

3 forwarded a letter to you  
from <sup>81</sup> Mr. Paine  
Home June 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

Dear Lachy,

I recd  
your letter this evening all  
well, and everything moving along  
about the same as when you left.  
We are trying to get through with  
an order by the time you come  
home. Some is hoping and pretty  
too. I hope you will have  
a pleasant and satisfactory  
letter visit and <sup>that</sup> everything  
will work out all right, and you  
will not be disappointed about  
anything about the silk waist.  
I think without you can get an  
other one much cheaper you

black better key. that for  
as far as looks is concerned  
it is my becoming to you  
for as is your color bronze  
green it brings out the tint  
in your hair and does not  
tint your complexion at all.  
I'm sure you'd like a narrow  
black lace but without you  
can get it cheap. I would  
not get it for her there are  
costing enough anyway. Just  
let the way I'm sure does on  
what people may think  
about her and you appear  
better you in the best  
just tell them how it is  
and let them think what  
they please for you can't  
ruin your prospects; as 3

will be better than paying  
out of them on a bank.

Tell one of you how to  
make gibbes lower and  
check charges. I went to  
church yesterday came  
home to dinner quite a large  
crowd at quarterly meeting. I  
suppose you have heard abt  
Miss Kniford's sudden death  
she died with congestion  
of something you must go  
to see Mr. Tyching's and  
spend the day or night or  
take a meal there if they  
ask you. I forgot to tell  
you that when you left  
be sure and do it for it  
means well for you to be  
liked at your boarding house

(80)

have told you before about  
what people may think you cant  
afford to do it there is too  
much on you for you to  
lay down and quit because  
somebody wont do and you  
cant help the cause any.  
Dont spend much money  
in a bet for the parties  
are more becoming than  
anything but you can wear  
to any girl I think Genes  
Lynchon she has will do  
her without you cant be  
one way cheap and I know  
you cant do that I can  
have it this week or when  
you come home at Brandy

place instead of one <sup>like this</sup>  
o o o o o  
o o o o o  
call for black real leather  
it will cost about a / on  
but I want it if you can get  
it and you look every where  
Fitter wants a pure white one  
about the matter of your eyes  
got here, Fitter wants some  
glasses too but I don't know  
about that you can see if they are  
cheap, be sure and ask Charlie  
what I said about my teeth  
for I want to know how what he  
will charge for the first tooth  
and what for the others above  
and below I want new back set  
above and below if it can be done  
If I had back teeth my face would  
look fuller I am sorry you left me  
no paper I had to write on brother's paper  
I must close and go to bed be  
careful and don't make up to dear Mamma

(97)

If Pevie has no cook you  
try and show her that you  
can and willing to lend  
a helping hand and prove  
to her that you would be no  
burden on anyone's hands if  
they have no help. I have  
no more to say to you. I  
would like for you to get  
another pair of stockings  
like some you got once before  
if you could get them cheap  
and Yitty wants a white kid  
belt and I want a black  
real leather belt like Alan  
if I could get it with buckle  
with two tongues or prongs so  
there is two eyelets in each

I want you to do if possible  
Where are Kate and Ben  
going for the summer I  
thought from the way you  
talked Ben would be gone  
before you could get there  
It nearly kills her because  
Ben likes you and invites  
you there to see Mamma but  
I would not go to Stettin  
for Wilber is there and I  
would not go there anyway any  
time I want you but I would go  
to see Cousin Henry's it may be  
a great advantage to you ask them  
out from the hill to see us  
give my love to Ben  
and Kate and ask them  
down for they will come anyway  
if they have said of to do so I must  
close again Mamma

(27)

Papa is going to begin cutting his wheat in the morning. he never bought a thing on Forsville that day but said he was not sure he went. he saw and had a talk with old man Johnson about a store he says if Papa would put a store at gray place that would hold 1000 worth of goods it would make him more than his former house do it some time if he had a good man to buy it.

Don't forget to go and see Miss Whipple go by your self try and do everything



BIG SPRING  
JUN  
16  
1898  
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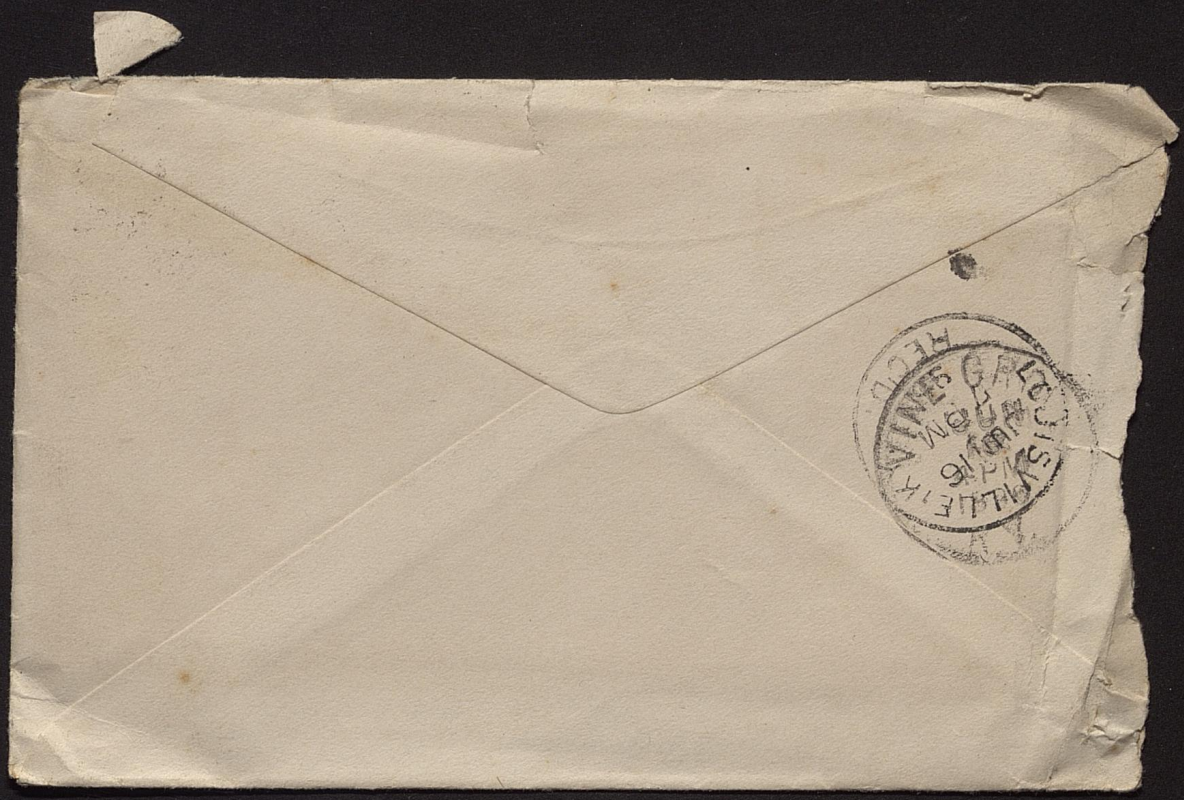


Miss Lady E. Clarkson  
#1441 Second St.

Louisville

J. B. Johnson

Kentucky



I want know any thing about  
when to send for you until  
you write me, we ought to  
have had some understanding  
about that when you left if  
I didn't hear from you to send  
to Ekron saturday evening I don't  
know what to do without you write  
me before you left Louisville  
I will try day Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

send for the mail right after dinner  
saturday (Dear Lady) (If you all  
are coming we can meet you) I will try  
and write you a short letter  
this morning it is raining  
here but I hope it is not  
the case in Conn: I was real  
sick last night with a cold  
but I feel some better this  
morning I do sincerely hope  
you all will have a  
fine time and will  
feel fully repaid for  
your trouble and money  
Now I want you to  
make the best of your time  
while in Louisville and  
see what we can do if  
there is nothing for us we  
will say no more about it  
but on the other hand if

There is no one want to do and  
that the sooner the better  
try first and see if you  
can get the boards and  
if you can get enough  
to justify then see about  
the house if we could  
get the Sharards and one  
other family that would  
furnish their own rooms  
we could go right ahead.  
at any rate satisfy yourself  
about what can be done  
while you are up there  
for you cant see about  
it at home and it takes  
several dollars to get up  
there. just think of the great  
advantage it would be to you  
only, without saying anything of  
the rest. you could take road  
right along and maybe get  
into something before a  
great while. you all will  
never do anything here any  
more than you have already  
done. you are at a stand  
still. So satisfy your self  
thoroughly as to whether we can  
do it or not while you have  
the chance and if not we will  
let the another chop. Maria

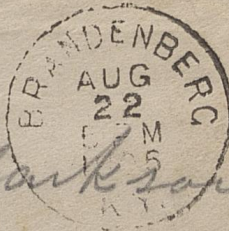
Saturday Dear  
Lack I recd your  
card we are all  
well, I am better and  
now come to Brantford  
to day with Papa he  
came down on bus  
Kathy came down too  
Evelyn Madon came  
on the buggy with her  
there is a picnic here  
to day I will let her  
stay until tomorrow  
as Roy is here too  
and they are going  
to have a grand time  
the night I hope you  
and Gene will have  
a nice little visit  
at Yates that is if  
they seem to enjoy

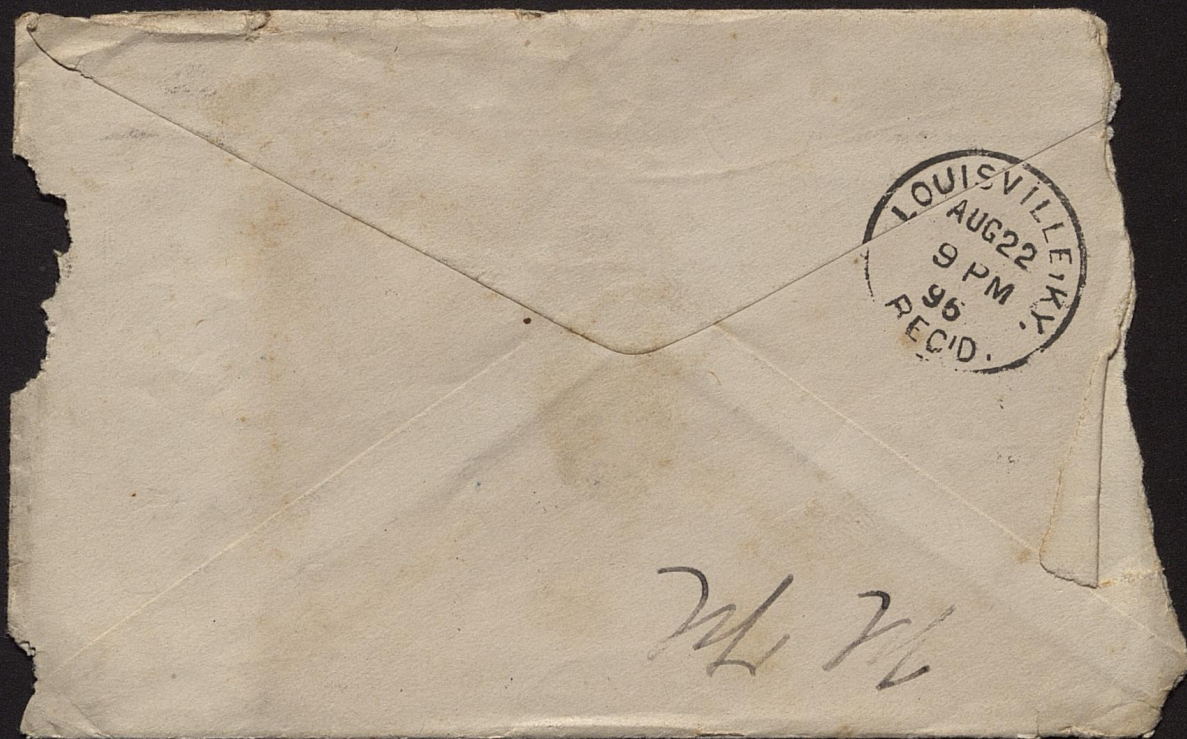
Write to me every  
day you or Jim  
~~and~~

Mamma  
you want and want  
you to stay Pearl told  
me that she expected  
Lillian to spend night  
with her I thought she  
would make it around in  
here. Now if there is  
any opening for us you  
attend to that I said  
and come home  
satisfied about it  
one way or the other  
I must close so Papa  
can mail my letter  
Cecil is at home  
Mollie said she would  
take good care of him  
I am going home early  
Mamma

Miss Lady C. Clarkson

1429 Second St,  
Louisville  
Kentucky.





LOUISVILLE KY.  
AUG 22  
9 PM  
REC'D.

M. M.



will meet you  
all Saturday without  
your charge  
again Dear Lady  
I will lister and As  
look

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

1896

Grandpa is coming  
up tomorrow I will  
write you a few lines  
to day to let you know  
all that is going on.  
Papa has gone to Linnolee  
to day the third time  
since you left he has  
bought him an engine  
and Corn cutter the  
first ensilage is out  
up with to put in silos  
he is going to feed that  
to his cattle in the barn  
so you see we objected  
to him building a silo.

but he is going to the  
expense to cut the stuff  
up and feed it to the  
Cattle that way anyway.  
I think it is not worth  
your while to oppose  
him for he will do his  
way in the end anyhow.  
The machinery did not  
cost him very much  
and he says he will  
make his corn go as far  
again by feeding in that way.  
I send you blue dress  
and your's and Jennie's  
gingham waists & thought  
they would do for you  
all to travel home in.  
They are lined in the yoke  
with the blue collar on yours  
and brown on hers.

People there may think strange of you talking with I want to give you some medicine  
Brother has not been well since you left home he had the cramp for a week and has had a cough ever since I have kept him home from school but he went to day he is better I am giving him Yonic. I am up here at Nanning to day aunt Gule is here too, she heard me tell Pa yesterday that I would come up here to day to bring you some. I hope you and Genie have not suffered for clothes since the cool weather

3 send a <sup>4</sup>churning of  
butter up to Aunt Mary  
by Grandpa 3 would  
have sent more but 3  
am not making much  
now since pasture dry  
we are having fire now  
and it looks as much  
like fall but 3 enjoy  
it my health is as much  
better 3 think it is the  
Pewee 3 scarcely caught  
any at all and fall well  
I hope you and Serine  
will not wear your welcome  
out you could come  
home sat and Serine  
could wait and  
come with Grandpa  
or both come Saturday  
with your selves

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I send you a  
letter from Mrs. Shaver  
There is one here for  
you from Phee H -  
That is all the  
mail that has  
come for you  
Bell Gene to make  
all the makes she  
can on the E town  
boys for Aunt Jule  
talks like they are  
all in love with  
Lillie said you  
Hasting asked Lella  
to go to the boy  
with him I suppose  
some time ago

she says Lillie  
wants to make her  
visit long a visit  
but she is so crowded  
with company that  
she hates to go there  
now say she wrote and  
told Lillie she had  
made her visit long  
enough at Pearl's that  
no matter if she wanted  
and insisted on her  
staying longer that  
perhaps would get  
at what women really  
in their hearts they  
wished them to go  
away that she told  
her to pack up and go



amnt at amnt<sup>4</sup> did and  
uncle Dick and had  
no boys at all to notice  
and while she would  
be at the grand Paul  
Dolphin, receiving all  
the attention and  
running every body wild  
but she found the time  
different I hope and  
that hurts them for  
I can tell by ant ope,  
talk Lillie says her  
well posted I hope you  
all will have a nice  
time and come home  
well satisfied and come  
when you get ready it is  
no yealous body's business  
so you are welcome, write to  
me right away Mauna



36 rose slips with, and one  
set them out and we have  
them all covered except 6.  
old quinine bottles broken stem  
glasses, and Mr Carter gave me  
some broken ~~self~~ jars. I am  
going to cover the 6 before it  
gets cold again, they were such  
nice good looking slips, I know  
they will all live, Corie is  
my bad off again grandpa  
says she surely cannot stand  
it much longer, uncle Dick tried  
to get aunt Mat to go to see her,  
but she would not promise, I sent  
Corie the money for the corset, she  
is in bed most of the time poor thing.  
Now you notice the advertisements in  
the papers and go the cheap days  
and get things, I want two pairs of  
good stockings for brother and Genie  
and Fitty some, I dont need any.  
Genie wants kid gloves 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and  
you know the color ~~to~~ black  
suit all dresses and cloak.  
I think you are making this visit  
to Kate, you will so loathe to make  
your visit to Benie now, the way  
it has come around you want get  
to spend much time with her,  
Lillie is going to visit, Lettie H -  
after Christmas Miss Marvord ~~will~~  
during Christmas

Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - 1876<sup>3</sup>

Dear Lady,

I rec'd  
your letter yesterday, all well.  
Papa left home this morning  
with uncle Dick to help him get  
~~his~~ some Cattle. Dick came  
down here with Grandpa Friday  
evening and uncle Ben and Ben  
were ~~right~~ here in the house at  
the time, they came right in  
on them and Ben spoke, and  
they shook hands, it was quite  
affecting, poor old grandpa was  
so proud of it, uncle Ben asked  
him down to see him he said  
he could not go this time. Dick  
is my stubborn he never would have  
spoken first.



Papa told me to ask you to go in there at Otter & Co on Sixth St and tell them he will pay them that little bill he owes them for meat when he comes up after Christmas with his stock and not dun him any more that he bought it to be paid for them. and of the \$40.20 bill uncle Ben owes about 14.60 which he <sup>Papa</sup> ordered for him, and he <sup>Ben</sup> is going to pay that right away, he bought his to run till time mentioned about our coming to Louisville I think it will be the best thing in the world we could possibly do for all parties concerned Papa is perfectly willing for us to come he sees the importance of it as much as I do and it all depends on our getting a cheap rent suitable house and the number of boarders it will take to support us for we must be self supporting and we must have a certainty before we do go. So you know the things to do is to select the

house and know exactly who we can get  
I wish you could see Charlie Morris  
and get him and his friend. I don't  
know where Rob Yates boards but I expect  
he pays a good price. I would take my  
self from home Florence wants to go  
with me and Geo would be our servants  
and you could all do something as soon  
as we made the money. You all are doing  
nothing here and if we could get there and  
simply live and cloth ourselves it would be  
better than staying here, and Gitty must go off to  
school next fall anyway. So considering everything  
I think it will be the best thing we can do, and  
if we should happen to succeed well how glad  
we would be that we made the start which if we  
never make we will never do anything only go over the  
same old thing year in and out.

Have you heard from M<sup>r</sup> Paine yet I forwarded  
you a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Snowden. just let any one  
get out from home and if there is any come out  
in them at all they will do something and I think  
I have got an interesting and attractive family  
that will do and be something if they have the chance  
look what the Howards and Malins did by going  
to B- married into the very best families there look at  
every one that left here and went to Etown even May  
Moore married both her daughters off well. I must close  
on to night good by Howard,

Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 96,  
My dear Sister, we are here  
all alone to night, and  
Mamma is writing to you, so  
I am going to write too.  
I cant get her to tell you  
about my things. Mamma  
got me a real pretty hat  
in B, I like it very much,  
If I only had a cloak to  
suit my hat I would be  
fixed. Harvey Pitt, came  
out after Lillie, yesterday,  
and my goodness I wish  
you could have seen them.  
Mamma and I went to B, S,  
& we met them. Sister I want  
you to get me a pair  
of those 49ct gloves if you

can, I want dark brown  
Mary Lasley, sent you 36 roses  
& Mamma & I set them out,  
we had to rake & scrape  
every where to find glasses  
for them, And I watered you  
violets, & the new ones you  
set out are blooming so nicely.  
Sister Mamma made me  
an awfully pretty skirt out  
of that blue, I am getting  
ready to go to B., And sister  
I want you to get me a  
pair of shoes  $4\frac{1}{2}$  on D, now  
be sure & get them that  
way, And if you possibly can  
get me a cloak, get it to  
fit you, I like Mamma's  
Now sister if you can I want  
you to get my things, Mr  
Pray got left last Sunday.  
Good night sister. Kittie

BIG SPRING  
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K.Y.



Miss Lady C. Clarkson  
1441 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Louisville,  
Kentucky

1896

GROVE  
SEP

WINDHAM  
VILLAGE  
DEC 14



I have sent you  
 all the money that  
 I can now  
 I wish to see  
 you with the best  
 I can buy  
 me about 49¢  
 are those 49¢  
 I glow you  
 I so get with  
 a pair brown  
 black of not do  
 I can see mine  
 I have you hear  
 from the pain  
 made you  
 sitting me but  
 quite and let  
 from when to out  
 I am going to make  
 one of all of

I will all out and talk for me  
 cannot go without a quilt  
 in price and color and the  
 pattern as with the  
 I wish on the way I will have to  
 give it up, but it would be  
 such a great advantage to you  
 all as May says you would own  
 don't make some thing and you have  
 as chance as there are never  
 at any time it is the same old  
 hum again, day in and day out  
 that I see to as much as you and  
 as usual to her parents that it is  
 only for the sake of the rest of my  
 children that I would not say  
 ask to measure, I was being  
 on the down and asked her to go up  
 stairs for the fun for making caps  
 thought I could see if I could fix  
 it over for her, and she wouldn't  
 do it and I could go myself & change  
 wanted some one to do something that  
 was not my, she is no pleasure when  
 you are gone than when here, off to a  
 relief when she is away for the week  
 and help me do some things -

Dear Lady;

Recd your

letter yesterday had been looking  
 for a letter several days had been  
 disappointed two days at not getting  
 a letter. We are all well Genie  
 is up at Kenais been gone two  
 nights she has all of her sewing  
 done now and I have no one  
 to help me but I think I will  
 get through I finished her skirt  
 Tuesday made it in two days  
 I am making that brown dress  
 for Kitty now have made her  
 a right nice skirt five goes  
 two large side goes and two  
 big back, but the front is small  
 but just like the pattern.

asked me going to Louisville  
again, saying I was his horse. I  
the engine, he went to get it back  
back again to see something about  
apparently he said he was coming  
he and Papa are great friends  
dissected well and talked with,  
back from and had over looking  
he is not good looking, dark eyes and  
What Mr. Bridges over fine speaking  
if there any better thing with this  
that anything with it, never and  
a little book you in the pocket of  
books worth something for Christmas  
Papa and me some up on the coverage  
you three and we could get it then  
the day you come home I could not  
out of looking a fine 5-1/2 of 10 pds  
any other jacket, I will get some  
may be glad next winter we did not  
for Kitty we have as many and as  
one of the numerous ways we have  
you thought I will have it after  
I will send you a check for  
15 dollars I mention that will come  
Can you tell me how to alter  
the waist and sleeves I know how  
to make the sleeves if I have enough  
cloth just make the sleeve and puff  
all of the goods I wish I had that lap  
puff pattern I don't like that of Pearl's  
takes too much goods If I had a  
little tan velvet to use on that  
shoes would be a change. Kitty will  
have to have a pair of shoes as she  
is determined to go to Brandon Christmas  
get a pair like yours with extended  
soles and nice fine shoes so  
they will do for next summer and  
winter too like yours have done  
and get Genie a pair too just  
the same for you know she has  
none but stogies that will hardly do  
to wear at home Genie 5 on D, and  
Kitty 4 1/2 on D, no larger for her  
foot is nearly as small as yours,  
Get Genie the gloves, all I want  
is a little black breakfast shawl  
or dark red or blue I need  
something of that kind but I don't  
suppose you could find it.

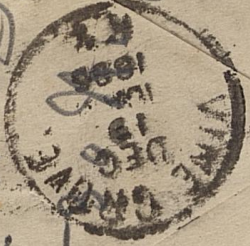
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BIG SPRING  
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Louisville  
Kentucky

Al. M. Dick



Main

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when you want to come.  
Mrs Hughes is busy now drying  
peaches and she is going to  
Can this evening. I am going  
to make some nice preserves  
out and branch peaches  
and sweet pickle out of  
my white head. Jimmie  
has just come in he  
said he was complaining  
and felt so badly that he  
came over to spend the  
day with us I will write  
you again in a day or so and  
tell you how Brother is  
be sure and write to me  
right away you could write  
and send the letter and send  
by aunt Julie I could send  
after it Saturday night I  
have no more news to tell  
you everything going on as  
when you left. Good bye  
Mamma

Very day morning ten  
O'clock, Dear Lady I will  
try and write to you  
according to promise this  
morning. I have reserected  
a sheet of paper but don't  
know as I shall be so  
fortunate in getting an envelope  
Papa never got me any  
in Yine S. Brother seems  
to be some better this  
morning we had Dr  
Gray out to see him  
yesterday evening he said  
he had Malaria fever but  
thought he would be up  
in a day or so when he  
got his liver fully aroused  
he had 4 degrees of fever  
when he was here but it  
was at the highest then

brother's fever is not high as  
it is now ~~travel~~ ~~over~~ and  
his medicine has not acted  
yet this morning but he  
wants to eat and is clear  
of fever up to this time  
I think he is better he looks  
better out of his eyes. I found  
your little pin beside the  
bible after you left I  
put it away in the little  
Newby box Papa brought  
home I am sorry you  
have not got it to use  
on your visit I hope  
you are having an  
enjoyable time about  
be uneasy about home  
for there is no cause to  
be uneasy Dr said Cecil  
was in no danger just  
a form of Malaria said  
you had a slight attack  
of the same thing

it was this time yesterday  
he has very little fever of any kind  
I told him about your being  
sick. Papa got some medicine  
from him and took it  
last night he went on  
terribly and was awful  
sick for a while but is  
better to day. Cecil rested  
very well I was up once  
or twice to give him  
medicine I think I am  
gradually getting better  
if my cold I must write  
to you as soon as I  
get some material you  
write to me right away  
Papa says look around  
and sell your return  
ticket if you can or get  
some one to see if they  
can find any one returning  
and you will have that  
money to come home on

BIG SPRING  
SEP  
15  
1898  
K.Y.



Mrs Lady Clarkson  
Elizabeth Town  
Hardin Co  
Kentucky





Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Dear Lachie I have  
to send your things off hurriedly  
this morning as usual your hat I  
fear will get mussed, I started to  
take the bird off but fear you wouldnt  
put it back in the right place, if your  
hat is crushed put your hands up in the  
crown and push it all out right make  
the three puffs stand up full, and smooth  
the bird all over. the hat is the same as  
Mrs Cooper's said that Canary ribbon  
was first what you wanted to <sup>not</sup> wear  
your neck fold up narrow under your  
collar in front and tie in a bow in the  
back <sup>neck</sup> ~~neck~~. I wanted to get you a set collar cuffs  
but was none at Whittle, you get your some  
up there if you need them I put some  
twist in the wash pocket of your dress  
to sew the buttons on and marked the places  
put two buttons on each sleeve just  
above that little notch that was all  
the twist there was left it may be enough  
to sew the buttons on faster. the ends of  
your thread good so your buttons wont  
come off. the bow on the skirt

if it dont suit you can fix it after  
the it open and sew it on good I send  
some silk on a spool. I got help to  
make a vest front and it did not  
match the lace on skirt. Aunt Allie  
said not put it in. said they told her  
in L. not to trim hers and Girts  
does in velvet, that haste in over  
skirt is like hers if made. Annie sends  
you something to eat had no time to  
bake any sweetmeats. Grandma  
sent you those coats, all are well  
I hope your dress will fit, it is better  
and more stylish made than L.  
dress. I looked at them if it only fits  
you can smooth your hat all out.

I havnt got a letter from you this  
week yet. tie your dress back tight  
the overskirt lays in folds in front  
when tied back tight enough.

I hope you will be pleased with  
your things. You can bring your  
things home from in the winter.  
On a hurry, good bye Marnell

cope with City prices, our money  
comes too hard for such as that,  
I always thought 5 dollars was  
enough for us to pay for a dress  
making. I will not send the gingham  
by Will it will be asking too much  
and you will only be there two  
weeks longer now and can surely  
get along with shirt waists and  
your jacket comes in nicely  
now I would wear it all the  
time this cool weather lasts,  
had Series hat pressed and  
I will get it turned here, be  
sure and do that for she is de-  
termined to have it done because  
of Pittis, I am going to do without  
everything myself. I must close write  
to you right away and tell me  
how you are and getting along  
I hope your throat is better now.  
What are you going to do about  
the piano being so badly out of  
tune when Mad Gandler comes  
down I wish Mr Bryan could  
make it convenient to tune it any  
time. Gene has a beautiful please  
chess and she wants a short coat  
fashion double breasted, to make  
it by could you send her one.  
It is just like the cuffs to your  
old blue dress pretty piece 2.50 yet  
I am going now to town to take  
your hat Dear Lady,  
I will write back to you, Mauna I recd your  
letter Saturday evening. will write  
you this morning and send by  
Will this evening as he is kind  
enough to take your hat for  
me, and thereby get your letter  
a few hours sooner. We are  
all well, I was so sorry that  
you had another attack of  
that bad sore throat, it is caused  
from taking cold, you ought to  
have when the weather turned so  
much cooler, put your winter clo-  
thing back on again, I had chan-  
ged and the weather changed Sat-  
urday morning and Sunday morning  
I hauled on winter clothes again  
I took no cold and I know by

that what caused your trouble, I hope you are better by this time. Will will go there when he first gets to Louisville I suppose, and I want him to examine your throat, and see what you need and leave you some medicine.

We have had such a severe spell of weather, the frost has cut down the gardens as it did last year, but otherwise it has not damaged us any. I am glad we had not house cleaned before this cold spell for we have had and are yet having as big fires as we had in the winter. Grandma was out all last week brother and me took her home Friday and back Saturday. I took dinner with Bet and found one a little waiting boy there child of that Lily that cooks for her, he has been living ~~at~~ there at Nevitts for some time he is a little larger than Cecil, just the right size to wait on the table and be handy in every way.

I hope you will like your hat I was afraid it was too much trimmed for a sailor, but she thought not, it is not the one either of them that I spoke of it is a little later style. I think worn a little back and little to one side it will be very becoming. Lillie says wear the hats so that inch of the part of your hair shows I always thought a hat worn for back was becoming to you. It cost more than I thought would. 2.50. the hat was 1.25 ribbon 80 flower 50. I got Fitty a beautiful hat, I think she will let you wear it some, it will suit you. I think you had to pay an awful price to get your dress made, such as that is what makes so many poke down people. County people count.

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