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[1866, Jan. 8]

Kuluautan, Jan 8. 66

My dear children

I wd see

let us satisfy - I  
am just starting for  
Madinia I have but  
a minute to write - I  
wd you \$7 in this  
week had a bill  
+ can now I wd  
stamps -

Mt.

Wm. A. P.

John

Dear Friends  
Best in my love

1866<sup>7</sup> January 8

My dear Mrs. Corp.

Thank you for the sweet picture received this evening. I know it, but do not think it does her justice - Still it is of great value to me. I am very glad to hear of the children. My Mother is in New York at "The Movement Case" - of W. 38<sup>th</sup>.

I shall never cease to regret that I did not see Mrs. Booth last Spring - With kindest regards from my Father &

myself.

Yours truly  
Elizabeth Miller

Peterboro Jan. 8. 1866.

Lezden Jan 14<sup>th</sup> / 66

Cousin Jennie -

We received your letter, the shoes, and the name, the day you sent them and were much obliged for each. ~~we~~ thought we should call her Leizzie Morgan, but just to please Jennie have changed it. mother has not been out of her room yet but is gaining very fast.

I can not write much to night, but I presume Gram. will write all the news, our love to all the cousins, both in Hartford and New York. I hope when Uncle Byron feels it his duty to write or to visit his relatives in Lezden, he will, and Uncle Robert also. but I hope he wont before I have not seen either of them since I can remember. but I must close.

Ella.

(66)  
Leyden Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sister

I have been trying for two weeks, to sit down long enough to write you, but have not been able till this evening, Edigus babe was born the 29<sup>th</sup> instead of the 24<sup>th</sup> we had to send to Greenfield for Dr Dean Dr. Vining not being able to come, has not been out since the forepart of Oct. — we have had no nurse but our selves so that you may well suppose I have had my hands full — I think she has never got along any better so far, Ello has taken care of her another night and done it nicely — I did not expect so much from her, but she has never had any thing before, to call for the her capabilities — I was trappily disappointed in her, we are all pleased with the little stranger, though I <sup>th</sup> expected the other see

I was so glad at heart to receive a letter from Jennie written in such good spirits, I feared she was losing all her courage and ambition, (she suffers so severely) which she must by no means do. — for she must come next summer and stay with her an a ll o n y o n e she is a sweet tiny one, and has a weet n u r s e that we all love very much. I think Mr Booth is very kind and indulgent to his darling children. I hope it will always last, he may atone in some measure for their dear mother's trials and sufferings. I rejoice to hear that Elias's health is so much better. There is nothing like the hills, and honey-clapper for young girls. I have not been into the road since the first of November, so you see I don't gad, I mean to go and see Aunt Clara before the snow leaves us. I do not hear from Maria only by the way of Lucy who is Greenfield

I often think of you and am ready to exclaim "O! that I had wings like a dove" I would fly — I would see you all any ways. — It is a great consolation to me that I can hear from you, come and see us when you can, do; tell L. Aunt wants very much to see her, Love to Carrie, and kiss her hals for me, all the members of your family share largely in my kindest <sup>love</sup> regards and wishes, Mr Morgan wishes to be remembered to you all. lots of love to Jennie, please write soon as ever your loving sister S. M.



every day, so as not to forget to thank  
Mr. K. it. Is there anybody with whom  
you can talk to in the evening I want you  
to tell me the name of your teacher  
- his whole name, & ask him to  
tell me how. A grand old man,  
who was very sick at Mr. K's giving  
up, has been so much better that  
he has gone to Maryland, Otis  
Co. - the same town where I used  
to live from the time I was nine  
years old till I was twenty-one.  
I wish you would write me often  
er & write longer letters. I have  
been very well, but the other day  
I took a very severe cold, I saw  
Mrs. Brunk last night, I hope you  
will not forget her & Bretha & Ma-  
thilda. They are very happy to see  
Mrs. Brunk has had very sick spells  
with cramps. They thought she was  
going to die but works up & called  
in her friends, she is better but  
not well, you can write in the  
letter a small note to Mrs. A. or  
Bretha, or both & I will give it to  
her. You write a very good English  
hand. Be a good girl. (You will  
have to get the little magazine) To all

To Hartford.

Milwaukee. 26. 11. 66.

My Dear Eliza

I have recd your letter  
with the pictures for which I am  
much obliged. I am always very glad  
to hear from you. I do not know how  
I shall stay here longer than April  
10th when my year will be up & I  
am engaged only for a year. I do not  
like the position very well. I am  
not yet decided what to do. I may  
get up a stock company & stand  
a day, or I may go into business  
they state. You are a little easier on  
him about board. I had paid up to Jan-  
10th I sent \$28. then I told you to  
take \$2 of the \$10. I sent you  
for pain out & for up the month.  
The an 31 days in Jan. & 29 in  
February. - a 60 in the two months  
of I send therefore \$30. for this  
month & it will be even. I have  
sent \$10. & I send \$10. in this. So  
there is but \$10 more due this month.  
If I send \$10. in advance I suppose it will

be just as well. I should like to  
know how you are getting along. But the  
news tells me anything you say of  
the rest of you. How can I feel  
an interest in your family mat-  
ters when I never hear anything a-  
bout you all. I know you are there  
but I know no more how you live  
or how you are getting along than  
of the men in the moon. Their whole  
life has dropped out of my knowledge.  
So of Maria. You told me that  
you had been keeping, but when she  
has been before I knew it, I in-  
ferred that she might have been  
boarding at Fran's but you never  
told me. In fact I knew so little a-  
bout you all that I should have  
to go & bring you & fillen home here  
to get acquainted with you. I got  
a good picture of Maria which Mrs  
Carr had copied. The original copy-  
right taken at Madison ten years ago or  
more was burned. I should have some  
prints & send you copies. It is good. You  
have improved in writing very much. I  
want to see you very much. Wish I could  
come to Hartford in the spring. How are  
things? How glad to hear in the end of  
a man's year. You aff. John

1866, Mar. 13

San Francisco

March - 13<sup>th</sup> / 66

My dear friend

Dear friend

I received

Yours of Dec 14<sup>th</sup> some weeks  
since but I have not had an oppor-  
-tunity to answer it before this. I  
was very glad to hear from you  
and pleased, to think you set  
such a value on that little flower  
its nursery would not suggest very  
many bettered ideas? Would diablo  
the present of which I of course need  
not translate; This is rather a  
wicked Plea, but I trust it  
is worth the German element  
of the population which gives it  
the outside character. They have  
here as they have done in other  
cities. I need these gardens in  
the suburbs of the cities and  
by the attractions offered not

only drew the German but a  
very large Portion of the American  
Population, to their gardens, now  
during Christmas Week. The  
Advertisement for Sandy (the  
2<sup>d</sup>) comprised several Bolson  
Deensons, numerous Games of  
all sort, and to complete amuse-  
ments for the Afternoon, We had  
a Grand Spanish Bull Fight  
in which instance a Woman was  
advertized, to Participate in the  
Ring, with the — but now I  
forget what my call the Bull  
Fighters, I recedeas I think, In  
this instance one or two of the  
Bull Fighters were severely injured,  
but as it seemed to Enjoy the Mon-  
gers the thing, we continued the  
Next day, and send them We have  
had several of these Brutal Diske-  
-legs, for the Public amusement  
You must not judge I what  
I have written to you, that all the  
Residents of San Francisco are of this

Dyke. There is a very large class  
who pay every attention to the aben-  
-nence of the coborn, as much as  
as in most other large cities; but  
a large proportion of the Population  
is composed of Jews <sup>and</sup> Germans  
and an other large number in a flood-  
ing Population of Miners Trades  
The who of course are open to every thing  
that may attract their fancy, Sunday  
or no Sunday; And now I must  
tell you something about the  
Chinese who are located in the  
very Heart of this City, and <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~  
in the filthiest <sup>and</sup> crowded spots;  
imaginable only to those who  
have seen it. in case the Cho-  
-leria should make its way out  
in this neighborhood, it would  
have the finest kind of Hot Bed  
imaginable, and from it for there  
it could spread over the City  
from one end to the other.  
They seem to be divided into  
two distinct sects or classes. The  
One is the Mordoren or Wealthy

The one who lives in comfort  
and ease, and comfort; the other  
the laborer or cooly, who are  
crowded together like Beasts, and  
live on every thing that can be  
got, I was going to say that several  
families lived in the same Room,  
but I don't think they have any  
family distinction, the Women  
being degraded so far that no  
distinction is necessary, good author-  
ities say that there is not a single  
respectable China Woman in the  
low class of the <sup>or our</sup> Population and  
as one seventh of our entire Population  
is Chinese; it don't look well  
for the Honorability of our celestial  
Neighbors; there are a very small  
number who might be classed as  
a middle class, but they will  
not pay a further notice; and now  
for their outside life, there  
New year seems to be on our 14<sup>th</sup>  
of February. It is held as a Religi-  
ous as well as a Feasting Season

and is dedicated to their  
God Jash, of whom they have  
several Idols, of heinous  
form in their Temples in this  
City; it is celebrated with an  
immense display of Fire works  
(which seems to be the only kind  
of fire works with any use)  
a general Illumination of their  
houses and a cession of Prayers  
among themselves, <sup>It is held up for their eyes.</sup> and as in this  
instance the Gentiles are also  
invited to wish them Happy New  
Year. I took advantage of the  
opportunity offered, to see the ins-  
ide of a China mans life, and  
I think that the best way for  
to describe it will be to let  
you accompany me in my evening  
walk; We first went to the  
Private Residence of one residing  
in the town of Hai-Nan this  
is a merchant in Sacramento <sup>st.</sup>  
and is worth about \$30,000. We <sup>showed</sup> ~~showed~~  
the House a Picket little town  
of two stories in height. We climbed  
a narrow dark staircase and came

into His Parlor a dingy little  
Room about 12 feet square. The Room  
had once been Papered, but it  
would have been very hard to  
have decided what its original  
color had been for grease and dirt  
had entirely covered it. The Fur-  
niture consisted in several <sup>Common</sup> Chairs  
and a Table. The floor was covered  
of a carpet, and the Walls were hung  
with several Common Prints, and direct-  
ly over the Table, was hung a large  
large Representation of Jack (in the  
some style as these common Painted  
Wanderer (hodes) I should have said  
a Picture of Him, but I went wrong  
in where they got the original for  
to find such a Monster, a Person  
in our days would have to travel  
so far that they would not be able  
to return with a description of their  
travels; but to return. The Table  
is set the same as our New year  
Table (except having some mevlarities)  
One is that they have nothing of a  
Bread or like Nature its place

being seized of dried and cordia  
fruits of different kinds, they  
have a pile of oranges and ~~lemons~~  
lemons, a demijohn of wine, and  
a Dead Pot, and a number of diminutive  
little cups for serving it in (no  
spoons are used however). A Bowl  
of cigars, and the furnishing of the  
table is completed, with a Plant  
called the Narcises which is grow-  
ing in a Bowl which is half filled  
with gravel, and the other half water  
it has a Pulegeous significance, of  
great value, but if I go into so many  
particulars I will not get time finished  
to night. But to return we walk  
in and Her Man meets us, He  
says how de-do John. Happy New  
Years. and shook our own hands  
after the Oriental Fashion, Jones  
said set down, and He do it. He  
then serves us with a glass of  
wine and the dried fruit also  
a cigar, next we receive a cup  
of Tea (no sugar or milk, but I  
thought it was elegant) and then

We commenced a sort of conver-  
sation, but as few of them speak  
English, that is considerable dif-  
ficulty; but after a while we say  
good by, and after exchanging our  
Cards (He would be insulted if you  
did not do that) We call some  
where else. The next Place we  
call it is a large store on Duross  
street, where exactly the same  
course was gone through with, the  
Duble being set in the store.

We go into several other Brivot  
Houses but they do not much differ  
from the first one mentioned; in  
some instances being fixed up a  
little better, but in most cases  
being worse, and as we have only  
called upon the Mondours what  
must be the condition of the poorer  
Classes; in some cases John lives  
in right good style, but it is very  
rare, I think the reason is He is  
to mean to spend the estate money  
that would be required and as the  
Chinese Lady (there are a few among the  
Wealthy Classes) never has a say in the  
external arrangements of the House  
Honorable Furniture is not Required

But now I must bury these  
things to allude in my next  
I will endeavor to give you  
a short account of their Reli-  
gion and a Description of their  
various Temples of which  
they have three in this City


But good I think you  
must write to me soon  
and give me all the Home  
News as well as the News  
that you think would  
interest me

Yours

W. H. How

P. I enclose a Chinese  
Mans Visiting Card  
the One We Visited first  
in Our Raid.

How



New York

170 Broadway  
July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

Mrs Corse  
Hartford

My dear Madam  
as we shall spend two  
or three months in New  
York, and Mrs Taylor  
feels quite desirous to  
see you and Lenna, and  
if convenient, she will  
come and make you a  
visit for a day or two

Truly  
Yours

Jonathan Taylor

Milwaukee

August 18, [1866]

My dear Lillian: -

I received your letter giving an account of your visit to Wethersfield, & of your homesickness, & of your visit to dear mamma's grave.

I am glad the grave is all covered over with such beautiful flowers. I wish I could see them. I hope some day to go with you & Ella to the cemetery.

I had a letter from Ella yesterday & wrote her last night at Shelburne Falls. She had received two letters from you & one from me, at Leyden with \$10 enclosed. But another sent to the same place with \$5 in it had not reached her.

I send enclosed in this \$5. I'm sorry your poor dollie's head is broken, & that your "expenses" are so extensive; but am glad you practice economy like a good little lady. I will return your picture in my next letter. It is down at the Office now. I am

just starting out for a weeks  
hunting - going to Ripon & Rosen-  
dale where I was hid away from  
the U.S. Marshal five years ago.

Write me often. Love to all

Your affectionate father

S.M. Booth



Ludington Aug. 15 1866.

Dr Jennie

Yours of June 20<sup>th</sup> duly received, had I not went to Milwaukee I should have answered long since. I left here July 14<sup>th</sup> arrived here last evening, immediately after I left here I was taken with the intermittent fever and was detained one full month at home. I am now very weak, not able to apply myself closely. I have a pain in the right side of my head but hope it may soon leave. Think it caused partly by the fever.

Wm & Sarah are quite well. had I come direct from mil. They would have come with me to make me a visit but they will wait until Mr. Ludington comes. expect them next Sunday they will stay one week. They are preparing to go to school. I have persuaded them to go to Hartford Conn. if you think they would like it and enjoy themselves.

I would like to have you (if not too much trouble) ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> what tuition would be, cost of board & also (last of all) whether they could board with you. when the Spring term commences. &c.

I would much rather have them with you than at Oberlin. Wm's health is much better than at

any time hereafter I hope it may con-  
tinue.

Please give my love to all

Truly yours  
A. A. Helms

[c. 1866], Aug. 20

Leyden Aug 20

Dear Mother,

Your letter to Ella came Saturday night. She was sorry not to have seen Mrs Wilbur. Glad my May had so nice a birth day. Look to Mary Killam & Miss Hayward. The children both well & enjoy themselves finely. Am myself much better than when Ella wrote a week ago. She had a letter from her Father asking to have Jennie write to him, I think & see myself!!!

Tomorrow we go to Aunt Clara and Saturday you may look for us at home again. One day I had red & white currants, high & low blackberries, black & red raspberries, & gooseberries,

Ella has written to Mrs Hayden  
sent her the bill for her board  
& intends to see her this week.

Sherman sent Ella eight dollars  
for rides while she was at the  
Halls, & it remains unbroken.

Sarah & Jerub brought us over,  
& it was a dreadful hard jaunt,

All send love. I have no  
idea Alice will come with us,  
& it was her own wish, not Ely's.

I get up here when I please.  
Drink a pint of milk a day, half  
in the morning half at night. I  
ought to grow better. You must  
be longing to see me as I you.  
Love to all. Precious one  
you will see me Saturday if  
nothing happens

Your loving  
Jennie,

Providence Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> /66 Saturday

My dear Mrs Cross

Once more I have passed through Woutford without seeing you, but this time I was sick, I did not stay as long in Berlin as I expected to for I was very unwell and was afraid that I was going to be sick, I thought home was the best place for me, so I came home, I am very much better here than I was there but am not quite as well as usual, I am disappointed by not having any visit in Woutford - I had made up my mind to make my stopping place with you, now I dont know when I shall ever see you again unless you come here, I wish you would, I did want to see Mary very much - I wanted to make a number of calls - I did not see Mr Adams,



I hope to be able to go to Church  
tomorrow but dont know as I shall  
be - did Ella have her photograph  
taken - Lena wants it very much,  
I wish Mary would give me hers,  
ask her wont you - I want yours  
and Jane - I shall send you any  
of ours that are taken - I hope  
the other children will be taken  
this winter - I shall not send you  
any more for nothing that you  
may depend upon -

How do you manage to live and  
keep soul and body together these  
days of abominable high prices -  
only think of butter 67 cents a  
pound and a prospect of its being  
higher - every thing else accordingly  
I should be discouraged if I had my  
own living to earn - but I am very  
thankful that my days of  
darkness are somewhat past - and that  
my last days are more easy, if I have  
to be dependant - I hope to hear from  
you soon, and send me one of your  
good long letters - all send love to  
you - all well -  
from your affectionate friend  
M. J. L.

[c. 1866]  
Hartford Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Jane!

I have just rec'd yours - and suppose it will not be polite to not reply - you always wonder if I miss you - I most assuredly do - with none to speak to as it were - Mrs Taylor asks daily if I hear from you - so I give her your love - E. & J. Davis have been to see you Lucy Martha & Mrs Hulls the last named lady says though paying a 100 a month she cant make out so good a meal as here - see the drift young Dean is worse - we have had two days of rain I have a new boarder to put in Emma's place - I am not going to keep her as they often do - the new one wishes to learn music den I hope you will see Mr Bow Blinny has had a beef with Harter but they act like

making up - I thought  
you would be more interes-  
ted in Mrs. S. letter than  
in little Hughs hugs I mean  
I am so glad Ella is better  
Tell Lillian her Kitty is a  
perfect baby - It is biting  
the paper while I write  
she hops in my lap every  
time I sit down -

Anna has been here only  
once - her mother is much  
worse - Mattie Pratt was  
buried to day - she attended  
school with Emily was from  
the South - Give my love  
to Mr. Counce & family

your aff. mother

I wrote to Jennie & Aunt Morgan  
sent her a copy of Mary's book  
that was left under the papers  
on the table - just rate wast

Milwaukee, Sept 19, 1866

My Dear Daughter Elva.

Sixteen years ago, to-day, you were born. On the 16th of September, three days before, I began the publication of the Daily Free Democrat, having been publishing the Weekly one since the last of May 1848. I remember you so well when you was a baby, & when you first began to walk & to talk, & how you used to run before your mother & me on the sidewalk in East Water Street, when we went shopping, & stop & look in at the show windows, & how, before you could read, you would pick out my paper from the other dailies, & recognize it as mine. I wonder if you can remember how Milwaukee looked, or if William Cass. You was

now a strong child, I was  
afraid you would not live to grow  
up. You learned to read very  
easily. You used to pick out let-  
ters in the newspaper & ask you  
mother, Grace & me to tell you  
their names. & your organ of pro-  
nunciation was so large that you used to read  
sometimes with your book sideways,  
or bottom side up. You was always  
a good child in comparison with  
other children, & I think, truthful.  
Do you remember going to school  
to a French & German teacher when  
you learned to see a most of the  
teaching was oral? I have  
been looking over my paper publish-  
ed at the time of your birth to see  
what you was about there. Then days  
before you was born I published  
your mother's poem "Who will love  
me?" I think perhaps it had been  
written some little time. I have then

thought sometimes it might be  
well if you if you had some  
of the bound volumes of my paper  
from 1869 to 1859. You would find  
a great deal that you mother  
wrote then which you have now  
seen. I have duplicate volumes  
for most of the time. Some time I  
think you will have leisure to read  
them, tho' you may not be able to  
while you are at school.

I have spoken only of the past. The  
future must concern you now. I  
that will not depend chiefly on the  
use you make of the present each  
day. As to your studies, I do not fear  
that you will not be industrious, or  
successful if you health does not  
fail. But I am really concerned  
for your health & I fear you have  
taken more upon you than you ac-  
complish. I wish you would take no  
more studies than an absolutely re-

enough. For if your health fails you  
may never recover it. But what  
you do not learn now you may  
learn hereafter. As to your religious  
views & opinions. I am glad you  
are a Christian & though I do not  
prefer the Episcopal church - & it of-  
ten seems strange to me that any  
children are of that Communion -  
I would not have you change. I was  
sentiments - faith, hope, charity & the ne-  
cessity of a Gods life - all unexceptional  
denominations agree. Strive to cultivate  
feelings of charity & good will toward other  
churches. When I remember how long  
ago it was when a very young man & now  
unjust my prejudices were against the  
Episcopal church. I feel bad to see others  
as uncharitable as I was. The true test  
of religion is its effects upon the life. If  
it does not make us better it is worthless.  
There is some good in almost all churches.  
A spirit of Pharisaism is not the spirit of  
Christianity. I trust you may see a large  
hearted, true & living Christian woman.  
I hope you will have a pleasant little  
day to day. The sun shines bright here now for the  
first time in many days. God bless you long & dear thoughts

Shelburn Falls

November 7<sup>th</sup> [c. 1866]

My dear Jimmy,

I have long been  
going to reply to your kind  
letter, but have not seen time  
enough to steal from my little  
hours to do it. My cares are  
not very great, but they are still  
as pressing, and necessary as  
larger ones. Carrie called upon  
me a week ago Saturday and  
I told her I should write to  
you very soon. How changed  
she is. I do not know of so  
pleasing a young lady of her  
age - I should judge she was

five or six years older than  
Selia - I was very happy June  
to know of your recovery to  
health again, and would love  
to see you, and feel that you again  
were my own dear friend Jenny  
"Many the changes since last we  
met with you, and me, and  
down in each heart - his many  
a strange, sad, memory -  
Yes, I know if sickness had  
not spread its wings so churlishly  
over your mind, your heart would  
have been with me in my bitter  
trial, I cannot tell you anything  
about it - Perhaps it is best I  
should not until sometime  
when I can feel the warm  
clasp of your hand, in my own.  
My little daughter - Lizzie is  
well. She will be three on the  
first day of December - I think

you would love her, as you  
always love children. She is a  
great deal of company for me  
and the only earthly joy, almost  
mid my mourning. She talks a  
great deal - Father sends his  
love, and says perhaps he shall  
come down, and stop a day or  
two with you. I believe there are  
two or three "delegates" from this  
place in Hartford - Father would  
like to have Lizzie and I go with  
him and I gave Carrie some  
encouragement that I would go  
and spend Christmas, but it is  
a "mountain" thought to think of  
going away from home this cold  
weather with a little one - & since  
my health has been poor I have  
but little ambition. So I will give  
you no promise - but a <sup>mere</sup> ~~mere~~ perhaps  
- I suppose Ella is with you still

M<sup>r</sup> Pelton's family I believe  
are all well - Lucy is going  
to Well-sabbath. to complete her  
education before marrying the  
rich widow. Foolish child and  
foolish mother -

On Sat. last M<sup>r</sup> Gray preached a  
Vigilantial sermon. 20 years since  
he was ordained - I knew you would  
like a copy of a piece sung. compos-  
ed. by your humble friend. He desired  
a better hymn from a better pen -  
But he asked me to write - He wrote  
one himself - It was beautiful  
commencing -

"Forty full years - not all sunny -  
Have across thy pathway flown  
Light & darkness mingling strangely  
Since thou put the armor on" -

We all love M<sup>r</sup> Gray here. more  
and better each year.  
Write me soon - My kind regards  
to your Mother.  
Your friend  
P. S. M. C. L.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 9. 1866

My Dear Ella

I received your letter yesterday afternoon, after I had written you enclosing a draft payable to your order for \$45. for the purposes I have named to you. Mr. Sumner ran for the House of Representatives three times. The first time he defeated ~~Mr~~ Pitt Synder of this city, the second time he defeated Andrew E. Elmore of Newkangoo. The third time he was defeated by General Mills of this city, in the fall of 1852. In the winter of 1855 he was elected to the United States Senate for six years. He has been for more than a year Governor of Utah Territory, appointed by Pres. Johnson.

I am going to prepare a  
short speech for a glorifica-  
tion meeting on the ques-  
tion we have achieved in the  
election of Gen. Davis by so  
large a majority. We expect 20  
speakers of from five to eight  
minutes each. It will prob-  
ably be held next Tuesday eve-  
ning.

How is Jennie's health, & Grant's,  
I seldom hear anything from  
them. How many boards have  
you now?

It is beautiful weather here  
now & has been for ten days  
past. I have had no fire in  
my room yet & need none.

Yours aff  
F. A. Foster

Philwauken, Nov. 9. 1860.  
My Dear May.

I am glad to hear  
that you are learning to spell.  
I see but three words misspelled  
in your letter. viz: "Thits" for "this",  
"presants" for "presents" & "betar"  
for ~~present~~ "better". You al-  
so have used the wrong tense,  
"I practiced" for "I have practiced".  
You will learn to spell & write  
correctly if you take pains.  
I will see about the presents  
for Christmas. It will depend a  
great deal on the state of my  
purses. If I can I shall send  
you something, but I cannot  
yet get you anything expensive this  
year. But I think I can get  
the scissors, knife & feather duster.  
But I don't like to have you eat  
much candy. Yours affectionately  
F. A. Foster

(1466)

Lyden Nov 18th

Dear loving Jennie,

How many times  
has my darling thought her country  
had forgotten her? but it is not or  
ever can be so - but so far to the con-  
-ary that you are seldom absent from  
my mind - I can assure you I have  
had many tings of conscience on  
account of my seeming neglect,

In the midst of my numerous house-  
hold cares, the dear ones in Hartford  
are often thought of with the tender<sup>est</sup>  
emotions, we have a small family in  
the house that occupy the kitchen and  
two chambers they have one little boy  
a year old last June, she expects every  
day will be the next, Edwards chamber  
is well christened you know.

Ferdie came up with his grandpa  
and staid three days with, and did  
not want to go back then, <sup>surely he will</sup>  
at home

(2387)  
My health is very good, were it not for  
my limb, should call myself well:—  
I am suffering very much with <sup>it</sup> this pain  
and am fearful that it will trouble me  
more as the weather grows colder, but  
hope it will not break out, and discharge  
like Mrs Bassett's. By the way, Mr J.  
Buddington has brought me more  
stocking-yarn to spin—ask Libbium  
if she would not like to help me <sup>to</sup> twist  
it. she promised to write her auntie, I  
think she is growing old and forgetful.  
I had a very pleasant visit from a  
Cousin whom I had not seen in 33 yrs,  
Cornelius Corss, he lives in Albany  
he was here last week, I could scarcely  
take my eyes off him, he looked  
so much like your dear Father. I  
am sure your mother would have  
said the same had she seen him.  
He made many enquiries concerning  
Mary whose writings, he said he  
had perused with both pleasure and

profit, he thinks you must  
resemble your Father, as he remem-  
bers him, and Edla Booth he thinks  
beautiful—I have not seen, nor heard  
from our friends at the Falls in  
long time but suppose Lucy is cut-  
ting her articles as usual, foolish little  
child. Mr Porter wife and two child-  
ren are visiting Eliza, I think you  
will recollect the mysterious disap-  
pearance of Albert's oldest brother,  
last summer, his friends here learn <sup>ed</sup>  
that he hung himself for some one  
hung him, not far from Utica.  
You saw his wife and daughter here  
more than a year since, they are  
almost distracted!—I have not yet  
seen Albert's house and don't know who  
I shall, perhaps in the course of the  
winter, husband is well, and able  
to get, and fix wood for the stove and  
attend to the stock, and carry a  
load of wood (with other things) to

the children about once or twice a  
week; he carried Marys. Magazine  
last week and let her take them out  
of the wrapper herself he thought it  
amusing to see her parade over  
them and pretend to read, she is  
looked upon as a wonderful child  
and her name is Mary Adeline  
the darling; I have not been as  
lately as I expected to be yet,  
perhaps it is because I have had  
no time to spare. husband joins  
in sending much love to you  
all, now you must write soon  
and stir up the <sup>poor</sup> minds of  
those girls to remembrance —

Your loving aunt  
always J. J. Morgan

Hartford, Nov. 17, 1866

My dear Carlotta.

My "sanctum"

is not clear, if you mean cleared up, but I will endeavor to have it so by to-night or to-morrow-night, which ever may suit your convenience best.

Dear Lottie, I cannot tell you how painful the separation was to me, but as matters stood it could not be helped. It cost me a terrible effort. I have certainly suffered as deeply as you, perhaps more so.

Birdie, I have always felt the same deep love for you, though it all (though you might have that I did not) that I had from the first of our intimacy. You know it is my nature, when I once

really love a person. to love them forever.

Darling, I have always remembered you in my prayers, morn and night, and oft-timer, hourly, I have never knelt beside your vacant place at Church and Sunday School without sending up an earnest prayer to the Father of Lights in your behalf. That the Good Shepherd would ~~bring~~<sup>bring</sup> his dear lamb back to the fold.

Dearie, is that place to be vacant hereafter, as it has been for months, or do you intend to fill it again?

I think that from half past seven or eight o'clock in the evening would be the most convenient time for me, the place, will you please choose?

Sottie, a friendship, founded

on Christian love and on Christian principles is the only true one, the only one that can remain unchanged, such an one, I hoped, ours was.

But, if it was not then, it will be now, I trust.

But I can write no longer or I shall not have my composition ready in season.

With much love.

Believe me

Ever your true friend  
Mary. Ella. Booth

Miss Carlotta A. Smith

H.

Milwaukee, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Miss Mary:

Your papa has made  
some of the purchases you wished  
& will send them tomorrow.

He sends a special present to  
little Lillian for having "the tooth  
pulled" and one to you of the  
same kind!

He is very busy today  
and wished me to write a line  
for him.

I sympathize with you in  
the loss of your dear mother.  
No love can ever supply ~~those~~  
place of hers, for you.

Yours  
Marie Mignonette

Hostile war, he has put an end to.

He had put an end to war.

War has been put to an end.

Pittsboro, Dec. 3. 1866

My Dear Eliza

Your letter was written  
a year ago last April. & I forgot  
to mail it till this late. I send it  
now to say on this book sheet  
that if you can repeat the no. of min-  
ing our young folks. I will try to get  
them & send them in your box. Also  
the pieces of music you named some  
time ago, or any you may wish. But I  
have to pay money for ~~them~~ all. I have  
written you & Lillian's name in the ~~cur-  
riculum~~ riculum, the best piano & the music  
book are published in the world. & I

want Lillian to begin it & go through  
it thoroughly. And it will not hurt you  
either. But it would take you two  
years if you had a day to learn it  
thoroughly. It costs \$4.00 & will be  
more useful to you than poetry. I shall  
get the box to you Saturday before Christ-  
mas, or least. Write me at once.

Yr aff. father.

Wassford Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Ella

I also think that it was all for the best that we did speak for now we can sympathize and also talk to one another upon the subject and I have rather enjoyed the conversations that we have had and presume that we shall continue them at some future time. I am <sup>very</sup> glad if it relieved you and I sometimes like to free myself a little I think that you will laugh at this remark but never mind.

I do think that sorrow and suffering bring those who have been afflicted to a greater and better appreciation of the blessings of life and the great goodness of God our Father for we do not realize the value of these gifts until we are deprived of them and He who knows our hearts at all times can tell when it is best that they should be taken away and thus lead us to think more upon him who is our Saviour and not

set our affections upon earthly things.

I often think what should we do if it were not for the comfort and peace which comes to us from our Heavenly Father. I am often cheered and gladdened when I think upon His great mercy and love or come across some passage of scripture as I often do that exactly suits my feelings and I feel as though he had been nearer to me since I endeavored to do my duty both in the Prayer meeting and at home, than He had been for some little time before and I presume that you feel the consolations of His presence more at some times than you do at others.

Friday night. Yes Oh yes the Lord knows what is best for us and all his afflictions & deprivations are for some wise purpose undoubtedly and although we can not always feel that they are right at the time of our sorrow yet we know that it is right for the Lord doeth all things well and we often realize it ourselves at some future time.

Dear Ella. I feel that my mind is full to night and the tears come once in a while and I hope that I am not doing wrong and ~~that~~ feeling thus I knew not what to do only to go to Jesus my Saviour he who will direct and guide me if I only trust all to Him I hope that I may be enabled to do thus. Accordingly as the attention of the family was directed to the dressing of Uncle Ralph's sore hand in the kitchen and as there was no light in the sitting room I seated myself in the rocking chair and directed my thoughts as <sup>well</sup> I could to my Heavenly Father asking that he would help me to do what was right and I feel that I must trust to him for I knew not what is right. Do you not think that this is the right <sup>way</sup>. I feel like being rather thoughtful to night and think that I should like to do I hardly know what but perhaps I ought to dismiss all the ~~and~~ thoughts upon this subject for now.

I hope that you will excuse the latter  
part of this letter for I feel in such a state  
of mind that I presume I have made  
mistakes thinking that I must close.  
I will bid you Good night

Dear Ella

Miss Mary Ella Booth  
Hartford  
Ct

Rocky Hill Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dearest Ella,

I really forget whether I have answered your last letter or not, but as I do not receive one from you lately, & as you are very prompt about writing, I guess it is safe to conclude that I have not done so, & as I have some spare moments I will proceed to do "as I had ought to do". Mama tells me that you & Lottie have broken entirely, that you wrote a note to Lot disclaiming all claim for her friendship, something which she of course will never forgive or forget. I am very sorry for this, how much pleasanter it would have been for both, had you kept on in the same way as before, but it is no use crying for spilt milk. Your influence upon Lottie (and you had a great deal) was for nothing but good & I'm

afraid her most intimate friendship will not  
be likely to have such a good influence. she will  
be very fortunate if she secures in your place  
such a little angel as your self. you see that  
though I have no angelic qualities myself  
I know how to appreciate them in others.  
I have had an invitation from Mrs Smith to  
spend Christmas at her house. & think very  
probably shall go. if I live I shall certainly  
come & see you my dear. I guess if I go. that  
I'll have a very nice time. dont you? We  
expect now to remain in N. H. about six  
weeks. perhaps longer. & then "Southward Ho"  
for New Orleans. where it is probable we  
will spend the rest of our lives. Papa has  
gone down there & entered into business  
with Mr. Morris Smith, & will write on  
for us to come as soon as he is able  
to find us a house. which is very diffi-  
cult in the winter. After I'm married  
somewhat before I'll come North Travelling. & stop  
& make you a visit, wont that be nice.

It will depend on you after I get out there.  
whether our present correspondence ceases  
or not. I for one should like it to continue  
but you may be of a different mind.  
Is your health better now. than it was last  
summer? I hope so. & you must not work  
as hard as you did then, because you  
know that you are not strong.  
Well, mamma. I believe this is all. so if you  
have no objection. I will close this em-  
broidered interesting message. Hoping that  
you will answer as speedily as you did  
before. I remain as ever.

your lovingest of  
Fannie's.

Remember me affectionately to Father & Gill-  
um.

[E. 1866, Dec. 3]

My dear Jane  
I read your  
to day & it God is certain  
very merciful & to tempt a  
the wind to my shorn lam  
No I have not written to  
David - Maggie is too  
sick to receive your mes-  
sage typhoid fever  
Mr. Hubbard takes care of  
her, But Ellen is daily expected  
Ella is much better  
she has made considerable  
preparation for Christmas  
& suppose she has told you  
all about it - Carrie has  
been out with her to day  
and I know what for

During Mr. Clark's sermon  
Arthur was in tears -  
when he came home he  
told me with the pleasur-  
est smile that I ever saw  
him wear that he was  
going to be baptised in a  
month - with other boys  
in his class - I hope this  
will be the turning point  
with him for good -  
Carrie says perhaps he  
will be a minister -  
He is much obliged for your  
good wishes -

Why dont we hear from  
Miss Abel - How much  
we need you this week  
I am to make some cake  
Ella's present has come from

her mother but she dont  
want it opened till Friday  
the S.S. festival takes place  
Tuesday - Ella is dressing  
one of her dolls for a theme  
to give to Lizzie -  
he so much wished to  
give her a present of a doll  
but it is amusing - I won-  
der if it is ominous?

Mr Smith always  
wants to see what you  
say to Brobbie when your  
letters come - Today I  
read Miss Brobbie for  
Janie - so that suited -

Milwaukee, Wec. 28.66

My dear children

I was glad to get you letter this morn. I have written to Cousin Leontine to provide you with a Chick-mas tree - a good large one - & I think she had better do it. unless you can get a very good one very cheap. The things I have marked down for presents amount to quite a little sum & I have not the money yet to pay for them & your broan will soon be here again & I must look out for that also. But I will send something of the sort soon, best in the premises. You Mother talk with her daughters & Prigant's Sisters, & I suppose you had them. I have a great many letters & cannot offer to lay many

looks, at present, Miss Austin  
forms an \$1.75, Lemys on \$3.00  
a \$4.00 according to style of printing  
& binding, & Budget \$1.50. The  
other distinction <sup>\$2.</sup> = \$8.25 in all.

You must not expect too much  
You must take my large  
distances in two vols. Do  
you know when it is? I  
thought you had it. Did you  
not get some of his books  
for New York? I wonder  
what they all went to.

My connecting lots are to be  
changed round & brought for  
ward, the paper removed the  
hinges & then taken up & set  
out again & some of the Grass  
moss. Even will not be changed  
the big line will be in the  
middle of the next line but still  
inside. This will be a walk  
five feet wide from the road &

a few feet walk all round  
it. The grasses are all  
leaving out around & the change  
will conform it to all the  
rest & will much improve it  
- Murrell says 100 per cent.  
Tell Mother if she will  
make out a a quiet claim  
deed to her lot I will get  
what I can for it. Bond  
has offered \$50 - says he  
does not want to take advan-  
tage of it - This is on condition  
that Mr Giddoth will take  
\$100 for his mortgage.  
Mother run at once

Yr aff. S. A. Allen

Wiltoucenton, Jan. ~~2~~<sup>3</sup> 1867

My Dear Edda

I recd your letter of Dec. 31. today, you acknowledge the receipt of my letter, but do not say of what date, nor whether it is either of the two letters which contained \$2 each. I wish you would be more specific. I am glad you are ambitious to know something, & it will give me great pleasure to aid you in learning much more than I have ever learned. I was 21 before I commenced Latin or Algebra, & had to work my way through alone. If you have sufficient perseverance, with good care of your health, you can learn a great deal. I am glad you are so proficient in the natural sciences. If you are resolved to learn

Satin you have not begun too  
soon. But I fear you will tire of  
it before accomplishing much.  
To be a good classical scholar  
you must forego all thoughts  
of touring aside from your stud-  
ies for ten or twelve years, & de-  
vote yourself thoroughly to the  
study of languages. I wish you  
might <sup>but</sup> have not dared to hope  
you would do so. But your suc-  
cessful progress will depend entire-  
ly on the thoroughness & perfection  
of each step.

My arch, which I sprained  
badly a week ago, is quite lame  
yet. ~~For~~ I sprained it again  
New Year eve, by slipping on the  
ice, in returning from a call  
on the McKinstry girls. I have call-  
ed them two or three times in the

last three or four years, but never  
found them at home before.  
I was pleased to hear from Esther  
Post. I am sorry I have no pic-  
ture of you ~~but~~ to give her  
~~but~~ I mean to have some  
more copies printed soon, &  
then I will send her one.  
Your school commenced, I  
suppose, to-day. I go to shade-  
son the first of next week to  
attend the opening of the Legis-  
lature. I am going to ask the  
Legislature to reimburse me  
for my losses in the Glover case.  
I owe my bail about \$4,500, &  
if I can get the Legislature  
to pay me six or seven thousand  
dollars, it will enable me to  
pay up all my old debts & start

square in the world again. If  
not I must take the benefit  
of the bankrupt Law & be a  
free man once more

I am going to send a corrected  
copy of your Mother's book to the  
publishers soon, I think it a  
long time for another edition, as  
that is nearly, if not quite, ex-  
hausted. A great many might  
be sold in this State if properly  
advertised. But the book has not  
even been noticed, except by the  
Hudsonian Journal to say that  
one of Shelley's poems was  
in it. There were but 95 copies  
of it left on the publishers  
shelves when I was in Phila-  
delphia last May. I suppose  
Lillian has enjoyed her vacation  
here to all. Your affectionate  
Father

Hartford Jan 6 1867

Dear Libbiam

I now will try to answer your letter as I ought to have done before I thought I should laugh out loud to see Willie Allyn's his hair it looks as if he had not combed it for a week he looks like a bat or something with his hair tumbled up.

I wouldn't have asked for

this paper but i didnt want to  
write a long letter so I thought  
I would ask you for a sheet.

millie A has got a hole in his  
pants behind. I dont believe that  
we shall go up stairs do you I  
dont agree truly

Alice.



Wisconsin Legislature

Assembly Chamber,

Madison July 15 1867

My Dear Ella

Yes of the 7th &  
with inroads on Wed. Satur-  
day & Monday are being accom-  
plished here. There is no luck to  
Milwaukee. I do not suppose I  
shall be able to send any money in  
Ward or anything else till the  
close of the month. I am re-  
duced to just one dollar in man-  
ey & six dollars in postage stamps.  
I have a beautiful portfolio  
for you & a gold pen unless you  
already have these articles. If you  
have I can change them for  
something else. I drew them as  
stating I expect to & they have  
this the session, & shall get little  
money - not more than enough to  
pay my Ward & yours, I expect.

I am very busy. I hope to get a  
bill through the Legislature com-  
pensating me in part for my  
losses in the Green Paper case  
- at least enough to enable me  
to pay up my bail & what I  
have paid out. I do not know  
as I shall succeed, but I shall  
try. It is worth the effort.

My best love to all.

Thank Sullivan for his  
letter. I cannot answer it  
now. It seems you only get  
one letter with \$2. May you  
did not get the other

Yr aff

Amos

C. F. Z.  
Christ Church Rectory  
Indianapolis, Ind. <sup>14</sup> Feb 11-67

Dear Lennie.

Your kind letter was duly received, and as we were experimenting with James, I have waited a little before answering yours. James has suffered with a terrible cough for several years, and we were fearful he would not be able to endure so cold a climate. So at a venture last Fall we sent him to Racine. He has been very well all winter, and doing splendidly in all his studies. I could not make up my mind to send him so far away. The children were all delicate & sickly until our removal here, and since they have all been in excellent health.

It was so very kind of you to take  
so much trouble for us - and you  
know we all appreciate it,  
and James says he hopes to come  
and thank you himself some  
of these days. And if ever again  
I chance to visit the Eastern  
States I certainly shall see you.

We have a young married lady  
in the Parish from New London  
a second edition of yourself. I  
love to look at her, and think  
of the days long gone in the past  
and the precious Sundays especially  
for these always bring my darling  
brother to me, so vividly; that it  
seems as if he must come. But  
he is the waiting one on the  
other shore, and we the weary  
ones here; and you will remember  
the Bible class Mr. Ingraham  
used to have, well he has two of

the young men in his mission  
School, and another is his assistant  
and but for him I know not  
what we would <sup>have</sup> done this Past Fall  
Mr I was taken sick in Septem-  
ber, and was not able to officiate  
until Thanksgiving, over two months  
and for a long time I was fearful  
he would never recover entirely. He  
had a Catarrh Liver & Bronchitis.  
He is terribly thin, but quite well  
now, with the exception of his full  
strength: which as the weather  
grows milder he will continually  
gain. But he is working away in  
his Parish as though he never were  
sick. Today we had a visit from  
Mr Spaulding, Lettie's husband. He  
is living on the Ohio River, at  
Cranville in this state, has five  
children, <sup>four</sup> girls, and ~~one~~ boy. He  
is the same sweet, gentle, woman

Old Mr Fitzhugh died last fall  
in the Communion of the Church  
renouncing Spiritualism which was  
a great comfort to them all; and  
all his children were at home  
at the time. I see many old friends  
in this new home passing, and  
repassing, north & South. Tonight I  
received a note telling us of a stran-  
ger, but whose wife was an intimate  
friend, of an intimate friend of  
mine, and had a gift from  
this friend for me. You can imagine  
my curiosity is somewhat excited  
to know who they all are. And  
on Saturday we received little boy's  
Taylors Photograph from St. Orleans  
She is a lovely looking child; and  
it always seemed to me as if the  
dear little boys were looking out  
from her eyes. I could never think  
they were hers, when looking at her  
sweet baby face.

to your dear self. Do write me as often as you can, and  
I understand Mr Taylor has a  
brother, and Sister living here, so  
I shall expect to have quite a  
visit when they return North in  
the Spring. I am so glad she went  
to see you, for she could tell you  
so much of the old friends.  
Sister Mary is Miss Root still,  
and settled down teaching music  
in a large boarding school. See  
her but very seldom, she has chan-  
ged more than almost any one  
I know. But has a host of friends  
and many admirers, although  
she scorns them all alike, with  
indifference. I dont think she will  
ever marry. Henry L is also in  
this state, and doing very well.  
Willie is in Chicago. Mr L's mother  
has been with us for six years past.  
She is 81 next June: has lost her mem-  
ory, and almost her sight. She is a

a great care, and needs a daughter's love, patience, and devotion, neither of which you know I have - especially the patience.

I send in this a picture of Clarence to you. He is one of the leaders in the boys choir, a real little church man, and loyal to his very soul - to his country. He reminds us often of his Uncle Ned. He remembers you and tells me little things which I had entirely forgotten, even to the night we all slept in the little bedroom. How much I want to see you, and talk, I think we will some time.

So tell me how Ella & Lillian are getting along. I know they are a real comfort to their Auntie, and Grandma. They are sweet looking children - but look so little like their dear mother. Ella more than

Lillian I can imagine your tender care, and watchfulness over them. Mr. Ingraham says give my kindest love, and warm thanks to Jennie, and her mother for their interest for James; and to Professor Brockley also. I know he could not have more attentive or kinder friends than you would prove, and a more pleasant home than you would make for him. We feel especially favored to have such friends and under many obligations for the Scholarship tendered him. With all this you know my heart & feelings. I was very thankful to hear of your better health. Hope dear Jennie you will continue to improve. and enjoy many of the coming days, more than the past; and especially the privilege of attending church. Do you see our western Paper - "American Churchmen"

forgive my long, but unavoidable silence. I do keep your name in my heart.

If so you occasionally hear of us direct. It is published in Chicago.

Now my friend I have a great favor to ask - do you remember you wrote me that among your dear Sister's treasures there was one gathered for me; when far from us all. Will you link your memory with hers this coming "Easter" by sending it to me by Express, so it may be one of my Easter Flowers although one is faded, and the living one transplanted. Have you ever read "The hear, and Heavenly Horizons," by Madame De Gasparin. Part V<sup>th</sup> "To whom I speak" is ever beautiful to me: and I think you would like it very much. It brings us very near the "other shore" and makes us linger at death's Gateway. But I must say a sweet Goodnight my love to you dear mother, Ella & Silvan, with ever so much

1867, Feb. 11

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Seyden Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Gennie,

your splendid  
sweet letter was duly received and  
its contents, eagerly devoured by  
your furnishing society - I am so  
rejoiced to hear that you are  
so much ~~there~~ better and like  
your own dear self, that I suppose  
I act childish, but never mind,  
I suppose I am merging into second  
child-hood - I am sorry to hear  
that your dear mother suffers  
from those dreadful attacks of  
agony, I fear they will destroy her  
entirely yet, I had scratched thus  
far when my eyes felt so bad  
I had to stop, I have one of  
the worst colds I think that  
I was ever afflicted with -  
I imagine the dear children were

very joyous and happy at Christ<sup>(any)</sup>  
and I am glad that their tender  
hearts were made to rejoice in doing  
good to others, Little Sydney had a  
Christmas tree loaded for the poor  
Ella and Alice came and spent  
a week with us at the time,  
and since then, Eliza and the two  
youngest have been here a week.  
Margy Adeline is a most wonderful  
child, and no mistake ever Gran  
-d-pa thinks her the most interesting  
one of all. We have had a great deal  
of snow on the hills, and it would  
not lie still - of course there has been  
any amount of snowing to be  
done to keep the roads passable  
at the present time it is all ice.  
Have been west to Greenfield just  
last week and saw Edward & Mary he  
thinks them a very loving couple -  
they were well at the Falls.

you wish to know if I am getting  
ready to spend our birth-days with  
you; I answer yes, if you will  
come where I am, which I should  
be most happy to have you do my  
darling, if your precious health  
will possibly admit of it -  
I think if any one goes to Hartford  
it ought to be Eliza and Marie Adeline  
I cannot think of going myself  
untill they have been. We have enjo-  
yed being alone this winter, for you  
know we never lived alone before  
even when we were first married  
if either of us <sup>had</sup> been sick it would  
I have <sup>been</sup> very unpleasant. I have been  
to Eliza's and spent the night but  
it does not seem home to me and  
I cannot make it: it may seem  
different in summer. Our men  
folks think of selling both places  
and buying a farm large enough  
to work upon -

Albert has got to be almost  
sick of being Belled up and  
Belled down, and I hope he will <sup>at</sup>  
give it up entirely. —

I do so want to hear from Byron  
I can't conceive why he does not  
write if he is in the land of  
the living, I wish you would  
write to Robert and find where  
he is. much love, as ever to your  
dear Mother and girls, I thank  
Ella very much for her sweet  
letter and some time hope I shall  
write her, Your loving aunt,  
always Yrs. S.  
Morgan

Madison, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1867

My Dear Childman,

I recd your letter  
last Saturday I think, I have  
been very busy. I should like to  
send you something, for holidays  
with my pen. but all I can  
do is to send you each a postscript  
& a pen. I dont know what  
Photographs you refer to unless  
it is the one I had with me  
& you each if you are out of it,  
Tell me, I could get one copied  
or Clippings if I had one. Explain  
all about when you mean, &c. &c.  
I send you a Miscellany with my  
Memorial & an editorial notice in  
favor of it. I dont know what will  
be its fate. I shall send by 4-  
pens probably two weeks from to-  
day, as I expect to be home then  
My health is better, Sue & all.  
Yr aff. father J. M. Booth

[1867, Mar. 11.]

Milwaukee Feb 11. 67

My Dear Father,

I send you  
a box with a few  
present. They are in a box  
iron-strapped. You must  
take off the iron strap & pull  
out the nails with out break-  
ing the box. You will see the  
lid has a sort of hinge. By  
lifting out one nail in  
front you have a little  
trunk box to use. You will  
find inside two partitions  
the one with brass paper in-  
side is for Seditian. They are  
not all the I think. The gold  
pan in the case is for you.

The one with ivory handle  
all that unscrupulous is possible.  
I can. Unless you choose  
to give her the other one.  
But I designed the gift  
to perhaps gold mounted  
handle for you. This  
is a present at the end  
which you want to pass  
out when you write to mother  
the handle anyway. I have  
filled the box with letters you  
wish to fillian as you  
think best & keep the rest  
I have nothing more to send. I  
was in a hurry or I could have  
written you names & called  
all. You aff. Faith  
S. M. Smith

Putnam, Feb 11. 1867  
My Dear Lillian  
I have sent  
you a box with birthday  
presents for you & some  
for her. I have not sent  
you much, but you  
must be thankful for  
what you get. A great  
many little girls don't  
get as much. Ella will  
distribute the things. She  
will have to turn the box  
upside down & mark it to  
get the post ~~papers~~ / papers  
out they are in so tight  
If you don't make the box  
to pieces in getting it open

will find a new little by  
a few things in. I hope  
you will like what I have  
sent. I was in great haste  
and could not give names  
or anything. The printing  
Committee have reported  
in favor of paying my 4  
penns in the Glass case.  
I think it will pass the  
Assembly but fear it  
will not pass the Senate  
I am to all  
Yours aff.

Jas. M. Burt



Madam, Barb 17. 1867

My dear Elie

Your note of the  
14<sup>th</sup> came yesterday, I was  
acknowledging the receipt of  
£26. I was to have so good  
an account of your stand-  
ing in Competition, but sorry  
to hear you have a cold &  
cough. You must be very  
careful not expose your-  
self to colds. I suppose  
you have ~~sent~~ your  
little presents before this  
time. I shall expect in a  
day or two to have about  
the worth of my present.  
I do not expect to get  
my claim allowed this  
year, tho' I have got a  
favourable report on it.

The Assembly of the free  
dicing Committee, but  
I think the Com. in claim  
will - at least a majority  
of them - report against it.  
The sum will cost about  
three weeks longer, I do  
not feel quite as well  
as I have done & I cough  
some nights. I am very  
wary & expect to have to  
make a speech before the  
Committee of the whole  
on my claim.

My dear all

Your aff

John

P.S. I sent you a draft  
for \$26. You say it was  
\$25.

Baltimore, Dec 17. 1868

My Dear William

I was much  
interested to hear you ac-  
cused of having a big little  
man. You was a bare  
little girl & I will charge  
myself with the duty of  
paying you the dollar or  
more as I can get it. But  
at present I have only  
enough to pay a weeks board  
which is due Wednesday  
night next. When you will  
get this letter, so you  
will have to be very pa-  
tient. Glad you send your  
common likes. I fear you  
will prefer how to talk Ger-  
man. I should be very so-  
ry to have you prefer it.  
Write me about your bid-  
ding you aff. John

Chicopee Falls Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Dear Dear Ella.

I hope you were not sick after I came away as the effects of your liveliness of or from too much excitement. You must be careful dear and not get sick. I thought of you this morning about school time when it was raining and wondered if you would go to school I rather thought you ought not to go.

It is now twenty minutes of two and I am sitting here thinking of you and Emma for you must now be at school waiting for the afternoon exercises to begin do you dread them or dont you care are there to be general exercises this afternoon?

How do you get along at school? I suppose you have nearly every lesson perfect as it is review are you tired of school and do you wish you were to have a little rest say as I am having. I can assure it is very pleasant to sit around and rest not feeling

obliged to get lessons for just such a time.

There are plenty of books here to read but dear me I shall not have time to read them and I fear not time to read what I am very desirous of reading. I attended church all day yesterday. Rev Mr Foster the congregational pastor did preach O such excellent sermons, for his heart was in it and he felt what he said and that was one good of it. The text was "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" it was a splendid sermon. I remember when here before that I enjoyed his sermons very much there seems to be such an interest in them and in what is said by different ones at the prayer meetings, for the salvation of precious souls.

In the afternoon aunt Lec did not attend and as uncle James sings in the choir he went over before to practice. I therefore started out alone but when I reached

the gate Jimmie West was just there and we walked over together.

Uncle James and I have a ping every little while he has a nice new melodeon with six octaves in a piano case and I have a pretty good chance to play when I please.

Aunt Lec has a girl and I have not much to do but to study, read, write, play, knit, or anything I please. Aunt Lec says that is what I want, not to be obliged to do anything but rest and take it easy while I stay. She is very kind indeed to me and says we shall a nice time when the oranges come that we expect to-morrow for uncle James has ordered half a box of great large ones from Boston.

Dear Ella please give my love to Miss Rumbank and tell her I am doing nicely. Dear Ella you and Emma must excuse the length of these letters remembering that I had two instead of one to write

and I did not wish to write <sup>the same</sup> in each.

I must close now for it is late.

I shall try to get this to the office  
in season in the morning to have  
you receive <sup>it</sup> them to morrow

Good Night - Dear Dear

Ella with

much love and a  
kiss from your loving  
and I hope sincere  
Christian friend

Good Bye

Florence.

direct care of James C. Saylor

Dear Ella

to Misses Fuller

my dear

morning

about

friend

I hope you will excuse the looks of the last  
part for I finished it so late last night  
that it does not look very well

Good Bye once

Miss Mary Ella Barth

more

Harford

in the full sense of the words

etc

Ludington April 11. 67

Dear Jennie

Yours of Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 received.  
Brother, I left the mill for Milwaukee  
arrived here day before yesterday. made  
a long stay at home had a fine time.

I should have written to you before had  
I known your no. from Milwaukee. thought  
of you a great number of times.

Sisters are quite well. Mary has had a very  
bad cold during the winter but is quite well  
now.

They gave up going to Hartford partly on  
my account fearing I might be sick and  
have no place to go to. They do not give  
up going to school. or rather they study  
and recite to a minister who preaches  
near our place.

I send you a photograph of Sarah.  
as I am in such a lonely place I can not  
find much to tell you of interest.

Genl Paines folks are quite well.  
are having very pleasant weather. —  
Please remember me to all. write soon  
do not delay as I have.

Very kindly  
D. A. Wilburdy

Charlemont Apr 28<sup>th</sup> / 86<sup>9</sup>

My Dear Gillian:

When I promised

to write to you, I did not intend  
to delay as long as I have. The  
first two weeks I was very busy  
sewing, and last week I was  
away with Rebecca visiting.  
I did not stop at the Falls  
when I came up as I found  
no one I knew at the Hotel.  
It was very hard riding so far  
in the stage over deep snow  
drifts and hay and I were  
both several days getting  
rested. When as I supposed she  
was exposed to whooping cough  
but she has not had it yet.  
It is quite hard for the little  
girls in this neighbourhood

that they cannot play with her  
because they have it. Tell Gram  
Mrs. Mansfield was delighted  
with the tea. I have had two  
letters from Jennie urging me to  
come there, saying there was going  
to be a "doubbling" that he had  
an invitation to about the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
May. I heard from another source  
that Lucy is to be married the  
coming week. Tell Jane I am  
sorry not to be at home to  
help celebrate her birthday  
and to receive her call on  
election day, but I fear I  
must miss that as well as  
the grand parade, but I shall  
expect a description of it when  
I get home. Frank sent me a  
letter from Emily last week  
Carrie Haseltine's little sister  
name is Florella Isabelle.

Carrie sent May a present of  
a pretty picture. May has a  
sack of sugar to carry to you.  
I think she will be very much  
delighted to see you. As she  
talks about you all every day  
even Kate is not forgotten.  
The tears rolled down her cheeks  
one day when I was telling about  
Belle Newton. I suppose Frank  
calls on you, he is feeling quite  
cheerful as his wages were raised  
without his asking.  
Uncle John has been very sick  
but is some better.  
May sends a kiss to each one  
separately not forgetting Miss.  
Hagar and "Nanna May".  
Give my love to them and all  
the rest. Tell Mother I am sorry  
to have deprived myself so long of her  
letters for they have always been

my greatest comfort when away  
from home. but I hope to hear  
from her now. I thought of you  
Easter Sunday, and saw a  
description of the flowers in  
the Press. Please write to your  
aff. Carrie G. Simpson

Charlemont Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1869

My Dear Mother:

I thought when I left home that I should see you before this time. but little May has been sick as I supposed with whooping cough, but I think it will finally prove to be a severe cold. I have been sick myself several days, am feeling a little better now. and if it had not rained should have gone to the Falls today.

Barbara will leave me tomorrow and if nothing prevents I shall go home the early part of next week. Uncle John has been very miserable for nearly three months is a little better now. I thought when I came that I should never

see him again. Aunt Lillie  
has made me some nice presents.  
Wesson brought up a small  
basket of apples his mother  
sent to you and Jane.

I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Mary Taylor  
and Miss Hayward just now  
they wrote were mournfully about  
cents. said they were very scarce  
and high even on Windsor St.  
Mrs. Kingsburg is sick and  
I guess they are rather homesick.  
Thank you there was a rent on  
Afflick St. very high. and asked  
what I thought of letting it.  
I told him perhaps he could  
do no better for we must have  
a home, and we cannot now  
help the meanness of Orchard  
and Windsor St. people. If we  
go out there I shall never  
expect to see you or Jane.

only when we go over which can  
not be very often I fear.  
The weather has been cold and  
wet most of the time since I  
came. but I have enjoyed my  
rest and leisure time. I have  
used Rebecca's sewing machine  
and got on nicely with my  
work. Please send word to Mary  
Taylor by Miss. Casey that I  
hope to be home soon and  
be nicely settled in a few days.  
Little Mae is homesick poor  
child. she talks about all her  
friends every day. and has  
several things stored up to carry  
them. I have not heard from  
you since I left and do not  
know whether Jane is breathing  
or not. I can see snow on the  
hills yet. I hope to see you soon  
Love to all. Your loving  
Corrie

Milwaukee, May 20. (1867)

My Dear William.

Nineteen years ago, yesterday evening, I first landed in Milwaukee. As we sailed up the bay the sitting sun shone on the city, but it was dark before we came ashore. It seems a long way back. The beer in which you & Ella & Eva were born was white, but this Spring it has been painted a yellowish brown. I fear it is going to my meals. Mrs. Bridgman, tall Green, has changed her place for one five or six blocks west on the hill. Your uncle Seth has sold his place in Oakfield & is going away I do not know where. Hertha has got to be as

tall as Ella was when ten  
or eleven years old. Miss Clapp  
has, for six months, been a teacher  
in Vassar Female col-  
lege, Pennsylvania & Miss An-  
rube is conducting the school  
abroad. She has 30 scholars &  
as many who board as she  
can accommodate, & is succeed-  
ing very well. She sends you her  
photograph which I think is  
very natural. Hoping I shall  
be able to send you some-  
thing as long more satisfac-  
tory than this. With I remain  
your affectionate father

S. W. Booth.

Milwaukee Monday  
May 20. (1867)

My Dear Edw

After writing you  
last Thursday afternoon I  
went to Parasha to see if I  
could borrow some money of  
Mr Phelps for your pressing  
necessities. Met him at the  
Depot on his way through Mil-  
waukee to Sparta to see a lady of  
his who had been a telegraph  
operator there six months at  
\$50 a month & had managed  
to spend that & more in  
debt \$300 beside & had drawn  
a draft on his father to that  
amount. Mr Phelps came up  
with me & said on his return  
Saturday he would fix matters  
for me if he could, but he  
had to pay \$300 for his lay  
& came home sick & did not

on him till to-day. Monday  
he has a note due for which  
he has endorsed for another  
man. If the man pays, it he  
can let me have the money.  
If not I do not know where  
I can get it. It pains me  
impossibly to have you thus  
situated, & I can't help think-  
ing what would be your condi-  
tion, if I should be unable,  
by death or sickness, to do  
anything more for you & Sil-  
via. It is unpleasant to con-  
template such a contingency,  
I intended that you should  
never feel the crushing ills of  
poverty as some children feel  
them & when I see children in  
the streets rapped & destitute,  
without education, having to  
gather rags for a living or  
work hard in the shops; & often

wonder if my children will  
ever come to such a pass,  
As soon as I can get ab-  
solved from debt, I must  
inaugurate a new state of  
things. I shall get into some  
business where I can cover  
something, & lay my expenses  
to a point where my receipts  
will exceed them, & you will  
have to conform to their cir-  
cumstances. It will be very  
hard I know for you to give  
up your associations & enter  
up a different life, but un-  
less some new source of income  
is provided it must be done. I  
do not think the kind of de-  
sertion you are now experiencing  
is fitting you for the duties &  
hardships of life - is preparing  
you to support yourself. The pro-  
portioning an income is needed. I wish

as an in case supply, &  
the competitors for places, each  
year crowd each other more &  
more. You have been pretty  
well formed thus far, & now is  
the time to test the value of  
your training. It will be  
two months or more before  
I can get away from here. In  
the mean time as an try to  
get up the subscription to our  
Practical Course. We have  
changed our plan so as to take  
for but \$100,000, & have it all  
paid within six months, if that  
succeeds, I shall have a good  
place with a good salary. If not  
I cannot tell what I shall do.  
Of course if you have no other  
you can't go to school. I hoped to  
have sent you some money so  
that you would have got it Wed-  
nesday. I still hope to send you  
some before the week closes, but  
I cannot promise. I have heard  
nothing from you about your affairs  
for a long time. You can do me  
enough to appreciate what I say. William is  
not a bad child; you all. Father J. W. Brewster

1867, May 26

Milwaukee, May 29/67

Dear Lillian -

I received your letter of the 18th, post-marked the 20th to-day. Yes, I am sorry you are so poor. It is a great while since I have been so destitute of money as I have been this Spring. I have tried to borrow & applied to you since yesterday or to-day of the 18th, but have not been able to yet. I shall keep trying till I succeed, I hope after a little while to be able to provide for your wants. You will have to stop taking medicines & peonies one again, then you have taken for I have no money to pay fees for lawyers. I am sorry but it can't be

helped. A great many people  
are in want of money all  
over the country, I don't say  
I shall have money by any  
means I can't do anything now.  
Yes I know it hurts to have  
a tooth out, & I wish I had  
the dollar to send you, I think  
I shall have to buy you &  
Ella out next when it does  
cost so much to live as it does  
there. One reason I can't  
know is because I am get-  
ting ready to fly off my star  
della & be even with the  
world. I've seen the law made  
by Congress promising all  
persons in debt to file a  
statement of their affairs can  
be released, & nobody can  
trouble them any more. I  
want to do that & get into

some business when I can  
earn money to make you  
& Ella comfortable & provide  
for all your real wants.  
I feel very bad that I can't  
do it now. But there is no  
use in complaining, I am  
glad you like your teacher  
I suppose does not go to  
school because she has no  
books. I never went to school  
after I was nine years old in  
the summer time & last three  
months in the winter term till  
after I was twenty one years  
old. I had to stay at home  
& work hard all the time.  
I had few books not a tenth  
a fifth part as many as  
you have had. But I do not  
wish to have you obliged to do  
as I had to do. I sometimes

with you & Edla could appreciate what I do for you. But I suppose you more will, I suppose you are not tempted ~~that~~, but rather that all you can get from Laster is so much gain, I fancy you are too young to think much about such things, soon ever you will know more about it than you now do. I feel as well as I did last year this time, & I weigh 187 1/2 lbs. Do not do not think I shall keep you, or delay to send you my ~~a~~ moment after I get it, for I shall not. I feel very, very sorry you & Edla are so badly off. Thank you for the quack in leaf & violet —

Your affectionate

Laster

S. M. Booth

Philwaukee, Aug 29. (1867)

My dear Ella

I received your letter of  
the 22<sup>d</sup> yesterday. Mr. Miles can't  
help me - he is so embarrassed, John  
man tried to prevent my getting an  
appropriation from the Legislature & is  
hostile to me. Cyrus has not been  
many, I don't think I could get  
it of him. I found you are  
in a good school that prides  
itself on a real deal.  
But no matter how cheap a  
valuable article may be if one  
has not the money he can't buy  
it. Open education is not fitting  
you for practical life. That is  
my char. I want \$75 now to  
pay you part board & give you  
books. I ask for a list of things  
you absolutely need & can't do  
without or you send an account  
ing to considerably over \$100! So

you think that looks like econom-  
y, or a desire to lighten my bur-  
dens! You associate with the poor  
daughters of rich men. My fair  
Marian suits, & you want them  
too, that is natural, that is why  
I wish to take you from such  
associations so that you need not  
be mortified with your plain dress.  
I get you but good persons, which  
ought to cost you another year.  
I must <sup>pay</sup> take under, & with  
volley and cry to ~~keep~~ <sup>keep</sup> you  
per year for the whole family  
& County too. I cannot mental  
you do with them all. I am pub-  
licly nasty, I dont remember or  
lost the \$5 per Lillians looks. If  
you would take the date of the  
letter I might tell, I recollect  
the was \$5.00, one in sum; I  
put which I think <sup>it</sup> was per looks,  
Where was it? If I wrote in I put  
the name in the letter & it must  
have been taken out. A

May 30. 1867. 6 A.M.  
I have just sold my  
mohogany work case for  
\$25 dollars to send to  
you. I could not get the  
money otherwise. I shall  
send it in to-morrow by  
tomorrow's mail. I cannot  
get a draft to-night. I  
do not send bills.  
You will get it Monday  
or Tuesday next. I will  
buy you a little basket  
& some other things. Write  
me what you can use  
do without of the things you  
named. Do you want more  
than one pair of shoes  
each? Do you really need

parasols & what else,  
you always dress well,  
cost \$9 or \$10. With a pair  
you can do without. How  
may you & child receive  
for you two dresses?

Why are not the nice  
dresses that I got you  
last year good enough  
for school that this?

You really need water  
proof clothes, but they  
will cost \$16 or \$18.

Fiddlers, better to buy  
or be tucked for it will  
cost all the way

any dress. They are  
now to come to dress  
buy. I would you &  
believe unassured &  
you might not see,  
I shall get most of

the things you have  
sent for by the way as  
soon as I can. I  
don't think you should  
waste your time or money  
of dress clothes, I

thought I had sent you  
several & wishes myself  
to cost you two more

larger when we go to  
visit all these things  
nearly end, (the re-  
sult) Do you permit  
all the boards? set,  
I will send you paper  
with your permit but  
full or in Naush?  
I send you 12 yds  
of country ~~two~~ years  
ago. How do you do  
with all these things.  
When can we meet my  
lady, I offered to give her  
\$75 a share I could see her  
interest in these lots here & she  
has designed no reply. She may see  
nothing 9. 6. 4. - for all with

1867, June 13

Indianapolis June 13/67

My dear friend Jennie.

Your brief kind note of the 6<sup>th</sup> lies before me, - from which I was surprised to learn that your beautiful and affectionate Easter letter with the dear and valued gifts was yet unanswered. But I hardly wonder that it is so, for my dear wife has been so continually down that she has left many of the most pleasant duties unperformed.

We have a large family you know, and my aged mother so lately departed has been a great and daily care.

You know that we have

return my Mother's Daughter, 13  
years of age - while we are  
so situated in town that we  
are overrun with Company day  
& night. But there they long  
mention by way of explanation.

Your letters & gifts did our hearts  
good. They brought up all the  
pleasant part, & beautiful  
future. And helped our thoughts  
onward to that bright world  
to which our steps are so  
rapidly tending - and where  
so many beloved ones are  
awaiting us. But though  
we have not exchanged letters  
as often with you dear Annie  
as we could, yet your name  
is almost daily in our lips.

May God bless & keep you and  
yours. We are now all well

3 Jennie is at Racine. But I am now going  
to make a systematic effort to get her to  
Kinty. The real difficulty in the way is the  
expense of boarding there. How much I  
would like to go on and visit you all. But  
that is impossible. Mrs D. looks over my  
shoulder & says - Give my best love to dear  
Jennie and tell her I mean to write to  
her at once. Praying God's richest blessing  
to rest upon you - and to avert all evil  
whatsoever it may be your affectionate  
Friend  
P. S. Ingraham

Washington D. C.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 1867.

My dear little friend Ella,

It has been a long, long time since I wrote you, but now as I am through school, I hope to do better. Our exhibition took place last Friday evening. We had a crowded house, & every thing passed off very pleasantly. We rec<sup>d</sup>. our diplomas & bade adieu forever to school days. Though I have no intention of stopping study, I have worked too hard, to let it all slip away in a year or two, as it would if I did not keep reviewing my studies.

I suppose your school will close soon if it has not already, it is getting to be so warm. Are you intending to go to S. Hall this summer? I think Arthur & Mother may, but we three girls will go elsewhere probably, we have not decided exactly yet, where we shall go.

How have you been all this long time? I hope, well, & how is your Grandmother & Aunt?

We are all very well; Edgar is in New York in a banking house, so we are destitute

of Brothers.

It seems such an age since I heard from you, I wanted very much to hear, but of course didn't expect it, as I couldn't answer, I have neglected all my epistolary correspondents, even to my own Brothers. We have been working so hard in school that we have neglected every thing else.

We intend to practice house-wifery a while, going to Market & things of that description, I believe Mother of some of the cars, she rather thinks we may add to them at first, but I guess not for we have had considerable experience in house keeping at St. Lawrence Falls.

Now, I hope little "April," you will not wait long before answering this, I tell me all about yourself, what you are doing, feeling, & thinking.

I expect you have found another whole Legion of Angels by this time.

Your perception is so much more keen than common persons, that you often discern an angel, where others only see a poor ev'ing mortal. But how much more one enjoys, when he can feel perfect confidence in those professing to be his friends. Give my love our love to your Grandmother & Aunt, & accept all you wish for yourself, & believe

one as ever, Sincerely  
Yours, S. E. Gray.

P.S. Write very soon,

[ c. 1867 ]

New London Tuesday July 13.

My Dear Ella!

Mr. Gates brought me your letter Saturday, with which I was very much delighted. Gram wrote to Carrie yesterday morning before breakfast. And I wrote to Margaret (much against my will) yesterday morning. Gram thinks we shall start Wednesday night on the boat for New York. I tried to dissuade her but I could not. Gram is taking bonaset tea (with a little bit of motherwort steeped in,) which she thinks will do her good. Gram says you put up yarn enough to last her a whole year, she has knit about a half of one garter. And I hav'nt made one sleeve. The most always sleeps well nights, but when she eats (not always) or the air strikes her face, & sometimes when she talks it sets her face to aching. Sometimes when her face is aching & she begins to eat something warm it stops.

I went to church (meeting) with Mrs & Mrs. Gates last Sunday they go to the Baptist. Gram didn't dare to go too on account of her face. Gram is up stairs lying on the bed perhaps she's asleep. She said her face felt easy when I asked her before I came down stairs so as not to disturb her. Gram Mrs. G. Roby & I spent the afternoon & took tea at old Mrs. Gates yesterday. We rode up there & back (though it's only a few steps) & then rode past the Pequot & back.

Mrs. Gates does not live where she used to they built a large house about the middle of Lewis Lane. — I had to stop writing to eat my dinner. Gram thinks you had better call the individual in to help you sometimes (most likely "Littlenic" would be willing). Miss Miller didn't call on us but we saw the boat she came on.

But! Who should I see trotting along on Main St. but Miss Cross! I was sitting in the team while Mr. Gates was in the store & Miss. Cross passed me twice I called to her,

but I guess she did not understand.

[1867?]

New York July 14

Dear Jennie

I have not written  
or heard from you in a long  
time & I will tell you the  
reason. I have gone into a  
new bus or rather added it  
to mine & I have to get  
up at 6 o'clock & write until  
9<sup>30</sup> when I go down town  
(some three miles from my  
up town bus) & stay there  
until 3 P.M. when I go back  
& write until 10 o'clock then  
go to bed so you will see  
my time is a good deal  
occupied, but can stand  
it as long as my health  
is as good, as at the present  
time. I should like to see  
you all very much and

I think I shall drop in upon you of  
a Sunday morning one of these days, taking  
the Boat of a Saturday eve & leave it  
by the mid night train for N.Y. & by that  
means not lose much time

I had a letter from Milwaukee a few days  
ago in which she says "Booth is about  
to be married to a lady of some literary  
reputation, she is boarding at the same  
house with him." Comment unnecessary.

How are the children? give my love to  
them, wish I could see more of them,  
tell me how you are getting on, I have  
not been so well in a long time as I am at  
the present time & am disposed to think it is  
because my mind is so completely occupied  
My kind regards to you mother

Yours truly  
B. L. Cross

Piquonock Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1867

Darling Ella,

I trust your first thought will not be when you open this, that ~~there~~ is a letter to answer and how can I find time to do it. I don't want you to answer it till you have plenty of time and feel just in the mood for it; though the sooner the time comes the pleasanter for me.

I hope once in a while you think of me and wonder what I am doing. I think of you and hope dear Ella you will give yourself a little rest, and as you know I always "practice where I preach" in this matter I hope my words will have due effect.

How the days slip along and yet the weeks to look back on seem long. I have been here two weeks tonight and yet it seems rather longer.

I have had three letters so far. One from Elvior one from Miss Maria & one from

father. I do enjoy them so much; more I think than when I had more excitement in the city.

Does Mr. Wells read and sing any now? Miss Gery is absent? I hope he does talk to you a good deal for it must be very pleasant for you now your aunt & Miss Gery are both away.

We ought to be so thankful that there is One who is never absent from us and to whom we may go in all our sorrows. He is teaching us the way to Heaven, and I am sure if we trust him we shall go there at last.

I hope our pleasant weather will come back tomorrow. Yesterday & today have seemed very cheerless.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. The pleasant weather has come and with it the heat. I cannot say that I particularly like or enjoy the latter.

Florence says you do not see how I get along without Mr. Goodwin. I do miss him very much as well as all my

friends in Hartford.

So Miss Burbank has gone. I know you miss her very much. How good she is. Very few <sup>ladies</sup> equal her I think in intelligence and goodness. What schemes you and Florence and ~~and~~ are concocting. The idea of sending Dakin up here to restrain my eating blackberries. I am afraid he will ~~would~~ be tempted first to eat, with me.

I went berrying this morning and picked about one handful. It was rather wet on account of the dew, and quite warm on account of the sun, so I feeling discouraged came home with an apronful of apples, which are most as good eating as berries. Green grapes.

I am going to copy a hymn for you and Florence which is a very pretty one I think. I found it in an ~~old~~ book published in 1838. Goodbye with a great deal of love and a kiss as fashionable as Florence's

I remain your loving  
Anna

Prayer was appointed to convey  
The blessings God designs to give;  
Long as they live should Christians pray,  
For only while they pray they live.

If pain afflict, or wrongs oppress -  
If cares distract or fears dismay -  
If guilt deject - if sin distress,  
The remedy's before thee - pray.

His prayer supports the soul that's weak;  
Tho' thought be broken - language lame;  
Pray, if thou canst, or canst not speak,  
But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

Mrs. M. S. Smith.

[1867, Oct, 20?]



My dear little Lily!

x  
in  
medi  
city.

You would save me from  
 a great trouble if you  
 have not lost those three  
 Dennis Brown water ink  
 one is Two Children together  
 the second is a child representing  
 spring - the third is fall ..  
 they are only outlines, will  
 you be kind enough to  
 send me them ~~right~~ away  
 in envelope to my  
 address L. Wüst artiste  
 corner 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  Street and Broad  
 St. N. Y. Please send my  
 a telegr. dispatch, only  
 one word yes or no if  
 you have those Dennis or  
 not in your possession.

My kindest respects  
to your good grand. mère  
Tante and sisters.

your very  
W. Washburn

L. Wash.

N. Y. 20th Oct. 1849

Washington D. C.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1867

My beautiful Appil,

I rec<sup>d</sup>  
your sweet letter a few days  
ago with great pleasure.

Never fear of my "wiltling";  
for I have no idea of doing  
any such thing. I was sorry  
to learn that you had been  
sick during the summer,  
I hope as you grow older  
you will grow stronger.


I suppose then I must

wait until your next vacation  
before I have a visit from you  
but do come as soon as you  
can. I am glad that  
your Aunt is improving in  
health: we shall hope to see  
her this winter.

And now,  
you bewitching little creature,  
you did not quite shattle me  
out of my idelivity, by revealing  
the fact that you had an  
admirer, my gentleman that  
loves character can but love  
you, upon acquaintance.

but my dear, let me warn  
you never to marry unless  
you love as you have loved,  
Do not take such a step merely  
to please your friends, because it  
is you, & not your friends, that  
<sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ to suffer or enjoy through  
life, his society. I never was an  
advocate of learning to love any  
one, I do not think there is  
such a thing as reasoning ones  
self into love, True love seizes  
the heart without our consent  
& we are compelled to love, i.e.  
that is my belief. I am -

acquainted with several young  
gentlemen, <sup>for</sup> whose characters I  
have the greatest admiration.  
still, if I were to try on that  
score to reason myself into  
loving them, I should find  
I had undertaken an impossible  
task. No matter what fine  
qualities a person possesses,  
if we do not fancy the  
person, that is sufficient  
reason to my mind why we  
should not encourage them  
to seek our hand. Write soon.  
Give our love to all. & believe me ever  
Your true friend, S. C. G.



Copy of original letter,  
in the hands of the publisher.

Trinity Parish, New York.

St Paul's Clergy rooms

77 Church St.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1867

I have examined the photograph from  
the cartoon of the first of the series of  
pictures on the Mysteries of Redemption,  
which Mr Cestel proposes to paint, and  
am glad to express my approval of the  
general design & of this first composition.  
Trusting that he may be enabled to carry  
out his ideas, and thus to present to the  
public a grand religious conception,  
harmonious with the general scope  
and traditions of Christian Art, I  
invoke for his enterprise the sympathy  
and aid of Christian people and par-  
ticularly of members of our Church.

Morgan Dix.

Dr Dix also subscribed for one copy  
of the "Cartoon" and two of the "Feith."

Wintunhu, Nov. 14, (1867)

My dear children,

I have been  
this evening to the trial of the  
Fecius - a piece written by the  
principal, Miss Matthews, &  
performed by the pupils of the  
Female College. It was quite  
a treat, & you would have been  
pleas'd to see it. I rec'd your  
good letter some days ago &  
wanted to answer it at once,  
I have got my pay of debts  
nearly paid, & as soon as I  
can settle with two or three  
parties shall have enough to  
do so. So you need shoes & what  
clothing & what. I am very  
poor & you must wish as little  
of me as possible now. I had  
hoped to be in better circum-  
stances w<sup>th</sup> this. I knew my

little about you, or how you  
with are getting along, or  
what you really need for  
winter. I know you need  
money, to pay your board,  
& as soon as I can get it  
I shall send some home. But  
I can sometimes get shoes  
& clothing for nothing when  
I can't get money, & I  
may be able to get some things  
you need without money, &  
always feel very glad to get  
your letters, & want to  
hear from you very much.  
But you know what my self  
am, & I fear by & by you  
will be all interested in  
your father, I was at  
Mr. Holton's last night, the  
Figg who was in Sartre's

land when Holton & his  
nephew was there, was at  
Mr. Holton's, & so was  
Madam Amherst, her  
father asked to be accommo-  
dated to the Cross, & graduated  
Figg, Holton, & Madam,  
Holton's. He inquired very  
particularly about little  
money in his work for  
the brother is a steady worker,  
boy, & Holton has improved  
my mind, Madam, since  
the day, the school is going  
successful, Mr. Holton's girls  
are making all good work  
I suppose Holton has  
given a great deal since  
I saw her, it has been very  
pleasant but cold for a few  
days past, & there is considerable  
snow in the north part

of the State, but none here.  
But it is every day, ~~many~~  
wells have failed. A nephew  
of Mrs. Trench was  
murdered last Sunday fore  
noon, such as the Chicago  
Road about 10 o'clock  
in the morning. He was a  
clerk in Trench's drug store.  
There is much excitement  
about it. Cyren has moved  
into his new house in the  
city. I was at Sister May  
Quidwin's for last Saturday  
& Monday. They are all well.  
I go to Waukegan to-morrow  
& to Winnet Saturday. It is  
now a quarter past 1 o'clock &  
must go to W. Friday morning  
I saw the program of the trial  
of the Plains. I want very much  
to see you & to hear you  
Up off path

Washington Dec. 1. 1867

Dear June

I sit down to night to write a few lines to you I have just finished a letter to Arthur you know he is first before any one else I seldom write to my sisters as for Father and Mother they have gone to their long rest but Arthur I write to as often as I can believe <sup>ing</sup> it to be a duty which I am bound to perform I saw Mrs Grey in the summer she told me your health was not as good as it was when you was here I am very sorry ~~for~~ it

I dont think I have writ<sup>ten</sup>  
since we have had an add  
ition to our family lest  
count up and see what a  
list Henry Arthur

Charles Frederick

Ida Jeannette

Hommer Franktin

Flora Isabella

Walter Herbert and

Minnie May now

dont you think that is  
very interesting May is 8  
months old we are living  
in our old house in the  
city now we have one im  
provement since you was  
here that is gas we have rented  
our farm for one year shall  
not go out there to live until  
we get a new house and then  
only during the summer  
I enjoyed it very well

Franky could drive the  
horse and carriage last  
summer and we used  
to take some fine rides  
but we thought it best to  
move into the city this winter  
on account of Mr Waskell's  
work I met Hugh McLeod  
on the street the other day  
he has grown stout since  
you saw him he was drafted  
and took flight to California  
and after he returned they  
would not allow him to  
work in the government  
Printing Office so I do not  
know what he is doing  
Jane is dead and Mrs Eir  
Jane had the consumption  
I did not know she was  
much sick till I came into  
the city and they told me she  
was dead they do not live here

in the next house but  
on M I believe Anna<sup>es</sup> you  
is married you rememb<sup>er</sup>  
her she was Hucey's girl  
but while he was gone  
away she took another  
so he lost her give my love  
to your Mother I must close  
I will enclose a piece I have  
been writing for Arthur I  
wrote a piece for Julian Wrig  
and he had it published and  
I thought Arthur always  
thought I might write him  
one so I wrote him one and  
had it printed I have only one  
copy so I sent that to him I send  
you a written copy I suppose  
you are interested in all  
such affairs even if but  
poor efforts. Yours truly J W W

Hartford Conn  
Dec 1. 1867

Rev & Dear Brother

Permit me  
to introduce to you Miss Jane  
Baird for several years a com-  
municant of the Parish of  
Christ Ch., in this City. I  
commend her to the pastoral  
care and attention of yourself  
and of any other Rector into  
whose hands this letter may  
come

Very Truly Yrs  
Robt Meach  
Minister Christ Ch.

Hartford

To/  
Rev

Westerly Dec 14<sup>th</sup> '67.

My darling Jane -

How dreadful  
it is to think of you in Baltimore  
and no better off than at home  
as far as the weather is concerned  
If I could only help you how  
gladly I would - This bitter  
weather cannot last long how-  
-ever, and when it moderates  
here I shall hope you have mil-  
-der air there - but I realize  
that it may be disastrous to you  
to wait - I can only pray the  
dear Heavenly Father to help  
you. He will not forsake you  
dearest - Oh, it is hard to realize  
why one so frail as you are should  
be so thrust out on the rude world  
- but He knows best.

After I left you I went to the

gallery and there learned from  
Mr Kirby that it would be im-  
-possible to supply a large demand  
for Carbon prints at present on  
account of this trouble with the  
paper. I felt very much worried  
- went on home - found Mother  
a little better - the day before they  
& looked for her last breath every  
moment - She received the Holy  
Communion, and took leave of them  
all - but the Lords time had not  
come yet - about 4 o'clock in the  
morning she began to revive - she  
is still very low and weak - but  
not suffering so much - I doubt  
if she lasts long, though she may  
if her appetite could only im-  
-prove. I have been in bed but  
twice since I saw you - once for  
two hours after daylight and  
last Sunday all night - I sit up  
every night, catching a nap in

my chair - you may imagine  
I am some what worn out - but  
I cannot have other watchers  
because Mother cannot speak  
English.

As soon as the more immediate  
danger was over my husband -  
feeling that so much was at stake  
for others, as well as ourselves, went  
on to New York to arrange this busi-  
-ness which I left in such an  
unsettled state, he has returned  
this morning - I waited for his re-  
-turn to write you.

The Photographers are beginning  
to make their own paper and  
hope soon to overcome their diffi-  
-culties - we have resolved in con-  
-nection with the Carbon prints  
to issue silver prints too - they  
are made by a new and im-  
-proved process - are very beau-  
-tiful, and considered perma-

- new - though they cannot  
be warranted like the Carbon  
prints - we will put these in  
market with the Carbon prints  
As they can be sold very much  
cheaper, they will probably meet  
with a larger sale and thus re-  
-duce the demand for Carbon  
prints until they can be pro-  
-duced more rapidly - You  
will receive specimens of the  
cheaper ones as soon as possible.  
In regard to the one copy of Faith  
you shall have it before Christmas  
but it is a pity you have to have  
only one sent as the express will  
take all your profits -

I am in a great hurry -  
don't know whether I have  
made myself intelligible  
or not as the baby is peezing  
away at me continually.

Let me hear from you soon

Your own

Julia

I will wait a few days until I hear  
from you whether you have taken any  
more names before I order the picture sent

more to send  
as will cost no



Wilmington  
~~Wilmington~~ Dec. 15. (1877)  
Dear one

My Dear Children

I recd your written  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> yesterday morning. I  
was glad to hear from you  
I sent you a box Friday after-  
noon with your winter sup-  
plies, which you will get on  
Tuesday, we left Sunday  
yesterday on our W. M. train to  
my wife's mother, George Smith,  
the one, a mill, makes 200 or  
300 barrels of flour a day. They  
have a little girl carrier who  
was 6 years old last July, is  
as smart as a chip. We went  
to the Episcopal Church to-day  
heard a beautiful sermon from  
a beautiful looking minister Mr.  
Wm. D. after the singing admirably.  
They are building a fine new  
stone church just across in

front of the house Mr. Deegan  
has agreed to live in. It will be  
the finest church in Milwaukee  
when completed. The musician  
conducted one of the children here  
to meet to rehearse their Christ-  
mas carols here. It reminded me  
of Sallie's letter. I hope she will  
"have a good time at the carols."  
I go to the car Chicago to-mor-  
row & shall be absent till to-  
ward the last of the week.

Sally's children are Hannah &  
Claire, 8 years old last June. Al-  
die's Julia, seven years, Wal-  
ter, six years old. Sally's man  
has a daughter about a month  
old. Sally's man has seven Cypres  
& they are having a time of  
it. Some \$12,000 was tied up  
in the previous hands, & how  
much is to go to each will be de-  
termined by the court next month.

I send you a picture of  
my wife taken last week,  
by H. S. Brown. She used to  
take your Mother's pic-  
tures, the best of any artist  
in Milwaukee. I have the  
first picture he took of her  
18 years ago & it looks well  
now. I hope you will have  
a pleasant and very  
Dear love to all  
Yours aff. John

Monday Morning. It snows  
this morning. There has been sleep-  
ing for four or five days in Mil-  
waukee, but there is not snow en-  
ough for good sleeping. I think this  
snow will be. I send you each  
of you a picture.

Yours aff. Leath

[c. 1867]

My Dear Daughter Ella,

I was glad to get your letter, & to hear of the new things you have bought for your comfort. I want to you to be economical & not spend money for foolish things, & I love you as you are. But I want you to have everything necessary for your comfort, & especially good warm clothes. I hope before the first of May to be able to send you more money to get you some necessary clothes. You know I have not been able to earn any money for a long time, & so in these hard times I have had but little. But I trust it will not be so a great while. I don't know what Julia's husband's name is, but I will ask Abby. Aunt Sarah has not heard her baby yet. I do not know how soon I can come to see you. I have considerable business to attend to first. I shall come as soon as I can. Your affectionate  
Father.