You can tell them about
the affairs and incidents, affairs and
incidents and make good letters
though. But you may tell them

HILLISON L. SPEIDEN,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

① That the best part of the letter was sentimentally personal.

I am all alone in the big church and that's what makes me feel so. I guess if I read this letter over I'd tear it up and send you a short one. But I have never done that yet and don't like to waste the ink, so I won't read it but will read it here with fifty kisses and go home to dinner. The flies are awful a thousand over me.

Yours lovingly
Fillmore

Love to all,

Got your
letter this PM.
What did you hear to pay
for sleep during room?
How much left did you
give mine?

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FILLISON L. SPEIDEN.

LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mrs. F. L. Speiden
Geo. H. Latham,
Mitchells,
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Saturday.

My dear Boy,
How if you could only be with me tonight. I did not write this morning for this will not get mailed until Monday morning anyway and I will put my tomorrow's letter in with it.

I am all alone tonight. Invarian is staying up in the other room. Mother Rose was taken with a spell about half past seven this evening and is not over it yet. She is in almost no pain though and has been asleep so I am in hopes it will pass off while she sleeps. I will write in this same letter how she has gotten before and send it off.

I am all undressed sitting by the camp and wishing you were here. Can you guess what I would like to

have done for me tonight? If by have my
back rubbed of course.

You certainly ought to see the progress
your little son has made in the past week.
I can see and feel too the greatest
difference. There will be no such thing
of hiding it in a very short time now.
I feel just like a drum tonight. O how
wont it be darling. If we have as good
looking and attractive a child as Aunt
Nellie has, we certainly will be lucky.

Aunt Nellie insists that you spend
the whole of your vacation except two
days here. I want you to be sure and
arrange to leave L. on Thursday night.

I was so disappointed not to hear
from you to day but mails here are an
exceedingly uncertain quantity. Margaret
got very much upset while here because
she did not hear from Helen for a day

or two and then she got~~th~~ three letters all different dates in one mail.

I have felt all night to day. Washed my hair this morning and almost finished that washstand cover I began last winter. Have not ten minutes more work on it.

I am ^{not} going to write more to night for I am undressed and am catching cold sitting here in my nightie.

Can not you by some magical art just be here with me to night. I dreamed about you last night and hope I will have a nice visit from you in dreamland to night. So good-night and you'll have some more written to you tomorrow by your little Wife

Sunday morning.

Dear Fillison,

You are about starting
for church now and I am so lonesome
I do not know what to do.

Brother Rose got over her spell about
your A.M. She had some pain about two
o'clock but then went to sleep and did
not know when it passed off.

There is no church to go to this morning
I think I will spend my time writing.

Yesterday and to day have been bright
and sunshiny. But for weeks before they
have had nothing but rain.

What are you going to do this afternoon?
I expect a nap would be good for you.

If you can leave on Thursday night
it will be less than two weeks until I
see you, and I do hope you can.

I wish you could come next Thursday.
Everybody is just lovely but I want you
and I want you badly already and
I don't know how I am going to feel
by the time you do come.

Your father has shared his side whiskers
of this morning. He is looking so fat and
well. When I have been here a week I am
going to weigh again.

Yesterday they sent some lambs and the
calves off and Cousin Kate is very much
grieved. The farm will not be through for
three or four weeks yet and then Uncle George
will begin his coal house and servants
room and his meat house.

If I could only have gotten a letter
yesterday I do not believe I would be so
homesick for you to day. I have not gotten
a long letter yet. Your last letter said

you had only gotten² one postal from me and I have written you five and this makes the fourth letter.

What have you heard from Theodore? Hope he is all right again.

I wish I had waited a week longer to go. Three weeks is entirely too long for us to be separated especially now. I wish it was not Sunday so I could work some.

You must write me all you are doing outside the office. Have you and sister played tennis yet?

I have the flu in good fashion this morning. I would come home if you were not going to spend your vacation here.

I think I will see if I can not go back to sleep and forget for a little while how much I want you

Sincerely
Harris.

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Mr. F. L. Spinden,
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Louisville
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LOUISVILLE, KY. July 18th, 1905.

My dear little pet;

I did not write to you yesterday. I was guilty of gross neglect, I know but I could not very well help it, and then too, Gertrude wrote you a letter yesterday but I believe she did not mail it after all.

Well I have been out at the Custom House all the time most. The trial has been something awful, at least it has so developed for some people. It looks at times as though they were trying to land Mr. Reynolds in the penitentiary. And I am not so certain about him yet. It is evident that he will lose his place here, at least. There has been some rascality practiced which they think he should have prevented. I don't know that he could have very well done more than he did. I have been with him most of the time. Mr. Washburn and Mr. Ramsey are in Atlantic City. I never felt so sorry for any body in my life as for him. He is simply scared to death, trembles like a leaf. Can't think any better than a child even when he is off of the witness stand. He has been up now for five days and this evening they excused him.

Well there is very little else to tell. I wrote you a very long letter on Sunday. I suppose you have ere this received the same. I am sending to Papa in this mail an account of the destruction of the depot at 4th and Broadway. I have not seen it yet except from Fourth Street. I was sorry to hear of Mamas spell tell her. Tell her that I will write to her in a day or two. I don't see how I can come any earlier but I will write to you every day. Wont that

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

Do?

I took my puzzle to the people to d y and they will senr it to the home office I will tell you th e result. I am havinf a hard time with i this machkne it is awful. It is theworst I ever saw. the good ones a re at Atlantis City. I Will not write much more as I will be late at Supper but may write to you some more for the snext mail.

Well bye bye and write to and think often of your H

hubbie.

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WELLSVILLE
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Snow day.

Dear Fillison,

I do not feel quite so blue today. I had a slight headache just as I began this and lay down to take a little nap. Now George is ready to go so I will have time only for a little note.

I have begun some sewing and am reading a book so will get along better today.

What Nellie sends her love says come as soon as you can.

I am not going to keep George longer now for I am too anxious for your letter.

Love to all. Kisses from your little wife. I will write more tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Little Pet

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Mr. F. L. Speiden
C. Trust Bldg
Louisville
Ky

G. E. M. P.

LOUISVILLE
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Tuesday.

My darling Fillison,

Yesterday brought me two nice long letters from you and you have no idea how much better I feel. Yes I guess you have a pretty good idea for I expect you ^{have} felt the same way yourself.

Wish I could have been at your organ recital. Was Gerchie there?

Sorry you wont get to Atlantic City. ~~but~~ I am certainly glad they took the bills. Hope you will make at least \$25 out of it and more on the other prospects. What more have you heard from the organs? Also have you heard anything more from the murie? Glad your trunk is not packed for

Atlanta. I like Louisville best, but ---

I read in your next letter about your encouragement over the puzzle. How, won't it be simply presumptuous if we could make a hundred dollars out of it. I am just tickled to death at the prospect. You certainly deserve lots of credit for not getting discouraged over first failures. Still you are will be rich some day and we are already happy and if I just could give you a big bag and piss right now and get a bigger one in return O my! would not it be nice. Dont forget to tell me if you can manage to leave Thursday night instead of Saturday. Pties. I am sure you can if you try real hard.

I have finished "Soldiers of Fortune" and my washstand cover and got

six handkerchiefs ready to begin hem-stitching yesterday.

Sometimes you must tell Van Dorman that you are just six months or maybe five ahead of him, but not now.

How do you like the little front room? Are you comfortable there? Hope it is not as warm there as it is here.

I did not have anything in the cabinet of the chiffoniere but I did have my black hat in the second drawer. Did Sister get that out?

Think we will get an auto when we get rich? I suppose you know all about one now.

Marion says she does not believe she cares to go to Washington but thank you just the same.

I am getting desperate about my clothes.
I find I cant wear neither my tan or
black skirts with any comfort. I can hardly
stand my corset. I dont wear it much.

Feel pretty good today. I am going to
take my nap this morning after I finish
this and then I will sleep this afternoon
I believe I get more done and like that
better than sleeping in the afternoon.

Hope I will hear more to day about
our money making schemes.

Well I have not much more to
say this time except that you are
a dooder and I certainly do love my
husband for he is the sweetest and best
in the world

Sincerely,
Little Pet.

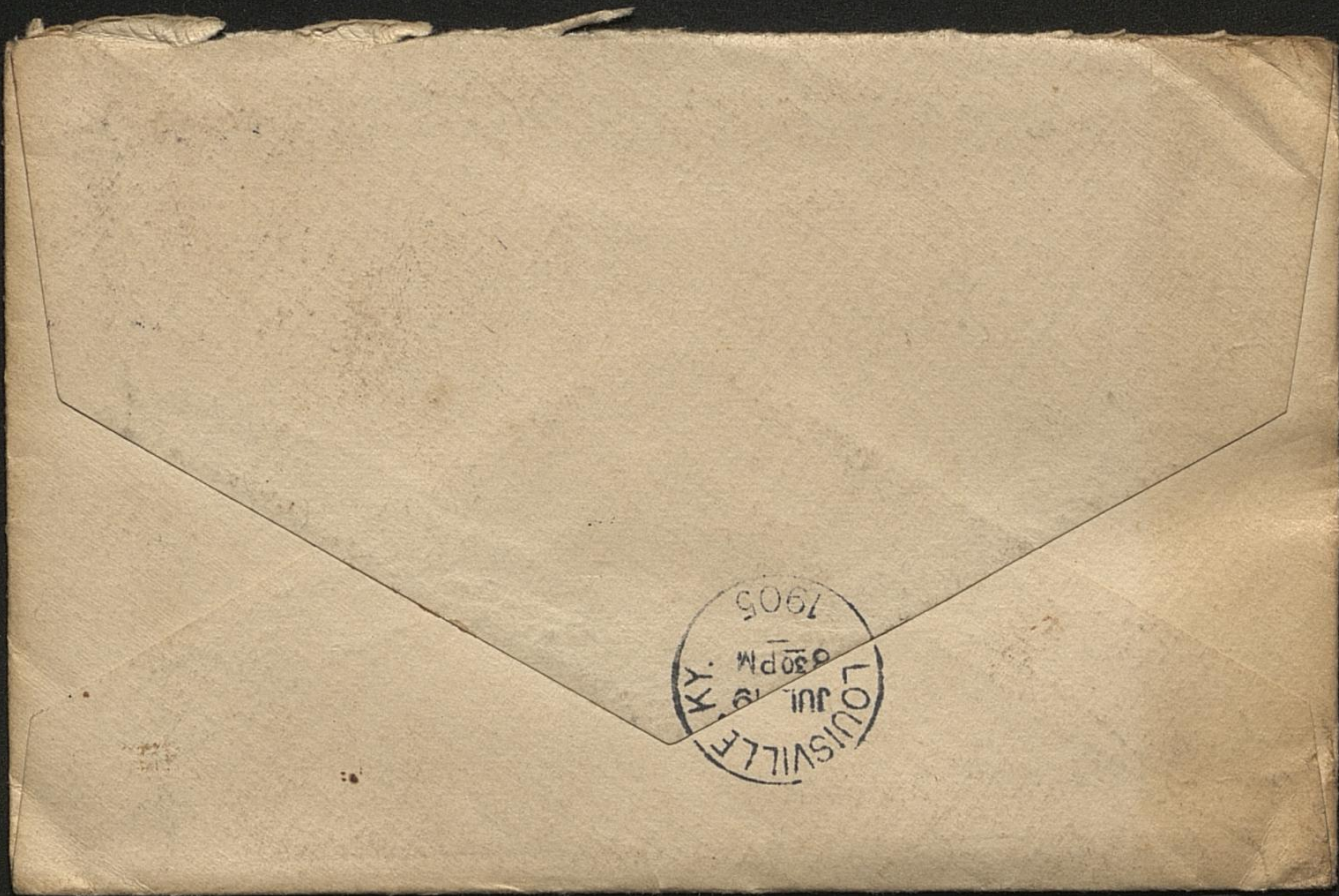
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Mr. F. L. Spinden,
W. S. Trust Bldg.,
Louisville,

To S. E. Mr. J. Assan.

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LOUISVILLE KY.
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My dear little Pet. - 7/19/05

I have not had a letter to day but I will return good for evill and write you for a half hour before supper. Mr Carothers is coming to supper to night. Mother wrote you a day or two ago but I dont know when she sent it yet. Your Father got a letter this am. and I when answered it to day so you will be in luck to day. Lots of mail. Well the trial is over for a while. The G. M. will take up their side about 60 days hence and then it will be finished.

(2) I feel sorry for Reynolds.

He has suffered greatly. Every body in town is talking about it. The papers have several columns on the front page every day. Every body on the street stops me to talk about it.

The fine old Depot is gone at 10th Broadway. You can see the ruins from 4th St as the cars go by. I have not been near it, but want to. The weather is fearful.

I spend my time in the bath tub at home. Went out to

the Jockey Club. Last night,

Mrs Washburn got me to write to errata to get him to play

Chopin Funeral March. I did so.

I don't expect to hear from him

however. He may play it.

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Can you read my letters?
 I don't think I shall go
 to Atlanta but will come straight
 to Mitchells and spend the whole
 week there and at Washton D.C.
 I think one day at Wash will
 be enough. We get there at 8 o'clock
 and do not leave till very late
 at night. We can go like
 we did the 1st time I am only
 not walk so much.

I think you were awful
 plucky at Salis bury and I
 am real proud of you. How did
 you settle about the drawing

④ now the regular price would
be 7⁰⁰ to Charlottesville
Did you get out at Charlottesville
or stay till the train reached
Culpeper?

I find I can go to Warrenton
just as well as Culpeper and wait
for the return train. Think I may
do so. I can reach
Mitchells at the same time either
way. Well good bye.

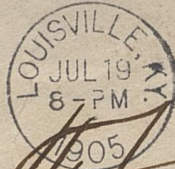
Your devoted

Fillison
I would go to the Fletchers House
would have time. After Fillison
just want to see Warrenton
once more.

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Mrs. J. L. Spaulley
Geo H Latham
Mitchells
Va.

10AM
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Wednesday

Dear Laddie,

I got the finest letter last night - nine pages - from the finest fellow I know and I felt so sorry for him I did not know what to do when he said he had not gotten anything in a sealed envelope from me since I left home six days previous to that date. I wrote a letter the first day after I got here and have written one every day since. I wrote you a postal from Culpaper but I did not write a letter that day for I could not get it in the mail. You see we never send mail to or from the office directly but always through Mr. Slaughter and he is not as regular as clock work so I never can count on when mine will go or when I will get yours.

But now you ought to get one every day for I write every day except I cannot mail it on Sunday.

I do not think I could have stood it if I had not gotten a letter from you until Sunday.

You certainly are right when you ^{say} we do not care for facts and incidents in writing to

each other. You know the reason why? Why just because your nonsense, as you called it is the sweetest kind of love making and I hope we never will get over it. You can always count on my being in a humor for it.

The very idea of your saying that in my new surroundings you suppose I have ~~very~~ little time to think of you. Why I think more about you here than at home for at home I know I ^{can} do something better than think about you, see you, and here the best I can do is to think about you and wish for you. I am afraid you would get conceited if you only knew how very much of my time you do occupy.

Last night I looked at the moon about half past nine. Wonder if you saw it at that same time. Is it not queer to think we are so far away and yet can see the same object. I always think of you when I look at it and dream and get sentimental too.

I'll remember what you told me

about Mrs. L. I should think you would have gotten tired at the trial but of course you were interested and enjoyed it.

I am feeling all right yesterday and today. L. F. is growing just as nicely as anyone could wish and I am so anxious to have your opinion of his progress.

I have not gained any yet but expect I will from now on.

I do not understand what you mean by getting the money back from the Pullman conductor. I paid him the ^{regular} fare \$2.01 for a berth.

Did not see Miss Fawcett after Salisbury she went with her friend into the day coach and got off at Danville while I slept. I wrote her a note as I promised but have not heard from her.

Of course you do not miss me so much when you are not at home. When you are flying around having a good time with the other girls it is not natural to suppose

you would miss me as much.

Have you told any scientists about the "Harriet Day" yet? I am afraid they, poor mortals, unless they are lovers as well, would not understand. I am very proud to have helped you do anything for I am afraid I do something else beginning with no more than I help.

I have most forgotten how it feels to smuggle up. But won't it be nice for us to have a whole week to make up lost time in loving. I want at least fifty kisses a day.

Did Ther. stay up all day Sunday or just at night? I gave Brother Rose five dollars. Spent the other five except a few cents for lunch trunk ect. I did not take a sleeper from ~~Roxbury~~ Roxville to Salisbury.

I expect I will drive with Mr. Spinden down to Mitchell's this morning so this letter will get off all right anyway.

Aunt Nellie says she knows there is nothing in my letters except "my darling

little wife I love you ³ so much." He is so
full of fun.

Well it is time for me to get ready.
Good bye love and don't forget what I
have written about starting Thursday.

Your
Harri.

Love to all.

P.S. Look through those letters I left in
the chiffoniere drawer with your collars
and see if I have one from Emily Pilcher
I want her address and if you will
do that for me I will bribe you when you
come. I pray every day we may soon be
safe together again.

Sincerely,
H.P.S.

7/20 P.M.



Mr. F. L. Spider,
N. S. Trust Bldg.
Louisville,
Ky.

To S. E. M. V. Assn.



Louisville, Ky. July 19th 1905

Dear Chick,

I had your letter for breakfast this morning, and it was good, so good that I had to share it with the little mother, Shirley and your husbands, all of whom enjoyed it. I once had a reputation as a prompt correspondent, possibly lost or mislaid for lack of use, but from old habit I send you this note to let you know your letter was received, and appreciated, and also to relieve to some extent the lopsidedness of the one of Gertrude asked to have mailed to you, caused by the inconvenient size and shape of the paper on which she writes. I really do not know what to write. I fear repetition of what the others have written, but if no one else had written, it would be easy enough to write you sufficient news + information to fill an average country newspaper, if time were not considered. Possibly others have written of their own affairs, and it is safer to confine myself to the uneventful course of my own quiet way. Since my affairs with the U.C.V. Reunion committee have been settled & my final report made. I have been trying to find a nother job to sell Coal, Dr. & Dr. against thieves, accidents and death, but the weather has been such that the mention of a fire, even for next winter, is oppressive to most of those to whom my persuasive appeals are made, and that American courage which all the world knows and admires, seems to take no thought of possible disaster or death, consequently I can join in the chorus of the men in my line "We aint doin' much just now" in business. Still we keep up the tramp, keep on worrying them, and ourselves, but always hoping tomorrow may be better. Monday evening Mr. Howe came by in his "Autumn Billee" and gave your mother and me a delightful ride around the hill at Jacob Park, bringing us home cool and daisy. This is the only unusual thing that has happened so far to me. Mother has been busy with household matters, especially getting ready for the Dr and his bride who are expected next week. She gave

me the job. (part at least) of taking up carpets and matting. and I learned from experience that extreme cold weather is best suited to that kind of work one advantage favors warm weather, the summer shower from my face helps keep down the dust while I work. Shirley had Gertrude muddled the first of last week, then Anna Cropper came last Friday and remained until yesterday morning. After Anna left Shirley went to help eat Jessies birthday party which was not altogether safe, but which resulted in no harm, in spite of the fact that Sundays, cold tea, ham sandwiches with mustard, ice cream, lemonade, cakes, cucumbers and ice water, did furnish her with a slight case of "indigestion" she called it. As I left home she was chasing one of the cats with a piece of breakfast bacon in her greasy little fingers, which "Cud" did not seem to want. Hillison - well I guess he can and does tell you more about himself than I could possibly, and therefore I leave that to him. He seems to be doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances and has been quite taken up with the entertainment furnished by the District Conv. Com. - "Miss Gertrude Pettus is visiting her friend Mrs. Mary Davis at Perce Valley" (that item is my society column.) The Fusionists - representing the decent folks, and the Republicans, have nominated a ticket, which is only 20 20, and I have not enthused yet, may later. The Church is closed until August because the repairs up stairs began, before down stairs was finished - so we like sheep without a shepherd having no fold of our own, can stay in to some other, stay at home, go to the Parks or dip into the Bivney deep on Broadway. My mind is not yet made up for next Sunday, but is inclined toward alternate No 2. Chick my fatherly advice is keep cool, quick, cheerful, careful in eating, exercise, as to undue exposure to heat and draughts. In other words keep well and be happy. Write to your "old man" frequently, he wont think any the less of you for it, and sometimes, when you "have nothing better for to do" write again to your own, and only old

Dad.

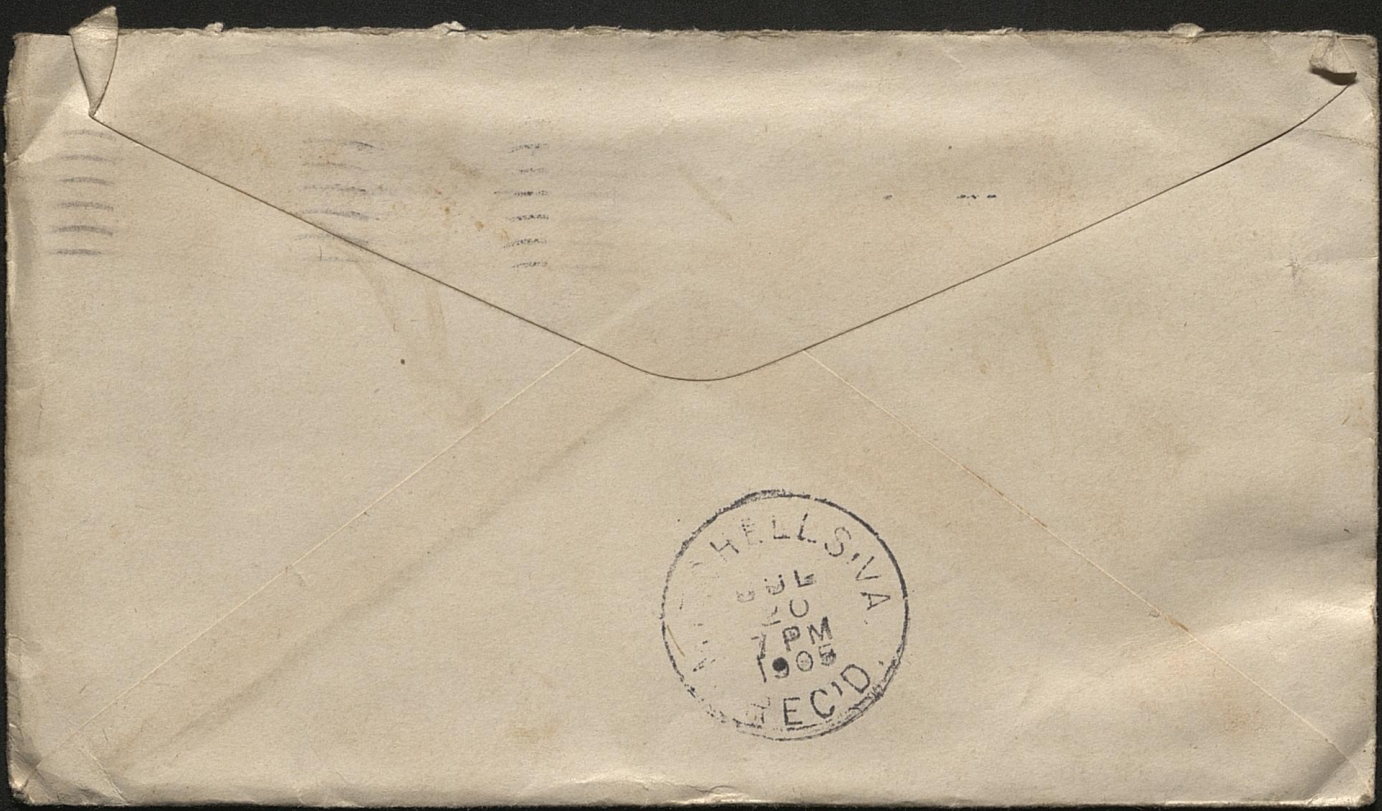
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Mrs. F. L. Spriden,
c/o Mr. Geo. W. Latham,
Mitchells,
Va.



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My dear little Pet:

Friday July 21

I have received no letter to day. If any of you want me to bring anything with me, please mail your letter by Monday afternoon. I will not reach here till probably Thursday morning and I would have time to get it. I think I will try to start Friday night. Then I shall arrive on Sunday morning. Your mails are very irregular slow. I took two Lapsatic pills this morning and I am beginning to hear from them now. The weather is very much cooler and it has been raining hard all day. We certainly did need some rain. Theodor has to do some of his work over again on account of the fire. He is rather busy. Think I shall go down to see him to morrow. Will come back Sunday am.

①. Have heard nothing more of financial
interest. I hope everybody has not gotten
tired of me and quit. Do you miss
me now or have you gotten used to being
without me? I wish I could learn to
write. This letter will reach you probably
Monday. You will only have about
two or three more to write me
and then you will wait a few days
and see me. Don't mail anything later
than Tuesday morning. I'll not reach
me before Friday if you do, and probably
won't be delivered before Saturday.

I think this is miserable paper and
I can't write with a pen anyhow my hand
is about ruined by writing on bad paper
writing fast, and with a pencil.
I don't feel much like writing anyhow.
and if it were not you I would not.

③ I am glad to hear you are getting along so nicely. Would you rather spend one or two days in Washington? We can see a great deal in one day, but it might rain and our fun would be spoiled. We will talk about it when I get to Mitchells. Mr. Washburn will be home to-morrow.

How is your watch running?

Do you wind it up regularly?

If so how much has it gained or lost.

I will see you in less than a week from the time you get this letter. Just think. What do you think

of my going into the insurance business?

Then you will get no more papers.

Will give everybody my love and keep a part, as much as you would

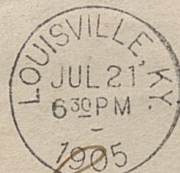
④ for yourself and be on the
out look for me Sunday or Monday
morning next. I only get sick that
day. Is the fruit getting ripe
I suppose the peaches will be almost
ready to eat when I get them.

I hope so. The plums will
any how and there are some
fine plum trees in the front
yard. Well bye bye
Fillson

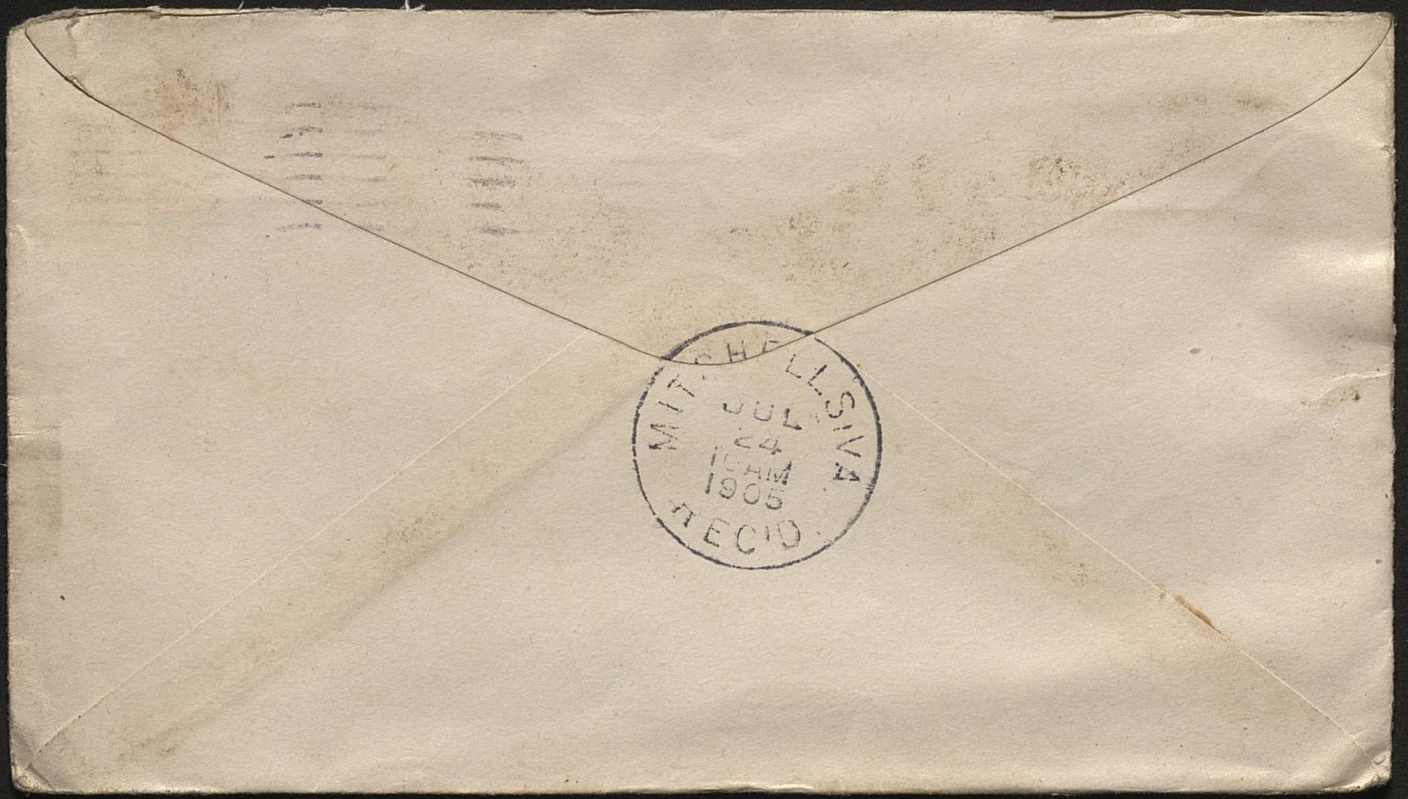
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Mr. J. L. Spiden,
Mrs. H. Latham,
Mitchells,
Va.



MITCHELLS VIL
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and my chuff over in the little front room and gave it to Fille-son during his sojourn with us

There is only a rug in the middle of the floor, one rocking chair and my little table but it makes a real little room. The upper hall floor is bare, Papa and I having energetically removed the patches, ready for some of the matting upstairs. I have also drawn all the tacks in the back room rugs so when the movers come Tuesday there will just have to lift it up and lay it in here. I think the whole house will be better arranged

Sundays
Afternoon

Dear Harry,-

We were so glad to hear that you arrived safely and are feeling so well, It has turned warm at last but I am sitting in the front room enjoying a most delightful breeze sailing in the big front window. The room is bare except for my chair. Has there anything that you know of in the little left hand compartment of the chuff over? Neither I nor the movers could get the door open where the furniture was moved Wednesday. I fixed the single bed

and more attractive than ever before. Gertrude M. stayed 3 or 4 days with Shirl last week and they had a fine time together. Mr. Howe took them out auto motoring one evening, they went to the Triangle several times, and played tennis over to their great delight. Anna came Thursday and they also seem to have enjoyed each other more than usual. I am going to Cape Chinton + Gertrude, Anna and Shirl and Carter Logan to her place to spend the day to-morrow. Mrs. Davis called up over the phone yesterday to ask me out to Power Valley to stay Tuesday and Wednesday with Mary. Asked you to come to spend one day too, not knowing you had gone. Of course I am going. Margaret B. also telephoned Saturday and asked me to come Monday week and stay all week with her. Theodore came up to-day but did not come out to the house, telephoned Fillis on to meet him down at Fifth St Station this afternoon. The latter gentleman

and be straightened out by the
last of the week. I went to S.S.
and then to Broadway church
again. The workmen are going to
begin on the upper room this week
and the lower one is not yet fini-
shed so the S.S. and church
services will have to be entirely
discontinued till the first ^{Sunday} of August
when they hope to be through
down stairs. I will turn Baptist
I suppose from now on for a ^{few} weeks.
Liz said give you her love and
tell you to write to her Uncle Tom

has been behaving very well
and kindly took me out to the
Lodge Club to hear lecture ~~at~~
one evening. His hand is spew-
did and he is quite as eccentric
as ever. James has persevered
thus far and proves very useful.
Mother is going to hire him to
come back for dinner ^{every day} and will
of course have to pay him ^{a little} more.
He does everything a girl could
do except cook and I think we
can easily teach him that. Anna
will go home Tuesday and we
hope to begin to move that day

was out to dinner the day he came home from
Buffalo, was feeling and looking badly. He ants to
board out near Valley Station to come and go with
Mr Miller and Mr Boniface if they can find him
a place. He went to Caydick yesterday afternoon to
stay over to-day. Write and tell us all about every
thing when you are at leisure. Give my love to
Marion and Mrs. Spiden. How are the chil. dren,
tell me about them when you write.

With lots of love

Yours devotedly
Geo. Chas.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

7/24/05.

Sweet ~~Harriet~~:

I received three letters today from you. Butude got one this morning. I think I may safely say now that I shall start day after the day after tomorrow, and see you on Saturday morning. Would it be splendid? That's all I feel like writing. I say! I'll see you Saturday. Do you understand? Shall I write any more?

I suppose you have all heard of Theo's promotion. I am delighted. Did they telephone you about it last night from Mitchells? They ought to have done so. I am thinking about going via Nashville & Atlanta instead of via Asheville N.S. I can leave here a little later and arrive Culpeper at same time as if I went the other route. But my connections are very close, and I am a little afraid to risk it. I don't know yet. Depends on

(2) what Theodore writes me. I want to hear all about it.

If I go via Atlanta it will be 1122 miles Louisville to Washington. That's a long way to go to see a little girl, isn't it. It depends on who the little girl is. Your two letters sounded rather blue, and the last one you were nettled at the typewritten letter. I can't write with a pen. It is the utmost nervous strain on me. My hand won't do my bidding on this paper I think possibly I have the wrong sort of paper. The pen won't glide smoothly.

Dr. Board is out at the house fixing up the room now. They will arrive to-morrow night. Will not take a trip, but will come directly to the house. Now if they won't have as good a time as we did, will they?

Remember our trip to Niagara. Poor little girl she was scared nearly to death. Wasn't she? And it was all lost.

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You all must write to Theo at once and congratulate him. He does not know of it yet and will not until to night or possibly to-morrow. I don't know who his next engr will be, But I know Theo. would like it to be cats.

I don't suppose Theo. can come to Lou. very often now. But he can get papers with more ease now and I presume he will need for the folks occasionally to come to see him. He will come to Lou. often on business but he will be confined in work, on Sundays. You will hear more about him when I get to work.

Gettunde and I will go to see some more trustees ~~next~~ to-morrow. One of them a saloon keeper at Jackson & Buckneridge. The other a District.

(over)

④ I hope she will get the place.
such will have another Bridal couple
to watch. She can study them from the
very start. I wonder how they will
behave. I hope they won't shock her.
You will get this letter, Wednesday
morning and I'll start the next day.
If not, I shall telegraph you.

I do hope I shall get them on time.
Well good bye, you need not
write me any more after receipt of
this letter I will write you however.
I'll write till the day I leave.
Well bye bye little Joe.

F.L.S.

I enclose correspondence for
you & Mamma.

F.L.S.

I have your silver purse.

7/24/PM

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CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Ky 7/20 1905

My dear little pet: I am
out at 2104. Had an awful
head ache this afternoon and could
not write at the office. Did not
hear thing. I certainly was in luck
to day. Got 3 letters from you.

Think of it all in one day!
Gertrude got back from her
two days visit to Snow Valley.
Had a fine time. We have not
played tennis yet. I want to some
time before I go to Va.
Just to think I will be ready
to start within a week from

(2)

the time you get this letter.

I wish I could come earlier, but I'm afraid I can't.

It is much cooler to night and my head is almost well. I think it will be a pleasant night. There will be no snow on our

vacation. I may possibly go to Baltimore to see the chimney people about a percentage arrangement with them for selling bills. The family has retired and I am

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Cincinnati, _____ 1

sitting here alone writing. The
cars will soon stop carrying
the people in from Jockey
Club. And I will go
down to a street to
mail this letter so that
Harriet won't be disappointed.
Don't let "Auntie" tease you
too much. Call her "Auntie"

(4)

if she does try to pronounce
it Amity and she'll stop.

What shall I bring
you all? I want some
Kiss awful bad. Charming
& Ramsey will be back Friday
night. I will give Fozzy
her last music lesson to morrow
and then. The next week

I shall see my little wife.

I shall not go to Atlanta
but will probably go by Spartanburg
you can see the route on the map.
Will go like you did as far as
Asheville, then down to Spartanburg then
up with a hundred kisses and
a hug to my little wife affly Fillion

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My darling little 'Pete'; 7/22/05

I am on the train nearing Nashville. It is getting dark. I did not get a letter from you to-day but I will get two or possibly three on Monday.

I am feeling better than I have done for some time past. I like to ride on the train. It gives me a feeling of reckless adventure. I never used to feel like flirting especially. Except when riding on a train! I don't feel like flirting now though. even if there is a

(2) pretty girl opposite
and two right across.
She is looking at me
now as I write. I wonder
if she imagines that I
am writing to the finest
little girl in the world. I
guess she saw it in my
expression. She has gone to
the other end of the car.
Well some bad news. — The
skylark was returned to day
I have received no explanation
will tell you if I do. I
have not determined what I
shall do further. I hope

③ The insurance people will not return the puzzle.

If so I shall keep on, "try try again".

Will now for some good news. I told Mr. Ransy this morning that I wanted to spend my vacation in Va and that I had worked on July 4th. had never been away. and asked if he objected to my taking my 4th of July next week. There is to be a meeting of Executive officers next week and if nothing happens to prevent

④ I shall see my own
little wife on Sunday
instead of Monday. I wish
it now Saturday instead. Well-

Do you want to see
me Saturday or Sunday?
or Monday? Just think
if all goes well at the
office I shall see you
a week from tomorrow
am, Only a day or
two after you get this
letter. Won't we have
a good time. I presume
you still have the

(b) coupon of your pass
that reads Harrison Jet
to Washington D.C. If
you have not, you can't
go to Wash. If you
have it not, telegraph
me and I may be able
to get you a pass to
Washington. I suppose
it is all right though
if the conductor knew
you were going to stop at
Mitchells.

② I think I shall
buy the pistol also
an air rifle. for Barbita
I dont think he is too
small for it. If so
they can keep it for
him till he grows up.
I had one when I
was about 12 years
old and it was the
greatest pleasure of
my life. Will we
are getting close to
Nashville so here

⑧ is one kiss for every
night till you can
get real ones. Are you
saving me some real
fine ones? Some "caty"
ones? I'm awful
thirsty. My lips are
parched. I'm smiling
as I write and the girl
across the way has guessed
that I'm writing to
you and she wonders if
she will ever have a
fellow think as much
of her as I do of you.

⑨ If she would ask
me I'd tell her no, and
that she'd never think as
much of any other fellow
as a certain little girl
does of me. eh?

Are you tired reading
this scribble? Keep it till
I see you and I'll decipher
Theodore will probably
come ~~up~~ to morrow.
Well bye bye my
love yours
Fillion

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Va.

Thurston had to go to meet at Pulaski

I will not see him but will go home on
next train leaving here about 9:30 P.M. I had rather
do that than wait. Am sorry F.d.S.

Will mit more

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Monday.

July 24-1905

Dearest Fillison,

This day nine months ago
a certain light haired man and a
little dark haired maid were married in
an old church on the corner of Fourth
and Walnut Streets in Louisville Kentucky.

And the maiden wore a dark blue
suit and blue velvet hat, and she
walked up the long aisle with her father
and carried a large bunch of white roses.

And the groom met her in front of the
altar. And together they stood in front
of the ministers and promised to love
and honor each other and to live together
after Gods holy ordinance.

And the minister blessed them and said
"The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Lord with his favor mercifully look upon you and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace that ye may so live in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

And then the big organ pealed the wedding march and they whose lives had become one turned and marched down the aisle together.

And as she saw her friends on either side of her as she passed out of the church and felt her wedding ring on her finger and her hand in her husband's arm her heart swelled with pride and happiness.

And so they who had come to the church separately drove away together to start on their long wedding journey and their still longer journey through

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life.

And each day they learn to love each other better, to share each other's burdens and to share each other's joys, trying with such strength as God gives them to live happy, useful lives and to make life easier and ^{more} pleasant for each other.

Thus do they try to wait patiently for the crown of their love, praying that the Lord will always give them what is best for them to have.

The little dark haired maid.

Little Pete:-

Tuesday July 25.

Two days more to work. (I hope).
I am awful anxious to see Theodore on the
way but don't like to risk going down there.

I am awful proud of him. You folks
don't realize what ~~it~~ means for
a fellow like him his experience and
his age. The division that he has
is the second most important on the
L.N. R.R. except for the outside work
I'd rather have it than the one I
hold. Well I have no news but
that the skylark was returned to me.
I hardly expected anything else though
so I was not much disappointed. Why
don't you and Marian rub each others backs?

② You ought to take exercise every day. I'm afraid this hilly life will not be good for you if you don't. You must remember this while you are out at Annettes also.

I have gotten your nice letter written Sunday. Gerch & I are going to see some Trustees this evening.

I don't be disappointed if I do not reach Mitchells on time. I may have to postpone my visit a day.

There is really no news to tell.

I send Papa three or four newspapers yesterday. Hope he got them.

I am going to try to make the conductor stop for me at Mitchells.

③ Dr. Corsett will be out Wednesday night. They will stay at the hotel 1 hour Tuesday night I think that is a much better way. It's bad enough to have a sleeper full of strangers (who can only inspect) see you go to bed the first night, much less people in the same house with you. Do you remember the trip Cincinnati to Cleveland. Our conversation that night? You had better burn this letter, I'm getting personal. Do you remember how bashful you were, a damn sight less than I thought you would be though. Remember the different stages of your conversation? Well I'll talk to you about this some time. How's the boy? Say you feel him? Hasn't kicked any plates off the table yet?

4. Save those performances for me to see. I'll have to see in order to believe it.

Well you will get this letter the day I leave so I'll tell you good bye. Here's a long juicy "eaty" kiss. One like we used to have just a year ago standing up before the front door about 11:30 p.m. Here's another about a minute longer, and one good hard squashey hug. ~~Delish!~~ I can most hear you say "ugh!"

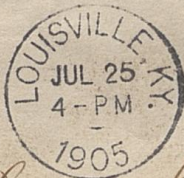
Bye bye sweet heart

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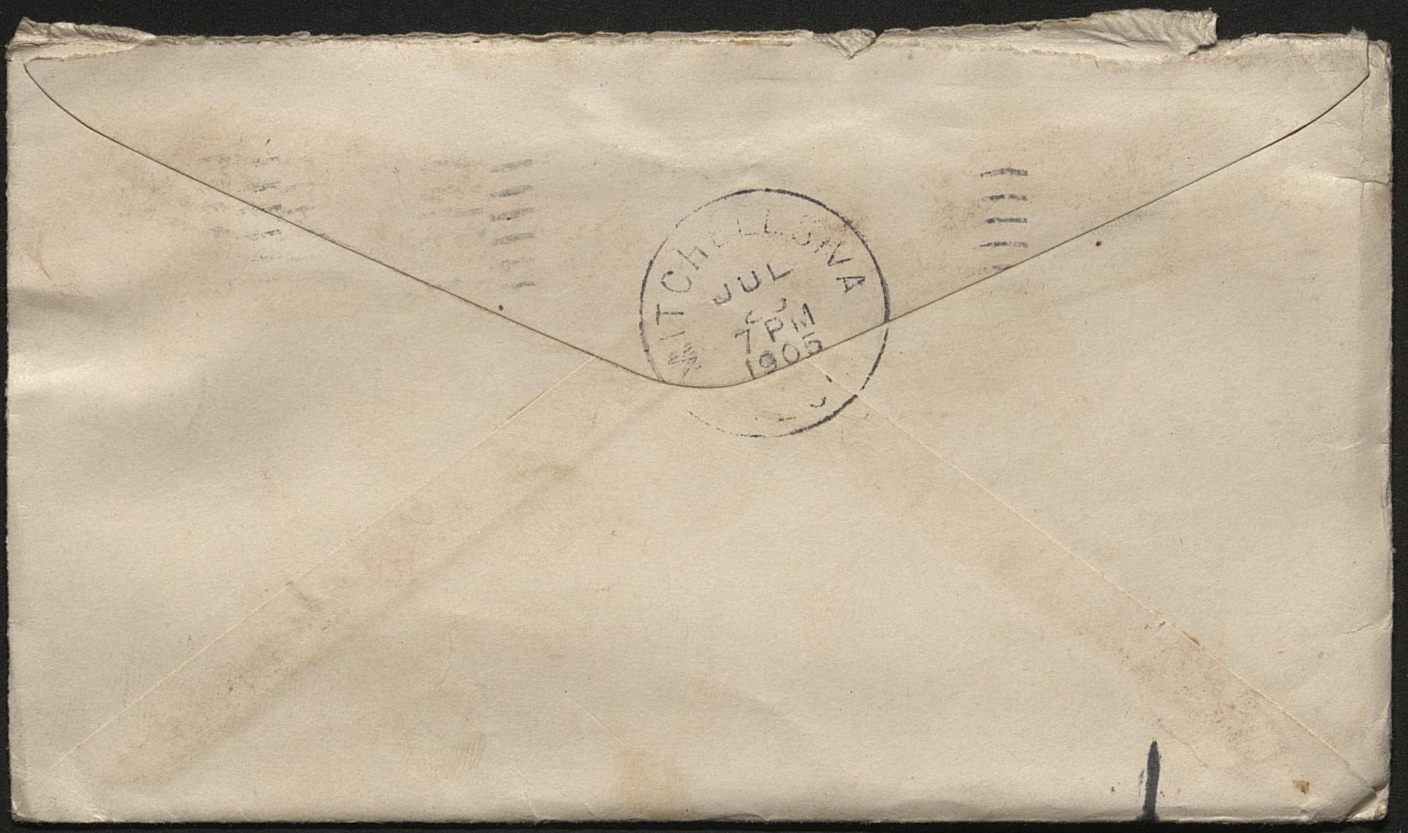
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To the little dark haired girl.

7/26

I have just received
your letter mailed yesterday, a.m. I
shall learn to morrow (Sat.) if nothing
turns up. The Actua Company turned
down the F.H. puzzle, don't tell any one.

The N.Y. manager Mr. Davidson,
who took such a fancy to it
will visit them again and if they
will let him he will pay me
100⁰⁰ at which price I offered it to him.

Will I don't want to talk
business any more here, will tell you
all when I see you Saturday. Will
the little dark haired girl be down.

(2) at the depot? How is the other littly
dark haired girl getting on? Real littly.
That is, if it is not a littly light haired
boy. You wrote your littler
on Tuesday morning you surely
knew about Theodor than did you
not? You said nothing in your
letter. I wanted to tell you all
before he did.

I shall get the 2 pairs of
cotton pants for Barlow aged 11.
I have already gotten the tea and
the air rifle. will also get some
shot, to shoot in it. It will be
lots of fun for all of us.

③ I have already packed my suit
case. I shall leave my clothes
hung up in the closet. so they
will not get crumpled. I shall
bring a good suit in my grip.
my woolen, and clothes enough to last me
a week.

I certainly did like your letter
to day both of them and I can't
think of any thing else but my
leaving to morrow. & if any thing
happens to prevent my coming
at the time set in. Saturday morning
I shall telegraph. ask the telegraph
agent, if I do not come, if he has
a telegram for you.

(4) This is my last letter to
my sweet heart, till I send her a
real big love one weighing 135 lbs.
She'll like that one better, but if
all because she can squeeze it and
it will be mighty apt to squeeze her
hard and kiss her hard on Saturday
morning next.

I find it funny there is no letter
or combination of letters and vowels that
sound like a kiss. Well here is a
kiss sign. I should have invented it before.
You will notice its shape is a lip tickle.



J. Allison

7/26/05.

This extra day that I expect to get
is my 4th of July. Are you glad I worked?

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I am about to leave. Have
just received a telegram from Theodor
asking me to come via Nashville.
Will do so, arriving in Mitchells 10.37
am. Saturday morning. If I should
not be on that train and no telegram
has been sent ~~at~~ you may understand that
I have missed connection somewhere and will arrive
on the next train at 7.30 P.M.

I don't think I am taking much more
risk by going this way. I leave two hours
later from Louisville.

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7/27/05
Thursday

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LOUISVILLE, KY.
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Mr. F. L. Spiden
or
Mr. Theodor Spiden
Geo. H Latham
Mitchells
Va.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Office of Road Master.

Nashville Tenn August 13 05

Dear Harriet,

I don't want you to think I have overlooked or forgotten your long letter of congratulations upon my promotion to the office of Roadmaster.

I am sorry I was so tardy but delayed at first because I knew you would not get promptly a letter addressed to Mitchells for it would miss you there and have to be returned to Louisville.

I am sorry I could not accept your invitation to spend today at Prospect. I am afraid my new work will hold me in Nashville or south of Bowling Green pretty closely as long as I have it. I may arrange later on, after I get used to the work, arrange to run up on Sundays about once a month. I suppose you and Ellison had a fine time in Washington. I expected to go to Virginia myself this summer but now will have to stay "home" and work.

Well I will have to close and write a few words to the folks in Virginia. Tell Ellison I will write him next time.

Affe.

Thos. Spidens

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

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Where do you live now?
Prospect Ky?

Mrs. F. L. Spriden
5th & Main St
Louisville

C/o Genus Assoc

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"We wish to proceed in an orderly way, and have, therefore, to request that you re-appoint the committee originally in charge of the subject, of which Mr. H. M. Emerson was Chairman, requesting the Chairman of said committee to call a special meeting at the earliest practicable date, at which time we may make our announcements.

"I may say, briefly, what we propose is to fix the proportional rates from the North Atlantic Ports to the several South Atlantic Ports on the following basis from Baltimore:

1	2	3	4	5	6
40	35	30	20	10	10

governed by the Official Classification, subject to the exceptions of the initial lines; the proportional rates from Philadelphia and New York to be made the Trunk Line eastbound differentials less, and in making such announcement, to cancel our obligations to the members of the two Associations, insofar as this matter is concerned.

"If a meeting of the special committee is deemed unnecessary, please accept this as the announcement of this Company."

Under date of April 25th Chairman Parrott enclosed a copy of his docket advice embodying Mr. Hoskins' communication to Mr. H. M. Emerson, requesting him to arrange a meeting of the special committee of which he is Chairman at the earliest practicable date, and advise result in order that the same may be made a part of the docket advice on the subject for the 16th Joint Convention.

This subject was on the local docket of the SEMV Association at its 49th Meeting under Subject 8410, and was postponed pending report
(Concluded)

H.P.S.:-

Remember, I saw the
first diaper

F.L.S

8/15/05

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New York Store
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to be called for.

Don't make the transfer till you see the quotation 105 or lower in the left hand or

bid column.

Think now I may have to stay in Chgo for several days, I will be at

~~R. H. Coombs Courtier's~~
Transcontinental Freight Bureau,
135 Adams St.
Chicago, Ills.

If you should write (I would not if I were you) write quick. or I'll be back find.

Will think of you to night on sleeper Mrs Washburn inquired after you to day asked if you were going along with me.

Will kiss kiss

F.L.S.
8/21/05.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

8/21/05,

Little Bid:-

You have probably heard
of the failure of the Western Bank
this city. Watch the papers and
if you see the stock of the U. S. Trust
company ~~at~~ below, 100 bid. (you know when
to find it on the financial page) cash my
check enclosed herewith and put the money
in the Fidelity on your account.

The price is 115 bid and 125 asked today
but if the stockholders get scared, I
want my money transferred. You
need not feel uneasy as I think the
U. S. Trust is able to take care of
itself at present and I don't believe
it was involved in the failure today.

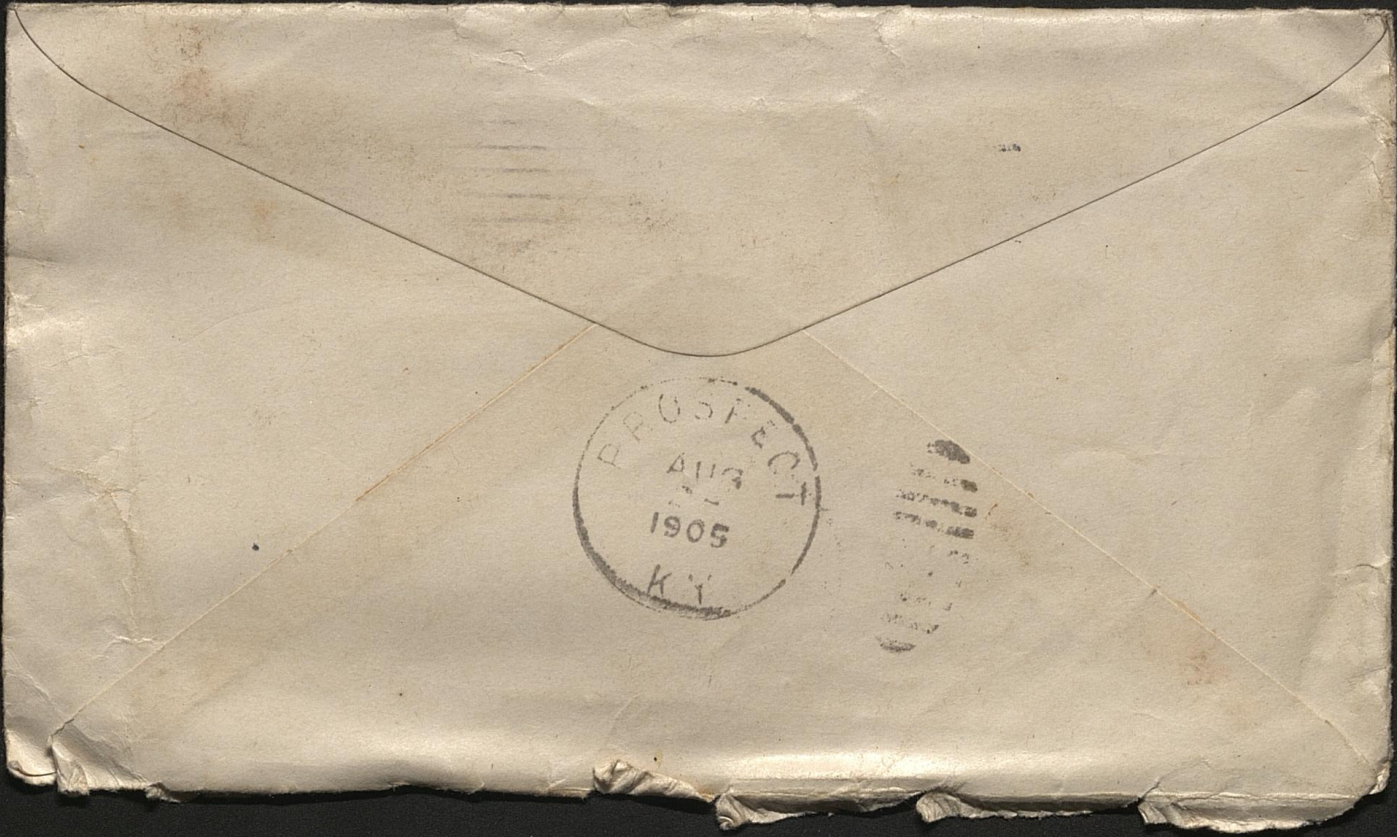
SOUTHEASTERN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
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LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mrs F. L. Speiden,
~~A~~ Ditzler,
Prospect,
Ky.



eyes are better. Tell
her I will write the
latter part of the
week and thank all
of you for the beautiful
presents you sent us.
But my! what a nice
one for you and Harriet
God bless little James
Gift. Affectionately,
Cousin Kate.

Aunt Jane says that I did not deliver her
message right. She says that she rejoices
with you, but you must not burst
your breeches

Cedar Mountain

Dec 28th 1905

Dear Fillison + Harriet:
all of us wish to
congratulate you
both, and to tell
you how glad we
were to hear of the
safe arrival of dear
little Fillison Jr.,
and I hope he may

and I hope he may
be like his Dad
in character as well
as in name, Akim!
I would give anything
to see the little
fellow. It seems too
funny. Aunt June says
tell Dad not to let
his breeches burst,
and Nellie says kiss
him for her.

We had a good
laugh over your letter
so like you, and
there was a grin on
every face, anyone
coming in would
have known that
we had just heard
a piece of good news.
Much love for Mamma,
Daddy, Baby, and all.
I hope your mother

MITCHELLS,
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29
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1885



Mr Fillison Spender,
207 W. St. Catharine St.
Louisville.
Kentucky.

