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My Dear Little Girl:-

The first thing I saw when I entered my room a few moments ago was a picture of darling little Aleine the girl whom I am engaged to be married to in October, the dearest and sweetest girl of all the world, the one who can make little Yates the happiest boy alive. Yes you are all that, darling and that's not all either. Give Yates the chance and he will be as sweet to you as any husband could be. Yes darling for I love you better than my own life. Haven't I proved it by giving up my work and coming to Chicago just because you ask me to and I'll do anything else that you want me to - why? Simply because you have promise to do me the greatest favor one could ask for and that is stick to your word and marry me on first day of October - nearly before -



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This is my second letter to you today and its also my second pleasure. Why Aleine I wouldnt any more look at another girl now than I'd try to swim across lake Michigan, Mother Van will vouch for me on that point for she knows how true I am to little Aleine. but say sweetheart while I think of it you had better call for Aleine Jenkins mail at general delivery accassionally for I think mother Van ^{is} going to drop you a line under that name. to bad I told her we were married, Im allway doing something I shouldnt. Here I am looking at your picture again. Bless your little heart you are getting real fat arent you and yates is to. Say Angel tell me if you are going to send your trunk direct to me and how do you nitend to break loose from brother Tom, Will you let me get the license when you leave atlanta. or will I have to wait till you



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arrive. Be sure and do as you said about getting your suit here for there is certainly some style to this burg and I know Almie would want to be right up to the minute and again things are so cheap here. Two can easily live on 10 bones per week can you beat that. Daddy Van was telling me about a whole bunch of married couples including he and mother Van all taking in the "Levy" one night after 12 o'clock he said when you arrived they would stir up another crowd, this Levy is the same thing as the bowery at New York. They also have a Olivia town here that I should imagine is quite interesting to go through. Darling there is so much here for one to see, I can hardly wait till the time my sweetheart has said she would come and join me never to part again Oh how can I be sweet enough to you nothing would be good enough for



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such a sweet little darling as you. We saw a very cute couple this afternoon with a little baby and one of the girls said that's Jenks and Aleine but they didn't know how much Jenks wished that it really was. The folks especially Mrs Van Loon all seem to be as anxious for Oct. to come as myself for they all think your pictures are so cute and want to have the pleasure of meeting the one Jenks says is the dearest girl in the world. Yes darling I just worship your pictures and don't mind kissing them right before everybody. I remind myself so much of you when out to Mineral Wells. Goodness I love you. Just think I've written four of these large pages and eleven small ones this morning, guess I'm not some wild over you, this alone proves it.

Please Beautiful One won't you write little yates more often than you do for I



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feel so much better when I hear from Atlanta
Write me just what you have planned and
are going to do. Remember Cecil will tend
to the buying of your ticket if you will
allow him to for he's anxious to see us
married. I told him how anxious I was
and he knows how it is for he's been there
Darling too getting pretty late so will say
my prayer and then me for dreamland.
Be true, write me every day without fail,
Remember I'm waiting patiently and am

yours forever
Yates Jenkins

Lots & Lots of Love and Kisses for Aline
Write and tell me everything concerning Oct.

Bless your heart—
Please don't get crazy
over that other fellow
remember you're engaged
to me. — Yates —



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Your letter stating that you had been sick is just to hand and I'm so worried Oh God I hope you will get better real soon, how I wish I were there.

Darling you talked like you were in doubt about getting that divorce in Oct. Now Judge told there was no question about it and if you should fail wouldn't you go right to Reno and get it. Let me know by wire just as soon as you know how case come out "O" says he will.

It would kill me for you to go back on your promise this time No telling what I would do.

Be good darling and if you say you will marry me as soon as you get divorce I'll be satisfied for I don't believe you'll have any trouble in securing it

Yours always
Yates

Mrs Van is planning all kinds of things
for you, she's such a nice lady.

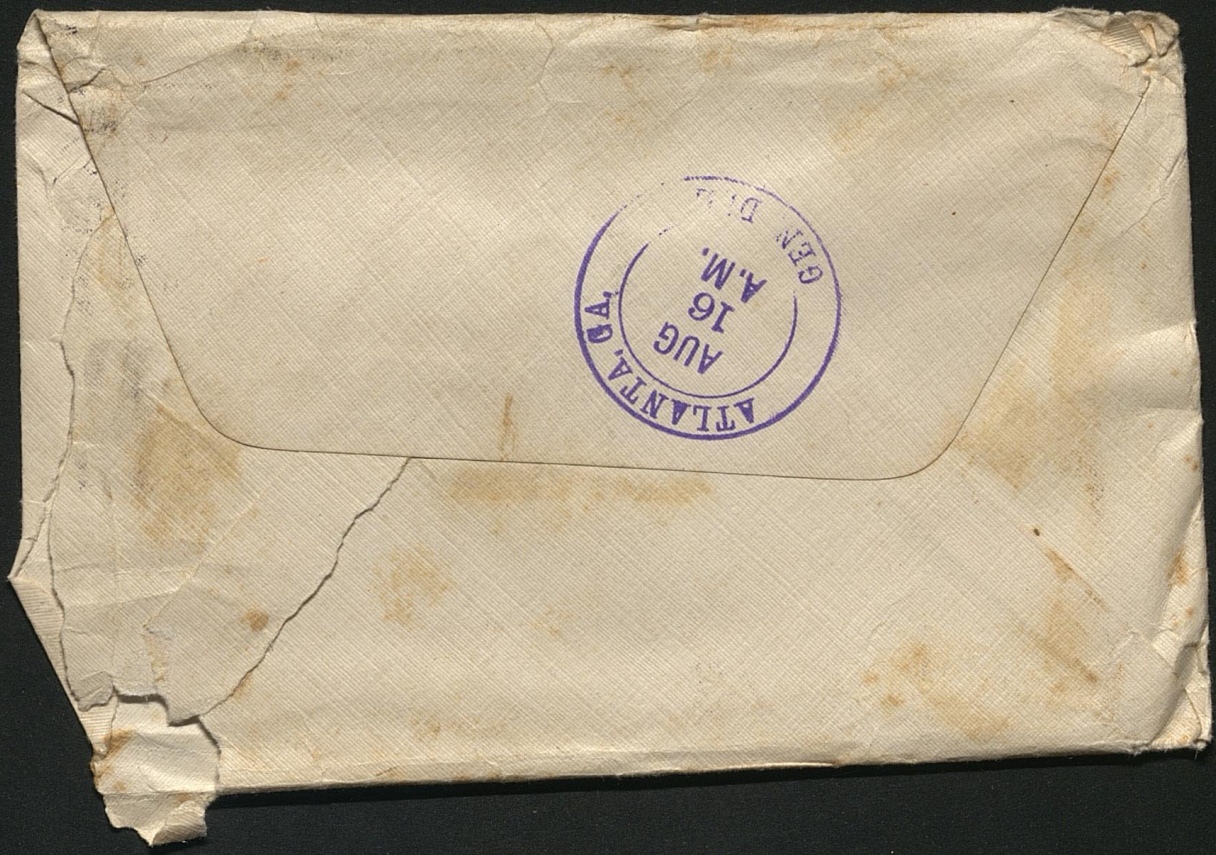
She says she bets you come before
Oct. but goodness just think I'm
not sure that she will come even
then but I dare not tell them
she is going to ans. your card
Aemie Jenkins so call for mail under
that name in about 3 days. how
I wish that I knew you were coming
in Oct. but no one knows except
Aemie — I come to Chicago for you
now I wonder if you would not come
to me after you had me to leave
home and a good position to meet the
dearest girl in existence. Yes you are
coming aren't you darling — yam —



1911



Miss. Aline Dukes,
C/o General Del.
Atlanta, Ga.



ATLANTA, GA.
AUG 16
A.M.
GEN. DEL.

Monday
10-30 a.m.

Atlanta Ga -

29 East Alexandria

Aug - 14 - 1911

My Darling "Denny",

Why write
me such blue letters? When
you know how lonesome and
blue I am? Oh, precious,
don't do me so anymore - I
can't stand it - Am so sorry
any boy took my letter
as he did - you well know
Darling boy, "Little Allen" will
never never back out
coming up to Chicago to
marry the sweetest man
alive - Don't pay any
attention to my "I'll not
come if" for I don't mean
it - I if I should say it up

2.

to day before coming to you
I wouldnt be meaning
it for nothing or nobody
can ever keep me from
coming to you day my
divorce is over and
marrying you, "my own
dear darling boy, my husband
soon to be - just think
only "47" "forty seven" more
days - "glory"! well - we be
two happy kids? People will
simply envy us wont they?
of our happiness? eh?
I know they will -

3-

I do want people to envy
us in our happiest for
dear, all married people are
not happy - are they - mine
is real true love of wife
and husband - God, how I
love you and I love I
long to be with you now
this minute - you have no
idea how glad I am to
always hear from you, dear,
I walked down street this
morning after breakfast
and could hardly wait to
get to P. O. for your letter
yesterday (Sunday) and today
It is about the same distance
as in Madrid street - is on Erway
in Madrid -

4.

When the lady handed me
"3" letters from you (but you
still forgot to send music but-
that doesn't matter just to you
but forget to write home) I
kindly had to give a little
Oh! glorious! and the lady
laughed so at my happiness
I was over joyed. I couldn't
wait to get home - I opened
my car. I came straight
back for mother doesn't like
for me to be down street
alone and I don't want to
be down there anyway -
I'm satisfied and happy
in my little room alone
writing Yale's my own
true sweet - boy -

But I don't want to have to
 ever go through with another
 two weeks like I did up until
 Friday. I was so blue and

lonesome ^{was} sick to write
 my boy ^{every day}. Didn't want to

frighten him. But believe
 me! If I had gotten very
 sick you would have

received this wire "Come
 at once. Please do" - if I
 would have had to send to
 telegraph office by a negro
 or a messenger boy. I

would have had you come
 no matter what brother would
 have said about it - "Yes!"
 God bless you how I
 love, love, love you -

b-

I am beginning to feel like my
old self again and am enjoying
uniting my boy whom I'm
"loving to death" - you are the
sweetest and most lovable
boy in the ^{whole} world of the best
part of my loving this sweet
darling boy is, I know he
loves me with all his
dear ^{sweet} heart on which I have
laid claim to be mine
for keeps until time and
eternity shall both end -
Bless your dear heart my
our "Beloved King"! my
our true ideal of man
perfection the one whom
I adore and love - Oh,
I am overjoyed at your
improvement ~~and~~ in

7.
Forgiveness and sincerely and
sincerely hope you will con-
tinue to improve in losing
"that kinger" which I believe
to "be gone" already.

Hones' here, I just love you
love you love you and
life is so incomplete with-
out you now but I am
living in hopes that it will
be complete ere October
1st - "before", can you beat-
that, I am so impatient
I must be more patient -
and God will help us
to win out by Oct - any
way - I believe and I
trust in him to do
it all - just think we
have consented to share

"sorrow" as well as
one on the other's joy. When our
real happiness we hang so
long dear of takes place.
I "jes" think you are the
dearest - sweetest and most
faithful, sweet-heart - a girl
ever had, to write me every
day and "3" times in one.
God makes me want to
fly up to you and squeeze
you to death loving you.
I would be ashamed to
"fess" up and tell how many
times I read and reread
your letters - I simply
devour them - they are
better than money from
home - Speaking of
Telfair I can't think
any way but hard of hi

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since he waited for you
to get away then say what
he did about 'you would
be visiting him & either
come for you or to send
you money to come home
and all deceitfulness in
the world, he did act.
I don't want you to scratch
~~him~~ ^{he} or ~~anyone~~ another
line - Now please take
your little girl's advice.
Let them wonder and
wonder and keep on
wondering - It will do them
good - Don't you think?
I want you to be independent
If you write any of them
they'll say you are
just keeping in touch
with them without trying to

You can write for money
 to come home on - Promise
 me you won't write any more
 only to "Cecil and Sally" and
 tell him not to keep them
 posted over at your home
 about you - Just - for him
 to keep in touch with their
 health and tell you - but for
 him to be innocent - about
 your doing more and not
 to let them know he hears
 from you and that last
 card he got was from
 California - Now do this
 Sweetheart and precious,
 don't send any more cards
 to California to be mailed
 back to Dallas after you
 send one I sent for you to
 mail to me & of Mother.
 If you havint sent yet dont

Don't do it - " Dearest, you don't
wish for me any more, than
I long to be with you,
Oh, how I miss those smiles
those sweet tender words you
spoke to me telling me of
your true love for me the
last time we went "buggy
riding" (But I haven't forgotten
how angry you got with me
and how you hit the poor horse
and it hurt my back but I
let you hurt it again) -
But god bless you just the same
if you were to kill me for I
would die buggy dying for
you. and then last but
not least that last kiss
(until October) at station

Never will I forget those loving
 arms which you so fondly
 held about me (in last
 embraces until Oct) ^{on} that last
 luggy ride when I had such
 an awful crying spell over
 you going away and I could not
 go right with you. Never will
 the way you loved me be
 forgotten - and "those lips"
 (my lips) upon which I
 planted kisses and from which
 I received the sweetest,
 most-adorable kisses ever
 intended for woman - They
 were divine, dearest - Oh I
 would give anything in my
 possession to have you
 come home (in Chicago)
 this very afternoon from

13.

your daily work and meet
you on the porch or at the
door with outstretched arms and
upturned faces with my lips
waiting for a kiss which
my boy would be "overly
anxious" to give me, and
will have to finish out letter with
this ink as fountain pen gargant
not to stop at one but more
likely "100" - that, dear heart,
will be life and real happiness
such as we both want -

How I longed for you when
feeling so sick to sit by my
bed or on it (nearer than to see)
and rub my head and get
me and tell me how much
you loved me. And remember
darling boy and rest assured,
as to what I'll now say ---
if ever you ^{are} taken ^{seriously} ill or hurt
and you visit me? at 29 East

15- I slipped over 14th ^{the past}
Alexandria as Mrs A. Dukes
to come to you, you may ^{take}
stake your life on it ^{He}!
that your belly girl would
be there just as soon as
locomotives could take
her - tell copy on that
keep precious - But let's
don't let any thing happen to
avoid all would be said and
the outcome. If it would
probably keep me from getting
it in October (the divorce)
you look at it now just as
your little girl does don't
you? yes, you do angel
boy - Bless your heart!
Sweetheart you hurt me
so in your letter doubting
my love for you and also

my "sworn promise" to marry
 you the day I can reach you
 after divorce which I am
 praying and hoping will
 be still earlier than Oct 1st
 I feel it will all be over with
 by Oct. 1st - I know I will
 I have so much faith in God
 helping me to get through
 by Oct. - any way - won't you
 help your little blue girl to
 be patient - won't you?
 I thought you were saying we
 were going to be "happy
 man and wife in October
 but now you wonder
Why wonder? Explain to me
 won't you what you mean
 I am in the dark. I am
 so wrapped up in you,

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that I am never going going
to wonder again if you are
being true to me for I know
you are and that you love
me - "allegre junkies" where
have you seen that before?
Hah, ha - I'll get to wear
it "some of these days" -
Gales, I will always be
happy with you ^{as} my own
dear husband who has
my whole heart with him
up in "Illinois". Oh darling
boy, I love you more than
I can ever tell, you and
am trying so hard to show
you (and will try still harder
in October) dear how much
I love you -

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you crying because you failed
to hear from me, showed my
sweet-heart, more than words
could ever express, the tender
love of your heart and how
you do love me - wait a
minute, guess what I'm
listening to - an orchestra
playing the wedding march
down the street a piece
where a wedding is going
on the lady says in house
here - It is beautiful but -
It has got me to crying
I can't write right now
until I fall over on bed
and cry my eye out - I
went out on porch to
listen and how blue it
made me -

"a little later"

Oh, yalés, why can't I be

19.

yes and soon? How blue it has
made me - your ^{blue} letter and
this on top of it will about
put me through - It is nearly
12 o'clock and I must
finish this and run down
to corner and mail before
Mother comes out - to lunch -
we went to church last night
as I told you and Oh, how
much better I feel from
going - Sweetheart do
you know what is before me
this minute? your last-
fond look you gave me as I
left the station late one evening
at the old depot in Dallas and
I feel the two sweet kisses
I'll never forget how sweetly
you kissed me as long as

health remains in this body
 of mine - I can close my
 eyes now and see that sweet
 look and feel our lips
 meet in their last fond
 kiss (until set - Hah!) I always
 want to say those last words for
 'tis the truth - goodness how I
love my Darling Boy! and
 am 'so awfully awfully
 homesome with out you.
 Remember Darling Boy that
 the man has never been
~~born~~ or ever will be who
 can take your place with
 me - I have looked for
 you all these years and
dearest - I never intend
 to give you up - Never

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You are mine all mine
forever - You are my
"only- only" the only man
in this wide wide world
for me, and the only one
that can claim kisses
or love from "little Ellen".
I treasure it! Oh, if you could
but hold me in your arms
and kiss me over and over
again, how happy I would
be, but I have something
to live, and be happy for -
"our wedding" in October
when I can then have
you forever and ever
never to be separated.
And I'm happy to know I have
your heart - Yours love, your

all. - But I get mighty
22 -
lovesong for you now.
and wish most for you
when hurry comes on.
I enjoy seeing my pictures
of you (I have framed)
goodnight. Now I want
to know if you will "take
back" something you
wrote in one of your
ang. - "the letters. - This is it.
"I honestly believe that you
have not - some ~~other~~
more favored son and now
want to throw me down -
Now will you take it back a
not - ? Please do for you
you know well you don't
think any more about you
little "wife" yes I'm

23 -

you ~~own~~ little wife until
"Gabriel blows his trumpet",
Please take it back - Please
Yale's darling you haven't got
to do one earthly thing to
make me think now that
you love me for "I know that
you do, darling" - It is impos-
sible as I have said before
for me to come up until
after my divorce now to
don't ask me to again
for It makes me want to
come so so bad precious -
You know too that I fully in-
tended coming up to Chicago
on Saturday after you left -
Don't you say that I
would have had it not been

24 -

for the way you mother, father
and self have talked they hurt
my feelings so I'll never
care much for them - they
are satisfied now to know
you're in Atlanta with Tom -
I guess it is all for the best - I
came here don't you think -
too awful? Please say yes -
No don't write me as you
said about you wanted to
write a letter and sign
Annie alright and how you
were getting along so fine
in your dramatic work -
Oh I guess you can let
send it to "Mrs A. Dukes
29. East Alexandria
Ky - Make we wish to
be up there studying too -

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Heav? Do it right away -
Don't send any where but
to this house address and
send me a. Dukes = Oh, how
I worship you, yesterday you know
I love you? Sweet, don't forget
to say your prayers - I ask god
in every one of mine to help
you to find good work by
the next letter I get from
you - I think of you several every
minute of the day and dream
of you all the nights - I wish
that love was true love?
I don't know what I'll do if I
continue to keep loving you
more stranger every day -
I nearly die to see and be
with you dear my own
darling sweet-heart - I worship

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will answer "Mother Van's" letter soon
but - just send to you to give
to her or not? I appreciate
her writing me so much - you
are alright - I'll stick by you
in any thing you tell them
concerning us - Yalio dear,
little Sally loves you twice
as much as she did in
Dallas what will happen
now when we get together?
Oh Oh, Oh wait - we
be happy supremely so -
wait it be grand for us to get
C. and Georgia come to visit
us on their honeymoon and
maybe we can persuade them
to stay up there and "we 4"
children live in a flat
together - glorious! Eh?

No "Denny" I don't destroy your letters
 for I can't. I love them so I
 can't part with them but I
 keep them locked up all the
 time in my trunk you bet.
 Brother wants me to go in bathing
 this evening at 5-30 with him
 out at "Lake" but I've decided
 not to put any money on a
 bath suit for I never would
 go in but once or twice.
 He goes nearly every morning
 at 5- or 5-30 and lots of jewelry
 I go some where down street
 with him every night
 when I feel good. He is so
 so good to "yale's little girl"
 I can't get over Chicago population
 being larger than whole of Tex.
 Can you beat that? Oh I
 had rather be writing how
 I long to be saying in your

After lunch - ² ~~hotter~~ came and I
had to stop until now to finish
armed - 2-15 o'clock - yes Yates

want we enjoy our Sunday
afternoon at this time of
afternoon - you want - have to
work and can be home all day with
you "soy doll" and we can play
on bed and love love love!

Yes we will love - we
sweet-heart? that will be real
life - I want you to be true
to this little girl who can
never live without you -
am so delighted over you getting

fat - just keep on getting
fatter and it will tickle me
more - Take good care of
your sweet self and love
me more every day -

just think maybe - "one
in the early fall" just 47 days

29-

from today our wedding may
be a "noon" wedding for it
will happen the day I arrive in
Chicago Ill. yes, I'll send my
trunk direct to you from
Atlanta and mail you my
check. So you can see Jim
on my way as soon as I
clean up things around old
Dallas court room. Jim
getting kinder creepier over being
in the court room as I've
never been in one but Jim
willing to feel still creepier
to win my wish in October
or last of next month - I am
sitting a little table which has
my Bible on corner of it and
I will put my hand upon it &
"I will solemnly swear" "I'll marry
James Jenkins" "the minute I can
reach him after divorce"

is granted me - will give you a
 correct imitation of just how I
 did this and with the same Bible
 when we are in our little room
all alone in October - I will
 hereafter take the letter I write
 like today down to P. O. with my
 next morning and mail for I
 have no confidence in these
 resident-mail boxes on the
 corners - have you? How did
 you like cards I sent you -
 tell me what you thought of
each one I sent last week
 and one I'll send this week -
 eyes, I intend getting Cecil helped

to step off to Chicago from
 old Dallas. won't I be happy -
 that will be when C will see
 me all smiles down at
 some depot - you left from
 They sure do think a big heap of
 "my husband" - they treated

"You so cute when you got your
 letter from me Friday by
 throwing you up in their arms
 "I'm getting jealous even of
 the boys now" Hah, Ha! Must
 I send you. darling here after
 or on to Monroe St address?
 Do you always look inside of en-
 velope for love message when
 you open your letter from
 your little girlie? I wrote
 you how I laughed over the
 toilet paper letter. Now that
 worries me again for I so
 much wanted you to get
 that letter. Tell me if it has
 reached you by now. I told
 you how I opened an ear and
 a lady sitting across aisle
 nearly died laughing too
 It was so cute and I
 more than laughed over it.

yalés, darling (32 - pages) and I am not
 I will now one bit tired from
 living this love writing - want to
 letter which I'm write right on
 afraid has tired you out - from but - must take
 reading but - hope not to a an afternoon
 close but - before doing so let nap -
 me improve and help you
 not to doubt my coming to
 you and marrying you in
 October - Believe my heart
 you dearest? I'll be little
alone on the spot, right there
 and trust ahead of the little
traveller - with a big heart full
of love in other words all
my care for you, dearest
 and kisses galore (and
a big hug) I'll say bye bye
 darling boy. I am "forever"
 "you" own

Some "Remedy" letter, etc.

little wife - alone.

ATLANT
AUG 15
7 PM
GA.



Mr J. Y. Jenkins
Chicago

2237 W. Monroe St. Ill.

Forgot message inside on envelope. cut
went again... Remember us to "Daddy
& Mother man" - A. J.

8-14-11

Chicago
Sunday

My dear Darling Girl:—

Today is Sunday and I can't get any mail from Atlanta till tomorrow Gee what a long time to wait when you are anxious to hear from the one and only girl in existence.

Bless your little heart I'm so anxious to see you. and just think you have swore to come to me by last of next month.

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Wonder if I'll get a telegram like the other one but I look at it this way "if you love me nothing could keep you from coming at the time you have so faithfully promised to come.

I wrote Cecil a long letter asking him to see that you got off OK and I can depend on him. he would do anything for me

Kindly excuse this writing but the mist is on the beam just like myself
The aviation meet started yesterday and people are beginning to come

in from all over the world
this is supposed to be
the largest aviation ever
held. Wright Bros., Curtis,
Simon and all the big
bugs are here.

Darling the post
cards you sent me were
real cute but I don't want
you to think for one
minute that I'm even
looking at the girls for
I'm not — I'm as true
as steel to my girlie
and expect you to act
likewise.

Well Sweetheart everything
has turned as dark as

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might all of a sudden
honest I'll have to turn
on the light in order
to see. It has begun to
storm now and is getting
still darker. I'm afraid
there's going to be a real
storm.

Hope it won't come
down as far as Atlanta
for I know how frightened
my darling gets when it
storms.

Gee but I wish you
were in my arms now. for
it's raining like everything
and it makes me feel
so blue

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Mrs. Van says she's sure going to make you love Chicago if you come up real soon. And believe me she could too for she's one of the kind who believe in having a good time.

My dear little one you can easily break loose from Tom while in Dallas so please don't go back on your promise to marry little Gates in October for there's no excuse if you really love.

Say Angel why didn't you send me Cecil's note and Annie's letter to Tom

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as you said you would do.

Darling I saw a sign in a window the other day that said "Cancel those wedding bells" and I've been worrying ever since. You know how superstitious I am, it was only the title of a song but I felt like you were going to say that to me when Oct. came and began to worry right away. But you won't will you sweetheart.

Please sweet send me Cecil + Annie's letters so I can read them and return

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I thought for a while that you had gone back on gates but dont think it anymore since you have written me such sweet letters saying that you were coming to me no matter what happened.

You are such a sweet little girl, I could love you to death

I sure pity the steamers that are out on the lake during this storm

There's an excursion on steamer Roosevelt next week to Buffalo and return for \$6 wouldnt it be grand

8 if you and I could go
long. Darling can you
picture little Aimee and
Gates on board some steamer,
wouldnt we be a cute couple?

Say beautiful everyone
here are wild to see you
so why not run up for a
day or so.

Im sure proud to show
my little pictures especially
the ones where Ive got my
arms around the dearest
girl alive. yes you are angel
you are just a darling
little queen and I love
you more every minute

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I'll sure not forget
how you treated me
at Mineral Wells when
I arrived. Goodness I
wish you loved me now
as you did then - you
do dont you darling?

The storm has about
all passed over now
but Im afraid there will
be no flying today.

Havent had anything
to eat so far and its
12 o'clock so Ill close
and go feed my face

10

Be good sweetheart
and remember Gates love
you more than brother
Tom or anyone else

Yours ~~forever~~
Yours always
Gates

Sots of love and kisses

Extra:—

Darling I love you a thousand times more than I did in Dallas and that's saying a whole lot.

Give me the chance to prove my love and I'll show you what real love is.

Believe you are everything to me and I'm awfully anxious for October to hurry and get here.

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8-14-11

Chicago
Monday

My Dear Darling;

Didn't go to
work today as my cold
is awfull. Gee how I
do long for you to
be with me. So tell
the truth I had rather
be dead than real sick
among a bunch of strangers
Mother Sau has been mighty
nice to me and I sure

appreciate it.

Your letters are
about the only comfort
I have so please keep
the good work up. Dont
mail two one day and
none the next for it
nearly kills me to miss
even one day

Darling I received
a letter from Georgie
saying that Cecil was
mending rapidly so chances

are he can see you off
at train after all. Spose
you would like to see
the letter so Im enclosing
same. If she answers yours
be sure and send it to
me.

Only two more days
and my pass runs out
Im so blue today I really
wish I was home again.
No I cant truthfully
say that, for Aleeine says

she wouldn't marry me
if I ever put my
foot back in Dallas.

I come to Chicago in
order to meet Alene
and here I will stay
till October, the time
she has faithfully promised
to come to me.

God bless you
darling I'd do anything
for Alene - you're such

a dear little girl - I
love you, yes I love you
and I'm just going
to keep on loving and
loving that funny face.

(I mean that sweet face)

Here comes the postman
sweetheart so you'll
please excuse me for
a few moments. I do
hope he has a letter

from the dearest girl
alive and that's Alice
Fletcher.

TIME I WAS GONE

Well dearie
I'm back on the job
again, didn't get any
mail from Atlanta in
fact no mail from you
today but got another nice

letter from Georgia - its so
sweet of her to write
me so often, she told
of receiving your letter
and tried to convince
me of your true love.

said it wouldnt be long
till Cecil could be up
Oh! ~~not~~ isnt that simply
grand. Darling she
ended the letter real
cute was as follows:-" I am

Coming to me tomorrow
instead of Oct. How can
I wait so long.

How I wish you
could see the number
of people skating on the
streets - Everyone seems to
be having such a nice
time just because I'm
too sick to go out. But
to be frank with you
darling I really wouldnt.

Care to go skating even
if I was well - that is
unless I could go with
Aemie - Mother Van is
cooking supper now so
I must slip out before
she invites me in, I've
dined with them so
much already that I
nearly feel ashamed of
myself, won't bring ~~my~~ my

letter to a finish for I
want to write more after
supper - Bye-Bye- Won't
stay long.

INTERMISSION WHILE EATING SUPPER

Just returned from
feeding my face and
no sooner than I got

in the door mother
wanted me to eat with
them.

Darling you dont
know how much I long
for you, it is simply
driving me crazy to be
so lonesome and have
the blues all the time.
This is my first time
away from home so
its awfully hard on
me.

Alema I want you
to write Georgie
again for she seemed
to appreciate your
letter - Don't be afraid
to say what you
want to for she admired
you speaking so highly
of me

Bless your bones you're

as ever Cicil's secretary
but living in hopes of
being more some day

Sovrighly Georgie.

They will certainly be
a happy couple.

Say Angel Girl why
didn't you write me day
before yesterday, I'm so
worried over not hearing
from you. goodness how
I wish my darling was

such a darling girl
to tell her that we
would marry in Oct.

Alewie you do
everything just as I
want you to - Gee! but
it's grand to be loved
by such a sweet little
angel as you

I'm so proud to

think I'm engaged to
the sweetest girl alive
that I just want to
go to the highest
mountain top and
shout it out to the
whole world. But what
on earth would I do
should you break the
engagement. — Well I
wont say but at the
same time I've a pretty

good idea - Can you
guess ??

I've something though
that cheers me up when
I think about being
dissapointed and that
is a letter from little
Aline saying that yates
would never be dissapointed
in Aline - God bless
you sweet one those
few words gave me more

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Comfort than anything
you ever wrote.

All I ask is a
chance to prove my
true love for Allen.

Be a good girl please
and don't fail to write
me every day - Lots of love
and kisses for the only
one I love.

Im yours till death
Yates



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Chicago

Darling Sweet Girl:-

Have just received two of the
dearest and sweetest letter that I ever read and
both were from that darling little girl "Aline"

Yesterday I received no mail so take
it from me I was even glad to hear from you
I dreamt about my girlie all last night and
in everyone you were lovin' some other fellow
Goodness I hope the dream wont come true if
it hasnt already.

Sweetheart you will please not
send my mail to general delivery for they have
my address and would forward it out before I
could reach post office every day, I get all
the mail that comes here and none is bothered.
so please continue sending 2237 W. Monroe St.

Am not going to tell you anything
about whether or not Im working, will leave it
for you to guess.

You tell me you talk to my
picture, now thats so funny I do the same thing



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with yours, seems that we are alike about lots of things, doesn't it dear?

Bless your little heart you do love me don't you angel? Gee! but I wish you were in my arms right now. Oh! what a pleasure it would be for me.

Say darling be real carefull and dont fall in love with that little fellow that looks like me for I really believe you could make him change his mind about the girlie he's now in love with. Im so afraid my darling is going to allow some one to go crazy about her. but sweet just think about Yates and remember he loves you more than any one yes I do "beautiful"; I love you more than that brother loves you, I know I do. no one can convince me that I dont.

Must close now darling till after dinner will write you about ten "onion" pages then Be a good girlie for I love you with all my heart and cant love anyone else

Bye Bye till after lunch

from "The boy who cant live without Almie" ^{"that's} Yates"

I love you more every
moment - Be true to me
please - Yate

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*Miss. Annie Dukes,
% General Del.,
Atlanta, Ga.*



8-15-11

Chicago
Darling Sweetheart

Your dear
little letter to hand and
I was sure glad to
hear from you as its the
first letter in two days
Am awfully sorry that
you changed your mind
about coming up Sat.
and hope you will come
yet for I know you would
enjoy the trip.

I did as you ask
me to about the post
cards and also sent one
along to mother.

When I first arrived
in Chicago I wrote Tellfair
that I was here but would
leave in a day or so, in
his letter to me he didn't
know whether I was here
or not but knew that I
would leave my forward
address at the post office
I will send him a card
from Los Angeles saying
hello Tellfair your letter was
forwarded to me, many thanks
and that's all. Now darling
you get angry too quick
you know I told you I
wouldn't write anyone except
you and Cecil and when

I say a thing I mean it
Yes I say I mean it when
I say I love you more
than I love anyone. You are
just the dearest and
sweetest girl alive.

Went to Bunte Bros
Candy factory yesterday
and told them who I was
They treated me like a
prince Said the first
opening they had in
office work they would
certainly phone me, I
went from there over to
Allegrette factory and was
treated still nicer, The
old gentleman insisted

that I meet him at 7:30
well I wont tell you what
he did for your boy but
it was something nice.

Darling Que I want
you to write Mrs. Van once
and a while for she has
planned a grand time for
you, I certainly got in
with the right family

Im so nervous today
I can hardly write.

You told me about
the people going in bathing
there, I sure wish you
could see them here, why
honest its just as nice
as at Galveston, but little

Gates hasn't been in yet
he's waiting for Almie
Bless your little heart
we could have such a
nice time together.

Darling I love you so
much I just want you
to run away and marry
me before you get the
divorce.

This place is a regular
little "Paris" when it comes
to swell janes but honest
darling I haven't seen even
one that could take your
place, that's on the square
sweetheart. No jostling

I could look this wide
world over and still not
find anyone who would
compare with Aline Fletcher

You are my life darling
my all and all, I will
do anything for you.

Am too nervous to
write anymore so you'll have
to excuse such a short one
this time.

May God protect you
darling and make you
my wife in Oct.

Bushels of love and
kisses for darling little Aline.

Yours till death
Gates

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Mrs. Alevie Dukes,
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Atlanta, Ga.

8-16-11

Chicago
Wednesday

Darling Little Sweetheart:-

It is
now eleven o'clock and I'm
just now writing those
ten pages that I promised
to write directly after lunch.
The two boys insisted
that I go down to the
aviators with them and I
did, that's the reason
I'm late about writing
my darling.

I'm in such a
passionate mood tonight
that I'm afraid I'll go
over my limit (ten pages)

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Why Sweetheart I love
you more tonight than
ever before, goodness if
I could only have you
Clasp tight in my arms
at this moment I'd never
ask for anything better.
You are the girl of all
girls darling and I'd
be supremely happy if
you were my dear little
wife right now Oh my
adorable one what makes
me love you so much?
Is it because you are so
everlastingly cute or is it
because you have such a
sweet disposition, I can't

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solve the puzzle, all I know is that you are the dearest, sweetest and prettiest girl in existence and I can love no one else - I love you! I love you! I love you! Oh God I wish Oct. would hurry and come and you could be with me. Sweetheart please don't throw me down and disappoint me as you did before. I can't live without you darling I simply can't. Oh angel no one knows how I've suffered from being separated from you even

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this long, I do everything
to keep from crying every
night for when I retire
I always look at your
picture and think how far
away from me you are
Oh angel if you come to
me promptly on Oct. first
you'll see who loves you the
most of all "yes brother Tom
included"

God guided me to the
liveliest and most cheerfull
house in Chicago and still
I cant help but get blue
when I think of being
seperated from the dearest
one in all the world.

5

I do believe you love me sweetheart or you wouldn't write such sweet letters, words could never express how much I enjoy reading them, every sentiment that flows from your pen is treasured in my heart. You are the one and only one little Gates loves.

I come to Chicago because you ask me to saying that you would marry me in October. Now why shouldn't I look forward to that time as being ~~my~~ the most joyous of all

6

my life, for should you
keep your word I'd be
the happiest. being alive.

Could write you at
least twenty pages about
the aviators but I know
it wouldn't interest you
all I have to say concerning
them is they are certainly
doing some dangerous stunts
two have been killed
already. but that enough
of that for you can
plainly see that I'm not
in a mood to talk about
aviators tonight

Dearest you have
neglected sending me Cecil

7

and Annie's letter so please
remember to do this for
yates wout you darling.

Thanks I knew you would

See! whiz here it is
I've written seven pages
already and it only
seems like two, take it
from me I know someone
who is simply foolish
about Alene, wonder if
you can guess?

You said you were
going to try to arrange
so you could marry me
in Sept. goodness wouldnt
it be grand if you could
There's an add in

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One of the eight o'clock papers advertising for young men to be aviators, I told mother I an. I was going to answer it and I wish you could have heard her, honest she treats me as though I was her own son.

My darling tell me "are you getting fat? your picture you sent looks as though you are."

Bless you little heart I love you just the same no matter what you have on or how much you weigh.

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whose the sweetest
girl in the world ???

ans. — Alevine Fletcher is!!!

whose the prettiest
girl in the world ???

ans. — Alevine Fletcher!!!

whose the one yates
love better than his own life ???

ans. — Alevine Fletcher!!!

Mother Van says she
can picture me if I should
come home some evening
and find you here — well
darling I dont know what
I really would do but chances
are I would be so overjoyed
I couldnt speak.

Sweetheart you are on

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my mind every minute
of the day - I think of
no one but darling Allen

Have reached number
10 now so must live up
to my word and make
this a ten page letter,
believe I could write ten more
though.

Be true to me sweetheart
write often and I am your
boy forever, Love + lots of kisses.

Yours till death
Gates Jenkins

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