

MANCHESTER

Forkton Ky 10/3/07

Tom Perkins of the Ky
If you don't need your
suit case I would like
to get it to take some
thing in to Glasgow
I will get one over there
and send yours back
Please let me know at once
if I can get it
and you send out my
lunchy Friday or Saturday
if it has got in
If not you send me
one collar no 15 laying
I am aiming to start
Sunday; be sure and
send these things out

Friday or Saturday
 and you see the
 Mail man on the
 lower road and find
 out what he will charge
 me to take me to
 Glasgow Sunday
 try and get him to take
 me as cheap as you
 can
 and tell him that I
 want have any thing
 to take, except a suit
 case
 and that I want to
 make the round trip

O.L.P.

two girls went across the line
over in K. C. Kans. we got home
first and the other two girls
hadent come in yet and we
started out to hunt them and
met them on the way. K. C. is too
large a place for me.

Yes you wanted to know much
I weighed I weigh 130 lbs. oh but
I am fat and sassy, every body
says I am getting fat and prettier
every day. What do you know about that
but I have an awful bad cold
now. got up with it Sunday morn
I told them that it didnt agree
with me to go to Electric Park.

Kansas City Mo.
Oct. 7-1907.

Mr. Q. L. Ralby
Forkton Ky

Dear Friend

I recd your letter to Jay
Was glad to hear from you
I guess you will be
surprised to hear of me being in
K. C. I have been here one week
to Jay. havent worked a day
since I have been here I am
going to work in the morning
in a fur store I will try it
a day or two they want me to run

a power machine I dont know
if we will get along with it I dont
like K.C. Very well dont know
how long I will stay I
will work here a while and if I
dont like I will go back to Wichita.
Wichita is a nice little town.

Say kid what are you
going to new Mexico for.
Why dont you come to K.C.
I would be glad to see you.
I wont be in Wichita so you
can stop in K.C. and see me
that is if you want to see
me. I am rooming at 1112 Locust
St. will room here a while

a girl friend of mine from Wichita
came with me she is going to start
back in the morning she came
up to visit some of her friends
we have certainly had a good
time havent stayed at home

but one night since we
came up, we went to electric
park Saturday night and got
lost there were four of us the girl
that came with and the two
girls that we are rooming
with we got seperated at the
park. but the girl that I were with
know where to go but the other

say I hope you will stop off
here and come around and see
me & I will be working from
8 until 6. so if you stop call
after 6 o'clock. in the morning
I am rooming with Mrs Piper
Mrs Frank Piper so if you want
to phone me you can find her
number in the phone book the
home phone. I would be perfectly
delighted to have you stop for
it seems as though it has been
an age since I saw you.
I had just decided that you
had found you another girl

and had forgotten all about
me. but I hope you havent.
Will I hope you will get this
letter before you start to N. M.
and will stop in K. C. a few
days. Will I guess you are tired
of this nonsense. so guess I will
bring my letter to a close hoping
to hear or see you soon I
remain your true friend

Arbie

excuse crooked lines
and writing also for
I wrote it in a hurry.

sealed with a thousand XXXXX

Bowling Green Ky
Sept 20. 1907

Mr R. G. Railey

Tompkinsville Ky

Dear friend Mr Railey
With much pleasure I attempt
to write you this evening in
-answer to your kind letter which
I received with much delight
I am going to be better to you
than you are to me not wait
so long to ans - I never like to
wait very long to ans a letter
if I do I am sure to wait
so long, I have a fine chance
for writing to night Father &
I are at home alone every
thing seems ~~so~~ just and just
a little lonesome, Mother is
off visiting the rest have gone
to church. We go on meeting. What
do you think of that?
I did not care to go to night
as I was just a little tired
have been ironing and helping
to cook for company
Mr Lynn March is visiting
us from Franklin suppose
you remember him you
met him he was with Myrtle
that afternoon and took
supper where we did.
I went up to Franklin

to the fair had such a good time I saw all my friends and relations a great many went from Bowling Green, that was my only trip to Franklin this Summer I passed through once I visited friends in Tenn, four weeks ago. Guess you attended the Quisville fair this week did you not? I am sure that was something good I would ~~have~~ liked so much to have gone, but could not very well. my pleasure taking trips - are wearing and end for a while I am going to town Monday for about four months imprisonment not so bad either I enjoy it I all ways have a good time all the time. I like a change you ask about my other sweet heart. I cant tell anything I have never had the pleasure of meeting him I have some good friends but no sweethearts because I am not going to let any ~~one~~ ^{would} beat your time I am sure that break your heart. Ha! ha!

I sure enjoyed your visit
to us this Summer so much
and hope you enjoyed it
fully - as well,
I am sorry you did not
get to visit us while we
were all at home I had so
much rather in return
company at home than
a way from home. I hope
you will decide and
spend a week in B.S.
this fall.

I saw your Cousin Miss
Bertrum Saturday she
attended the Glasgow Fair
Myrtle is at home getting
along just fine
She and Mr March have
gone to Church
I am sure she would be
very glad to see Mr Kirkpatrick
I am sure she almost sure
you getting to see him
So often

Hoping to hear from
you real soon I will
bring my remarks to a stop
As ever La true friend
Ansel Goddard

Wood, Tenn.

P. F. L. No. 2.

Aug. 6, 1907.

My own Dear Boy:-

Did it "wash you off
the hill" yesterday? Such
a rain! It "scraped up"
the earth around here
quite a bit, "upset the
milk in the spring", and
dashed around in good
fashion. But how it will
make the corn grow! I
am glad of that. -- Did
it blow up at home?

How are you this morning?
Are you quite well? Did
you have to come out
in the rain, yesterday,
dear? Hope not. Are you

bury road? I guess so.
Coward is getting under
head-way today, I presume.
Wondered who they will
"catch" and so on. ^{2) Keep}
Look out, please. They
are still threatening "that
lad" --

Pa had been quite
sick, but is up now ^{and}
much better. I have
to "scold" him "terribly"
to keep him from working.
He ought not to work
one bit. Hope he'll keep
well now. --

Sewed most of the
day yesterday. Don't
aim to do anything
today, but play --

don't like such warm
days as these, and work
too. I need sun quite
like children, especially
during vacation. But
I know what is best
for me and how sleep
well.

I didn't have any
letter from you
yesterday. Had to see the
post-man drive sub-
quately by. But I had
that some mail went
by Boles yesterday for
me. So I hope it's from
you - is it? -

Are there many in
town? I am a
lawyer crew? Amist

You tried looking at
them? Worst you the
grad not to see them
any more? I will.

I don't care even
to see them again -
I don't know that
I shall - I don't care
any thing about it -

I glad you got your
lot prepared. Looks well
doesn't it? - Sell every-
thing, even your
"hot" ship week and
daily - that you possess.
If you need be in
little more than two
weeks' time - I can just
see the "waves" of the old
Atlantic crossing, now.
O. how I want to be off!

3-

Slept every night this
week even if it is
count week. Don't lose
sleep. Slept last night
"washed the dishes" and

went immediately to
bed, before 8 o'clock.

Soon fell asleep.

Got up after 5 a.m.

So had 9 hrs. I guess that
will do. -

Wish you were down
here today and we could
ramble around and
sit under the shade.

"Keep cool" and well
draw. What is doing
that "Cure"? "Keepin' quiet,"
I judge.

Tell me all that you
are doing and all
that is going on -
look at the days
your letters ---

Such sweet, old bird-
songs in the woods,
hip morning. Such
bright, pretty birds out
here.

Must stop now -
Benedicite on thee, dear
your own,
Florence

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONROE COUNTY.

TOMPKINSVILLE, KY.,
July 30, 1907.

Dear Sir:=-

The tax books show that you owe taxes for the following years:

1902.....	
1903.....	1.82
1904.....	1.06
1905.....	
Total	\$..... 2.58

You will please settle these taxes at once, as I, Will D. White, am winding up my business and making settlements. I need the money and must have it at once. This is the last notice. If you have no receipt, your property will soon have to be sold. If you have a receipt, it is your duty to have tax books corrected and no longer stand against you.

You will please settle at once your taxes with and take a receipt from either of the following persons:

W. D. WHITE, Ex-Sheriff,
J. E. BRYANT, Sheriff,
R. G. RAILEY, Attorney,
H. L. HARLAN, Co. Atty.

1931 B. St Granite City Ill

July 30 1907

Dear Sister & Niel: I have just received your letter. It is very difficult for me to be at Mayfield on Monday as I have to loose out on my last round on Sunday. But if it is possible I will try to be there. I don't want the land if it sells for what it ought to. I have my property here which I think would be more valuable and pay a better percent than any farm I could see at the same price. If I buy the land I would rather give cash as six months is almost equal to cash. I would have to borrow the money and pay 6% interest and unless I would get the land very cheap it would be a poor investment. Besides I don't want to do anything that would so involve me I could not pay out on my property here. I have to go in debt for anything only as I can see my way out.

Now I will do this: If I can arrange for my work so I can get off and can also arrange to borrow the money I will go. But I can't buy it unless I can make these provisions. I will let you know as soon as I can ascertain. Aft. J. H. Ford

Home
Wed - 1 - P.M.
July 24, '07.

My Dear Boy -
I was so glad
to have your sweet letter
yesterday. I thought there
never would come one.
Why dear, I never
heard of such a time for
illness you can't stand
it. - of course since
you are the dear little
boy. But before you
know it, you are going
to break your health
and then have to spend
the rest of your life
trying to get over it, - after

a futile effort. - You can't
stay in that atmosphere of
illness and keep well. -
I feel almost like scolding
you. You come right away
now and get into another
atmosphere. Do you know?
Let the little boy's father
sit up and look after him
most of the time. The others
will go and help him.
I hope he is better by
now. I feel very much
sympathetic for them
but you can't stay
there till you are ill
dead. Besides you have
much to do, and small
time to do it in. So come
to head-quarters, now,

2.
You "prodigal boy" -
You've been gone long
enough -

So do I wish you
were down here.
& how we'd enjoy it.
I just know we'd have
the dearest days in
all the world. - I'm so
glad you will come
down soon. I can not
wait. And all are look-
ing for you constantly.
They fix their own date
for your coming - and
look for you. It is & shall
be down here - every thing
so real and laughter and
merriment so pure and
genuine. It will do you

beant good. & am esgred
for you to come. We'll
have the best time ever.
Nothing to hamper or
harm here. ---

We have finished
putting up screens
this morning. Every
door and window
screened now. You
would have laughed
at me "hammering" and
"tacking" and fitting
screening. Pa just
laughed. I did him
more good than any
thing I would wish.
He is just delighted

3.
I have been around
him. I tease him
and pet and love him
sometimes he talks
and cries. Poor Pa,
he grows more tender
and clinging as he
grows sicker. I indulge
and humor him all
the time just he's
reasonable. He wouldn't
have a one of us sit
down by him and
be doing nothing for
ourselves in the wood.
He wants us to go where
we can do best and he
so glad he feels that
way - I like so well to

be with him - but I'll
in such a hurry for
my visit to be over. For
it's hard for me to stay
in the country. I can't
stand it, it's too dull
and uneventful. I'm
beside myself to get to a
livelier place - I thought
I'd never survive
last Sunday. It was
75 hours long. I
never saw such a day.
I don't intend to spend
another like it. - It's
not a restful vacation
at all, that way. I
mean you shall spend

4.
The next one with me.
You are coming down
next Saturday, - now
remember - and spend
Sunday. Come on the
mail, which leaves there
about 3:30 - or 4 - and go
up early Mon. morning
if you'd rather, than
keep a livery horse
that long. - Any
way come. I sleep
certainly expect you
and all our folks
I'd be all right here, if
you were here.

Besides, - now "sub roed"
we want to ask you

some questions, be-
fore Circuit Court.
There has been a perfect
"picnic" going on ever
since I came. I just
got here in time barely,
but helped save the day.
You glad indeed I got
here - no affair of dip-
repute, & no. But how
that night there been
a serious piece of business.
And now we want to ask a-
few legal questions,
just very step-mother, and
I want to ask you for
society. - I just laughed.
It was funny to see -
I had no idea of it. This

quite laughable - But
I'll tell you all about
it, when you come
here to the finest air
down here at all.
How you'll breathe! -

No, I didn't hear
one word more about
that Dr. W. affair. Not
a single expression.
And I called on all
my friends, the Bushes
and Mrs. Emerson and
Mrs. Evans and Mrs.
Bradshaw and Emma
and Mrs. Wood were at
Bush's, and Emma Bush
and I went almost

daily up to the P. O.
together and not one
of them seemed even
to have heard it -
If they had, they
would not have be-
lieved it. They know
and love me. -

Here, you nobody
but the trash and
rabble and even did
hear it or toss it
around and nobody
had any confidence
in or pays any at-
tention to or associates
with that set. - I never
did meet, you know.
It doesn't amount

To a puff of air. I
scarcely ever think
of it. It had nothing
to do with me. It
was outside and no part
of my thoughts or
care. I don't pay
the slightest attention
to it or them. Don't
you either. Don't
go along imagining
it amounts to any
thing. Don't ask a
word and don't let it
affect your movements
in the least. That would
take from your strength
and look wrong. Walk

along in freedom as
bad as she was and
don't even think of it.
When one is innocent,
~~one~~ can always
go on so. - Just don't
see the punishment -
That was the "hatefully"
part of it: to see him
walking around. I felt
sometimes as though
I should strike him
throw missiles or any-
thing on him; then
I'd think: What an
unworthy feeling. He
isn't fit to touch our
world or our notice. One
would only "belittle"

to need to contest
with him - poor trash,
that's all he is. ---

But I did hear a
grand (?) story on him
at ip ahead of anything.
By the way, I've
told him how I
know it. It is too
shameful for any-
thing - and a lovely
lady who knew, but
didn't know what
had recently done, told
me. - There is nothing
absolutely in it all. I
don't pay any attention.
What do I care about

That "court-yard
gang"? never and never
did have anything
to do with them. My
friends are still my
friends. and a million
leagues above them.
and so it is with you.
we are the same.
you see a man of strength
you are not afraid -
What I know of him
is true. His drunken
stories were false, - as
you know - All innocent
people ever need do, is
go boldly and truly a-
long doing the noble
rightful ways and what

honest, ^{8.} noble people
expect, and they are
allright -- never do less
or otherwise than true
justice people expect
and are always
so. never try to
satisfy or yield to the
"trash" ---

Why here is the
mail and no letter from
you? Why should I care
if I have one. How
you leave me very
little happiness. You
don't think much about
it, I fear - Let us get
as lonely as I can.

I had mine of a letter.
Sincerely your due at
P.O. at Franklin or at
Tomp. - Why didn't I
hear today? Write ^{every}
day. ~~do not~~ ~~write~~
again till this time to-
morrow. When shall
I hear? - Don't you think
I grow lonely I grow
down here? Can't
stand this loneliness -
I've got to go soon
you don't know what
an effort I make. - a
great way to rest. -
where are you?
I'm always, since I saw
you.
your own
Florence

Fompsonville,

July 12 -
11 - A. M.

My Own Dearest:-

How are you, today?
I think and think of you
and I want to know all
about how you are. Are
you well, honey? I was
very scared not come
yesterday. I think Conkin
ought to have let us had
a house. Hope you and all
stood the day well. I am
glad you kept cheerful!
Keep it right. Now the
one thing to do is to look
after the health of every
one and keep all well.
There is no reason or prob-

ability that my name
will be troubled with
the same trouble, if all
necessary precautions be
taken. Don't you say so?

Make father and mother
cheer up and keep well!

And your darling boy,
you must rest now and
get "fat" and strong and
forget all troubles. It
is the best thing to do,
dear.

You should see what
a pretty place the N. C. College
is.

Had another letter from
Mr. Ball, yesterday. He
just urges me to come
without a day's delay -

2.
He is impatient for me
to come. But I don't like
to go unless I knew I'd get a
good position as plane.
I can get one known at
\$50. per mo., but I am
getting more you know.

He says I can get a round
trip ticket for \$20. — You
wouldn't go would you?

Wish you were out here
talking about it. I miss you
awfully. —

I go up to uncle Ben's,
every day — What are you
doing today, dear? Do you know,
I simply fell in love with your
father. He is the dearest, sweetest
spirited old man of all. I
think he's fine — — no one could

2061
1884
Knew the father and not
love "the son" better who is
the very image of him -
All is dead out here -
It needs you to "live" things
up - O, don't you want to

hurry and go west? I
am just impatient for
you - I'll be so glad when
Sept. comes - just think
of the life and activity out
there. Tell "father" he must
go out there and look at
those lots, as you said -

Now I'll mail this and
a letter to Mr. Ball -

Hope I'll hear from you
today, dear. With my love and
longing to see you. Your own Florence

Frankfort Ky

Jan 27th 1921

Mr-R-C-Railey Tompkinsville
my Dear friend - rec your
letter stating you rec the Present
I sent to you well. Mr-Railey. I
have wrote for A. C. Smith to
go see you and get the papers all
fixt - so you can give the Judge a
Talk - if the Judge will give a
statement for Parole or time
cut to (5) five years you get the
best care he got for me. Mr.
Railey I was in the hospital
Friday and Dr. Mossie ask
me if I could get any one to

out at eye but would a ranged
down. - he says that will get a
proof. - will J. White told
me if Eagle would make that
statement again. That he w. J.
would state it was not my
shot hit. Gal. - bell - sprawl's
said Eagle told at inquest that it
entered back of neck at edge of hair
and Eagle made this statement in
my trial a large crowd heard him
make this statement if you cant get
Eagle to give a affidavit of it you
be shure to mention the testimony
of Eagle the Dr at trial and inquest
make his statement to you in
The letter you write with other
testimony to the Gov
yours truly John Thomas Smith
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get up papers for me he
said he heard some party say
the Dr at the inquest stated
the deceased was hit at back of
head ranging up and knew it hit
thair by pulling the hair out
that followed the ball in - and
said they said I shot down
hill at a nother man that was
shooting at me - I told him that
was a fact - and he said if that Dr
would state it a gain and some
one would go see the shape of the
ground and state my shot was
aimed down hill and could not
entered at back of neck and come

Please excuse all my blunders.
I am still nervous, outside of that I
am feeling very well. I have done office
work to-day for the good of my nerves,
Write soon, love much love for you. H.

Fresno, Cal.

Jan 13th 1907

Miss Donna Railey

Forkton, Ky.

My Dear Girl:

Your very welcome letter
reached me a few days ago, and I was
indeed glad to hear from you, I had
expected a letter sometime from you
for I sent you cards along the road and
also after I got here, and I supposed
you knew where I was, so when I
answered Rowland's letter I told him
to be sure and tell you my address.
I think I would enjoy being in old Ky.,
this morning, and among my own kind
of people, I am with my uncle and family
and of course he is a Kentuckian, but
the children have western ways, yet they
are not fast like most of the young
people are. Every one is living at a
break neck speed in this land.

(2)
I have found only three things to really
admire in this country, the climate, the
trees, and the snow covered ranges of
mountains on each side of the valley.
I have heard people say "Oh they did not
have much rain here, that is all a
mistake, for this state has been
flooded from time to time ever
since two weeks before Christmas, the
Southern Pacific coast road has washed
out in many places, and the trains for the
south has to come through this valley, I went
down to Lulare before Christmas, and as I
passed down the valley the sun went
down behind a bank of clouds beyond the
Coast Range of mountains, and it was 9
days before it ever shone again. I
thought it was heavy cloudy, but older folks
who I suppose knew, said it was clear
fog. The weather was chilly but not
very cold, something like our frosty
mornings. The nights are cold all the
time, there is quite a number of
different kinds of trees on the streets
that stay green and are very pretty,
two kind of palms, firs, Cyprers and
acacia trees that are green all the time.
And nice hedges are made of fir around
yards and look very nice with a few
oleander and magnolias thrown in. If
I had a place here I could make it lovely with
trees and flowers.

The dwellings (3)
houses, some public buildings are two
and three story, Ivy and Smilix are vines
used on porches, All the flowers that we
nurture at home so carefully in pots,
grow out here all winter. Tulare is
estimated at about 2500, inhabitants it is
level sandy land, and lies in full ^{view} of the
snow covered Sierra Nevada range of
Mountains, Lindsay is in the foot hills
12 miles east of Tulare, and is the coming
town of the valley, for there is where the oranges
and lemons grow well, Goshen, Selma,
Kingsburg, Fowler, are in the farming
and vineyard lands, Large peach orchards
prunes, figs and vineyards are in this
section, Fresno is a city of 30000, and is
situated among hundreds of acres of grape
vineyards, peach prunes, figs and walnuts.
figs and walnuts are less cultivated than
the others, grapes are the most looked after
There is quite a number of packing houses
here for raisens and prunes, and out of
town are several big wineries, North and
west of Fresno are farming land, and many
hundreds of acres are in wheat now, and
many in alfalfa. This Valley is one level
sandy plain, situated between the Coast
Mountains on the west and Sierra Nevada on

on the east, I have ⁽⁴⁾ been out driving quite
a number of times and have been almost
entirely around this city, and in driving
North the mountains on the east rise high
among the clouds, often big billowy white
clouds can be seen sailing along the sides
of the mountains, and the snowy summits
can be seen above the clouds, Turn and
look towards the west and the Coast Range
are glittering in the sun, Drop your eyes
again to nearer surroundings and you will
see hundreds of acres of farm lands, orchards
and vineyards reaching out to the mountains
on each side, and the Southern Pacific and
Santa Fe railroad winding their way northward
to San Francisco, and southward towards
the mountains of Southern Cal, The towns
I have been in look neat and clean, The
law requires them to be so, I like all this,
and all the towns and cities I have been in
seem to be neat and clean, Bakersfield in
the south is nice and clean, Barstow, Coconan
Hantford and etc, are very nice looking
towns, But come down to the element in
these towns and it makes any one tremble,
Chinese, Japanese, Italians, French, German,
Jews Armenians, Swedes and everything
else thrown in, The Swedes are the best
foreign element here, but you can't turn
a corner without running into an almond
eyed Jap, or a pig tailed Chinaman, The Jews
are the worst of all, Should Anarchist ever
get a good hold in America, I think they
would find California a hot bed of them,
for the foreign element here are not the best

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People tell me San Francisco has many tall buildings like the eastern cities, but the other large places have no high buildings, at least those I have been in yet. I think any man who had money to invest in land would do well to visit Lindsay, it is the Corn town of this immediate section, Lindsay Porterville and Exeter are in the orange regions of this part of the valley, Coalinga is the oil section, so is Bakersfield.

There is quite a number of Kentuckians out here, and they are about the best and highest toned people here, they have more hospitality and true christianity than all the natives of the state, for a native born Californian is purse proud and un hospitable. Here in Fresno I have found quite a number of people from Cumberland County, Ky, mostly from Marrowbone tw. George Hardin, of Persimmon is here, John Taylor and wife of Tompkinsville, John is Pat Leslie's brother, some of the Meadows from Mt. Herman are here, and last but not least my brown eyed friend arrived here some days ago, from Los Angeles he has grown flesier and has a coat of tan an inch thick that makes him

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look like a Mexican, we have actually
met a half dozen times lately, or rather he
has called that many times and we have
been to the theater once, and have not
quarrelled yet, that is indeed quite an
unusual thing for us, He says his
health is better, but every little change of
weather he coughs badly.

Donna you told me to tell you what I
could of the Catholics, I have been looking
listening and taking in all I could so I
might tell you, and I am bound to say my
observation shows me they ^{are} about the
worst religious sect in the world, They have
fine churches, schools etc, but yet their
lay members are ignorant of the true bible
Money can ~~buy~~ ^{buy} priest to pray away sins and
poor ignorant deluded people give them
money for every petty offence, the priest
stands between man and his God, and by
paying money to priest people can gain
access to the mercies of the God of heaven,
There are many other things I could tell
you but I rather tell you than write it, but
one thing, the Catholic practice is rotten and
corrupt to the very bottom, Its true there are
people who are true and devout in their
devotion, but they are ignorant of the true
gospel, I was in the home of a Catholic all
the time ^{in St Louis}. He was not a church goer but had
been raised a Catholic and was perfectly

ignorant of the ⁽⁷⁾Bible, never had read one
or owned one, I was about the city quite
a little bit and I noticed the arrangements
of the Catholic Churches. The nuns and the
Father's house! And I did not hesitate to ask
questions when I saw fit, neither did I care
to tell them what I thought of it all. I asked
a question one day and the answer was
given me to solve, and was something
like this, but first I will say that it is
strictly forbidden a priest to marry,
and a nun that marries has forgotten her
virtues womanhood. See, don't you?
Very well, here is the riddle, Once upon
a time some monks settled in a valley,
and built a church, they were devout,
holy fathers, in that same valley there
was a nunnery, pure, holy, consecrated
sisters, later they built a school, and it
grew and prospered, later they built an
orphanage, and it also grew and prospered,
and became a great thing, but mind you
prior to the monks buying and settling in
the valley there were no people living
there, I think you can solve this problem
as I did, and maybe wonder why a school
and orphanage was needed for these
secluded "holy and wonderful fathers,
and the "consecrated sisters". See!

(8.)
Donna I am not so taken with Calif.
That I won't come back to Ky. I know
This is the state for me to have good
health in, and also to make a good
living. The newspaper work here pays
well, I have already been at work
some, and think I will take up some
regular work soon, I worked some
in the Advance office while in
Tulare, and could run the whole
thing very easy. I can get a job to start on
at \$40. per month with promotion later,
but I have a mother and two sisters in
Ky, and I had rather be with them.
I have been fearfully disgusted with
the social side of California life, I have
not been out much, but there is an
air about things that don't suit me,
and I have a six foot Cousin in the
house with me that will tell me anything
I want to know, and he often tells me
how social things go, so outside of my
own immediate family circle and my
Kentucky friends here I do not wish
to take part in any social affairs.
There is not many negroes here, but
what are here are very impudent, but
there is enough of other element to make
up for the absence of the negro.

(9.)
If I am not too late I would like for
you to tender my congratulations to
Will, tell him I most heartily and
sincerely wish him all the happiness
this life can give. Give my best wishes
to Grover and Olie, my love to your
mother and father, and tell Rowland
he can just keep busy if he can
forget a friend as soon as they are
out of sight, tell him I said never mind
when I needed a divorce sometime I
may find him too busy to be my legal
advisor, you know Rowland and I
joke each other and go on in a good
humor, Well done I have written
you a dull letter to day, for I am
nervous and have a headache, but
I will promise to do better next time.
My friends have been awful good to
write to me since I left home, and
I appreciate every word too, I will
have been in this state two months
tomorrow, the 14th and I have seen quite
a bit of it too,

Oh by the way Mr Kernoll, of Texas has
been in Los Angeles, He arrived there with
his sick mother about the 20th of Dec.
He seems to be very blue over the state of his

mother's health, she got better and he wrote
me he was coming to see me in Texas
just after New Year, but when the rain
began she got worse and he said she
would not let him leave the house &
he guessed he would have to take her
back to Texas. He wrote me a card twice
a week and one letter a week. but I
have not heard for a week now, so I
suppose they have gone back to Bryan
I did so want to see him while he was
here, I spent my Christmas in Tulare
and did not enjoy it very much either
I have seen quite a number of the Ky.
people at Tulare, I saw both of the Hammon
boys and their sister Mrs Osborne, all
The Nelsons, Noah Bushong, and a
Mr. Lundrum and a Mr. Mosby. I
did not know the last named. but they
came from near the Barren Co line.
Well Donna I will have to quit now
please write to me soon and tell me all
you can, I am thirty five hundred miles from
home and want to hear from you all, give
my love to all the family and write
soon, I will tell you both good and bad of
California as I see it, so tell me of every
one back there. much love for you
I am your best friend as ever Fannie

Forkton Ky

Nov 30 - 1907

R. G. John Tooby
sent out here yesterday
and got 1055 lb of hay
and I sent him the
statement and I made
a mistake of 20¢
I sent him a statement
of the amount being \$7⁶⁹
when it should be \$7⁸⁹
I told the man to tell John
to pay it to you and
you would deposit it for
me Resp A J Parley

P.S. get me a bottle of
that Rheumatism Medicine
like you got and
send it out by Male
Man

Summer Shade, Ky.

Nov 29, 1907.

Mr. R. G. Pailey,
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear friend;

Probably you
are thinking I
am not going
to answer your
nice letter, am
sorry you
thought I didn't
appreciate the
others I assure
you I do.

know this. It
our last month
of school and
we are reviewing
all the studies,
and I haven't
written anyone,
I have studied so
hard to make
the best grade.

Sister is so
anxious to meet
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
I am sure she

will be delighted.

It is too bad
that you all
have to go so
far away to find
girl, but it is
the same way
here about the
boys.

Pardon my brief
letter, and we
shall expect you
Saturday night.

Yours
Lucy.

Nov. 18-1907.

R. G. R.

Box 20.

Hempkinsville.

Ky.

Dear Sir; -

Having received a paper some time ago with the descriptions of men who were desirous of corresponding with ladies.

I was very well pleased with your description, so if it is agreeable to you I will be delighted to correspond with

You.

Will describe myself.

I have light wavy hair, blue eyes
height is five feet - and six in., weight
is one hundred and thirty five and
age is twenty one years and my
character is good.

If you care to correspond please
give full name and also send a
Photo of yourself.

Expecting a reply to this at least
and hope to have a reply soon.

I beg to remain -

Miss Edith Swens.

Lewis town,

Pa.
C/o Mc Quaters Store.

Pro's called for return.
McTeague Store. *and back*
Lewistown.
Pa.

LEWISTOWN
NOV 18
7:30 PM
PA.
1001



R. G. R.
Box 20.
Chrom. Springsville.
Kentucky.

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(no picture sent)

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had - - But Miss Perry has
had clothes from her room, over
\$7.00. At the fair \$5.00, another
time, just lost night \$2.00 and
came over all. Change another
time - They tell us there are
hoaxes in the house. One girl
lost \$2.00 from her trunk and
it looked the other day. Last
morning a teacher, working in
the identical room that Miss
Perry has had, lost \$75- during
the year! In the name of
peace and plenty, there great!

To Lady
from
Washington
D.C.
Chowan Institute,
Cos. 6, '17
Wed. 2:20 -
My Dear Dear Boy -
How it is the mid-
dle of the week and I have
not had a line from
you - also had to wait
over Sat. & Sun. Not a word
since last Friday. -
It rained last night - Been
lightning today. How the
leaves are falling down.
Been reading Harpers
and Scribner's for a
week or two. They are

fine -- no Cosmo has never
come yet, when did you
start it? The fine for the
next no. now. Did you start
it or forget? I have not read
it. I wrote in full as you
asked me in your last letter
of this situation. Had no and
yet. -- It now is just as it
was. In addition, I was in
danger of "blowing my head
off" all this while by that
new oil stove. I'd burned
it for days and they wouldn't
clean it. Finally I went and
got one of the servants to clean
it and he found two holes in
it close up to where it was
lighted. He said he didn't
see why it hadn't blown
up before now. Just think!
But it's my only way of heat.
Now I have an old rusty thing
while they get another.
And add to this, some one en-
tered my room in my ab-
sence and stole half dollar from
my purse. I happened to have in
it no more. I knew just what

that time.

Be good - Remember

I audit you -

With love and

embraces

Your little own

Flora

yet they do not find that
they. How who is it? We
don't know. I keep all
my money in the bank
except change for stamps
etc. This is a grand
place, as you see. I
was so sorry for Miss
Pony --

When I told them
I'd lost some money,
they showed almost
no interest and went
on. You ought to have

a position in a place like
this - its so edifying! You
ought to be a girl just
a little while, so surround-
ed - 'Twould be a grand
holiday! for you 'would
be quite an enlightener.
Today is pay-day. We are
going to ask for it tomorrow.

How are you, dear?

What are you doing?
I don't even know
what you are doing -
How goes the town?
When do you start
over to New York now?
I'll tell you all, when
you get here - How
anxiously I'm awaiting

The next come very nice people
that night - One very nice gentleman
asked me - How the Scarborough
looked for us and how things
were around and tried to be
pleasant after their impressions
to despise them. He went
laughing and flitting about
from booth to booth and being
a very lame. There they peep
ed. - The sweated! They, the
we were nobody to ask for the
place the Dr. - He thought I'd
beet all classes but they
and the drink he gets up and
gives a look that he's seeing

In my Room
3:45 P.M.
Sunday

Nov. 3, 1907.

My own Dear Sweetheart -
Now it is tomorrow
and so will you again.
I said yesterday I would
you know, in my note.
I went, but I intended
to the hotel for dinner
the next little white hotel
and that dinner! It was
great. How we did deliberate
and dwell over it. The
first square meal in
two months. Every
thing was good. We did
enjoy it. It is the regular

to a dinner there but began
it to us at 25 cts. We stayed awhile
and rested our fibres from this
place. came by and got the mail
when we started home. I kept
hot meals in memory the rest of
the day. This food is just ridiculous
not more than fit for a pig - how
it suit - Miss P's clothes almost ^{leave}
here they've grown so loose she
had lost so much. Not much ^{laugh}
in that. - - - - We did not drink
for it rained all day almost
All unexpectedly, we met at that
table a Banker and a Doctor -
we all talked and it was quite
merry. It amused us because
some other teachers up here
like them. - we are going to
tease them awhile and pretend
they visited us. - -
The allowance party was
merry. They had ghosts and pump
kin faces and all sorts of merry
decorations for the evening.
A fortune telling but added
various booths and affairs
with refreshments interspersed.
It was the girls' evening -
we were glad for them and
Miss Perry planned it for them.
Miss Expression teacher.

but you are steps the ruling power
back and she had - no - common - sense
Miss P. heard her this week. A
girl came along by a little 3 yr.
old girl here, she is much petted
and said "Heigho Elizabeth". Mrs.
P. heard her, and said "Don't you
say that again. It's too common,
at court. But you were not
brought up in Polite Society. I
brought up in Polite Society. When
turning to Miss P. she said "when
I hear one of the girls say that
it makes me so mad I want
to knock her down!" - "I think of
it. Miss P. said "It doesn't make

us, in a covered way, from
his own view of it. It's
too ridiculous and mean.
I didn't go to chapel, but
one last week. When I re-
call just how they did
me that day of interviews
and subsequently, I can
scarcely keep from laughing.
They told falsehoods and
we fit around telling among
all their folks - and they
have several here - they
sided of the affair and have
them cool toward me
for nothing. You never
saw one tell stories so
fast hardly as this woman.
She told the one about going
me another room, you know

Then when she wanted me to
go back to my old room, she said
I'd try to have the floor of it raised
next day & she'd be when she'd
do it and she denied having
said it. She's the worst one you
can picture. She has a voice a-
bout like the town-crier, only
more harsh and coarse. She is
unscrupulous and merciless, except
where her own children come in.
And you could hardly think she
was much better there truly. For
she told herself that once when one
of her daughters was only four years
old, she told her mother she
would take her and beat the child
till it fell scummed to the floor,
then when she recovered consciousness
she beat her again. - Now do
you better know whom we have
to meet? Last week one girl said
to Miss P. "Let me tell you something
funny." Miss P. let her. She said:
"When Mrs. S. is at home, Mr. S.
goes to the phone to see, and he
only says well, well! But when
Mrs. S. is away, he goes and says
Hells! just as big as anybody.
But he knows better when she's
at home, for she won't let him
say Hells! at the phone - says
it common!" - O but we laughed

back mouth and I speak their
to do it for pure convenience
the mouth - and I do so hate
such circumstances I stood
firm last time; but nothing had
happened then. I don't know if
what I shall do if they hold it
back. I have to pay Mrs. Blair
the 6th of this mo. and I want
the money any way - and I
am having such a hell of a time
with it - they have not and they
will not satisfy me, any way -
You cannot write him if he has
no more sense than to laugh
at it. Yes the most it concerted
man at large. And you said

me just that way. "Polite
society indeed!" - I wish
you could have heard that
interview I had with them.
I wish you could. - Yes
mean none so almost than
she. ^{by your father's} heard all they
said. She ^{father's} ~~father's~~ and he looks
her up. All the teachers
know them they under-
stand this affair from former
experiences. I tell you
these occurrences & show
you more fully their char-
acters. People down town
pitch at them right and
left. The most prominent
family here and they have
a strong falling out, all
from Mrs. de Torque -

I heard of her and her over
weaving, way before I reached
Tunis goshing down from
Hospelt. But here we are at
her mercy. She "lords it" right
and left and he backs her and
"lords" too. He teaches so loudly
and long in S.S. that no one
else can scarcely hear their
crossed talk -- But I'm in this
room still. Had to come back
but avoided a law suit, no
one more help me and could not
leave from you. I'm in this
room and can't get any other.
That's as far as I can tell.

I know that much - I'm in this
room and they won't let me
have any higher up. It oppresses
me all the time - and add to that, that
nothing fit for an animal seat
and you can have some idea
been stout to take a walk and
go into the sand and dust over
your shoe-tops and bring home
a part of it and I guess your
spirits would not stay very high.
and next wed. is day for salaries
to be paid and to anticipate trouble.
He stated in letters that salary
would be paid monthly, but
they tried to pull it slightly

Miss Parry despised them - she
adores me - she calls - & I wish
you could hear her talk to me
she calls me every thing good -
they regard me here too - she
says "I fear you will soon
be the happiest in the world."
Yes coming - It's the month
now. I would you be happy
will last you for months -
and I'm so glad if it is the mo.
It is too good. Now I know
I shall see you in less than
four weeks. It is too good.
I'll tell you so many things
then. And it will be the best
influence at all that you
come and are here. You know
and if he hasn't done right there
you can make him. And you
know too the strength it gives
a woman for a "prominent" woman
to appear on the scene - It's fort-
unate that you are coming any
way this month. I'm so glad
you resolved it and beloved it
before I left - Miss Parry said

the first, and who delights to
honor his "hitee lady" and
make others know it. I've
had no one to help me here
but I shall leave when you
so much as touch Norfolk.
I await your trusting
believingly. Tell me what
you debate there and all
your plans: whether you
probably or jamp here
will talk what you'll do
I don't see that they'd all and
it will mean something if it
won't be up at once. I'll not
be about there again. I'll
be in Washington - but good-bye
young forester.

Dead on my to the close,
"ocahortos" - It is said
be the first ever in
U. S. at Expos. They have
a real lake on which
Captain John S. appears
with boats etc. and so
much to it. We'll see that.
Besides this is "our" one
opportunity to see Washington
at a reasonable rate,
and together. It's a great
opportunity for us and we
are fortunate over many
thousand. To see it before
going to the land of the West.

Come over the B & O Rd.
Get the most "becoming suit"
in L-vill - Start from
L. govt Tuesday and you get
the rates - No cost but letter
for so much - But whod stand
for water with so much the
reason? I think the worth
more than thirty, or forty or
even fifty dollars! Does you
think! I remember
when the Laurences during
the crisis through which we
went, were talking of your
going with me and when
you said you were coming a
little later, Mr. L. threw down
his paper impotently and
said "yes, well not go," how
almost angry it made me &
I said "yes he is, he is a little
later"! It will do me good when
you go back and tell them you
were - Then they'll know
who stands by me in all
chivalry, a gentleman of

Otego, Kansas.

R. G. R.

Box 20, Tomkinsville,
Ky.

Dear Sir:

I saw your advertisement in "The Pilot" and was satisfied with your description. I am a refined young lady with dark blue eyes and brown hair. My weight is one hundred and fifteen, and my height is five feet six. I am a good cook and house keeper. I have a natural talent for music. I play the guitar

by car and a little on the
plane. We have only lived
in this place a short time.
We come from Denver, Colo.
to this place. But I have
spent most of my life
in Colorado Springs and
Cripple Creek and Littleton
Colorado. Littleton is ten
miles from Denver. Oh
yes, perhaps you would
like to know my age.
I am seventeen or
nearer eighteen years
old. Mother and my little
sister are going to Billings
Montana and I do not
wish to go as I do not

like that country. I am
going to a lecture given
by three Armenians to-
night so I will not have
any more time to write.
I would like to hear from
you very soon.

Yours Very Truly,
Miss Julietta Freshour
Atego,
Kansas.

Jewell County. Box 16.

P. S. Will you tell me
your name & age please.
I haven't any good photos
of myself at present. But will
send one next time in return for
yours.

Business ad.



R. G. R.
Box 20
Tompkinsville
Kentucky

As-11-7-07.

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Most, Dear,

R. F. D. No. 21

Aug. 8, 1907 - 11 - A.M.

Dear Cowland:-

Have finished
the days work now about
considering of "washing"
and various other
kindred and amusing
specimens and am
now at leisure to

write you.-

Am very glad indeed
that Mr. Dehann

you & liked him -
I guess Mr. Osmer is
"blue" - He ought to go
into some other business
and come progressing
busily - He & all
are glad the week is
closing now -

I glad you are doing
so well. Yes, of course
you can succeed
anywhere.

"No" was the word to
the Penatorial sug-
gestion. I would not

2.
I'm a penny a
dozen for all their
offices! -"

Arno's hostile friend
didn't materialize there
thereby, we notice. I say
they didn't. He is gone
to the fair today. Have
been many going.
It is not attractive
to me, however.

Glad you called the
"Passion Play" - I like
to see it, sometimes.

Hope Mr. Fuddleston
won't get lost in my
trunk. Don't think I
want him to appear
when I reach school.
How goes everything
now? What case are
they trying? No murder
case, I presume. Should
think court in the main
would be rather light-
ra. is better you
but not strong. Going
to cut his hair now.

3
It had been warm
today. Haven't it been
pouring up there?
I am very tired.

And it's almost mail
time. The post-man
will be along. I am
going to Bales about
tomorrow I guess
to get pa. a "col".

He's not wrong and
needs one to rest on.
My business is
so pressing that
I must run - Have

To walk around the
yard about three
times and sit down
again in the same
chair. —

Your own,

Alfred