

and I feel sure that you will freeze
to it, - seize it and make it your own
Perseverantia vincit. Your boat
is on the ^{stormy} seas, and you can say. Quis
times, Caccarem veris, et fortunam suas.
Whatever you wish or desire us to send
you or do for you let us know and
we will try to gratify your wishes. I know
you will not hesitate to tell me everything
necessary for me to know, and whatever I
can do or say to help you, I will. I have
often told you, our whole hearts go out to
you in love and affection, - never forget
that, - that your parents are anxious for your
success and happiness and they believe you will
attain a reasonable share of both.

With best love I am

Your loving father Ezra Woodruff

[Sept. 1904]

Bellvue Villa
Highland
West Co N.Y.

My dearest son, here we are
at the Harbours on the
Hudson and find many of the
old habitués here. Mr Danby
the Eckersons and a whole lot
more. They all speak most
kindly of you and wish you were
here to go walking with them
on their daily jaunts and play
cards in the evening

I arrived with a summer cold and it rained a whole day & night, but I am holding my own and my cold is better. He may remain up here for a month in order to be near Gracie and afterwards it will probably be B. Rlyn. He thinks as we look out over the faraway Eastern hills that we can almost if not quite distinguish Mt. Algo at Kent, but thirty miles is a good long distance to ~~state~~ locate a particular mountain.

Mother and Gracie are pretty well

and Gracie starts in to school next week on Friday. I hope and pray that she may succeed in her work and be happy.

I suppose you are hard at work and we pray that you may be able to stand up under your load, and carry you out in good shape. The next few months will be very important to you in getting a grasp of your work and acquiring muscular force to enable you to hold up with joy and courage. You have a no. 1 opportunity, in large caps

expenses and you must be sure
to speak out. I will send you
in a day or two a M.O. for
\$22, which I owe you for
your prize, ^{money} and Aunt Kate's present.
This villa is thinning out and the
guests are getting fewer. The House
will close in a week or ten days.

Mother joins me in sending our
love and hopes for your health
and happiness. Our number in
Bklyn will be 135 Remsen St
Your loving father,
Ezra Woodruff

Bellvue Villa
Highland NY.
Sept 30th 1904

My dearest son, I am
sending you by mail
three pairs of socks, as a
little memento, so that you
may know ~~that~~ we think
of you. Yesterday I went
to Bklyn and saw the launch
of the war ship Connecticut
She slid off the ways ~~and~~
easily and floated gracefully

Miss Welles failed to
break the bottle of wine.
She threw the bottle which
was attached to a cord
and hung from the ship, so
that she could reach it easily,
but the sudden starting of the
monstrous boat must have given
her stage fright for it fell
against the ~~pr~~ stem of the ship
without breaking it.

Your box has just reached
Grace and I hope she will
find its contents useful.

She seems happy in her
Soph. duties, and of course
she ought to be.

We shall move tooklyn
next Tuesday if Grace is
willing. We can be of as much
use to her in B. as we can
here, and we will be better
off there.

We think of you constantly.
You must be sure to let me
know how I can help you ~~if~~
and what we can do for you.
We know that your salary is
hardly sufficient for you



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Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Sept 26 1904

My dearish son, mother wrote
you a line yesterday and
to day she and I are over
to Poughkeepsie, she is at
the dentist's and I have
presumed to use the Nelson
House writing table to write
you a word or two. Yesterday
afternoon we went to see
Grace at Strong, No 416.
She is next door to Anne and
is on the 4th floor and seems
fairly comfortable, rooming
with Ruth Ingraham.
We have passed the time pleasantly
at Bellevue. The Eckersons leave
to day and the house is gradually
thinning out. We think of



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moving over to Poughkeepsie next
week where we can be
near to Grace.

The big ~~steam~~ Warship Connecticut
will be launched on the 29th
and I have rec^d a card.

You are I suppose hard
at work and are glorifying
in the past. I cannot think of
anything more satisfying to
a young man than an opportunity
to work, when there is a future.
And you are not working —
without hope, — with a big IT.
You can well say with
Shakespeare's man. The
world is mine oyster
and with this good sword &c
+ I will open it



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My dear

or simply let me know
how you can help me
I would be glad to
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Feb 21 1901

You must let me know how
I can help you. If you
want any literature on
your business or any book
or paper send me word.
You must attend strictly
to your routine, but you
must remember that there
is a little silver halo or
golden halo surrounding all
your labor and I pray earnestly
that you may win through so
that the halo may become
an environment of honorable
success when you will be
able to drive your motor car.
Try and find time to write a line,
if only a line. Your loving father
Ezra Woodruff

[Sept. 17, 1904]

New London, Conn.

Sept. 1904.

Dear Ezra,

It's splendid. Thanks ever so much. I feel like apologizing for that miserable thing you have of me, or rather of my grey sweater with a head sticking out the top.

I have such glorious news to tell you! You couldn't guess! Mamma & Papa have just come home from

a trip to Kent - on business - now
you know, don't you? They have
succeeded in getting most all the
top of Fuller Mountain. Our - doesn't
that our make you feel good? - land
orders on $\frac{2}{3}$ ~~rd~~ of the Pond & in-
cludes the farm we stopped at that
day and almost all the woods that
are on it - ^{the Pond.} Another farm that
belongs to the State & includes the
other third. Papa thinks we can
get later. What's more, we're going

to have a house up there, with an immense big verandah on three sides and a big open fireplace in a big open room. Then there's going to be a flag-pole on the very tip top peak of the mountain towards the west of a cañon to be fired at sunrise (?) - that'll be your job - of sunset. The house will be set in among the woods and from it to the main road

on the other side of the mountain
from the one we travelled over,
there is a beautiful wood-road
that runs beside a rather small
brook, but one as clear as crystal
and full of small but oh such
good trout! Have you anything
in Louisville that will compare
with that? I haven't written to
Grace yet about it. I think I'll
wait until I see her next week.

I can tell her so much better. It
doesn't seem possible that College
opens next Friday. We certainly
have had a good long vacation, though.
By the way, I have received per-
mission ~~to~~^{to} change my course.
Instead of Math, I'm going to take
Chemistry & instead of Art, Paleontology
that is if it's taught - if not, Geology.
Wasn't it Paleontology you advised
me to take? Then I will specialize

in Science; which is much wiser
than the uncertain course I was
intending to follow I think.

When I took the pictures of
Kent, earlier in the summer, I have
had the one of the corn stalks I hit,
also of the one from the road to Kent
& all framed & am going to take
them to College with me.

Many thanks for the
picture from
Aunt.



Mr. George E. Woodruff,
933 Second St.,
Louisville,

Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
SEP 18
10:30 PM
1904

me met -
the same old laughing crowd - that
was here last year on their pedestrian
trip - The three Miss Eicksons - & their
brother and Mr Saucy formed the
party and they started out with a
swinging gait - which meant miles of
cross country walking - Last night
there were half a dozen or more
card tables going - and where six
or four handed euchre was not the
game - Solitaire was - I saw no
whist games - The table is about
like it was - only the dining room is full
of old people mostly - Some one told me
Mr Crowther was a reporter in a Philadel-
phia newspaper - Let me know if you
need any new stockings or otherwise - With
love to your family
Loamie G Woodruff

Sept 13. 1904.
Bellevue Villa -
Highlands -
Ulster County, New York

My dear Sonnie -
Here we are installed -
at Bellevue in two nice
large ^{communicating} rooms on the ground floor
on one side - and over the kitchen
on the other - For you will re-
member that the house is built
up against the hill - side - It
is the same old house - but much
fuller of people than when we
were here last year - It made me
feel very lonely and forlorn to be here

he had a trip given him by his mother's rich relations - he is ordered to report in Monday.

He saw in some newspaper that Frank Powell was in duty at the St. Louis Exposition - do you think you will have a chance to go to the St. Louis?

Sam - How your Uncle Will returned yet - and how did he like it -

Grace has not done much with her Ling's money and I am fearful she will not get through her Exam but she does not seem to mind that - bless her life -

Your Father and I took a walk over the old familiar roads as far as the broods and we

without you and it rained and poured all day yesterday and last night it stormed fearfully thunder and lightning and the wind blew a gale and the rain came down in torrents - This morning the wind is around to the north-west and the sun is trying bravely to shine - and it is quite cold -

The General Genl & Mrs Rodgers here had been here since July 20, and have seen Oline only once since they came - you know he is in West Point - but too much engaged to see his Mother & Father - Harry Rilly is just returned from abroad, where

7 now in general view of this
letter you may have already
perceived that I have nothing very
much to say -

This morning Mother, Father
and I went to hear Mr McDonald
preach - It was the first Sunday
that he has preached since his vacation -
and was quite interesting, the
church was not crowded to overflow-
ing by any means.

Sat. Wednesday Mother and I
went shopping and I nearly bought
out the town - I did my bit anyway
and went into debt several dollars to
Mother - I bought a beautiful desk
of 7 hints - It is "fumed oak" rather
a good size, dull wood - and nice

135 Revere

Brooklyn -

Sept. 10. 04.

Dear Brother -

I have just this morn-
ing left Mother and Father down-
stairs to finish their Sunday repair
and have laboriously made my
way up three wooden ladders to our
apartment, where I'm now seated
at the desk penning an epistle -
Father has arrived and is washing
his hands at the basin - Mother
too has just entered the door -

shape - we bought a chair too to go with the
desk. I wasn't very partial to it - but mother
liked it very much. That is all that I have bought
for the room so far and will have to wait for
my next rent to get anything else - we
bought some dress goods for a skirt - waist suit -
and several other little things - did you get the
sewing-bag safely? I hope that you don't think it's
not mannikin enough or strong enough, but I
thought that I would be economical and use
porque because it was in the house and then
it is durable and doesn't show soil - Did the
skirt fit? It was the largest size that they
had at Altman.

The H and T club is just opposite
here and it's fun to look out the window &
see the people when they go in - Last
night we saw a game of cards going on - I
couldn't make out what it was - but could
see some one put a card on the table every
now and then.

Have you heard from Cousin Dale? I
wrote to her at the suggestion in the letter
to you but as yet haven't had an answer -
She ought to be polite and write to me
so that she could keep on my good side
and then I could intercede with you in her

It is bound to occur (a cur) ha ha!
Do you know what wild animal is
allowed to run free on a park-lawn?

a Dandy-leon ha ha!

Do you know what is $\frac{3}{7}$ ^{4a} chicken

$\frac{2}{3}$ of a cat or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a goat?

C H I Ca go Ho! Ho!
 $\frac{3}{7}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

I learned these at Reilly's.

We are going up to Pellam
Thursday by boat - Father seems rather
anxious to go up there tho' I should
think he would rather be in Brooklyn
or there is nothing much for him
to do there.

belly-

There are about seven rather young
bachelors boarding here - but they don't
appear very attractive - one little fellow
always spreads his handkerchief
when he comes into the dining-room
and a dainty (?) aromatic odor
floats forth - The others are rather more
quiet and serious-looking -

I have given up all hopes
in Parker - he doesn't seem to be
exciting any interest hereabouts and
I can't find out any thing about him so
I guess I will stick to Roosevelt when
I vote this fall at Vassar - We are
all going to vote up there on election
day -

Do you know why Death is like
a ten cent bet to a dog's tail? Because

Well I think I will stop now - and
take a nap -

Your loving sister

Grace -

135- Remsen Street - Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Lonnie -

Here it is Friday morning
and another week almost-gone -

It is quite cool and pleasant
in Brooklyn - but we are thinking
of taking our flitting next week
up to Bellevue Villa - to stay
for a few weeks or until Grace
is fairly settled in College

We have ~~very~~ good food at
this house - the meat is always the
best - and well cooked and daintily
served on delicate china and nice
white fresh table-linen - but I
like the locality at 20 Sidney much
better - and I think the house is more
home-like - but as we all know the
table there and the service were simply
abominable - Grace has written

to you since she returned and
told you all about her trip & visit
to Ruth Ingraham - she enjoyed
it very much and looked well
when she came back -

The ^{enclosed} clipping is from this morning
Sun in regard to Mr Lorrimer's death
in the mention of his life - there is
not a word about his serving in
Louisville at the old Fourth & Walnut
St church - now torn down - he preached
there several years - four or five
years at least -

I suppose you are beginning to
feel quite like a Louisvillian by this
time and know the run of the town.

Law will have plenty of time for
social questions after you are
more thoroughly ingratiated or installed
in business matters - as you already
see how absorbing business is -

You did not answer my question

in regard to a wedding present
for Chauncey Kennedy - What shall
I get - have you any preference
I think you ought to remember
him - after his doing you the
honor of inviting you to officiate
at his wedding - and I will
pay for the present -

As I told you before leaving
Kent - I thought you would,
like the Broadway Baptist church,
I am glad you have chosen
it - as I think you will find it
more congenial - a church letter is
not called a letter of introduction -
so when you write to Mr Ferris
for your "letter" simply ask for
your letter, after explaining to him
that you wish to place it in a
Louisville church - Mr Carter Helm Jones
is very liked - he used to preach
in Lexington for quite a while

and is a warm friend of your
uncle Will Goodruff -

I hope you will keep well
and that a strenuous life will
agree with you - I have word
strenuous always reminds me
of Mr Roosevelt - who you know
I admire and would vote for
if I could - by the time you are
ready to vote which will not
be until the next Presidential term
I hope you will see why Mr
Roosevelt is such a good
candidate -

Give my love to Coesie Laura
and with much love for yourself
I must close as your father
wants the desk -

Your devoted Mother

Sept 9. 1904 Frances G Goodruff

Mamie McCook of Eminence.
The other was Allie Post King,
who married a Mr Haymaker.
He is now a judge and they
reside in Kansas, - in Wichita
Kan., I think. There are a whole
lot of very nice cousins not
far from Eminence, - in Shelby
County and I will tell you about
them also, ^{in another letter.} so you can see them
some time. They are fine hospitable
Kentuckians and will be glad to
know you. I have heard bad news
from brother Mr Woodruff. His trouble has returned
but he does not suffer much. With best
love I am your loving father
E. Woodruff

135 Remsen St
Brooklyn N.Y.
Sept 7th 1904

My dearest son, as you know,
Gracie arrived yesterday and she
and mother are in N.Y. City
to-day engaged in the fascinating
task of shopping. The weather
is cool and people are returning
from the country, the theatres are
opening for the winter season.
And things generally are beginning

to move.

I know you must feel proud at receiving your month's pay, - the first money you have earned in business. It is not a very large beginning but when your services are more valuable and you are earning a larger salary you ~~can~~ will consider your first pay a great bonanza. You are right to put

apart a small amount for savings. "Despise not the day of small things".

Some day when you are more at home I hope you will like to run over to Eminence to make the acquaintance of Mamie McCordle who was Mary King. She is a daughter of my half sister Sophie Woodruff who married Mr Gideon King of Eminence. Both Mr King and sister Sophie are dead, but they left two daughters, one of whom is the

Hard to Understand.

Paw says th' folks 'at runs th' schools
Will drop old-fashioned ways
An' train each boy by some new rules—
He's mighty glad, he says,
He says schools run like they have been
Will never make boys good,
That whippin' boys, or keepin' in
Won't do it—never would.
But often paw has said he guessed
When he's at school he was th' best.

Paw says th' way they'll teach us now
Will teach us how to act—
To be po-lite an' how to bow
An' give us things we've lacked,
He says th' way things has been run
For years an' years an' years
Has harmed th' children every one
A awful lot, he fears.
But paw he was a model youth
At school—he says that is th' truth.

Paw says that as th' twig's inclined
Th' tree is sure to grow,
An' proper trainin' of th' mind
Con-trols how much we'll know.
He says th' schools has all been wrong
An' now they will commence
To push each boy and girl along
An' give 'em lots o' sense.
But paw—he used to be so smart
An' had his lessons all by heart.

Paw says he's glad th' old-time ways
Won't be used any more—
They was no good at all, he says,
An' should have gone before.
He says th' schools was out o' date
For twenty years or so—
That people tried to educate
But never did it, though.
But when he went to school, he said,
He always stood right at th' head.

—Chicago Tribune.

The Little Jap.

The little Jap he pegs away
Night after night, day after day;
He's always going right ahead—
That's why so many Slavs are dead.
He doesn't stop to rest or sleep,
But though the roads are rough and steep
And foe-begirt, still day by day
The little Jap he pegs away.

The little Jap he doesn't talk
Nor diagram with pen or chalk.
He doesn't tediously explain
How certain forts his men will gain.
Instead he saves his breath and strength
To shout with when he shall at length
Have felled the grisly giant's stalk—
The little Jap he doesn't talk.

The little Jap he doesn't brag
Or madly masticate the rag;
He doesn't gloat o'er fallen foe
Until that foe is lying low;
He doesn't tell the world his plans,
But marshals silently his clans
And scraps with vim that cannot lag—
The little Jap he doesn't brag.

The little Jap he doesn't wait
And sit around and rail at fate;
Instead he tackles with a vim
Whatever's in the way of him.
He doesn't soak in jagged juice—
He knows such things aren't any use.
He's busy early, busy late—
The little Jap he doesn't wait.

The little Jap thus teaches you—
And sit around and rail at fate;
That 'tisn't wise to jag or brag
Or mouth the masticative rag,
Or wait or murmur or complain,
But just to work, come sun or rain.
Less theorizing, more of do,
The little Jap 't'ain teaches you.
—Baltimore American.

When the Old Hoss Has His Way.

In August, w'en you've been a ride of twenty
mile or more
On errands, an' the village clock is jest a
chimin' four—
It's awful hot, you're kinder tired an' sorter
sleepy, too,
An' glad you're gittin' home agin, I tell you
w'at you do—
You lie back in the buggy with your hat down
on yer nose,
Jest thinkin' strong o' nothin' an' not keerin'
ware you goes—
If you warin't confounded lazy, you would feel
a leetle gay,
W'en you limber up the lines an' let the ole
hoss hev his way.

Then you're worried about the farm, an'
that small crop of wheat,
An' wonder what Sal thinks of Jim that she
should smile so sweet.
You're most afraid the rain'll come before
they store the hay,
An' feel a leetle shaky at the money you've
to pay.
The neighbors all seem grumpy an' you don't
know w'at about,
An' haven't got the energy to find the matter
out—
I tell you I don't keer a rap fur anythink
they say,
W'en I limber up the lines an' let the ole
hoss hev his way.
—Mary Small Wagner in Boston Transcript.

directions. You can observe
the ways of the best people
in society and seize upon the
best of the best. I pray God that
you may have wisdom granted
you so that you may be deservedly
known as an upright Christian
gentleman, - "sans peur et sans
reproche", like the great Bayard
Set up a high ideal, - aim at a strive
and learn mental control, - study it
night and day.

We expect Grace to morrow
and then ho! for Bellvue villa.
We are much pleased with our
new boarding place, and hope

135 Remsen St
Brooklyn N.Y.
Sept 6th 1904

My dearest son, this is a cool
cloudy morning and I suppose
you are busy doing things
at the store. I intended writing
you last week but did not
seem to find time because it was
so very warm, but I have kept
up a constant thinking about
you and your new work.

Your mother had an intuition
last week that Uncle George
and Aunt Hattie would be in
N.Y. So after talking about the
matter for several days, she
telephoned to the H.-A. Hotel
and sure enough, there they
were. He called on them that
night and they pulled out on
Friday for L., and you have
no doubt seen them. Of course
you must put your best
foot first and pay your
respects to Aunt Hattie

in proper shape and form.
I hope Gale has prepared
you somewhat in party manners
for so much depends upon
propriety in social intercourse
among women. I think you
are governed by correct Christian
principles and the golden rule
is the foundation of true manhood,
and politeness and consideration
are included. So you must act
always, that you both command
and deserve, respect and
regard from all. I cannot give

and we must lose no sleep
over the election. I subscribed
for the Sat. ed. of the Eve. Post for you.
If it does not come let me know.

We are well and hope that
our children are well. It is a rule
of nature that the young must leave
their parents, but I could wish that we
were able to live together, but the world
is small and if you keep well we
will rejoice even if we are not together.
So with the best love of both your
parents, I will close, and I am
your loving father.

Ezra Woodruff

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to return here when we go
into winter quarters.

Your grandmother Woodruff
was indeed a fine character.
She was a true ~~pro~~ child of the
mighty West. Her father was
an Irishman, Keagan and
her mother was a Pennsylvania
Dutch woman. I remember seeing
her when I was a child, she
was very fleshy and was called
Big mammy. My brother had one
brother Keenny Keagan who
lived at Greensburg Ky and he

also died there at the ripe
old age of 86., leaving a large
family.

Your grandmother Woodruff was
born at Jackson Ind in 1818
and died at 90 years of age in 1900.

During her latter years she resided
with your Uncle William Woodruff
at Knoxville where she died.

She was indeed a wonderful
woman, as I know.

Politics do not seem to
interest me so intensely as
they might. My oracle, the Sun,
flopped over to Roosevelt

but I still like Mr Parker.
There seems to me to be no
special enthusiasm thus
far. The papers I read are
Repub and they do not say
much to impress me, still
I see no sign of enthusiasm
for Parker. I think he has a
very good chance for N.Y.
but he will need also, New Jersey
Conn., Ind or other votes to
make his majority in the Electoral
College. At any rate the State
will be safe with either party

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
SEP 5
5-PM
1904



Mr. George E. Woodruff
933 2nd St.
Louisville
Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, KY
SEP 10
10-PM
1904

Locust Valley

Long Island

September 4th -

[1904]

My dear Brother -

Here it is nearly Labor day and only three more weeks of vacation - Think of it - I shall soon be back grinding away at Chemistry & History etc - Do you have a holiday Labor day - There are several boys up here visiting over Sunday & Monday who live in Brooklyn. There is a Mr. Wabasse visiting Henry Ingraham. He is a lawyer and graduated at some college in Pennsylvania and afterwards went to Law School in New York. He is a very fine looking man - with jet black hair and heavy eye-browes - looks something like an Indian - Then there are two men visiting on my street well. a Mr. Bartleson, who is con-

nected in some way with the
Orpheum theater - He isn't especial-
ly a trachee, but a Mr Voerhes
Daisy's ~~sister~~ brother is quite so,
he graduated from Princeton in
1900. He is rather nice-looking
and dresses very well and seems
quite nice the little that I have
seen of him - Henry & Mr Wa-
fasse Ruth and I played tennis
yesterday morning, went in swim-
ming in the afternoon and were
going sailing in the evening but
the sail - boat didn't appear.

We walked to the beach in the
afternoon, drove home and
then walked down again & back
in the evening. We built a fire
on the shore and sat around,
telling stories & singing - There

were several mighty good
stories told - I am going to try
to remember them -

To - m orrow we are going
to play tennis in the morning &
go swim ming in the afternoon,
stay ing down at the beach for
sup per - There is a very jolly
crowd of people here both young
and old. Edith and Mary are
loads of fun in a crowd and keep
things going, I wish that you
were here, for I'm sure that you
would like them both - Mary's
Father, Mother and Aunt are
jolly too - Both of them are very
pretty women and attractive.

We have played tennis several
times and enjoyed it. We made
our own duplicate boards, thereby
infringing the patent as Henry
said - but he went to work on

day at his office and made some boards which he claimed to be entirely original instead of having four pieces of elastic on back board to hold the cards he had bought some paper envelopes in ~~which~~ to and pasted them on a piece of card-board & you slip the cards in them. It is a very original idea but not very convenient.

I am going home on Tuesday on evening and then Mother Fatten and I will go up to Bellevue.

Don't work to hard Brother dear because you mustn't get tired at first -

Your loving sister
Grace