

is so lovely and we are sewing  
and getting through with our  
work, you could assist us a  
little by giving us some  
hints and helping us a little  
by what you see. I would  
not think too much about going  
out and shopping, of course you  
have to dress appropriately and  
get your <sup>self</sup> whatever you need,  
and have your dress made,  
right away, but don't neglect  
your music for anything, for  
you know now is your  
time, while you are into it,  
we started, and with moderate  
expenses we may be able to  
let you continue, or but if ex-  
penses prove too heavy it would  
be hard on us to let you go  
back in the fall. I have got  
a world of beautiful chickens coming  
on to eat. I have some now half  
large enough to fry everything is  
settling rain here but the cut worms  
are ruining crops corn and clover  
every one that have planted corn  
will have to do their work over we  
have a beautiful garden everywhere  
so green there is a world of apples and  
big sold ahead for barrels so I tell  
you the bad and good all along in  
one line together. Do Mad, Zonda the  
wife of the wealthy one and have this  
family is she old. Big Spring  
write soon

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1855

Mama Dear Lady:

I rec'd your  
letter yesterday evening, was glad  
to hear from you had expected  
a letter saturday. I think once  
a week is often enough for  
one to write you, having  
the news only to tell you that  
we are all well. I am sorry  
you are put to inconvenience  
on account of clothes, Lennie  
says if she had been in your  
place going away and knowing  
it as long as you did before  
hand, she would have had every  
thing made she could have  
packed, you could have made

your shirt waists, and altered  
over that black ches, made  
your silk waist, I will bet you  
have not even finished that  
yet. get you some clothes and  
make them, and have your  
ches made I reckon you  
have money enough to pay  
for it. I notice in the paper  
where everything is sold so  
cheap on Sundays go there  
and get you some percale,  
and make you some shirt  
waists, Jennie has made her  
two, and Kitty two, of course  
I would like to have a  
skirt pattern if you can  
farrow one and send to me.  
I expect you can get one  
at Yates if you go there soon  
I want to make Jennie's blue  
skirt this week and will try  
to get a skirt pattern this eve  
as she and myself are going  
to town ~~we are~~ ~~are~~ ~~making~~  
her silk waist now, there  
is a new style sailor hat at  
Big Spring for 85 Jennie wants to  
get it, she says it has a tall  
crown I wish you would tell  
me some way or give me some  
idea of how to make Kittys  
dresses must I ruffle around  
the neck and shoulders, she  
looks so much better with ruffles,  
and how must Jennie make  
her thin ches and what kind  
of a white ches must I get,  
I wish you would send my  
name to Stokes in New York  
for one of those catalogues. I  
have nothing to go by to make  
them dresses, you could send me  
fashion sheets and tell me  
how to make them too if  
you would only think of it.  
You are getting along very  
well Jennie and I spend  
perfectly happy days everything



Miss Lady E. Clarkrow.  
# 2211 Floyd St.  
Louisville  
Kentucky



LOUISIANA  
JAN 8  
6 PM  
RECEIVED

Henry's dirty considering your hauled  
him to your house to have paper  
you way to the City I never once  
thought of any thing else but Henry  
changed completely after he got  
intimate with certain people I can  
note the change and when it took  
place, but let him go for what he  
is worth. I send you a check for  
5 dollars be sure and spend  
it judiciously for money is scarce  
than ever before our friend  
Papa will not have enough to  
buy what cattle he wants, we must  
get Thompson back. He sold 1 bushel  
100 barrels other day and the 200  
will not want some more. If we  
could sell them 50 barrels I would  
like to send you 45 dollars. I write  
Harris on pocket but at 2<sup>nd</sup> of  
advised so cheap today but here  
12<sup>th</sup> I wish I had 2 per and mischance  
so cheap Papa needs some I will  
cut out the ad and send to you

and you  
try and go  
then my day  
and get me  
now for things  
I will meet  
what I need  
was. I hope  
you are home  
I will try  
and will be  
fully agreed  
for your trouble  
and advice  
from home  
I will write  
you to look  
at the C book  
I will give to get  
the money

Dear Lady,  
I recd your  
letter several days ago and  
could have answered sooner  
but one thing had no printing  
material and another had  
no news. All are well and  
having. You may be sure a  
piece quiet time nothing  
transpires to disturb the  
knowing all things are  
very comfortable. Papa got  
off last Saturday morning  
after cattle I don't look  
for him back any time

If the sheep is not far enough  
soon Jim Humphrey  
started this morning and  
is to meet him in Garding  
to narrow from there they  
go on below. We have no  
hands at work except John  
and Billie Hughes is stay-  
ing down sick with measles Ben  
is yet sick too. Pittie and  
Cecil started to school Monday  
day after you left. Nancy is up  
and able to be at work.  
Will Strother come out  
and gave Lemie a lesson in  
skating seemed very friendly  
but has not been here since  
for I suppose Gammie got  
uneasy as I have heard of  
his being out skating with  
her and slipping down ever  
since he was here last

you can change it to them  
Your violets are all living  
and look so pretty. I set the  
flower boxes all out in the  
rain to day. No letters have  
come for you yet. Jim  
Harrod stayed here last  
Thursday night and I have  
that Will Thomas letter. I  
think Mammie Cook is due  
for I think Miss Cories has  
the parcel now if she will  
accept of it. He evidently likes  
we took her to theatre again.  
Stellas address is 1124 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Miss Cories is 764 5<sup>th</sup> St. Lemie  
and I have been one day  
at Mammie outside of that  
have not been away from home  
I have told you all of the  
new news. I think it was

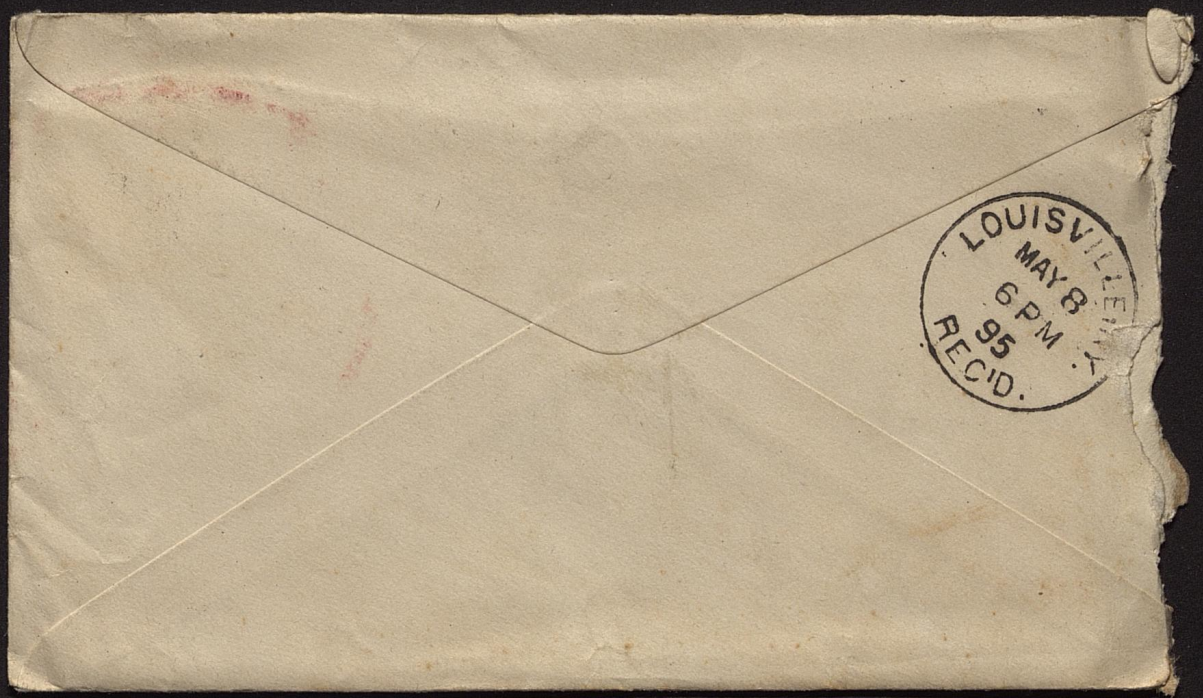
Do you hear of any small fox?  
I hope you will not run upon  
it we notice accounts of it in the  
papers everywhere but there.  
Poor aunt Gule is to be  
pitted she seems now to real-  
ize more than ever Fannies  
death Fannie went there last  
saturday. the children were  
there sunday Lennie said  
aunt Gule looked and appeared  
sadder than she had seen her  
at all it is terrible taken all  
in all the worst thing that ever  
happened she asks and is in-  
terested about you I believe if  
I were you I would write to  
her tell her all about your voice  
and how you are getting along  
about your teacher and everything  
she asks me about it, tell me what  
you do you said you could only  
practice 1/2 hrs per day what do you study

around all and I can do it  
around me to get you or that  
around me to get you or that  
Bemie and I have come  
down here I got Bemie a  
very nice sailor hat Lellie  
says it is very stylish a  
bunch of violets underneath  
on the left side and trimmed  
in new style tan ribbon I  
send you the price I wish it  
was so you could get one from  
here you could get one so much  
cheaper I like the number so  
much better than any they  
have ever had here before  
If I could visit you I could  
get you one and send you  
I hope to hear from you  
again in a day or so don't get  
your hat up there if they  
cost so much if you will  
Tell me just what shape and  
all you want and what to trim  
it in I can have trimmed and send  
up to you by the next anytime





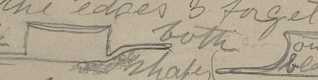
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you can see about it her santon  
is very pretty and becoming she  
wears it a little far back and  
slightly to one side. Papa told  
me to tell you to get you an  
umberella said for me to send  
you a check for five dollars if  
you needed any money. are  
you going to have your new  
dress made use your own  
judgement about that you  
are there and know what  
you need and are deficient in  
better than I do. you never  
bother about skirt pattern I  
got one from aunt Julia for  
Bernie's skirt and made it and  
her silk waist last week she  
wore them to day I am sorry  
about your losing the money  
not only the loss of the money  
but I fear there are light  
fingers around your trunk  
may have been involved  
and you might loose more  
keep your pocket book hidden  
somewhere how do you think  
it went you know how the  
girls money went at Bernie's school  
and was never found out it went  
out of the girls trunks and they asked  
you can't tell <sup>who</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>trunk</sup>  
Sunday May 12 1895

Dear Lady

I rec'd  
your letter yesterday all well  
I have to write to you with  
lead pencil as can't find pen  
and this pencil is about an inch  
long I am at home all alone  
Lena and Yitty went down  
to church to day and did  
not come home to dinner Papa  
went and came home to dinner  
and has gone down to uncle  
Pens this evening. I was looking  
at the hats yesterday they had  
just opened a new box they  
have three sailors all about  
same shape tolerable high

crowns turn up a little on one side to admit bunch flowers resting on the hair they are three colors blue black and white, and they have another kind a little different shape little higher crown they go in a little where the band would go around straight round shut turn up any. are a pretty straw very much like milan braid one black and one white these are 90 ct and the first 2 mentioned are 75 cents are like first, here is white. I'll tell you the material is very much like the sailors you all had last summer kind hair crown and fancy straw rim and kinda picks up a little on one side. and three colors all same shape. which of these do you want. they have the blue black and white ribbons all to trim ~~them~~ them with pretty new style ribbon with the cord on the edges I forget the name.  both <sup>one</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>this is her</sup> <sup>black</sup> <sup>white</sup> <sup>the prettiest</sup> <sup>material</sup> which do you want and how trimmed genies cost 1.95 trimmed in 3 1/2 inch ribbon and bunch violet. I can hear from you get one and have trimmed and send to you by last of the week so answer immediately and I will get your letter wednesday and mail facilities are much better since the mail carrier stops at Big A leaves there at 7 in the morning and mail goes to L that day. I got pretty such a pretty hat yesterday leghorn trimmed in bunch of pretty large yellow rose buds and cream ribbon \$3. I told her she must let you wear it some when you come home you need not have any thing done to Genie hat I can have it tucked up some here unless you think it needs bleaching and I expect that would cost too much but



I reckon your Norfolk mill come  
in well this cool spell I hope  
you will get every thing you need  
and not be cramped for  
clothes I did not tell Papa abt  
your loosing the money - we  
sold Cox b's last week Papa  
has got his stone cutter and  
all arrangements and abt  
fixed up and ready for work -  
what will a silver buckle cost?  
if they are out too high you get  
you one. I had almost forgotten  
to tell you Jennie does not want  
to come up there on a visit  
she says she is not going,  
while she is satisfied at home  
and having a very nice time  
let her alone. she goes around  
all the time and is happy and  
contented. Jennie likes her spout  
and silk waist so much.  
I must close will send my love  
down tonight your answer right  
away and tell me <sup>all abt the hat</sup> and everything else  
Yours  
Mama

off which he was very kind  
with whilst I was there  
by taking me for dance &  
rides. His name is about 500  
mi. from town he is dark  
Bryanston, & his mother is  
one of the best women that  
I have ever met. He is a  
lover of music and especially  
the kind of vocal music. He sings  
some little himself.  
Hope my dear you see you  
have been thought of by  
me even if I have been  
long in answering your  
kind letter. I was at Mr  
James S. Bards when your  
letter came & James said  
it is too bad for Miss Sarah  
& just to think you will  
gave me & me this morning  
I will my dear girl death will

Cropper, Kentucky  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear Lady:-  
Your surety but  
had spite of April - 15<sup>th</sup>  
was not red by my child  
last week so I have not  
as yet got around answering  
my friends. Only came  
here last week. I am here  
in Shelbyville for the passed  
four weeks. Had such a  
lovely week here. Met some  
that knew my dear friend  
Lady. You should hear her

please that come for me to  
spend the summer here.  
Only my mother would allow  
it. I have had many visits  
as you know but I really  
believe there has been more  
pleasure in this one than  
any. For many reasons I  
have enjoyed my self. But  
the greatest one is that  
I believe my extreme study  
rout- me + that there  
husbands like me. Secondly  
my health has been so good  
I don't believe you would  
laugh if you should see  
me. For instead of weighing  
117 I have gone to 36 1/2 lb.  
This is that for a girl.  
Just now I was called down  
by one of our neighbors to

eat hot meal + drink butter-milk  
on ice. See how I am getting  
strong it is I can't say.  
Oh I must tell you about  
the work I did whilst in  
Speltville for my cousin.  
I made a full set of dinner  
consisting of table cover, lambrequin  
and pillow. In which I put volute  
They were beautiful I drew  
my own patterns.  
This morning had a glorious  
base-back ache. Thought of  
you whilst out.  
Oh I must tell you  
about the young man  
that was near Speltville  
when I gave you a gift a  
year or two ago. I thought you  
must know or I hope for  
the best such fine people



-Come to us all but, it is  
true it does look as bad  
for it to nip a fresh young  
bud just when about to  
burst into its loveliest coloring.  
Doubtless all such things  
are for some good but it is  
so hard for us to always  
see it thus. But my dearest  
friend allow me to be a  
concern to you I will try to  
love you as dearly as I can  
if it is not the case al-  
ready. Of course no one  
can fill Father's place for  
you but love of God will love

Now dear Lady are you  
going to answer me & when  
I will ask you to write  
me soon of Alex & excuse  
this scrawl as I must  
hasten on for I only have  
seven more like this to  
write. But it is that  
I allow my letters to be  
gathered I can't say only  
that it is very hard to  
find time for answering  
but as I enjoy getting them  
so well I trust I may from  
you soon.

Your loving friend  
R. Evans, Thomas

And per. will be my address  
for some time.  
Yours



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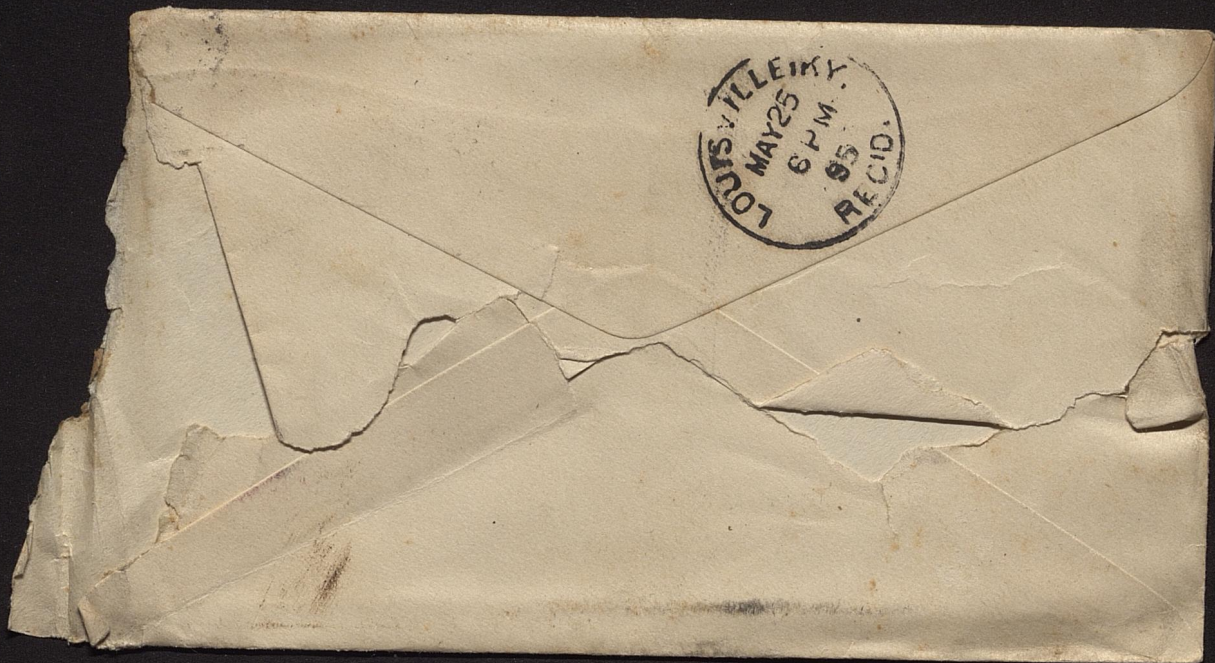
buttons and studs so badly  
too but she is always willing to  
be put off she says she would  
like to have the shirt waist if  
you have the money to get it  
she likes the hiletrope but  
says get the one you think  
prettiest. I hope you will come  
right on home and not stay  
up there to spend any nights  
with anybody. I hope Mad  
Paula is still expecting  
to come down this summer  
I will try and make her  
stay as pleasant as possible.  
I hope she will succeed  
in making your voice just  
as good a one as Mrs. A. B. Woods  
I will be satisfied. I notice in  
the paper where she is visiting in  
Lonsville the Libberts taking  
a rest preparatory to making a  
tour through the north saying  
I expect she makes plenty of  
money I must close and go  
to bed I will send this letter  
off in the morning and I will  
Lillie was here last Wednesday - I  
go down to see her every day &  
she is very sad and doesn't seem  
to get any better good night  
Don't come home if Maria  
comes <sup>of any thing</sup> Monday May 25-1895 -  
what you  
can't buy  
having the

Dear Lady;  
Your letter  
I am glad you  
got it to what you had  
not selling any barrels I scarcely  
so soon I was expecting  
wheat is so high milling cost of  
you next after next I will  
get it so far don't sell grain  
by barrel only flour and  
you ask for but at no quantity  
a while sell some at  
scarce and times are the best  
tighter than ever on the farmers  
it remains to be seen yet  
whether there is going to be  
any thing raised this year.  
our corn is all cut down  
and being planted over the  
wheat has the fly in it and  
the clover fields look like

they do during a drought in  
Aug and Sept. Papa has no  
pasture scarcely at all for his  
cattle and we have beautiful  
cattle and so many hogs  
too. the clover he sowed  
this spring that cost him  
55 for the seed, it all  
came up pretty and the  
worms cleaned it up long  
ago. We are all well and  
are glad and happy that  
we are living it is not worth  
our while to trouble about  
what we cannot prevent.  
As help, I will have to send  
you the 20 dollar check of  
course but the other things  
you mention will have to  
do without just being Genie's  
hat home. I will get it fixed  
here and you can get the  
bonnet frames here also  
the yellow roses too I think  
if not say can get them  
cheaper than you can for you  
I like the miliner that is here  
and she has taken quite a  
fancy to me (I have been sending  
her fresh buttermilk) so I know  
and she told me that she would  
do anything for me that she could.  
she will trim your hat and  
make your bonnet too when  
you come home. she wants to  
come out here to stay all night  
and I will have her to come in  
a day or so, and tell her all about  
your hats and Genie's also.  
Kittie's hat has beautiful  
yellow roses on it. I wish  
Genie could have gotten  
a belt buckle but we  
have not got the money and  
she will have to do without.  
unless you could get her  
a substitute cheap that  
would answer the purpose  
and she wants some cuff



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LOUISVILLE KY.  
MAY 25  
6 P.M.  
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~~for my own share or just for my own~~  
would it all to come, she  
wants some harms too. I  
want to go down there and stay  
all night with her. I do hope  
you can get 3 or 4 vocal  
papers if you could it would  
almost pay your lessons and  
hold your board anyway and  
I would so much love to  
tell grandpa & grandma that you  
were paying your own expenses  
do encourage Mad Mamma to  
do all she can for you.

I am so anxious for you  
to begin to take out fine  
songs and get to singing in  
something concerts or choir  
Oh I am so in hopes you will  
just climb right up to the top  
that is the best gratification you  
could get for peoples jealousy and  
envy and wishing you were successful  
I will close with the one after  
for your letters are a great pleasure

I don't know where to direct your  
letter you never even gave me Mr  
Tophams add but I will ask Papa  
he was not at home last night gone  
to get some cattle but I expect him  
to night Papa got home got some  
cattle 6<sup>th</sup> day (Monday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Ray came)

With him Dear Lady  
with your Mamma I received  
your letter yesterday evening  
I have missed you so  
much the first evening  
you went away I was so  
lonesome I even had been  
cleaning up all day and  
went for a walk late about  
sundown and was gone some  
time I thought I never felt  
so lonely before you must  
take care of yourself and  
and do the very best you  
can. I do hope you can get  
several scollars. I would ask  
Charlie to take if I were you

I think you did just right  
to stop in to see him. I do hope  
you will get suitable board why  
do you think you would not  
like any of them at Mr. Byrnes  
I expect you would change  
for you know you new like  
strangers at first but not getting  
full use of a gram is a serious  
objection and one you can not  
possibly put up with for it would  
be too great a loss to you. but I  
never would pay over 5 dollar  
per week for board. I do hope  
Red Youda will get you into  
something right away for your  
time has come now to climb  
right up and show what you  
are doing and what is in you.  
We are all doing the best we  
can at home and rain so badly  
that have to almost quit living  
for the time being Papa is going  
to raising wheat though.

I hope you will get to stop with  
Mr. Clark if you can get board  
reasonable. did you try the place  
Charlie told you about.

The box aunt gull got was all  
kinds of spice essences and  
parched coffee you can imagine  
what it was from I don't like bits  
Cane and bit did you cut  
the good part of your collar  
out of your black wool waist  
I think all of the scraps are here  
for fear you forgot it I will  
send you the largest piece  
and if you want more to live  
it I will send it in my next  
letter. I told you I would have  
us news so what do you expect  
me to write about. I had a card  
from aunt Helie saying she would  
be up Sunday and wanting me  
to come down and see her  
she says Douglas is still  
my love and weep had been  
for 35 days but hoped he

Dear Lady, my grand  
mistake of this morning  
needs no explanation so  
you see I discovered it  
after I had sent the  
letter so I send it to  
you this the first oppor-  
tunity I came on down  
to Brandenburg to day  
intending to go back  
to morrow evening (Sunday)  
but Alice wrote Ma  
that the baby is still

too weak for her to come  
before next week after  
so I am going back  
home this evening and  
Ma is going to make  
me a better visit she  
goes home with me  
so I will come out  
after next take care  
of your self and  
God bless you  
to my prayers  
Blank



Miss Lady Clarkson

124 East Chestnut st

Louisville

Mr J. Pychings

Kentucky



Big Spring Nov 11<sup>th</sup> / 89-

Dear Lady;

I got home all right found all well and glad to see me, dinner was waiting. Brother looked like he had grown both in height and weight. he was delighted with his watch kept kissing me he is as pretty now as a picture he is so white and has such regular good features. Papa seems more delighted to have me at home again than ever before. I got along all right on the train you know that nice looking gentleman that tried to raise the car window he helped me off at Fair Ground

with my baggage but I never said anything  
to him in the way but when I got nearly there  
he had one speaking to the porter and perused  
his services and would help me off came  
clear off until I met papa. I thanked  
him but dont know who he was he  
passed on by Time Stone, Well we all  
got ready yesterday morning and went  
to Church brother drove me in one  
buggy and sister and Pitty in the other  
Papa rode horse back. I like the preacher  
myself all went with uncle Ben  
to dinner he was there with Ollie May  
and insisted on no going with him  
to dinner Aunt Gail has gone to  
Kots bottom went home with her  
sister Hannah will be gone all this  
week. Ben is off barreling apples they  
are there all alone. I was so sorry  
yesterday after I desired Cecil to go to  
Church and he looked so well that  
I had not taken him up with me  
his clothes just fit him nicely now  
as he has grown to them and I



Could have bought him two waists  
in Louisville, by the way I wish you would  
see what you could get him two percale  
waists for some pretty kind dark color  
that would be nice for winter and if  
they are cheap I will buy him some

If you stay in Louisville and I come  
to see you again I am going to take  
him with me in fact I never intend  
to leave home again to go off any where  
without him. Yesterday morning when I  
was dressing and washing him that was in  
there and you know he is so modest I was  
taking his showers for he says Mamma I  
will excuse some body. I thought it  
sounded so cute in him for he didn't  
want to come out and tell her to go out.  
By the way again I have changed  
cooks already. I settled up with Mat  
and got Nancy back again. I  
didn't fancy somebody else doing  
all the work and paying her for nothing  
and she is not nice either and as smart  
as possible she never does one bit more

than Nancy does so speaking of her all  
the time and slipping things up any way  
just to get through I didnt like her before  
I left home but I never told you I have  
got enough of the Thompsons any body  
is welcome to her that wants her Nancy  
came up to the kitchen this morning and  
I have come up to aunt Nannies to day  
I thought if she wanted Mat I would  
see for Mat as she hated so bad to quit  
at our house but Nannie has Bill  
and I would rather have her one thing  
Mat is not nice with her person she smells bad  
Nannies baby is so sweet and fat Jimmie  
is going to take Gabitha to Fair Grove this  
evening she is off to Etowah thence to Lenoirville  
I want you to see if you can get  
Genie a nice jacket cheap and  
if you can write and tell me and design  
it and I will sell her cape and buy  
her one she wants a jacket she prefers  
black you know he said he would  
take two dollars from the price of  
any other I would get there

I thought maybe you could get  
a good bargain out of him. You can  
try any how, and Serie had so much  
rather have a Jacket, if I can't sell the  
cape I can use it, it rained an no going  
from Pine Grove but I never got damp  
Papa had all the shawls and overshoes  
he could get. We have fewer hands  
now in colored but Minnie & Alf. I  
had keep rather have Nancy than that  
I know how to appreciate our Nancy now  
that took no interest in anything. Papa  
is still selling barrels both produce  
and flour. He is nearly done his  
fall work sowing wheat and all.  
You must try and see how fast  
you can advance by Christmas you  
will get home a week or ten days  
before Christmas. I do hope M<sup>rs</sup> D.

will get you into something to do  
I do wish you could get some  
pupils even down in portland  
you. Could go down and give them.  
Be sure and write me a long letter  
this is twice I have written to  
you I must close now as  
uncle John and Bobbette  
are ready to go I am going  
to Brandenburg tomorrow or  
next day to see Ma

Good bye  
Mama

You must be nice to Mr  
Gordon and all other friends  
for you know a friend  
in need is a friend indeed  
Mama

Practice hard and be  
nice to everybody you  
will loose nothing by kindness

VINE GROVE,  
NOV  
11  
4 PM  
1895  
K.Y.



Miss Lady E. Clarkson  
124 East Chestnut St.  
Louisville  
Kentucky



REC'D.  
LOUISVILLE  
NOV 11  
6 P.M.  
KY.

I have  
a letter  
from  
you  
I can  
see

Brandenburg Ky Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Lady:

Your  
letter just recd. I am here  
with your grandda. she  
is getting along all right  
she is clear of fever except  
for a little while every night  
after turn of the night she has  
a little but I can see she  
is improving every day. all she  
needs now is good nursing  
which she surely gets Betty  
stays with her one night  
and Gertie next they turn  
about I stay with her in the  
day. I have been down here  
since Monday I am going home

Thursday. You write me there  
so I will get it Friday or Saturday  
I will come back again first  
of next week. I am glad  
you are getting along so  
well I hope you will soon  
be able to sing in church  
I think M<sup>rs</sup> Davidson has  
surely given lessons long  
enough to know the right  
method and too she has  
been very successful. I  
am glad you are having  
so much attention I know  
it makes is nice for you  
in every respect. it causes  
others who are in the same  
house to notice you more  
I wish you could get  
a chance to show M<sup>rs</sup>  
Bob Cothran that Miss  
Clarkson is some body  
you go on and attend  
strictly to your business  
and dont neglect it for



I have written hurriedly to  
get my letter off in the  
morning's mail. I know  
more about you than I  
do I think Lillie says her  
postcard but she always lets  
on like she knows more than  
she really does anyway.

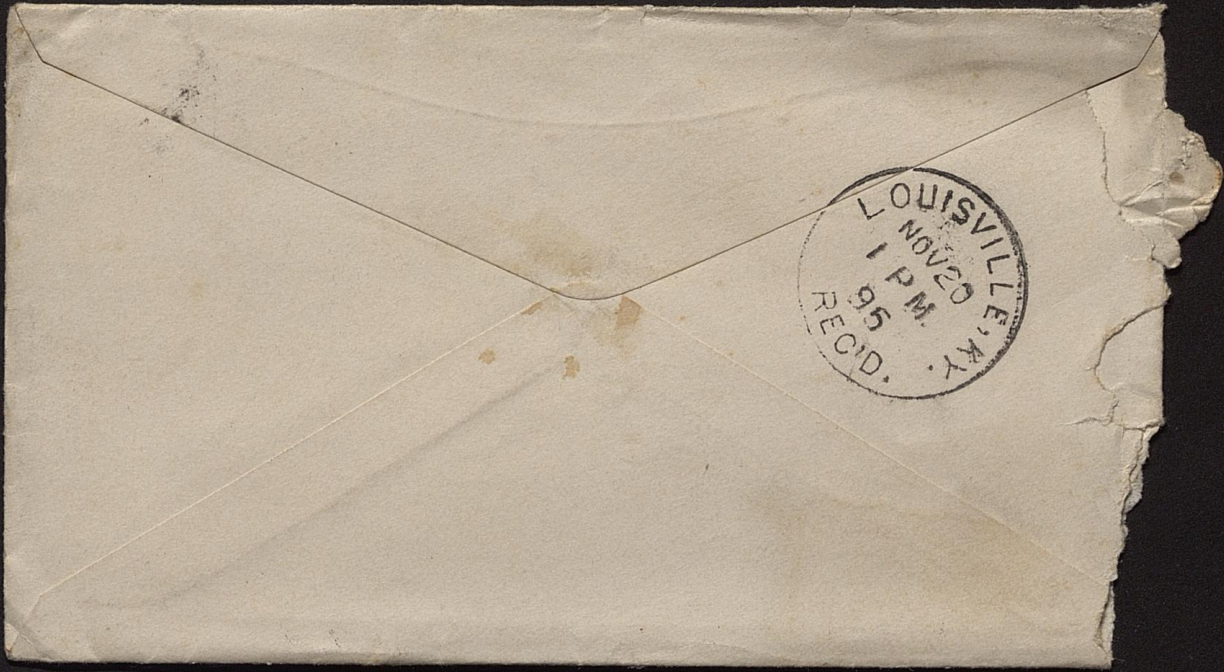
Be nice to all the Sydneys  
and don't get the ill will of  
any one on account of the war  
but I hope they are not that kind  
I give my love to M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup>  
Hyde also to M<sup>r</sup> Sydneys  
Miss Annie I thought so  
much of her I think she is  
such a true good girl I  
like for you to be associated  
with such a lovely character although  
I don't think you could be  
improved upon good by  
now you do your duty  
in every respect be a good  
good feeling girl and you  
will surely succeed. Mamma

anything and you will be  
thought all the more of and  
be admired for it. I don't believe  
I saw W. Koll & think I saw  
W. J. C. and thought was  
him. I wish I had seen him  
has he got a long wool des-  
cribe him to me. when will  
you going to get your hat  
get Marnie to go there with  
you the woman will not  
forget you before. this  
time. don't neglect your  
practice for anything for  
I am so anxious for you  
to show folks what you  
can do. Aunt Marnie was  
over Sunday why don't you  
write to her she is so  
anxious to hear from  
you she sees and hears  
so little she thinks every  
body has cast her off.  
Julia was out to  
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3 will show  
now and so it  
had 3 quinquina  
to send this  
all by paper to  
morning spent  
must not  
be necessary  
when you  
do not hear  
from them  
I will be anxious  
knowing how far  
a while and  
will not send  
much time  
to write 3 with  
your account with  
just 3 names the  
like you have  
the and looks  
grinned

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Lady

Yours

only need yesterday I should  
have gotten it yesterday but  
for some unaccountable  
delay we never got any mail  
out even the paper <sup>that is</sup> I came  
home from grandmas Thursday  
she was gradually getting better  
has no fever whatever anytime  
but she is so very weak and does  
not relish any kind of nourishment  
but takes whiskey and milk  
at regular hours like medicine  
I have not heard from her

in the last day or so but she is  
better or they would have written me  
I read with more interest the  
parts of your letter that says you  
are getting along fast with your  
voice than any other part, of  
course I want you to have a  
splendid time and plenty of atten-  
tion but if you were not doing  
much with your voice I  
would feel bad and sorry  
indeed that we had thrown that much  
money away. If your voice  
is all right I know that you  
can learn to sing with feeling  
and expression You know  
I always told you that you  
lacked air and expression in  
your singing more than voice  
for I felt you did not let your  
voice out and you sang too  
fast, some songs you know  
for instance you <sup>never did sing</sup> ~~posing~~ <sup>to suit me</sup>

I would like to have seen  
your ideal your aunt, was he  
too young or too old because  
one or the other he could  
not be exactly the right age.  
tell me how old you think he  
is and height and size. It  
was bad he had been there,  
two days before he rec'd  
an introduction to you did,  
he eat at your table? I  
think they are rather slow there  
to have your sweet new gentlemen.  
but I don't blame them  
for it seems that they all  
get to liking you as soon  
as they get acquainted. What  
has become of Mr. Jordan has  
he subsided? I am so glad

~~my dear friend~~  
You have such a staunch  
friend in Mr. Snowdon I  
liked his face so much, you  
must treat him with all  
proper respect, and answer  
his letters promptly, for he is  
a friend you cannot afford  
to lose by any means, What  
did you wear the night you made  
the impression on the new man  
I wish you had a pretty plaid  
waist. Jennie has one just made  
with neck and belt ribbons  
like I told you they are worn,  
the same around the waist as  
the neck, I think pretty ribbon  
just finishes a dress off Mrs  
Mountain made her waistband  
we made the shirt of her new  
dress will get the waist tomorrow



Papa is going to Brandenburg  
tomorrow 3 am anxious to  
hear from Grandma and will  
write you right away. My  
went down to the sale of her  
land but it did not bring enough  
and she rejected the sale, but  
Opaline says it will have to  
go for it is so encumbered, it  
only bid \$22<sup>00</sup> and she wants \$3000.  
Grandma has never had  
any relapse it was a mistake.  
I will make you silk waist  
right away Aunt Alice had  
such a pretty waist ties  
back and full in front  
3 have done got the drawers  
you wanted but have had no  
chance to send them up. 3  
am going to try to get your  
things ready to send up  
by Papa he is going up

right soon to sell his tobacco  
they are hauling it now -  
have you seen any of  
Kates or Perries? I am going  
to send the apples to them  
we have a lot to send off.  
I will get goods for you a  
dressing sack and make it  
how did you like that  
one of Cora Smiths. it  
is shorter than your pattern  
I like it better. all I see  
are short and takes less.  
I think girls ought always to use  
ribbon it makes them look  
so much more dressy - I  
am like M<sup>r</sup> Davidson they  
is no use in stopping taking  
drives if you are going to  
do anything it is only time  
lost I never liked that in  
the Madam I thought it was

awfully nice

I send you two  
dollars get you a pair  
of shoes but dont get them  
at a high priced place  
you must make your  
money go as far as possible  
for we are not having any  
barel money coming in now  
only for flour barrels  
I would have had the  
Cheville triming on for  
it is so pretty and would  
last as long as it is in style  
I did not think your hat  
would cost over

250

that is what she said it would  
cost she ought to put that on  
I think at that price.

I don't know what to say  
about your staying and  
taking lessons till Christmas  
it will only be about one week  
besides the one you are lesson  
comes on ask her what she  
will charge you to give you  
the other three and make your  
plans to stay if it don't cost too much  
you must try to make every econ-  
omise you can I must close now  
you write to me often and tell  
me everything don't wait for me I am  
so busy now good bye  
Mama

BRIDGEENBERG  
NOV  
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KX.



Miss Lady E. Clarkson  
# 124 East Chestnut st.  
Lewisville  
Kentucky



LOUISVILLE, KY.  
NOV 27  
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REC'D.

3 Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895  
I send this letter down this morning by  
Dear Lachy. I hope you will get it  
to day. All well  
Hanna

Rec'd your letter  
Saturday. would have answered  
yesterday my birth day but had  
no nice letter paper. All well.  
I took my thanksgiving dinner  
at aunt Gales went down to church  
Gene and myself and I went there to  
dinner and she went with Bel &  
I am glad you were invited out  
it shows you have friends there that  
think something of you. Mrs Bevie is  
always nice to you and you must  
be nice and think a heap of her and  
show her that you appreciate the inter-  
est she takes in you. I am going to  
send their apples up this week I  
expect Papa will be up last of this  
week he has done shipped all of his  
tobacco. but I dont expect he will  
be to see you you must go to see  
him I will tell you where he will stop

I will just leave it to you about your staying up there and taking lessons until Christmas, it will be altogether owing to whether you think you can afford to loose so much time from your lessons to come home so a bit of Dec and resume again for you she may just give you the lessons if you will stay rather than you stop that much time. You must decide that for yourself of course I would much rather have you home but I can wait if you are getting along fast and doing well I can be contented any way. The way I would like for you to do after Christmas is this get you up a class down in Portland and go down there twice a week and still board at the same place. If you could do that it would be nice for you and in that way you could be paying your way and board at a nice place too. I don't want you to board down there if we can possibly do otherwise. We must keep trying to do for you must not stop taking lessons



Do not let Mr. Hall know of the contents of this letter or of the name of the person who has written it or of the name of the person who has written it or of the name of the person who has written it

I think it was very kind of Mr. Davis to give you that extra lesson it shows there is nothing little about her - I hope nothing will come up to cause Mr. Hall to waver in his attentions to you for he is a nice man and his notice will be a credit to you I think that Mr. Shuffman is about on a par with Mr. Wade but I don't reckon his attentions will be any discredit to you do you, have you found out anything about him, he looks like a very candid sincere gentleman I would take him <sup>to be</sup> judging from his face sincerity itself. I hope some of your friends will be kind enough to take you to the "Melba Concert" the 4<sup>th</sup> and also to hear Damrosch one of the nights I do hope you will get to go I wish you had the money yourself so you could be independent but take heart that is what you are striving for now to be independent.

I can soon make you silk waist but  
I think I will leave for the evening sack  
until you come home if there is enough  
of this piece of black goods for you a dress  
you can have it we can make the  
skirt and you can get M<sup>rs</sup> Fountain to  
make the waist while you are home suppose  
you try to find a rem of black flower a figured  
silk of some kind to put with it or trim it in  
some way to help out I got Jennies dress out  
of the same number of yds with  $1\frac{3}{4}$  yds  
of silk it has full point bow in the back  
and silk collar with quilting on it  
and silk lapels too I know it would  
make you such a pretty dress and I don't  
need it I can get me another when I want  
it I cut Jennies skirt full with of pattern  
never doubled it over one bit you look  
around and get something to trim  
it in Jennies silk was 100 yds. Papa was out  
Monday last Wednesday they said Grandma  
was improving but she can't sit up yet  
and has very little appetite I reckon she  
will get along all right but she improves so slowly  
I will answer your questions now. Yes they  
liked their bracelets but Jennie was mad because  
I got Betty one but liked hers they felt the earth  
quake and Papa was up by the fire went down  
to the kitchen to see if could feel it there but  
could not Jennie said the moving bank on the deck  
woke her up rattling and she called Betty & Papa

your description of Mr Poine suits me exact  
I only hope you will get to see more of him  
some day his age is just right too everything  
suits if he will only put in another appearance  
I dont know as you say what to tell you  
to do about staying up there a week longer  
after lessons are out let circumstances guide  
your actions in the matter is all I can say  
I will send your shavers up by Papa and wait  
too if you stay I dont know whether Aunt Nell is  
going or not I think she is waiting for Grand-  
pa to come and for Kate to write for her to come  
so she gives me no satisfaction about the matter

Did you get the \$2. bill I am going to send you  
a dollar before you come home and I want you to spend 50  
in granite ware I want one of those <sup>long</sup> <sup>skipped</sup> <sup>handled</sup> <sup>milk</sup> one little  
long handled vessels we were looking at to cook sauce  
in and a large again and if you can get it for  
20 or 25 big enough to cook potatoes or corn in and  
one more pie pan if you have enough if not no  
but I want those other things and maybe you will  
see something else I never so where Mr. Hyde said  
yes I want instead of pie pan one three tin lined asbestos  
I will close now and go to bed write to me  
after don't wait for me to write I am so glad  
you like your cloak & hat so well so sorry for Mr. J.  
bad luck you must offer him words of cheer  
Give my love to Mr. Hyde and all of them  
Mr. Hyde's the girls — Goodbye Maria



Miss Lady C. Clarkson,  
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so of course could send nothing to the class you will have to  
I will tell you what I want. time and convince yourself  
you to do I want you to come satisfactorily if you can get  
home after the two lessons up a class it takes time to  
she gives you for that will do anything you can practice  
be there one week longer down there somewhere come  
than I expected you to back to the Gogebins last  
stay. you can make it all night before you leave next  
right with her tell her I morning you will have to come  
wanted you to come home home morning we could not  
I want you to have a possibly meet you at night.  
little while as you are tell Lillie and come together  
going back right after know if it suits her if not do you own  
I tell you what to do way for you can't come at night.  
after you take the last train how do so I tell you there  
instead of coming home on will that way be but one more  
tuesday go down to Mamma's week's board to pay and that  
and stay all the week till will be paid enough to your few  
Lillie comes home on sat days stay at Mamma's will of  
and look around and see course not be any thing  
if you can get your up a don't tell her you are coming  
down and stay a few days



What will you charge or know  
if you can get up a class I expect  
you will have to start in for the  
first time say all next spring  
at 50 a lesson and then if  
you are liked and get a name  
you can charge more. Mamma  
ought to rent the piano for your  
giving her lessons then it wouldn't  
be 50 a lesson. I saw uncle John  
at Sandover I think he is mis-  
taken about my looking bad I  
look as well as I did when you  
saw me and my health is as  
good as it ever is I have no  
regular cough but I cough a  
little some times when I take little  
colds or expose myself a little some way.  
I am sorry you and Mr. Hall  
have had a little misunderstanding  
if you care. I never liked Mr.  
Pruver much for he is too fresh  
and so is Miss May. I don't like

she will put what was letter to  
caught yet if she don't look sharp  
I liked Anna and Pitty better  
better than I did her. Now at  
the old boys all go to the dickens  
there are none of them worth your  
boiling your time away with unless  
they have plenty of money and long  
things else to correspond you always  
said if you could get out in the  
world and had a way to make your  
sun bring the men could go so now  
you are getting there and don't bother  
about them. Yes I want you to get  
them all some presents get Brother  
some kind of a game and a nice story  
book and Pitty something. Some waltz  
are or two songs something pretty and  
any <sup>and</sup> new, some you think pretty with easy  
accomplishments. I want the asbestos long handle  
Cradle and little steppan Papa has a  
big new drum stool in here and I would  
like to have a nice something like a fiddle  
th' sit on top and hold water he will give  
you the money you ask yours and he will