

Guava, Pa.
Jan. 9 1905.

Dearest now and forever,

He dear I just came in
from coasting. Charles
would have me go out
with ^{him} all the little boys
in town was out I was the
oly little girl. He never
upset but ran in the hol
sleds smokehouse. and
numerous other thing
I'll bet I looked cute. Char
ould hold my feet up.

so they wouldnt drag I
enjoyed it very much, and
so did the boys. When he
asked me to go along I said
I had to write a letter tonight
He said let Lily go until next
week and I said: that would
never do, would it Darling
What would you say if I
wouldnt write until next
week my pen played out so
will use the pencil.

Yes Will I do wish I could
of been with you yesterday
Do you mean you was

where you went to wash
your face on the 4th. You
did not say who was with
you when you drove around
the lake.

~~we were having great times~~
here poor Firmaw we
certainly make a fool of
him he will tell us any
thing. He is just about
gone on me. Bruce sets
him up. He wanted me
to go with ^{Lupe} to Divide last
night. He ask me and I
told him I would not

and Bruce just talked
to him until he asked
me the fourth time. I
am getting so disgusted
I dont know what to do
everytime he comes in
the house he has some soft
ness to say. If he dont quit
I am going to tell him
that Bruce is making fun
of him. You would laugh
if you could be here some
times when he gets started.
I did not go to church last
night I stayed at home
with Charles. Tomorrow

night we are invited up
to Town Corners. I dont
know whether I will go
or not for it is so far
to walk how I wish my
darling was here to take
your little girl. dont you ^{dear?}
Murray asked to be my
partner. Earl is going to
take Emma. and I dont
know who is going to
take Ira and Geraldine
Oh what do you think Ira
wants me to go over to
Jesse Mosses to a dance

Sat. I had a notion to
ask her if she thought I
was green. She said if I
would go Sam Parks
would come after us. I
imagine there will be
some very important
people there especially
Sam Ha! Ha! Earl Harvey
said He was so sorry that
we came home so soon
for he wanted to dance
with me. Wouldn't I
have been honored. I
don't believe he said

such a thing I believe
she wanted to say some
thing about him and did
not know what else to say.

Darling you say I write
such good sweet letters
I dont think I write as
sweet ones as you do. I
think you write the
sweetest and most loving
letters and if you are
satisfied with mine and
think the are ^{the} sweetest
letters you ever got I am
willing to call it square

what joy and happiness
your letters bring your
little girl and I know
mine brings the same
to you. the rest have all
gone to bed and I guess
I will go too. Oh Will Harry
cut his ankle Sat. We think
he split the bone. It was
awful something terrible
yesterday. It is the left foot
on the inside you know the
flesh is not very thick on
out that joint bone he was
splitting wood and the

are glanced. Well Darling
I guess your little girl
will quit for tonight.
Good night Love.

Tuesday P.M.

My dearest I will add
a little to what I wrote
last night. I have been
working some beautiful
scarfs for Mrs Laubach
and I feel rather tired.
They are awful pretty I have
them about finished. I am
going to get me some
doilies and work for

myself. It is just a year
this afternoon that we came
from Benwick. Different
weather from what it
was then. Emma just
came so will have to
quit and take to her
Now be a good little
boy and dont forget ^{fred} ~~my~~

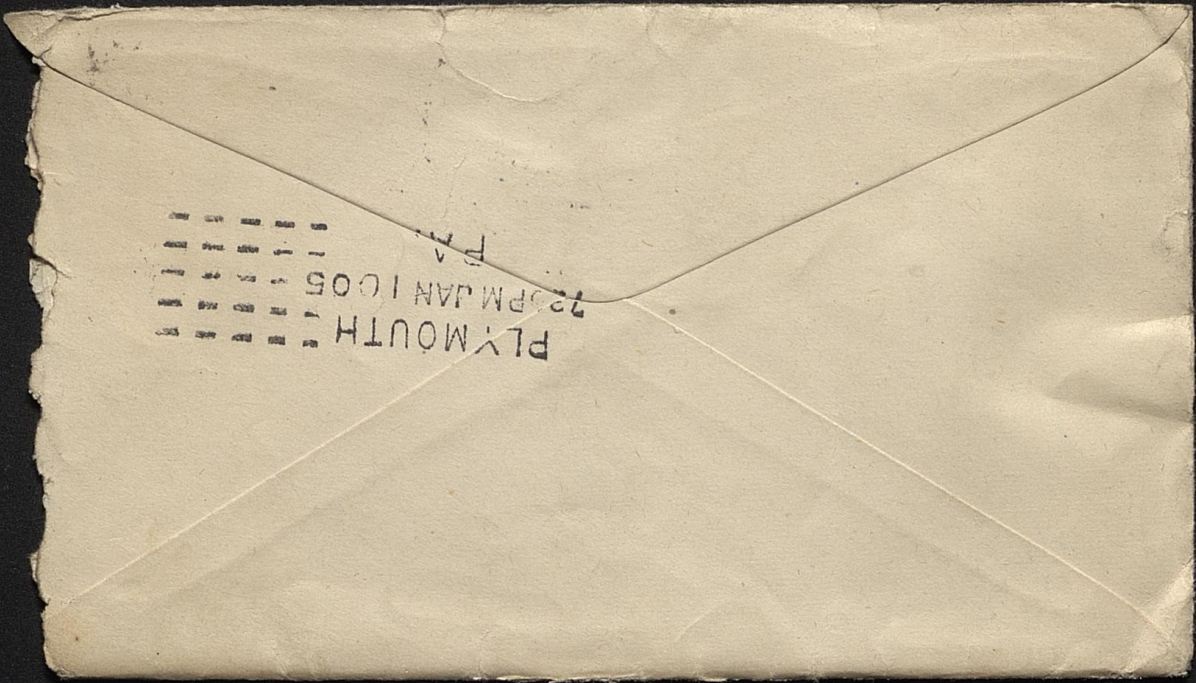
I send you my best love
and kisses by the whole
salle from your little
love

write soon,

W. E. C.



Mr. William R. Belles,
#359 West Main St.
Plymouth Pa.



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My Own Dear One,-

Now Darling I will
try and express my loving
thought to you as best I
can. You know what they
are dont you sweetheart?
I do wonder what my little
Will is doing perhaps out
sleighriddy with some nice
girl. at any rate I hope
you are enjoying yourself
as best you can. It isn't
very good though is it
love for it is impossible
to be happy when we are
so far apart but we

ought to be thankful that
we have the privilege of
writing about you ^{things so} dear.
I was to the Oyster supper
last night and Maude
Connor said she wanted
us to come up there and
spend some of the next time
you come home. If you
come home before you
people has their roast we
will go up there. I suppose
you will want to be home
if you dont come home
until your folks has their
roast. You want to let

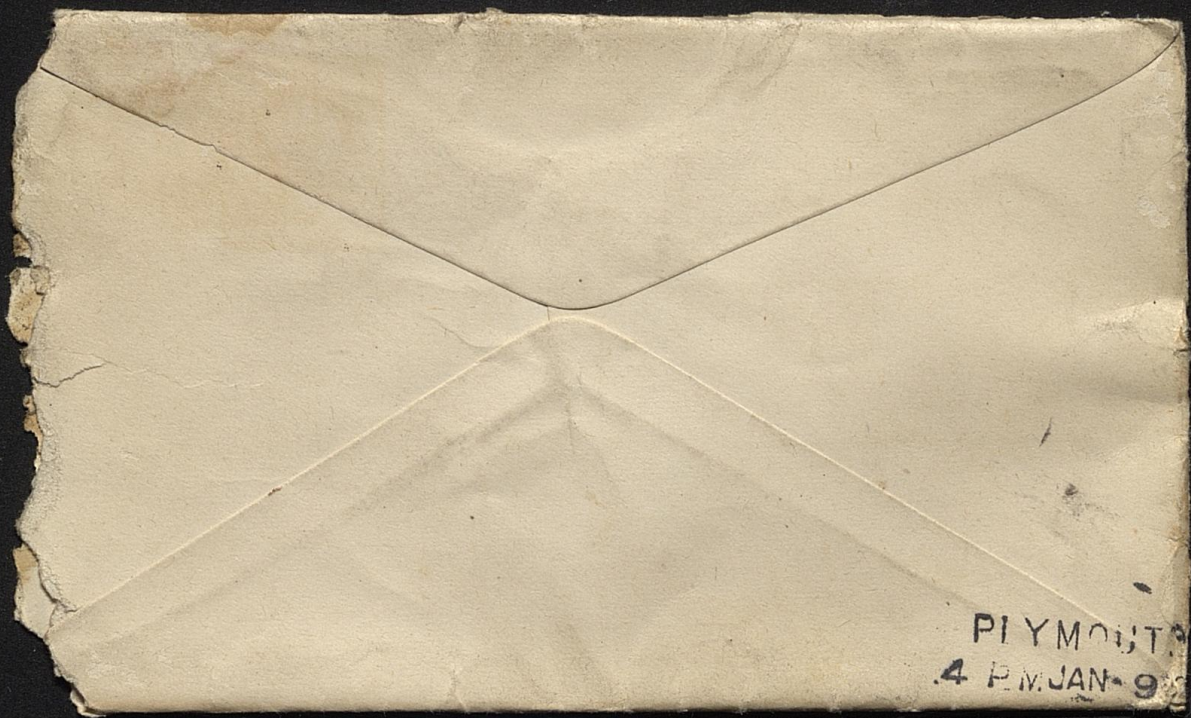
me know when you are
coming or I might have
a date. No! No! No! You think
your little darling would?
I dont. Oh Will if you are
as true to me as I am to
you but I know you are
not you are like other
boys I think you are a
boy and of course it is
alright. No Will I know
you are better a great
big lot better than other
boys haint you sweet?
How nice it is to love and
have some one to love

you and we certainly do
love one another don't we will
I suppose you are writing
to me to-day. It is a poor
way of expressing our love
words seems to go to the heart
and writing seems so weak.
Do you ever think of that
will I often do. How I wish
you could be with me to-
night I am sure we would
enjoy ourselves better than
we did Xmas night for I
am not one tiny bit cross at
you and the Xmas. but
that is past and gone isn't

it love. Well darling I will
have to close with hopes of
getting a good sweet letter
from you. Will you be mine
alone tonight you darling
to morning morning. I
will close with my love
and sweet kiss for my
dear one who is far away
in reality but near to one
another in heart I remain
yours until death shall
part you from your loving
Winifred



Mr William R. Belles,
359 West Main St,
Plymouth, Pa.



PLYMOUTH
4 P.M. JAN-92

up about our teacher. Well you spoke
about the Exchange girl I haven't
been any nerer to the waiting room
than just going a past when I go
to the M. E. Church. Well I suppose
I will have to bring my letter to
a close.

We are all well and hope
you are the same.



B.B.S. H.C.Y.R. from
Lucy Calley
Danboro
Bucks Co
Pa.

Ans soon.

P.S. As I am all ways anxious
to hear from my Darling so far away.

P.S. I suppose your folks Danboro Pa
tease you almost as bad as
mine do. When ever I get a Jan. 8. 1905.
letter the cod me and try to find out what is in
it.

My Dear Harry.

I received your Dear letter
Friday night and was glad to
hear from you. I will answer
now, as I have nothing to do

Ma + Pa were invited out to tea to
night, and I had to get supper
for the boys. John has just left to see
his lady love and Johnny + I have
to keep house till Pa + Ma arrive.

We won't have school on the
9 + 10 as the teacher said he would
give us a vacation.

Well we have not had any

girls + the Nice Miss our teacher
Well were are working now
in Miscellanion problems at
school and they are most fierce
and hard.

This Saturday I suppose I
will be at Plumsteadville all day +
evening all the schools of Plumstead
township have a parents meeting
make I will stay all night with
my friend Miss Trumble. I wish
you could be their to for I know you
would enjoy it very much. These
meeting are very nice, we have
Exam. in different branches to just
ans with one word.

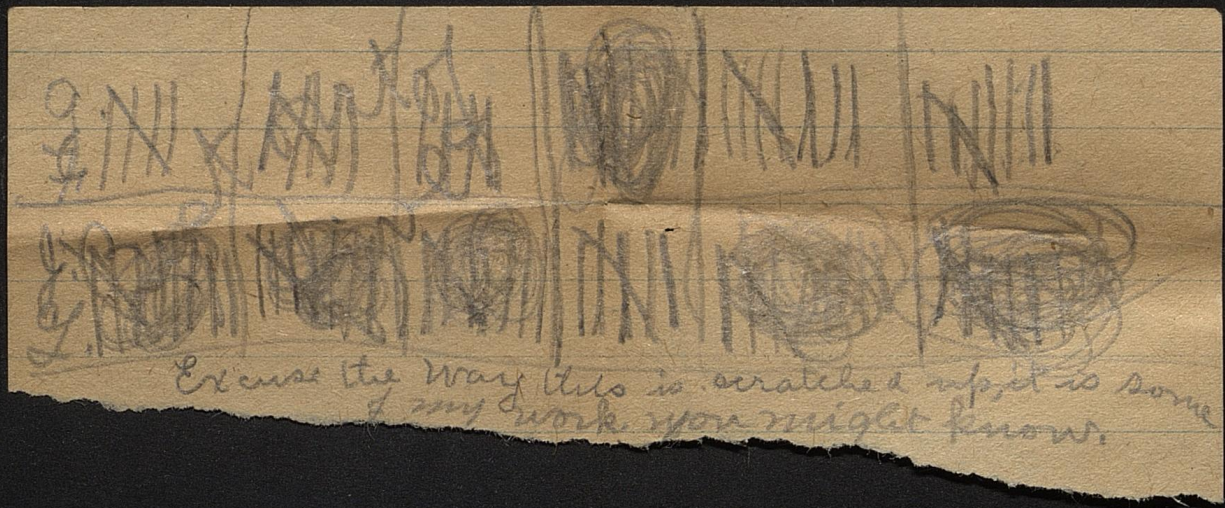
I will also enclose a picture
of life for you and a little
rhyme Florence Gold made

ice for nearly a month, so I go out of
the notion of getting skates. just now

I am all right now my cold
has left me and I am all right
but what is left.

I would have wrote to you on
Saturday but thought you would
not get it anyway till Tuesday or
Wed.

Well have you played euchre
lately I hadn't played since you
were down till the other Monday
night George + Pa said they would
beat John I + I so we played. I will
enclose the score in this letter
if I can find it. well it has been
rather stormy and rainy down
our way. I was to Sunday
school to-day, it was only we three



Excuse the way this is scratched up, it is some
of my work you might know.

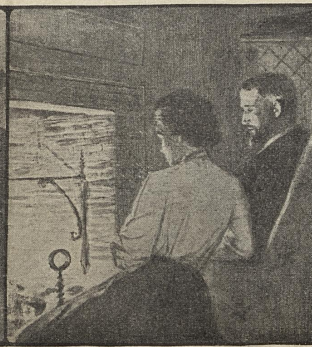
L I F E --- B y T h o m a s C u r t i s C l a r k



Two babes born in a single town
Beside the restless sea;
Two children playing childhood's games
In childhood's quenchless glee;



Two lovers walking arm in arm
Beside the moonlit stream;
Two hearts before the altar bound
As in a golden dream;



Two faces glowing at the hearth—
Meek wife and husband brave—
Two heads bowed low with speechless grief
Above a new-made grave;



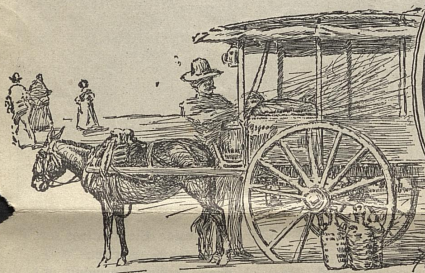
Two graves beside the restless sea,
With angry tempests rife;
Two children crying, knowing not
The past—and that is life.

of the subject would reveal the fact that in nine cases out of ten the first word acquired in the new language was "agua," for thirst, especially in a hot country, is even more compelling than hunger.

A few fortunate women keeping house upon a somewhat more elaborate scale have been able at the beginning of their Cuban career to engage the services of a house-boy who understands and speaks an English, perhaps not the English of New-York or Indiana or Kentucky, but yet an English of which three words out

even a profession—for the Cuban is ambitious—and there is a desire for at least one educated

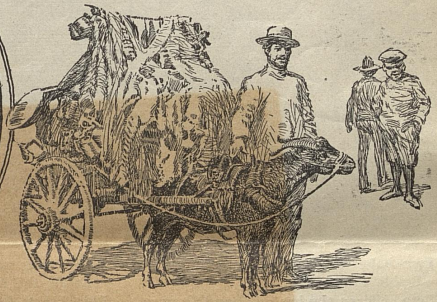
appetizing in appearance, although many of the dishes are excellent, and one soon learns what to avoid. On the subject of meats the housewife learns many things, and assimilates few facts which are pleasing ones. In Cuba meat is, alas! tough, badly butchered and tasteless. Steak bears a strong resemblance in taste and appearance to india-rubber cut thin; and roast beef is not conducive to family harmony while it is in process of being eaten and



The Milkman



A Cuban Bazaar



A Traveling Merchant

Be good, Be good.

You know you should though the
way be rough and stormy
Some day you may be President,
or General in the army.

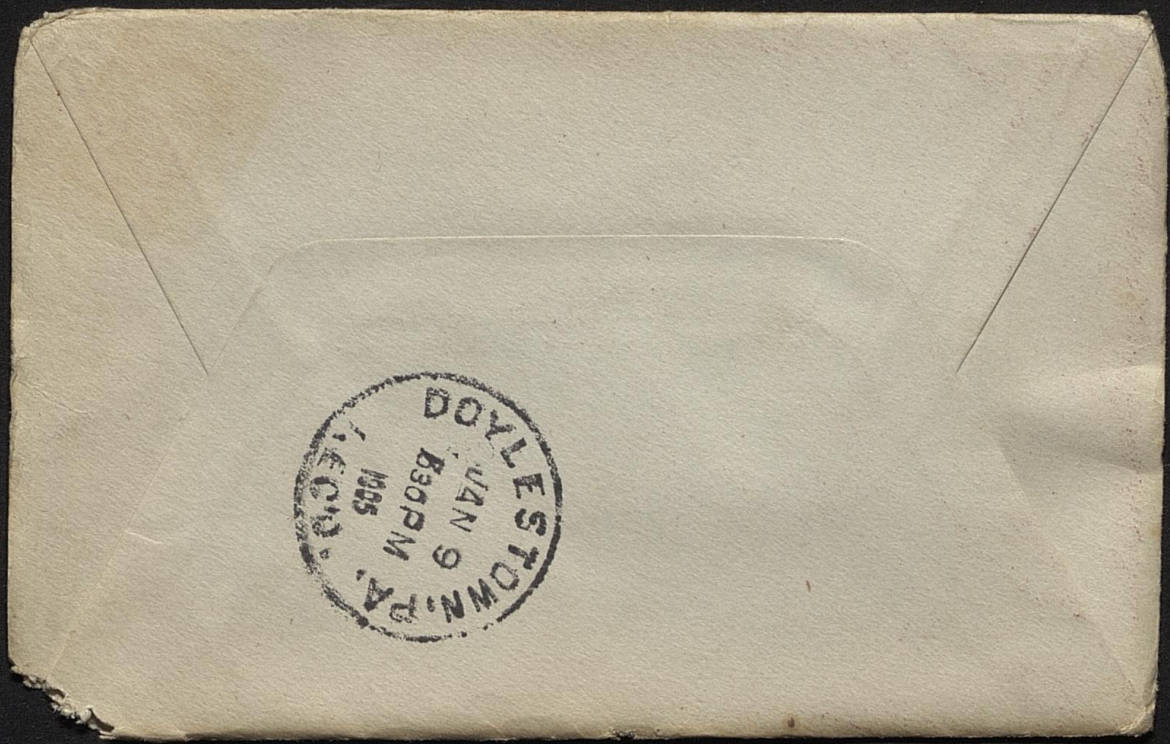
(Or make Teacher in Dyers Hill
school)

This is a little rhyme one of the
girls made up about our teacher, at school
He is cross to day. Don't say any thing
about Mondays. He is sleepy and as cranky
some of we kids found out his girls name
then we were teasing him we had him
as cross as I don't know what.

DANBORO
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Mr. Harry E. Cole.
Cole's Creek.
Col. Co
Pa.



DOYLESTOWN, PA.
JAN 9
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of been along how
she would of enjoyed
it. yes love we think
of one another very often in
one day I know I do of
you and I am sure you
do of me. It has only
been to weeks since I
was home but it seem
nearly like to months
to me. You try and
swipe the pin from
Myrtle and keep it
untill I come home
damn little kid it
makes me so mad
I wanted it than I

Plymouth
Jan. 8 05

My dear little love,

well Sweetheart
I just got back from
Scranton and will write
you a few sweet lines in
answer to your dear and
welcome letter which I
received. Darling you
write me such dear
letters I never can hardly
write until today counts
for me to get a letter from
you I always enjoy reading
your sweet letter if I could
only write such good

letter as you do then
I would be glad. No
warring I do not think
I am to try ^{to you} but I know
I am just true to you as
I can be. Well I just
guess I would think of you
if I was out high riding
more so of you than then
the one I was out riding
with. I was up to Scouting
to day to that place where
I was on the 4th of July
I had a grand time we
were out driving that
after noon up on the
mountain and drove a
round the lake we

went up through ^{the} park
and across that high
bridge which we was
on when we was up
there. I saw the first
ice boat that I ever saw
up there on the lake
they are fixed with
sails and a runner
under then they go
faster than a train
there was hundreds of
young and old people
there skating to day.
Oh love how much
I thought of you to day
I just thought if my
little sweetheart could

have not ⁽³⁾ got it, I got
the rest of my pictures
last night and I will
send Blanche out this
week. Well hear if your
mamma wants you
to come home and take
Music lessons you had
better go for I want you
to learn and play for
me. Of course I would
like to have you at Berwick
than I could come and
see you often it being
right along the railroad

I could come on that
last train Saturday
night and come back
Sunday night or Monday
morning. I had a dream
the other night that we
was married and I
was the happier fellow
that was. I thought we
was getting along so
good and that we was
so good to one another
and then I woke up and
found that it was not
true I felt bad.

It is awful, cold up here
again to night I hope that it
gets warmer by tuesday. Well
Sweetheart I certainly do wish
I could of been with you
nooning would of made me
more happier than to of been
with you. Well love is it really
cold in the room I am writing
and I think I will close
this miserable letter
Will close with all
my love to you a all the
kisses I have is yours and
nobody elses

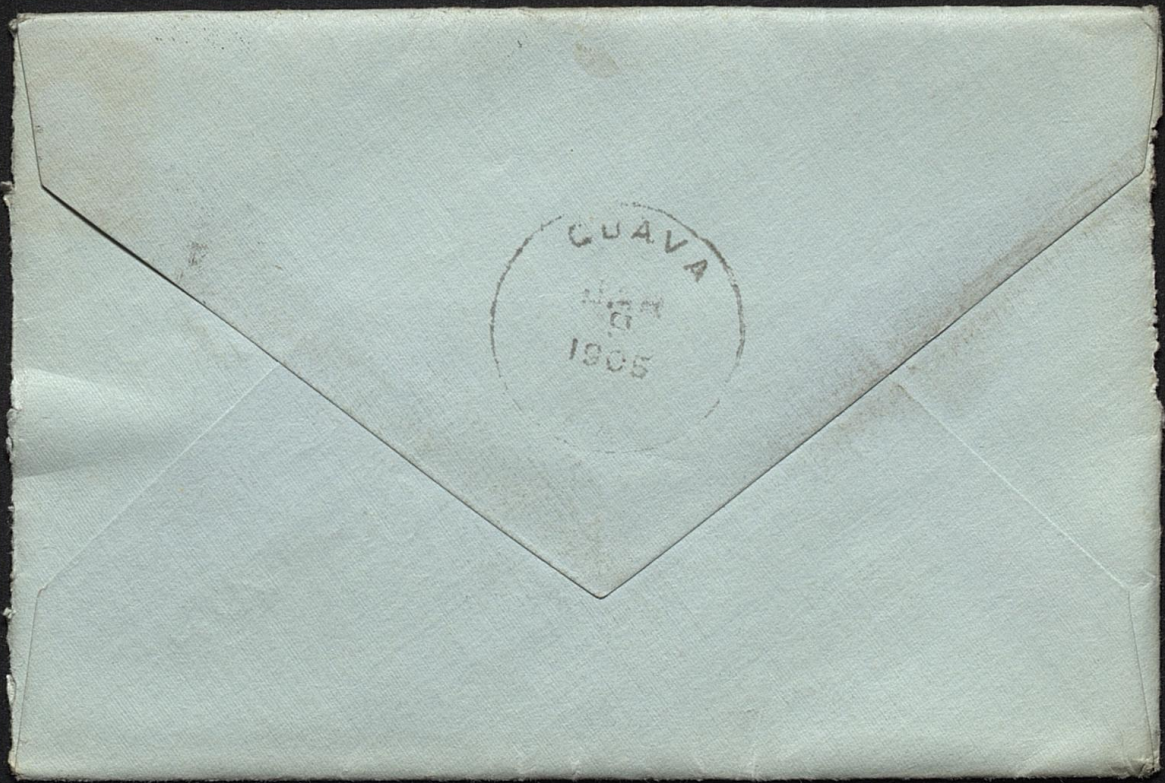
Your Sweetheart

Bill,

PLYMOUTH
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Miss Winifred Cole
Guova
Col. Co.
Pa.



We are all well a present,
Only I have a little cold but guess
I'll get over that all right.

Well I suppose I will have to
close as it is nearly bed time
for me. 9/15. Oht. I am so glad
you were admitted to this school
or just think how long it would
have been till I could have seen
my own darling boy once more
just think if you would have
gone to Mexico with your
father just think how long it would
have been. I will close with love
to my dears. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain as Ever your

True friend and Love Lucy.

P.S. Excuse this writing with pencil.

Danboro Penna
Jan. 1st 1905
Sunday eve.

My Dear Harry.
"I wish you a Happy
New Year."

I received your dear letter
last night Saturday. Well
as I am the only one awake
that is at home I will ans your
dear letter. Ma is asleep on the rock-
ing chair, Pa is asleep in the
kitchen Johnny L. went to church
Doylestown an our John has made
a catch since you were down and has
gone to see her and I am the

only one awake. You spoke
about I didn't tell you where
we had the dances, we have
them in the hall up town.

Ma & I were to church this
morning and stopped at my
cousins for dinner, they have
just had a little baby boy and
it is the cutest little thing
you ever saw and that is the
way I spent my new years
day. And I feel real tired.

We had a real nice crowd at
the S.S. entertainment. I spoke
the same one at S.S. as I did at
school for my teacher a school
say I had to much to do to
study two so I will enclose

the one I spoke, it was at
school on Monday & Thursday
eve at the chapel.

Our trolley car killed a little girl
Saturday morning up near
Easton, she was coasting.

I hope you enjoyed your self
at the party the other evening
I think we could of had a good
time if we would have been
to-gather.

Oh! Dear the time won't seem
so long now as I know when
you are coming down.

But yet it seems as though
the months would never
pass. Oh! but things seem
so slow around here to me

A Christmas Eve Adventure.

Once on a time, ¹ in a queer little town
On the shores of the Tyngher Lee,
When all the good people were fast asleep
A strange thing happened to me!

²
Alone the night before Christmas,
I sat by a glowing fire,
Watching the flames as it rose & fell,
While the sparks shot high & higher

³
Suddenly one of these sparks began
To flicker and glimmer and wink
Like a big bright eye, till I hardly knew
What to do, or to say, or to think.

Quick as a flash, ⁴ it changed to a face,
And what in the world did I see
But dear old Santa Clause nodding
His head,
And waving his hand to me!

"Oh! follow me, follow me!" soft he cried -
And up through the chimney with him
I mounted, not daring to utter a word
Till I stood on the chimney's rim.

"Now tell me, I beg of you dear Santa Clause
Where am I going with you?"
He laughing answered, "Why don't you ^{I know?}
To travel the wide world through!"

⁷
"From my crystal palace, far ^{I North,} in the
I have come since dark - and see
These curious things for the little folks
Who live on the Tundra Tree."

Then seating himself in his ⁸reindeer ^{sledge}
And drawing me down by his side,
He Whistled, and off with the wings ⁹of the ^{Wind}
We flew for our midnight ride.

But first, such comical presents we left.
For the little Dutch girls and boys, -
Onions and Sausages, wooden faced dolls,
Cheese, and gingerbread toys!

10
Away we hurried far to the South,
To the beautiful land of France;
And there we showered the loveliest gifts,
Flaxen-haired dolls that could dance,

Soldiers that marched at the word of ¹² ^{Command} and
Necklaces, bracelets, and rings,
Tiny gold watches, all studded with ^{Gems}
And hundreds of exquisite things
¹²

Crossing the Channel we made a short ^{Call}
Toss Scotland and Ireland, too;
Left a warm greeting for England + Wales
Then over the ocean we flew.

13.

Straight to America, where by myself,
Perched on a chimney high
I watched him scramble + bustle about
Between the earth and the sky.

14

Many a stocking he filled to the brim
And numberless Xmas trees.
Burst into bloom at his magical ^{touch!}
Then all of a sudden, a breeze

Brought us and bore us a way to the ^{South}
And afterward blew us out West [;]
And never till dawn peeped over the ^{Hills}
Did we stop for a moment's rest.
16

"Xmas is coming! he whispered ^{me}
You can see his smile in the sky-
Twish Merry Xmas to all the world!
My work is over-good by!"
17

Like a flash he was gone, and I was ^{alone}-
For all of this happened to me
Once on a time, in a queer little town
On the shore of the Fyngher Lee.

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Mr. Harry C. Cole.
Cole's Creek.
Cole, Pa.



BOYLE
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I showed it to Bella and
that is the last I saw
of it. Corie O'Brien
was here and Mr Balliet
brought his little boy
team Mr Balliet and
I was out driving
this afternoon oh
Dear how I wish you
was up here because
I can get the horse to go
out with and I do not
like to take anyone else
but you my own little Darling.

Plymouth
Jan 1, 1905

My Dearest Winifred

Well

Sweetheart I just have
been playing the phonograph
and came up to write
you a new year letter
for good luck. Dear I
wonder if I will write
you a new year letter
next year I hope I
can be nearer to you
so I will not have

to write I think words
is so much better than
writing Don't you Dear
I am sorry very sorry
you was sick Dear but
I trust you are better
by this time, No Darling
we would never get
cross at each other.
you speak about the party
you know Dear I always
let such little foolish
things pass and think
about the future, yes
Dear every bit of my
heart is for you and

you know it is to love
you Dear. No Darling
do not think there ever
was any on that love
one another more than
we because they could
and we just ^{think} the world
and all of each other
and I am just as true
as steel to you and
I know what you are
to me, the first I mist
my pain was when
I came back from
Benton Monday night

Dear to me you say
^{you} always hate to close your
letters you can write
right but mail there's
time between time. I would
enjoy reading them.
Well Dear I guess you
only think I forgot you
at the Depot no not at
all I could not forget
a Dear little girl little
you. Well love I
must close with all
my love to you
and all the kisses I have
your own little Sweetheart
W

It was certainly a fine
day for the first day of
the year. Date so much
Turkey to day I feel
sick to night. Oh Sweetheart
how I wish I could be
to night were I was last
Sunday night. How we
would enjoy ourself
but we can not and
we will have to take
it out in thinking I
know I have thought
about my little sweetheart
thousands of time this week.

we will not keep open more of with. I hope
to morrow I do not know what I will do yet but
think I will go over to Wilkesbarre oh how
wish I was home some
thing time I will come
home and stay but that
will never do I'd ever
want to do business for
my self I did not get
to see Blanche when I
was at Benton I am
going to send her one
of my pictures I am
going to have some

you enjoy the play Darling
I want you to go to all such
things you can because
it will not be so lonesome
for you. you are not
sure you would enjoy
the play or not if I was
there take you ^{and} you just
think you would Ha. Ha.
No No Darling I could never
give up unless death should
part us. Oh I think you are
the sweet little girl that
ever was you are so

PLYMOUTH
730AM JAN 2 1898
PA.



Miss Winifred Cole
Guava
Col. Co.
Pa



To you all a
happy new
year from me
all as ever
your cousin

Johnnie
Saturday

Home

My dear Will

I came
home last night
from the weeks
vacation to
find your picture
I thank you very
much for it, we
all think it
very good. It
seems a little

So sorry to see you
so very quiet, however
have you home
for very long?
I know you had a
fine time.

We were not
all together this year
as William was de-
tained in Albany
by illness. It is
the first time he
ever spent Christmas
away from home.
We expect him
home some time
today.

I hope Santa
Claus was very
good to you all.

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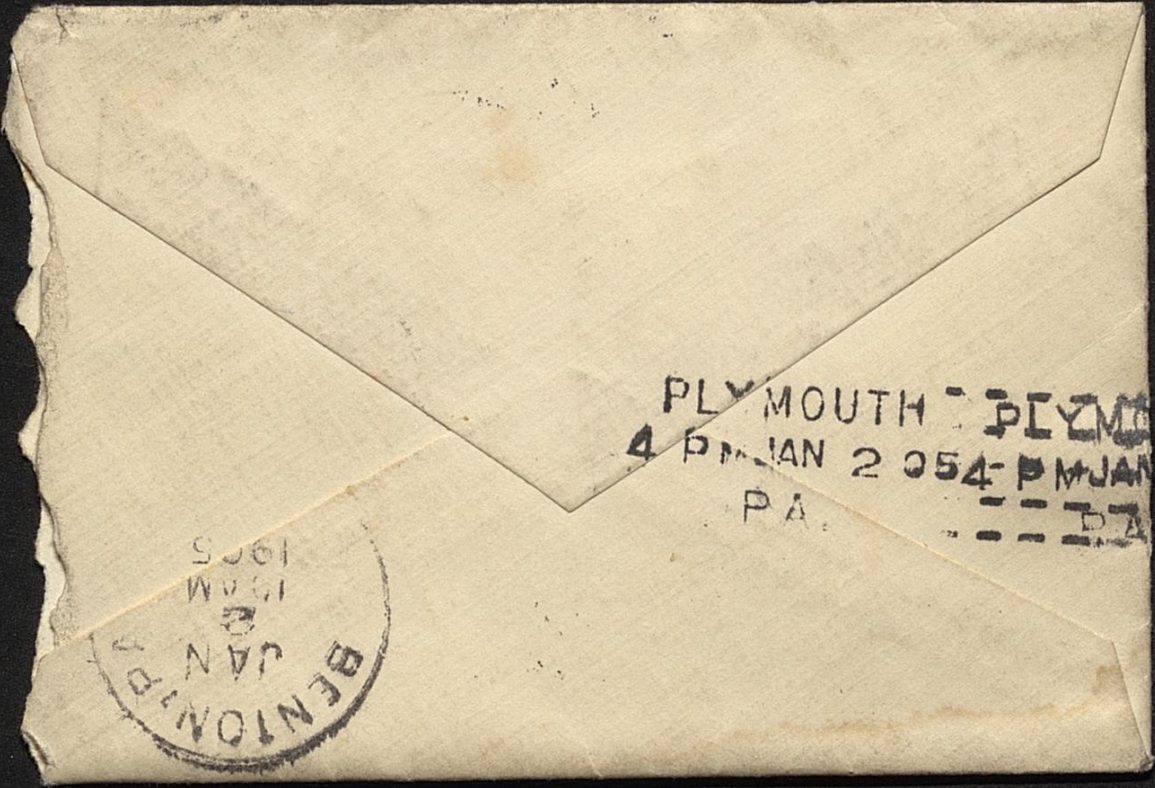


Mr. J. B. Baker

~~*Mr. J. B. Baker*~~

Friend

Plymouth
Ballet's meat market



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Flymouth
Jan 4, 1906

My Dearest Winifred

Well Sweetheart

I got ^{to letter} from you to answer
who is so dear and true to me,
well we are having some
very cold weather here just
now which I suppose you all have
ing down there to, it certainly
was a bad day yesterday I
peddled yesterday but I did
not mind it so much I
was in a close wagon but
it was bad to have the horse
out I hustled up and got
through till half past twelve
well Sweetheart do you

a sweetheart then to love
me. ~~that~~ you think
I do not care whether I am
with you or not you know
I do dont you darling.

Yes love I wish just as
much as you wish for
me to be there and take
you back, well you will
not wait for that if I get in
business for myself before
that time then I want you
to be my partner for I could
not get along without you
I do not expect to be in
business before but I can
not tell if I would get a
good chance before that
I would take it,

think I would object to your
writing well I guess not
Dear I do not enjoy anything
more than getting a letter
from you Oh yes I do enjoy
being with more but nothing
more up here it always does
me so much good when
I get a letter from you I wish you
would write oftener if I
do not write you need not
wait for me, I was over
to Auntie Trease's on Monday
for dinner had a real nice
time for a stormy day they
both wanted to be remembered
to my little sweetheart,
well love I wish you was
up here now I would

take you out for a
sleigh ride. Yes Darling
I certainly will be home
before the year I could not
stay away that long without
see my little sweetheart
yes indeed I have been
home sick to or three times
this week to be exact. I
just can't hardly stay
away but I must try and
tuff it out you do not
know how home sick
I have been I use to think
it was all foolishness to get
homesick but I think different
now I did not have

I wish you would try
and get it and send it
to me or keep it till I come
home again I do not
know just when that will
be but when our flock
has there roost if it is not
too long I can not stand
it to stay away more than
three week longer I am
sorry to think that you think
I was try to deceive you but
I think you will learn
different, I want you to tell
me who has the Pen in you
next letter will love I must
close this book if you write
a book like this then you
could talk see"
your loving Sweetheart
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I worked pretty hard ^{today} as
one of the men was not
here and we had to do his
work to but I did not work
hard enough to hurt myself.
I had a sore throat last night
I went to Doctor to see if it
was anything serious and
said it was nothing but
~~a common~~ a throat infection
a very bad cold some where
I do not know just how.
Yes love I always read
your letter over three or
four times and some
time I get them all and
read them it does me so
much good, I would not
be much surprise if Charlie

would be married this
winter I just thought so
by the look of thing around
home of course that was nothing
said but I just imagine it
you need not say anything
about it till I find out for
sure than I will tell you
Yes Darling I love you
with all my heart and you
and nobody else either and
you know it to done you
Sweetheart? No Darling
I know Nellie was not
as glad to see me as
you was you certainly
was glad to see your little
Sweetheart and I certainly
was glad to see you

Do you think for one
minute that I would give
my pin away well I guess
no I would not give a
way anything that some
one gave me I do not
see why you did not
tell me who has it has
reba got it I am so
glad that it is not lost
but if I had the girl up
here who stole it off of
my coat I could do
something awful bad
to them because I feel
so bad to think that
I lost it for I wanted
a tie pin very bad

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