

Moore. Sis tells me his quiet class. Your  
Dad can't conceive of the idea that you have  
a team. He is certainly a dear good man. Helen  
went to The Force to a debate yesterday. I  
don't know who they debated with. I heard  
from Eunice Hamilton last week and she  
was telling me about the honors. Some  
class to 1916 class. Here from Lucy Rucker fre-  
quently. Tell me all the news when you  
write. I have been assisting in Rapponing  
High A. Tule Basket B. Ham. Dad has been  
quite ill with pneumonia but alright now. I  
have had the chance to exercise or put in prac-  
tice my ability as an undertaker. I attend to  
all of his business entirely. Now girls write me  
real soon. A cheery good night. Lovingly to the

220 Fair St.

Dear Louise -

This is really the first opp-  
ortunity I have had to write you since  
I left Louisville. Owing to inclement  
weather I was unable to do very much  
calling there fore I had a host of people  
to write to. You can't imagine how I  
missed seeing you. I got Louise however  
for breakfast dinner, supper and lunch  
some one was either say that I look-

Springfield Ohio  
March 31, 1916

success as an education. Give her my  
very best wishes and say that I hope  
I will be favored with the opportu-  
nity of meeting her soon. Elmer was  
perfectly lovely to me. Philba and I  
certainly tipped him good. She told  
him that he didn't want to make any  
engagements with me until he had seen  
me in person. Mr. Chipley beat  
him in taking me to the ball. Goodness  
but Elmer was sore to the extent that  
he had an accident. He kept telling  
that she had to importune her mother  
to get me to suit him. Now Louis Mr.

ed, talked or acted like you which  
I considered quite a compliment. I had  
the grandest time. Will have to tell  
you all about it when I see you as it  
is impossible for me to relate on paper.  
I could see nothing but Willie and Louise  
from Mrs. W. B. and Mrs. Moore and when  
I was out it was the same. Tell Miss  
Willie on numerous occasions people men-  
tioned how much common sense (the terms  
they used) she was endowed with. I left  
it as a possession she should prize because  
it is a fundamental principle and is  
just as essential for a persons

establishment here 1st of month  
if I don't. I'll continue to sew.  
Every one thinks its a shame  
I don't. Received a letter from  
Blossom Saturday. Tell Prof  
Lello also Willie Moser and  
E. Lmer. How is <sup>the</sup> mother  
Helen has a blue and gray  
jersey dress to match her  
pocket book. Lots of love to  
all

Loveingly & truly  
E. L. L.

Chicago Ill.,  
Jan. 21, 1924.

My Dear Louise - I know you  
think I am the limit but you  
know how it is about writing  
Helen Louise is just crazy about  
her pocket book and those ring-  
ings are just beautiful. Helen  
will write you in a few days  
Will you did have a hard  
time. So glad your dress was  
a success. How is Cepelia now  
give her my love and tell her  
I have the baby under pretty  
good control now. She went  
to a birth day party a Dr. Laves

on Grand Boulevard. It was so cute they  
all said my baby was certainly dressed  
cute. It has been so cold I haven't started  
the dancing lessons yet. These negroes cer-  
tainly do love here and the young people  
certainly do have a swell time. We know  
so many fellows and there are so many  
clubs. There is a new club called Royal  
Cortini of Snakes. Ralph Cunningham  
from Atlanta is the King Snake, Douglas  
Speaks Wilkes, Jordan, and C.C. Wimbush  
are the members you know. They had one  
of the swellest affairs formal dance  
had an entertainer who did the  
Snake dance. I saw Mrs. Wheeler and  
Roberta. That's the only affair I've been  
to but I forgot Wilbyface Club dance.  
Helen W. is very popular goes to every  
thing I could go but the only thing  
that interest me is Helen Louise I  
stay home with her. Say I heard  
some thing else big is coming off  
in Atlanta in June but they wouldn't  
tell me what it is. Let me know  
if you here I am expecting to go to  
working in the largest undertaking

From 3152 Prairie  
E. Howard.



ADDRESS YOUR MAIL

TO STREET AND NUMBER

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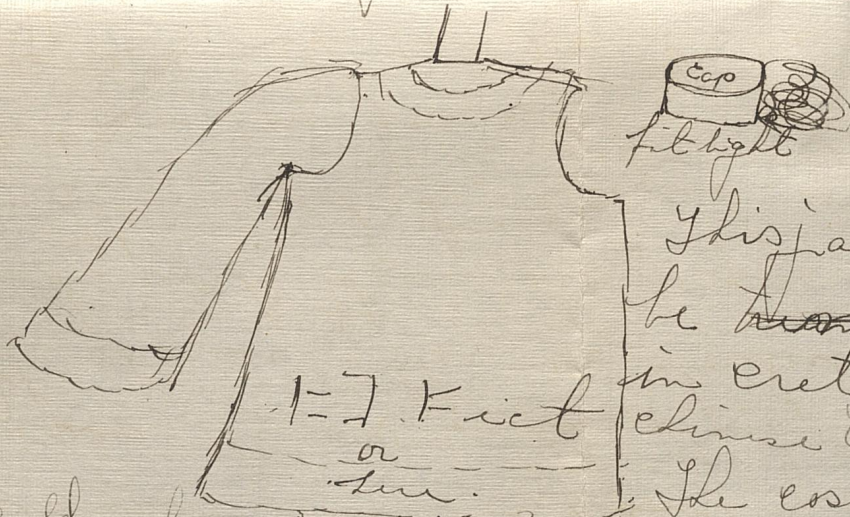
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Ky.

social hour. We are going to  
a reception given for Sanhedrin  
delegates Monday night. & so  
many fellows here. Baby is still  
saying things are naughty little  
girl and nice little girl I know  
25 nursery rhymes. I here from  
Blossom all the time. My  
is back my Atlanta. It is  
very cold here and snow storms  
I am sorry I came here in the  
winter. I am writing this  
hurriedly. I'll go down town  
look around but what I have  
told you is the best I could  
think of now. Tell Elmer and  
his sister Lillo I certainly did  
like her. Is there mother getting any  
better. Helen says Lillo Helen Louise  
sends a kiss. Henry & Ethel.

Chicago, Ill.  
[07 February 1924]

My Dear Louise - I received your  
missive very glad to here from  
you. So sorry Opelia doesn't  
keep well. Take good care of  
her. I know you will do that  
however. Well this is more of a  
business letter so I'll start out.  
Every thing and every body here  
had gone crazy on Ma-Jong  
dresses are trimmed in Chinese  
design. They are playing ma-jong  
I think if you would wear that  
Chinese costume. It consist of  
pants long ones to the ankles of  
straight. The jacket is cut

all in one about  $\frac{3}{4}$  length and a tight cap around your head with a flat round crown and two big tissue paper chryslamins to form a pom-pom on each side, your hair in pig tail down the back. Now this suit could be made of yellow or ~~pla~~ black satin. You can buy the chinese letter or borders stamps and work them in opposite colors on the jacket. A friend of mine says I can buy them at a chinese store made up. If you want me to I'll find out



Cap  
fit tight

This jacket could be ~~traced~~ trimmed in cretonne, few chinese letters above the costume. Helen

could make this much longer

wore part of it, belonged to a lady who stayed here in the house costume maker. You see Oriental would mean a Japanese

chinese, Hindu, Arab or some of those folks. Helen Wilborn is surely going some. She is to sing Sunday at Appomattox Club at

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pep and humor. I have to buy  
heads at the 10¢ store for her to  
play with all the time. Aunt Joe just  
gives her, so much paid \$5.00 for fur  
and material to make her a coat.  
Harry Gaden mama's cousin gave her  
the \$7.00 shoes and Kathie Jones gave  
her a beautiful pair champagne shoes  
girl in New York sent her 2 1/2 of white  
Canton crepe for dress so you see she  
is a lucky little girl. Helen W. has  
a real nice job, and is well. I  
will tell her to write you. It made  
me very happy to think you didn't  
forget my baby. Just all are well

Lizly & the

P.S. Aunt Joe appreciated her gift so  
much and will write Ophelia soon.

Atlanta Ga.  
Jan. 7, 1925,

My Dear Louise - Well I know  
you think I have been very un-  
grateful for the lovely present  
you sent Helen Louise but I  
certainly. Every one thinks they  
are the prettiest heads they ever saw.  
never seen any thing like them. When  
did you find them. Could I have more  
had luck. I left Chicago the night  
before Xmas enroute here stopped  
in Springfield for two days. My  
but it was cold, 15 below when  
I left Chicago. It was strange I  
thought of you, so much before  
Xmas was going to ask you to

come there if I hadn't come here. The  
day we arrived ~~to~~ here Helen Louise  
took sick next day broke out with the  
measles. I haven't seen well at all <sup>that</sup> is the  
reason I came here. I have low blood  
pressure. My heart is bad. I had Dr.  
in Chicago to examine me and one  
here. They say medicine won't do me any  
good I have to get plenty of air and  
be quiet don't get excited. So you see  
why I have delayed. Helen Louise won't let  
any one wait on her but me and I was  
tired out when I got arrived here. Eloise  
Blossom called me up. Lucy and Hazel Rucker  
were over also Georgia Davis and Lillian I haven't  
seen any where since I have been here.  
Rosecoe Cate lived with me a while and is  
here now. Louie Moore talks about you  
all the time. How is Ophelia and your  
father I hope fine. I know you all had  
a good time during the holidays. I expect  
to be here several months. Can't write  
any news here. Helen Louise is better and  
says she is crazy about those beads. She  
has a new sunset Haffta dress and a pair  
of \$4.00 shoes silk stockings. Says mother want  
to be dressed up with those cute little beads on.  
She takes private dancing lesson from Hazel Davis  
at school of music and is so smart full of



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Atlanta Ga.  
Nov 27. 1928

My Dear Louise - Will know about me again always on the late watch. I thought sure Aunt Joe had written your mother and I asked her to-night and she said she started letter and never finished it. You all were so sweet to us when we were there. Miss Louise ~~got~~ <sup>was</sup> down with her tonsils as soon as we returned and I have been six weeks unable to work until last week on account of an infected tooth. I made a beautiful brown velvet dress off of a \$25.00 dress at Allen's for a teacher at Clark; who is to marry in the morning in Rogman's Chapel at 10.30 a.m. I am going to try and make it.

Wasn't Charlie Arnolds death sad three Labies oldest three years in May. He left \$30,000 insurance however that wasn't bad for the Labies.

I hear that Elms Reynolds wife Maudline and Eloise Milton are to have an increase.

The dress I made for the girl I think

would be very becoming on you  
We motored to Tuskegee Wilberforce  
game had a fine time.  
Aunt played Clark Saturday and I  
Learse here there were more white than  
colored at the game.

Helene Louise says to tell you that  
she was promoted to 2nd grade in Music  
and got excellent in all of her subjects  
for 1st semester.

P.S. I started this letter last week Louise  
didn't get it finished. Dr. Jones died suddenly  
yesterday Agnes Jones husband. I think of  
you all and talk about you all the  
time Aunt Jones is just crazy about you  
some. She has a very bad cold at present.  
Tuskegee plays here Saturday.

Helene L says she will write you soon.  
I tell her all the time that she must be  
smart like you and what a nice little girl  
you were and if she isn't smart that she  
will have to change her name that Cousin  
Louise don't like Dummy Leads.

I know Gophelia is better now. Mildred's  
mother is still in Chicago. Uncle Bob is  
here now. If you all have a victrola get McKinney's  
Cotton Pickers Orchestra playin' "Four or Five Times"  
David on brother sings takes the lead. It is a victrola  
record. They made twelve records. I trust this will find you  
well and happy. With lots of love & the.

Fill Leggie  
Lillo for me.

Detroit, Mich.  
June. 12. 1958

My Dear Louise I was very happy  
to receive such a nice letter from  
you. You didn't say where you intended  
make a trip. I imagined abroad or  
to Mexico. Please let me know. I  
had a nice letter from Neddie Rucker H.  
sent me a picture of her sons baby  
she is lovely. The next week I received  
a letter from Nancy Ann Mellon  
Henry Rucker's daughter. If you ever  
go to New York I want you to be sure  
and meet her. She is cute and brilliant  
she is expecting in September and I  
am so glad. Neddie told me of the  
passing of Estella Trent and Jimmie  
Cater. I went down to Columbus.

Dayton Memorial day had a nice  
day in Columbus talked to Joe French  
He has two fine sons both Drs one  
is first negro accepted at Johns Hopkins  
Hospital there New. The other one  
is at Howard Uni teaching He and  
his wife are good friends of mine and  
I didn't know he was Joe's ~~son~~ son.

Also received a long letter from Blossom. Of course she gave me all the family news. I guess you know that Jesse is going to Worlds Fair at Brussels in Belgium. That all I am interested in certainly hope and pray in a short while I will be able to take some trip. I have been bogged down trying to buy this home and making repairs on those in Atlanta. It just cost so much never get to go any place but to Atlanta. Laura Edwards mother made me promise I would travel some before my health failed or get to old. Helen and children are fine. Margaret Bowers Aunt wants me to drive with her to Atlanta and if I do I am hoping I can take the children there. Blossoms grand children will be there. He said Elgie is expecting to build soon. Well this is just a note, Charlie Finch's son Arthur is going to Okinawa this month. I don't think Charlie has very much more time there now. I trust you are fine and will have a lovely trip and one a card where you plan to go.

Fondly Ethel

June 12, 58.

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Detroit  
Mich

Detroit Mich

June 22 1962

My Dear Louise I havnt  
Leard from you for so long  
but I take it for granted  
that you are O.K. It seems  
I dont have a minute. I  
didnt answer S. A. Capt letter  
so I received one from him  
yester-day saying he hadnt  
Leard from you in a long  
time. I had six of my best  
friends to pass in May  
3 of them in New York! Dr  
Charles Roberts wife was  
the last a heart attack to  
I called Alice on the phone  
also Bea Roberts. Alice  
wrote me that Hazel and  
Neddie were coming there

as soon as Annie leaves,  
I talked to Lucy who was  
there with Aiken. All went  
to the funeral in Chicago  
except Neddie. Big Roberts  
was coming here for a week  
end with her son but  
decided other wise. Well  
the Miltons have had their  
share of deaths I saw Pauline  
at a wedding and she said  
the old man is in a home  
now. I had a letter from  
Fannie Douglas this week  
and an announcement of  
Neddie's son. I am so sorry  
she married before finishing  
school. She sent me a picture  
of her and her husband Tom.  
I am thinking about tak-  
ing the boys to Kansas

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to see Charlie Finch and  
his family. He is going to  
retire soon and Louise  
wants the children to see  
the Fort. The only thing is  
the money. I haven't found  
out what it will cost.  
Josephine was here gave  
the boys \$5.00 a piece. Ricky  
spent \$3.00 for books he  
reads all the time. Larry  
made \$12.00 one week  
repairing radios and \$5.00  
for playing the pipe  
organ at a funeral. A  
Dr. had heart attack  
Bessie calls me from Washing-  
ton talk Lalf an Lou some-  
times. I hope I won't have  
to go to Atlanta

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this summer. My hip  
is no better no worse. I  
am a member of the Wayne  
County Republican Club  
just a few colored belong  
but I am working also with  
a colored group here. Helen  
takes me to all the meetings  
she and her family all  
are republicans. I keep  
busy sewing never get caught  
up. It makes me nervous  
to sew now. but I do for  
Helen and my-self. Hazel  
told me that Lacey was  
serving on jury there. Hope  
you are O. R. write when  
you can. Poor Helen she  
doesn't know whether she  
is coming or going

Fondly Ethel

I could tell you a lot about  
the children. The Board of  
Education sent for Larry  
They enrolled him in Cass  
Technical High School here  
for 9th grade. He was only child  
in his school selected to go  
He rated so high in Iowa  
Test. They only take special

children there in 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
and you have to have B average  
to get there in 10<sup>th</sup>. He is  
so very ~~kind~~ Lappy he is  
walking on air. Ricky is  
hoping to be able to get in  
Symphony Orchestra at  
same school

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Detroit  
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Detroit Mich  
Nov 29 1968

My Dear Louise,  
Thanks so much  
for calling me. Of course I am awfully  
worried. I enclosed is a check for  
your call and would you write me  
the name and address of the hospital.  
Is the Mrs Wright you mentioned  
the woman who stays there. I  
told you in the letter I went to Cin-  
cinnati took Cynthia with me. My  
Cousin Husband passed. We were  
away three days. My best friend  
one of them Helma <sup>Ferris</sup> Henderson  
(Bessie's sister) was operated this past  
Wednesday. Will you find out if  
Lawrence wants me to come  
down there if there is any thing I  
can do. I have been wishing so  
we had 10 for dinner yesterday  
if he is in Veterans Hospital that  
would be way out I guess but  
Don't send me this check back

I wanted to get it certified. No  
one has any money - every-thing is  
so high. I want to let him  
know I am interested and tell  
him I will send the other payjams  
My Doctors bill in Oct was 100.00  
I have to go to eye Dr and regular  
Doctor on the 11th but with Gods  
help I keep going. If it isnt to  
far out may. be you could get  
someone to take you if you paid  
on the gas or call up the Hospital  
Rickey is still on a cane

Thanks Love

Ethel

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Detroit Mich  
Dec 6 1968

My Dear Louise  
Thank you so much. I don't whether I am going or coming. I took the address out of the envelope to put it in my book so I wouldn't loose. Cynthia was bothering me about her Xmas cards. So I was so nervous trying to find it and some other thing I couldn't find it. Inclosed is an envelope. Will you please send it to me. I just try to do so much. I am making Cynthia a skirt (navy) to be in chorists at school a red velvet dress for Xmas and a wool jumper. We are invited to a lovely shewer this Sunday and the wedding at one of ~~the~~ exclusive hotel. Helen and I both need dress with all my aches and pains besides I am be-  
kind in all of my corresponden. Tell Mrs Farvin Thelma was just released

from Hospital yesterday has been  
there nearly two weeks. I went on bus  
to see her twice. Thanks so much  
I worry about you. ~~God~~ Glad Lawrence  
is better. Thanks

Love  
Ethel

You shouldn't have sent that  
check back. I talked to Mamie  
Alexander last night. She is so  
brave just tries to keep going  
I

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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Let me know if they  
got the pajjams of they  
fifty!

Detroit Mich  
Dec 25-1968

My Dear Louise I am exhausted  
I have been out of the state 3 times  
since I came back from California  
My cousin's husband died in Cincinnati  
I went took Cynthia funeral and Wake  
was there burial was in Yellow Springs  
Ohio then we went to Dayton stayed  
all night Didn't call any one but  
Ambrosia. There are five of my  
close friends in the hospital one  
young woman Helens age passed  
another 39 passed. I went to  
nine meetings for the Republicans  
I am so glad they won. I didn't have  
time to write a letter. Lawrence  
called me on the phone wanted to  
send me money for 2 pairs of  
pajjams. Wanted me to send



him a self address envelope but  
I just bought him 2 pair told  
him they were for Xmas. If he wants  
outing shoes let me know as I couldn't  
afford to buy them now. They wouldn't  
insure them said they weren't wrapped  
right. The ones with string around the  
waist cost \$8.00 a piece so I put  
the string in them. We are having  
company for Xmas. Heard Marie's  
Traves fell broke her hip all her  
are fine. Mr Dancy left Helen a 1,000  
insurance policy also \$500.00 in the  
will. She surely needed it. Ricky  
has been on crutches for nine weeks  
so she had to let the boys have  
her car and she bought a new one  
He was very nice to them. Oh it  
takes so much money up at Uring  
though they make money. I think  
of you all the time, and pray for  
you  
Love from all Ethel

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~~about~~ best friend. There isn't any  
news here. Nelsie Rucker is about  
the only girl who has a beau. O. L. I  
heard Rubie White was engaged.  
How do you like teaching? Don't you  
get crazy about the baby? Will you  
must write me again! I was surely  
glad to get your letter. When you  
write Ethel mention me and tell  
me what she says. ~~Do~~ You remember  
Moore who liked you he talked about  
you all the time. Write me when you  
have time. Love  
Sally Ethel

[1920?]

My Dear Louise I was so  
pleased to receive a letter  
from you I owe about two  
dozen but I am answering  
yours first. Well I have a  
dear little girl. I named her  
for you and Helen. You  
know her name is Helen  
Louise but I call her the  
two names together for  
you (Helen Louise) as it is  
quite popular. I received the  
sweetest letter from Ophelia  
I was so sorry to hear of Ethel's

misfortune. Well the world is full  
of sadness. Be sure and tell Mrs  
Stollard hello for me. I think a great  
deal of her. I knew a Mrs. Stevens there  
she is an eloquentist her husband died  
Why don't you go to Springfield. Papa  
has been very sick but is better now  
David is quite a young man. Plays  
for dances. I had such a hard  
time when the baby came and I  
am very nervous. Hope you can read  
this. Helen talked about you all  
the time I was in New York. Last  
summer Eloise was perfectly lovely  
to me. She and the rest fell out  
with the Ruckers. I suppose they  
wanted me to hit I would never  
do that. Lucy is my closet friend  
and you can't imagine how good  
all of them love her to. She I  
was very fond of Eloise but I wish  
see her only once since the golden  
wedding. Have you met Carl Moss?  
~~The~~ Joseph Jones family are my

1920?

Miss Louise ~~Marion~~  
113 W. Robbins St.  
Covington  
Ky.

in Springfield was to send  
you that dress. She just  
brought me to let her wear  
it and I led to, to get rid  
of her told me she would  
send it to you right  
away, let me know. I  
just received the letter  
you send me to Spring-  
field Sat. today is  
Monday. This dress is  
so fancy but good style  
that's what counts now  
send to Ophelia and your  
father

Highly  
Ethel

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My Dear Louise - [1920?]

Oh last  
here is your dress I know  
very well you needed it. If  
it's too late I hope it will do  
you some good. I couldn't  
make it all sized I wanted  
to because it was cut in  
pieces and you know very  
thing now is made with  
two long lengths are draped  
with a few widths of material  
I took this little dress out  
of paper. Hope it will  
fit B.K. Don't think there  
will be much alteration  
The Kappa's meet the Ymas  
so I know you can use it  
to an advantage. Tell me  
about the wedding please  
I have been here two weeks  
was home with papa two  
week. He got busy and I

am not touching that at all. I am not ready to die and that woman certainly has got it in for me. I have sent her over a \$1,000. Well there are plenty of swell fellows here. Do hope I'll get settled so you can come here. That is if I buy and settle hope to by Spring. Helen Wilton talks about you all the time say Ewan Opehbia will buy. She much ice-cream. You ought to see how she has improved. I am expecting to go to see this week at Chicago Beach Hotel. So many fellows here we know Ralph Spring. Sam was here last week and C. G. Winchuck, Bob Penn, Ge. Lany. Will write you often now. Ok say. Katherine Jones

helped him out on some funerals. Have been so nervous. You know how hard Helen plays and being in folks houses keeping her out of things was some job taking her with me every. but I moved. In Cleveland I thought I would collapse was there two weeks before I got any results had to work as hard as my lawyers chusing and going every day. I felt better now than since I left Atlanta more settled and then I'm not settled I expect to buy here as soon as possible. I was crazy about Cleveland. Henry says he hopes to make up with me by Spring but I

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in a hurry. All love and love  
to you and entire family With love  
Sincerely  
Ethel

Springfield Ohio  
[1922?]

My Dear Louise -  
I received  
your letter and the package  
this morning. Well I am pretty  
slow about writing. Was too  
tired when I got here. Helen  
Louise was real good talked  
about you all on the train  
all the time. I certainly did  
enjoy being with you all  
so much. Certainly appreciated  
your kindnesses. Helen just  
looks fine. Told me there was  
a swell Dr. she wanted you

to meet in x-ray specialist. Well  
as for me I don't think any man is  
good enough for you. He would have  
to be made to order. Saw a cute dress  
down town this morning for the brown  
I am going to make it realy soon  
also Ephia. Didn't know how tired  
I was. Papa says I look so much better  
already. histnd I need a little piece  
of the blue velvet and yarn to make  
the design on my belt. You can put  
in an envelope. Won't you. Tell Ephia  
I will write her. Have so many letters  
to write. Helen has soon good  
looking clothes. Says to tell you  
hello. She'd love to see you  
I liked Willie Morse. Will boys  
her a card soon. Now I will not  
for-get your dress. Helen Louise says  
to tell her of papa hello. You  
know who she means. Says he  
is a nice man. Papa just loves her  
to death and Helen to. Hope I'll get  
fixed in Chicago so you can come  
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