

and February has the promise  
of the coming Spring in some of  
the days after the 14<sup>th</sup> especially.

Miss Wheeler took supper with  
us Sunday night and sent her  
regards to you and said very  
nice things about you - you  
know she is retired and is a  
lady of leisure - she gave a card  
Party last Saturday and asked me  
she is boarding in a new place  
by the way we saw old Mr  
Silver last night - at a lecture, he  
sat behind us and spoke to us  
he said he had rented his  
house at 20 Rodney - old Mrs

January 31. 1905 -

Rensselaer Street - Brooklyn  
My dear Sonny -

The last day of  
January - and it is to be hoped  
February may have in store  
milder days - you have perhaps  
read of the blizzard of times  
there have been in New York

The Trolleys were tied up one  
day and the schools dismissed  
early in the morning - and the  
snow is still being heaped up  
in the streets - two or twelve feet high

work you will be able to sell the  
proach satisfactorily and lay a sure  
Foundation for further progress - all  
true progress is accomplished by  
slow degrees - you cannot jump -  
from one step to another - but moral-  
ity will ground and be sure of your  
footing before moving forward - In the  
meantime I most sincerely hope you  
may keep well - Louisville winters  
are always at their worst at this time &  
but I think they are shorter than here

in many places - although on  
Walter Street in the main thoroughfare  
fame it is cleared and  
carried away - but it is

quite cold - the mercury standing  
at 16. Above - this morning -

We had a letter from Grace  
this morning telling us she was  
well and busy getting ready for  
the much dreaded Exams - I  
hope she will get through  
successfully I am sure -

I wrote our congratulations to you  
upon your promotion and I  
trust by careful attention to your

I enclose a letter from  
Ethel Lynn which Grace  
sent to us - I thought you  
might enjoy reading it -

Love Father joins me  
in sending our best-love  
best wishes and prayers  
from your devoted  
Mother

Horace G. Goodhue

P.S. Be sure to give my love  
to Cousin Laura -

Pitts is bed ridden and  
has been on the verge of the  
grave for some weeks - and  
thought to be dying several times

Mrs Selmer attempted to  
own the house and fell ill  
and was obliged to give up -  
Nearly all of the boarders were  
deserting so the old man concluded  
to rent it - I do not know -

what will be the result - but  
suppose he will manage to get  
money out of it somehow - as he  
usually does in his enterprises -

We are trying to get ready

his parents think he is cured -  
The Halseys are in Orange this  
winter - do you ever hear from your  
friend Chauncey Halsey? or Hallie - I  
suppose Capt. writes quite often  
to you -

The wine as referred to here that  
Carric had occasioned - if must have  
been a very auspicious time for her mother  
and father - I do hope you well  
keeps well and escape illness of all kinds

For our Southern trip but  
cannot fix the day as yet -  
Miss Wheeler said she  
thought Chauncey Halsey was  
cured of his love of ranching  
last summer when he went  
to Colorado or Idaho to spend  
his vacation with his uncle - she  
said they could not get help  
and Chauncey worked so hard  
in helping his uncle - did the  
cooking and a lot of other things  
that he came home saying  
ranching was no "cinch" and

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dark blue silk that I wore up to  
new Haven to your Prom -  
I wonder if I should be so  
frightened now as I was  
then - I don't believe that I  
have changed any in that  
respect - you know I think  
that it is queer that I don't  
seem to improve with age  
or get more mature ideas  
and way of thinking, but  
I am just the same as I  
was when I was about 17 -

We have elected our  
new president - I think she

[Jan. 29, 1905]



my dear Brother  
How are you these  
fine days? I wish that I might  
see your new suit - you must  
look finely in it as you did in  
the ones that you had at  
college - I have been most  
extravagant as to clothes and  
got a new green broad cloth  
suit but mother didn't like  
the way it was made -  
Then I have a dark blue  
velvet dress made over the

will be a very good one though  
& know her very little - Poor child I  
think that she was quite overwhelmed  
and frightened when she had to get  
up before the class and be singing  
to and wrapped in the class. I am  
sure and Gertrude stood before the  
class when we were singing to  
1905 and then we sang ~~the~~ <sup>some</sup>  
songs to them too - It was most  
impressive - I don't believe that I  
should care for such public

offices - the life of a private  
citizen suits me best -

we had a beautiful blizzard  
here Wednesday - In the after-  
noon some of us went out &  
ploughed thro' the drifts - They  
were nearly up to our waists and  
it was hard to go far. Then too the  
wind drove the snow along in  
sheets and it was suffocating



what would you like  
most, books or clothes for  
a birthday gift or would you  
prefer that I should send  
you a few pennies and  
let you get your own - I  
do wish that you would  
tell me, because your wants  
always seem to be so few &  
far between that I would  
never hit one of them.

The evening of the  
big snow storm we had  
no ~~visibility~~ and the  
sophomores in the hall <sup>are</sup>



at times - I never had so  
much fun though in a  
storm.

The skating has all  
been done for an account  
of the heavy snow and we  
will have to wait for a  
thaw to go down the  
river - I do want to go down  
there some time this winter  
so I hope that ~~it~~ <sup>the snow</sup> will clear  
off the ice in some way or  
other.

dressed up to look like the juniors,  
they went in to the dining room  
that way and walked exactly  
like the people whom they  
were taking off.

I was a Kitty Holman.  
Then afterwards there was a  
play and we danced the Virginia  
reel, until quiet hours, when  
we retired to our rooms to  
study for the rest of the evening.

It was astonishing to see how very  
like the juniors some of the Sopho-  
mores were -

Has my mother & father sent  
that book to you yet? - I left it there  
for them to send and supposed  
that you had gotten it -

I am going to send you soon  
a little trick called a plate  
lifter and you can play it on

lots of fun to do - I have  
tried it upon lots of people  
about there and they are  
all surprised to pieces when  
they see their plate going -  
One of the girls thought  
that it was a mouse the  
other night under her  
plate. Perhaps it would  
be better to try it on  
Cousin Attila.

With much love  
Your affectionate sister  
Grace.

I will send it in a week or two -  
over



Uncle Will or George or any one  
you want to. It is a rubber  
bulb attached to a long  
rubber tube with a smaller  
bulb at the other end - You  
squeeze the large bulb & the  
small one is inflated. After  
put the small one under  
the table cloth and under  
a plate, squeeze the large  
one and the plate dances  
around on the table. It is

I like your writing lots better because  
 it is not so large for one thing and  
 it looks much better for another.

Here are some poems that I've read lately.  
 I forgot whether I wrote them to you or not.

"The world is so full of a number of things  
 That I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings"  
 Robert Louis Stevenson.

"There is so much bad in the best of us  
 " " " " " " good " " worst " "  
 It hardly believes any of us  
 To talk about the rest of us."

Love is to those that I love  
 " " " " " " love me  
 " " " " " " love those that I love  
 of " " " " " " love those that love me

When ever Auntie moves around  
 Her dresses make a curious sound  
 They track behind her up the floor  
 And tumble after through the door.  
 R. S. Stevenson.

A child must always say what's true  
 and speak when he is spoken too  
 and be as mannerly at table  
 at least so far as he is able.  
 R. S. S.

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is preparing for our Southern  
trip, if we can get started.  
I pass the time in reading  
because it is not agreeable  
to be out of doors. Of course  
when we strike warm weather  
I shall not look at a book  
but here it is the only pleasant  
way for me, - and the libraries  
are so convenient. By the way  
I sent you Gerson Grahams letter  
You must read it, for there are  
many points in the book, which  
you should know, and you may  
know many of them, but it will

135 Remsen St  
Bklyn Jan 26 1905

My dearest son, mother wrote  
you the other day and I was  
just going to write to day and the  
timely arrival of your letter  
at lunch gives me an additional  
topic. We had the worst blizzard  
since the big B. of 1888 yesterday  
It snowed and blew for 24 hours.  
It seemed like Keogh and this  
morning everybody is employed in  
digging out roadways in the drifts.  
It is very cold also, but not  
quite zero. Mother has gone  
to visit her dressmaker. The

be of service to re read and refresh your memory even if you are familiar with them. I remember one point, which Gorge inculcates strongly, - and that is the importance of keeping a silent tongue in regard to the business affairs of your house. I remember once at Reogh when a good many officers were gathered at the Post Tables awaiting the distribution of the mail, Capt Hetchum spoke to Bert Ritner about his bank and in speaking about the the Cashier, he asked Bert what salary the cashier received, Bert answered very pleasantly that of course he knew the amount of the C's salary but that he, (Bert) did not think it would be proper to speak of the matter. Bert's answer adds to the high opinion I already entertained of him - There are a good many other axioms in the book which will be useful to you. I also sent you a World's Almanac which I know you used to like to look at.

For the socks I sent you were not heavy but on the contrary rather light and you must not change your merino wool socks for thinner ones until the Spring arrives. One can catch cold very easily by changing socks.



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We are rejoiced that you have had a change of occupation and now that your Uncle George has told you his object, of course you can cheerfully pursue your course until you climb higher. I am so glad also that I retold the list of hard outside work so well. Be careful of your feet. I hurt my left foot once by its breaking down under much walking. Speaking about fatigue and muscular soreness, - when I worked for Mr Buckley in his book store I remember several occasions when I was so lame from muscular tire that I could scarcely lift one foot after the other. But of course this

son passed and I was stronger  
and tougher for it. I do wish  
you could find a good gymnasium  
when you have leisure and do  
not neglect your set up, keep  
a straight back and square  
shoulders. Take a little Lumine  
occasionally for your grip, and I hope  
during this cold spell you pile  
on thick and warm clothes.

Did you tell us that your coal was a frock?  
You speak of your non-aggressiveness. Your course  
is much better than being too fresh. Be  
sure you are right then go ahead. Wait  
until you learn thoroughly then you can be  
bolder when the opportunity arises. I think  
you are doing about right as far as I can  
judge from what you tell me.

Mother joins me in sending you our best  
love. Your loving father  
Ezra Woodruff

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Louisville  
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LOUISVILLE, KY  
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in trolly riding hours - you  
are suffocated by the crowds  
of people and such a poor  
rough looking class travel in the  
trollys -

I hope you are entirely over  
your attack of snipps - you  
can not be too careful for the  
next month or two -

Have you received the  
Express boxes - from your father -  
He sent your gun - and a box  
with a shaving glass which folds  
in three leaves - also some books  
He also sent the money to pay the  
charges by express - as one box was not  
prepaid - You must consider this  
and also the check - birth - day  
presents - With much love from  
your devoted mother  
Frances G. Goodneff

January 24, 1908  
135 - Rensselaer Street  
Brooklyn

My dear Sonny -  
I'm rejoice with you  
over your promotion - for  
it is very encouraging to  
feel that you are advancing  
and you know why it is so  
necessary to be a master of  
book - keeping - and to have  
taken a thorough Commercial  
course - No business can  
be successfully managed  
without first having thoroughly  
mastered book keeping -

In regard to your income -  
no matter how small it is - do  
not let it manage you - There was

but a much greater satisfaction to some - in  
the end - and to feel that you are master of  
the situation -

I am so glad you like your suit -  
Louis will be out in four days to get clothes -  
and I think people there pay a great deal of  
attention to dress - and I think you are fortunate  
in getting a start in Louisville - New York is  
becoming more overcrowded every day - The  
Russian Jews are pouring in by thousands and  
New York will soon be swamped with them -  
Even with the East way - there is little comfort -

an fine editorial on that subject  
in one of the papers recently - The  
argument was advice to young  
men - and run in this wise -  
If young <sup>or any</sup> young man gets only a  
small amount - say thirty dollars  
a month - if he saves out of  
that salary five dollars and keeps  
his expenses below his income  
he is master - and manages his  
income - but if he spends five  
dollars more than he gets - his  
income manages him and he  
becomes the slave and is no longer  
master - ~~see~~ ? Now you must  
be the master of your income -  
whatever it is - no matter how  
small it is - save something -  
do not spend it all - it is a  
great temptation to spend

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Mrs Clark

LOUISVILLE, KY  
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and have people look up to you  
with paper & pencil for you  
to put your signature in some  
prominent place. I don't suppose  
that either of these pictures are  
very accurate x x x x x x

This afternoon Ruth, Georgie,  
Kay, Anne & I took a long  
walk out in the country -  
we went about eight miles  
taking us over two hours. It  
was perfectly beautiful to go  
through the untrodden snow  
over hills and dale brooks and  
frozen meadows - We came out

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my dearest Brother -

I'm so glad  
that you have been promoted  
I can picture you with your  
sleeves rolled up your coat  
off necktie awry madly  
signing an express book or  
do you go with immaculate  
dress highly polished shoes (which  
by the way need a shining)  
etc, recline in a desk chair

on a road not knowing exactly  
where we were and landed home  
just after it began to be dark.

See other evening some of us  
went over to see the moon and  
jupiter through the telescope. It  
was awfully nice. Prof. Whitney  
showed us the thing through a  
3 - inch. She said that they  
hardly ever used the larger ones  
here because the atmosphere was  
so dense that it was hard to

get a steady enough light to see any  
thing well. afterwards Ruth and  
I went to a french - lecture which  
was very interesting. I understood  
most of it but not quite all. It was  
about the B article & the iron  
with the iron marks.

A lot of the girls went down  
the river skating yesterday Mr  
Gow <sup>The</sup> Professor of music looks them.

Uran altho takes a ride - an  
ice boat holds only two  
or three people.

Well Bremen dear as I  
am very sleepy & tired after  
my unusually long & vigorous  
walk I think I shall leave  
to retire & write you a letter  
and now return your letter  
soon again -

One week till exams  
Your loving sister  
Grace.



about six days went. I am  
going to go next time which  
will be around semester  
sometime. See ice on the  
river is 14 inches thick -  
there were lots of ice boats  
out Mary Jewell said and  
they all had a ride -  
Mr. Gou introduced them  
to Pres. Roosevelt's son &  
cousin, a woman of middle  
age and they invited

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PA.

fit of your coat. Is it a  
frock coat? It was the height  
of a boys ambition in my time  
to have a nice broadcloth  
frock coat. He was then above  
the attacks of fortune. Be sure  
to keep your stock of shoes up. Find  
the right sort of shoe and buy it  
you should have at least half a  
dozen pair of good shoes. I think  
you are right in judging that  
your new suit will last you  
two years for in summer you  
will need some very light clothes  
and light underwear, - gaiters.  
for the summer may be quite  
fierce in L. Do not be afraid  
to change your clothes often.

135 Remond  
Rtlym N.Y. Jan 20 1900

My dearest son, one more about  
to start the bellman after  
you. When I was seven years  
old I lived on Market St. near  
Brook. and the town was not much  
more than a village. When little  
children got lost, the town crier would  
stop at a corner and ring a bell  
for several minutes until quite a  
crowd gathered and then would call  
in a sing-song tone. Oh! yes! A  
little girl lost! about 3 years old!  
had on, a blue dress and white sun  
bonnet!! then he would leisurely  
proceed to the next corner and  
repeat the call, until the little girl was found.

We are much rejoiced at hearing of your step. If God grants you health, you will make more steps. We feel sure that our boy has the faculty for affairs, and will be a business success. I wish you could have heard Bes Rodley the other night before the Institute talk about school boys and their studies. It was very interesting. Your mother will write you about it. I'm quite satisfied here that you were on the right road for your proper career.

We shall be awfully glad to have you join us next summer and I hope we can have a pleasant

little run about the country and I know we shall have many subjects to talk about.

Mother has signed the enclosed check but it will be a joint contribution for your birth day.

I sent you a rather nice trip mirror which I hope reached you safely. If the glass should be broken you must make a claim. I also sent the gun all swaddled up in newspapers and I trust that, too, reached you OK.

There used to be very fine tailors in L. and I have no doubt that there are some now, from what you say about the

load and brace up the  
courage of many, for by so  
doing your own troubles are  
decreased and your own  
way made easier.

Mother has gone to the dentist  
He had a letter from Evie  
this ~~AM~~ AM. She is going to  
a skating carnival at Vasem  
Lake to <sup>morning</sup> night

With our best love & remain  
Your loving father.

Oral Woodruff

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I can get you some  
nice shirts at very reasonable  
rates when you need them.  
How are you off for shirts?  
You can get everything in L.S.  
yourself better than I could select  
here, except maybe shirts.

My increase of pay is very  
acceptable indeed. Of course  
it won't go very far for one  
is tempted to indulge in  
extravagances which soon  
pass beyond the bounds of  
the increase in pay. It requires  
close calculation to live



within the bounds of one's  
income, whether big or little,  
He went on to <sup>my mother</sup> ~~my~~  
to dine with a Mr Skinner  
whom we met at A City.

They live in a very nice  
flat of seven or eight rooms  
in an up to date apartment  
house. It must cost them

1500 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per year alone and  
yet they live quietly.

But every little helps  
and while my new pay  
will not take us ~~any~~ all over  
Europe, it ~~will~~ can carry us

over a few counties in  
England.

Did you think to take a  
Brown mist tablet for your  
cold. They are innocent and  
would not do any harm. Don't  
forget a couple of Quinine  
pills once or twice a week.  
They are a good tonic.

Your mother thinks that you  
do your Aunt Laura a  
great deal of good and that  
she feels better in consequence.  
I hope that you may always  
be a help and aid to the  
sufferers along the road, whom  
you may meet and that  
you can help to lighten the

is apt to be very clearly in one's mind in a connected way.

Mother sent me a letter from Edna Phillips last week, she asked me for a picture and said that she would exchange with me. I haven't one but suppose that I might get one taken - I should like very much to have one of her. She had a very gay time during the holidays and hadn't calmed down as regards going places when she wrote me.

Saturday some of the girls are going to strain down the

[Jan. 18, 1905]



My dearest Brother -  
You don't know how sorry I was to hear that my little Brother had the grippe - Mother wrote to me that you did and said that you were better. I wish that I could have done something to amuse you while you were laid up, as that Christmas couldn't have been very entertaining when you weren't feeling well. We have stopped late now and are reviewing, I am so glad that we are going to because a subject like that

river about fifteen miles - It has been very good skating time. I wish that I could go but I don't believe my Aunt would stand such a long journey - The skating carnival is going to be next Saturday week in other words a week from this Saturday. It is always lots of fun.

The exam schedule is posted so that we know what days and hours we have to meet our fates - The first one comes a week from Monday - I have nothing until Tuesday. The exams last one week and then the new semester begins.

We are all much perturbed over the election of a new president. She has to be a girl of personal charm, poise and capable. I think that there are about fifteen girls running or mentioned to me and half or more of them are reported to have conditions of course that will put them hors de combat. It will be interesting to see who gets it. You see she has to choose the Daisy Chain,



act as marshal for the senior  
class and do many things this  
commencement and be rather prominent.

Did I tell you that I didn't  
make a chapter in Phil - about  
every one else did as far as I can  
find. It is rather a come down to  
one's feelings but I suppose it  
is not of paramount importance;

I think that I will write a  
letter to father now -

Your loving sister  
Grace.

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LOUISVILLE  
JAN 20  
4-PM  
1905

The other day I saw a nice triplicate mirror and have had it expressed to you I was not at home when the man came, so failed to pay for it so I send you a two dollar bill to pay for the Ex. on the mirror and also on the gun, which I shall ship to-morrow.

Don't forget about the suit order you a nice one and send me the bill. I shall be delighted to pay it. You must dress up to date, I want you to look as well and dress as well as any of the youngsters you may meet. I will write again in a day or two. With best love I am  
Your loving father  
E. M. Woodruff

135 Remsen St  
Brooklyn N.Y.  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1905.

My dearest son. We have heard nothing further from you case of grippe and so are in hopes that you are better, and again are treading the mill of business. You may remember when you were at Keokuk about the cattle crossing the river in the summer time. Both with

cattle and horses it may happen that they miss the landing and then all of them play the game of follow my leader and go swimming in a circle each one chasing those in front. This is called milling and as you know they would all drown if they were not driven into the landing and the mill broken up. I thank our Heavenly Father that your milling is different

from that of the foolish animals. Each step you take is a sure if slow advancement towards the goal of success. So do not repine even if the process resembles a grind without progress. By hard work and tenacity and the grace of your Heavenly Father you will get there. We are all well and gradually making up our minds for the Southern "trek" as the Boers say. We have fixed no date for starting yet.



BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
JAN 16  
12-PM  
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