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Dear Nat - Your letter received.

I wrote Curless yesterday.

Explained to him how Gray I have
been with Inghelide matter.

Will go to Cincinnati Tuesday &
report from there. Hope you

will be able to build some Thomas
Machines for the clay people but

you must remember that ~~you~~
it must be for the clay people
for they are the ones who own

All well + said lots of work -

Mr. Cross will use only
2000 ft of 33" to 40" pipe in
his work but the city is a
different proposition - will look
into it + report. Tell unless.

Affectationally

D.D.

The night - We are going to
Woodford this morning. So will
cut this short. Ground covered
with snow. Use your best
judgment + do not be afraid
to consult with Mr. Cooper +
Mr. Jackson. So they will be
wise to what is being done.
Who in Lopia George Browne
would sell the stock, but has
an idea he will not unless
Griggs gets in a tight place -
John Baker is standing in
with him + will make the
Company. The Struitts are
too slow + spineless.



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Even ^{if} you can get the most for the
machines go to it, but do not forget
that we have a lease + the buildings
for which we are liable + we must
take care of Mr Mason + I know
he + Mr Mead will do all they can
to help you. After talking with
Moreros + everything looks right
I may decide to have you send on
a machine. If Hammond
wins in the lower court Stanton
may decide to pay for his machine
+ take it for his cattle plant.
I received the Gripp-Cooper letter +
also the Increase tax letter.
Regarding Office - One office next Stacy
showed to enough + you can arrange

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Dear Hart -

Your long letters received.
Many thanks. To start with, to sure you
are going to get your money when you
sell anything - The Wagoners-Russell people
are slow pay + they should be made to pay
cash or security which will be acceptable
to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Jackson. Walker knows
all about them. Hope you will make a
deal with Kling + Virgels will probably
go good for him, but if you will get
some one who is good to endorse their
notes or the cash. They should pay 870 for

I am paying 790. They at least should pay 790
if the price is right. Anderson came down to
Lexington for many years & I left the drawings &
patterns with him. He is going to see the Cincinnati
Shaper people & some expert machine men
& I will go over next week & go through it with
them. I am afraid we should have insisted
upon Tom Taveney his patterns & got \$1000 - 77-
I supposed from his trick he would get up
an other design & he will keep on changing
if he is let alone. Was glad to hear that
Death let the cement pipe in. They will be
obliged to have machines to compete with

Clay for all due respect to Mr. Clayton I
do not think he can compete with hand
made pipe. McCross is expected any day
& I will see what is going to be done here.

Mr. uncle Hart has instituted suit for
a sale of Dngleside & we are working out
a plan for partition with the attorney.
Consequently I can't get away from here
until about the 20th when I will go
to Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City. I will
have to be in St. Paul a few days on my own
business. Bob Prox knows all about
credit & can advise you. I hope you can
sell the castles to good advantage & which

Caught up on his sleep & at work.
Lama Tucker seems to command
most of his attention although he
has had a number of others out.
The Fabrics have had him engaged
to Mary Sage Williams & one or
two others. Dorothy has grown &
is looking well. She enjoys her
school & play mates. The mare
"Kentucky Babe" is a wonder & John
says he could make her trot in
three minutes in a month. She is
large & pulls the rockaway well.
The weather here has been mild &
like April. Everyone has had grippe
& quite a number of cases of pneumonia

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Probably to get your letters written by
their stenographer. Curless can then
put in his furniture. Do not forget
the files under my desk & Cappie
books & chess books etc also Cement
Pipe Mchry box. You are on the ground
& use your best judgement, but be
sure & talk with Alex Thompson &
Stacy. I never did understand why
Hanson & the Folios kept so much
Office for they really do not need it.
Go ahead & use your best judgement
& keep in close touch with Curless.
Talk over the proposition of getting an
improvement patent on the Thomas Machine

on your + Hornings design + go ahead if you
all decide. Look into the Keen
proposition + you may be able to go into
it + not take up all of your time +
at the same time make some money.
It will take time to develop here
+ but while the iron is hot, but know
that you are protected. He is making a
proposition to you + should protect you
for he needs you + it is his scheme.
Make a proposition so you can get
out if you wish to after a certain length
of time. If you need to talk to anyone

Mr. Holt can advise you.

You are doing first rate + am glad
you are having some pleasure in
having Johnston with you. Your mother
+ I received a nice letter from him for
which I wish you would thank him.

The puppie died on Jan 15th. Too much
travelling or something. We bathed him
but think he was fed too much + had
worms or something. How is Poodle?
We had egg nog on the 15th + Lizzie made
it. It was the best you ever tasted. About
forty of the skin came in. Addison has

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St-Paul is the same & in fact the
whole country has had or is having
a gripe. Look out & take care of
yourself. Keep Lena up to the
mark. & tried a fire in your
room in the garage to dry things
out. How did you find the boots?
Give our love to Coppa & Grandma
& Aunt Jan. We have been doing
so much talking I have not had
a chance to write. but now I
will take the time & come down
here to do it. Remember me to

The good friends who wrote the poetry
something about the "foot on the rail".

I suppose everything is quiet &
peaceful in Washington now that it
is dry. I hope Gordie Brown will
sell my St Paul Stock. Keep in touch
with him & let me know.

Affectionately
Dad.



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effects are owned by the Aunt
Piper & Hammond & Miss
Frisland must sign the
papers. Take freely to

Arden Hammond as the entries
will be ok. did you
cut off the water in the
Garage & drain the pipes

& toilet for if you did
not you are liable to have
trouble - All send love

& kisses - House rent to
be 10⁰⁰ 50⁰⁰ Stan written

dit letter this am + am cramped
Affectionately yours
Dot

Reynolds sent -
How is she doing?

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1/10/16

My Dear Hart -

Your letter of
the 5th inst just received & I
hasten to tell you to pay Jim
Keen the rent also the Western
Union. Do not pay for the
Bellman either for the Van
Englekins or our selves &
tell them we do not want
it. Pay the Tacoma Hotel
but do not pay Curtis

the tailor. We are plotting Inghside
with an idea for partition, but
cannot tell how it will come
out for the Court will decide
later. I am busy keeping things
moving. will go to Cincinnati tomorrow
for two or three days.

Glad you are enjoying yourself -
we had Quinae hen at Sumner's
Forest Saturday & some Goose
at Inghside yesterday.

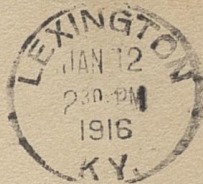
Addison is full of his law

& incidently uses the telephone
most of his leisure time to call
up some of the girls. He says
there are some fine girls here.

Dunster is getting along nicely
& likes his school. Day before
yesterday we had sixches of snow
& today it is all gone. A regular
Puget Sound day today. Keep in
touch with Cules all of the time
& sell the machinery when you
get the chance. Remember the

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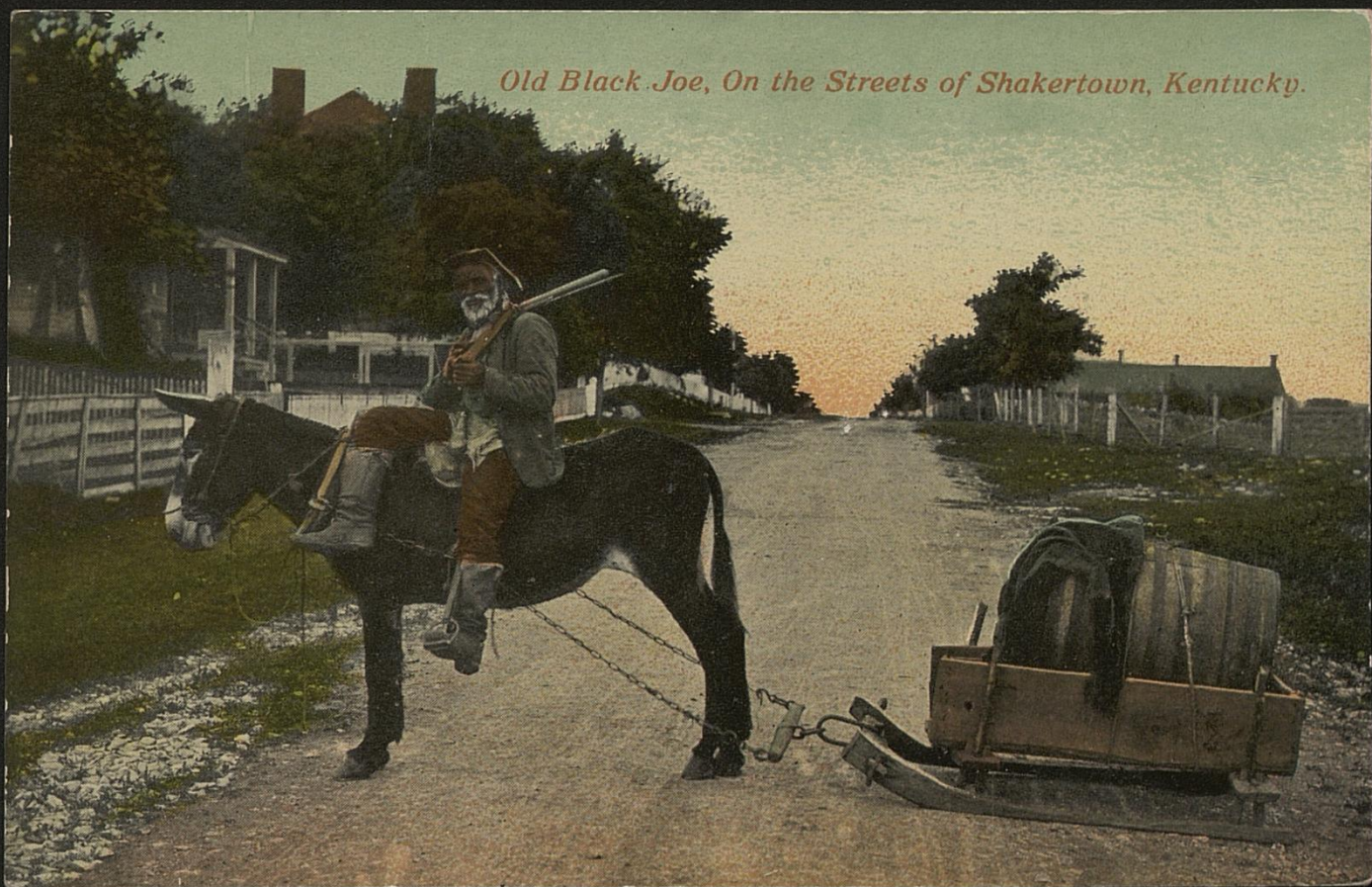
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Washington,

Old Black Joe, On the Streets of Shakertown, Kentucky.



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Domestic and
Canada
One Cent

Foreign
Two Cents

Dear Aunt -

I did

not go to Cincinnati

yesterday because I got

a phone from Charlie

Anderson that he was

called to New York but

won't be back the latter

part of the week. I will go

over as soon as I hear from

him. Tall Curless. All

well. Weather warm

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Dad

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John Walter Egan

ra

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Dear Hart -

You wrote that
you had an inquiry from the
American Concrete Pipe Assⁿ which
you would enclose. You failed
to enclose it. Anderson

has not phoned me but expect
a word any day now. Stan
has been getting much busied at the
work of subdividing etc. I can't
get away from here with this to something
definite but will get at the Cincinnati
people & report as soon as I can. Hope

George Browne can see my stock.
+ then I will build a machine here
After you get cleaned up with Shopko
Curless can come on but I must get
to Kansas City first + get the lay of the
land. Have not heard yet how the
suit is coming on. Weather here
colder all well. Except I am coming
down with a cold. Hope it is not
grip. Love to all at 523.
Take care of yourself + Keep your
Eyes open.

Affectionately,

Dad



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Street car man who has a
Cement plant on his line of
road. Think I can interest
him + if I can interest Mr.

R. A. Long the Clay people
may wish to talk. If you
run the Shop get in &

learn how to run any part
of it. To night we are going
to dinner with Lucy Beale
Hoffman. Weather has

moderated + is now quite
warm. Of course I have my
heavy overcoat with me.

Norcross got the contract
to build the disposal system
for the City of Lexington much to
his delight. He can keep out

QUEEN CITY CLUB

1/20/16.

My Dear Gibson -

I came over
here last evening to see Mr.
Charlie Anderson + find all
of the machine shops here
are running day + night on
war orders. The Cincinnati
Shaper Co., which Company
Mr Anderson expected to figure
with, are so full of business
they cannot talk. They
were very much interested

in the machine but absolutely cannot
take now. It may be managed that
we can build one machine at the
Car Company & if it looks good to
them afterwards they may decide to
take a contract for a number, but
this must be worked gingerly -

They are big people & if it
becomes known they are building
a machine may do us some
good. Tomorrow I will spend
with the Ideal people. We may
decide to send one of their men
up to Jaganaw to look at the
Thomas machine there. Mr. A.
does me not to be in too much
of a hurry for we must be right
when we do start. If you could
get a contract with the Drury Clay
people you could be doing something.
It is impossible to get any lathes
here & to start a shop would cost
too much for as soon as the munition
orders stop you can get cheap work
done. I have another good line
up at Kansas City in a Mr. Klein &

bit of more than we can chew.
The thing is to take advantage
of anything to make some money.

I think Addison will get along
in his law & he is full of it
with a good head for it, but of
course it will take time. He
is making some of the instructors
sit up and take notice. Annette
is doing finely & all think her
smart and think her French accent
wonderful. Give my love to Cappa &
Grandma & Aunt Jan. Do not forget
that Cappa will be 79 years old
on Jan 28th. Have some flowers for
him. I hope Lena is getting along
all right & keeping things up to the
mark. How are all the boobies?
Regards to Johnston. Affectionately, Dad.

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in getting cement sewer pipe
introduced when he gets
on the job. They are putting
in 18" clay now. After Jon
& Conless get the plant disposed
of & he starts east & sells
some of the machines on hand
he can come to Lexington
& we can get up a company
& put in his machine in
Arkansas, I think. Mr.
Lamont of the Skinner-Eddy Co
used to be with the Seattle
Dry Dock Co. when Charlie
Anderson built his steel cars
there. We are now
waiting for Nuto's attorney 16

to hear from Hart before the others put in
their answer. It will depend upon the Judge
as to whether the place will be partitioned,
giving Aunt Lily the house + half the land,
then sell the other half or whether the whole
place will be sold. Aunt Lily will sue
for a partition ^{to get} of her half + the other
half divided into 5 to or sold as a whole
+ divide the money. I must stay until
there is something definite settled. It will
probably take until October before a sale
can be effected. I wish you could be
here to meet Morcross. He is a civil
engineer + has lots of work. He reports

on Power, Gas + water plants + sometimes
buys them + sells them. He has served
his time in the drafting room on bridge
construction + has his office with him.
He started in for himself with \$6000 in
cash + now gets \$5000 a day + expenses
for expert work. He is anxious to know
you. I do wish George Brown would
sell my share + that I could dispose of
the St Paul property. Then we could be lined
up in good shape + have a home.

This is the part of the country for any
machine works + for the cement pipe
works. The thing is to get started right + not

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Bluff



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There. The InCracken machine
will have a display as will the
Summ people. Hopkins likes
our machine & is of the opinion
that the output should be controlled.

That is that the inspection should
be controlled & the only way
to absolutely control it is to
enter rent the machines or
have control of the Companies

Operating the machine. I/A
him we had a good scheme, but
he said if we sell a machine
the man buying can do what
he wishes & do lots of harm just
as they did with the block machine

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Dear Gibson -

Your letter
announcing the fact that you
had been laid up with grip
received. Glad you got through.
As I wrote you I did about as
you did & after staying in the house
for four days was out again.

Mr Anderson & I came down
from Cincinnati Saturday evening
& he went back this morning.
Yesterday was a delightful day

* Your Mother, Duncas, Mr Anderson & I drove
out in the country with the mare driven
by Mick John Brown. on our way back
opposite the Pepper Distillery a tobacco truck (motor)
driven by some drunken men ran into us
tipping us over & smashing the wheels, springs,
etc etc. It is a wonder some one was
not hurt. The mare stood quiet & we
extracted ourselves without a scratch.

Two of the men are in jail & the
authorities are after the other at
Draughtport. They were abusive & tried
to run over Charlie Anderson. I phoned
for a taxi & Charlie went in got Henry

Duncan & Sheriff. It was a flagrant
case of too much booze.

Duncas was a wonder & kept
her head as she usually does
under such circumstances.

It was very fortunate that no
one was badly hurt.

On re:- my trip to Cincinnati.
I called on the ideal people but
Mr Weigstein was not in the
city. I saw Mr Hopkins & had
a long talk with him. I want
to be in Chicago during the
Cement show & meet the people

lots of room & if you do not
sell the lathes we can have
them brought on here to set
up in their shops. It would
be a big thing for us to
have the backing of this
concern & we can refer
to Charlie Anderson, who in
turn will get Mr. Elliott &
Mr. Schiff the President. This
information might make the
big people sit up & take
notice. Tell Mr. Curless &
give him every thing I give
you. Has he heard from
Mr. Bent or any of the R.C. people?

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They had lots of grief with the black
machines & it is taking lots
of time & money to get lined
up again when if they owned
the machines they could have
had absolute control of the
kind of pipe blocks made.
It looks to me like it is
best to go slowly especially
since the war is going on
in Washington & Oregon.
If Darap-Dorfffield & Co. get
a machine it will be a great

thing & bring the Jimmy Clay people
into line & they may want some
Thomas machines. It will be

a good thing to sell the patterns
for the Automatic & make them
pay a good price

I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Coopers
trouble. You may have to pay
some interest on the notes I put
in to pay the debts of the T.H. Co.

Keep in touch with Mr. Jackson
& the red headed note teller.

I can't get away now until after
something definite is done in the
Inghside matter & also in the claim
for being run into, but hope it
will be next week. Mr. Elliott of

the Cin. Car Co. is one of the big
engineers of the country & has been
sent for by Secy. McAdoo to get
his advice regarding some out-
marine machines. It may be

that they will build two machines
for us on a percentage basis if we
decide to have it done. They have

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I do hope George Brown will
be able to sell the Stock &
hope he will not wait too
long. It is said he would
write me but he has not.

I would rather take 180 than
not sell for it will cost
me paying interest enough
to make up the difference nearly.

I am going to get things in
shape so when Curless comes
east we can do something
worth while & at the same
time if I can sell the St Paul
Stock will not be hampered

Anderson is very much taken with the machine I will stop in Cincinnati again & see Wetzstein. Let me know by wire result of infringement suit.

Griggs Cooper Co are going to build an other building out at the transfer to take the place of the 3^d + Wauconda Building tell the Senator. That will take more money.

Many Griggs will be married on the day of the Annual meeting of the DePaul Co.

Charlie Anderson - I dined with the Staffman's & found them delightful.

Everything looks better so do not get discouraged for it takes time & when it does go it will go smooth. Tell Curless & Mr. Thomas.

All send love to you & the 525 household.

Affectingly

Dad

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Dear Hart,

Your letter received. Glad to hear Mr Thomas has a scheme to do away with pallets & hope it will work. Also glad he has improved on pulling the core. If you get the job for building a machine for the clay people you can soon what the machine is worth.

Every letter helps & if you can keep the costs down you are all right for the McCracken machine costs \$500 - I hear.

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Purliss knows all about
that. Am still waiting for
Duncan to move & receive
letters from Mary & Louisa.
Will let you know by wire
when I leave & where I will
be. I may decide not to
have much time to attend
the Cement Show & go from
there to St. Paul & Kansas City.
Weather here has been hot
but expect a cool wave tonight
or tomorrow. All well
& send love. Keep in &
keep out Mr. Thomas.
Nothing from G. Browne yet
Affectionately Dad.

M. G.
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Gentle

Dear Gibson -

Your letter received.

Did the Corvallis people pay the note yet? You must have sent them the material they wanted. Am still in the air on the English matter, but have an idea it will be a sale. Too much sentiment & no business. Hope you can get enough money to pay the bills & Mr. Thomas until I get back. Gordie Browne wired that 150 was the best he could get. I am sorry he did not submit the offer of 185 for I would

Lue accepted it. However has not returned yet but as soon as he does will look into the pipe business Lue. He was after the contract to build the disposal plant and did not wish to take up the pipe business then. If you could

get a contract to build a new Thomas machine with the new cor hoist & ~~more~~ ~~patents~~

scheme you can then know whether it will work or not, & can tell whether to continue or not.

Business outside of war orders is good but not so booming as the war order business. Tobacco business here

is about 60% of what it was last year but prices are better.

56 million pounds were sold in Lexington last year, & about 18 million so for this year. Addison has just finished his examinations

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and I think he came out first rate.
His mark was B in Journalism
but he has not received the returns
for the others except Mr. Chubbly
said he would pass him on his
term @ land. Susster has just
finished her exams. but have
not received word yet. They
all tell me she is doing mighty
well. I don't know but that
it would be a good scheme
for you to sell the Shudom
if you need any money. You
ought to get at least "500" for
it. There will be a time some
day when we will get out from
under, get a home + stay put.

I am satisfied to locate where
ever you all decide but think
to be far from any relatives
is best. I hope Cappa
will get rid of his nose
trouble. He should stop
picking it. A cancer of
the nose is fine. Am glad
you are getting on to running
a lathe etc for it is a good
experience + may come in
handy. Ap Tance worked
in a blacksmith shop which
was the best experience he ever
had for his practical. By the
way Ap died about 6 weeks
ago. The type writer is fine
but it does not always teach
you how to spell + stop leaving
out words. We have had
the thermometer up to 70° aton.
The trees + shrubs are beginning
to bud. All send love affectionately
Dad.

May not have written the 10th
don't if I can get back before middle
March.