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Dec 1st 1910

Dearest Maria

We have just had our supper
on a small table in your room, so much warmer
than the dining room, & saves the trouble of making
another fire. Now I must thank you for your letter that
came this morning, we enjoyed it very much, & were
glad to hear you found your home in nice order &
comfortable. If the Herrygians visit I think you will
be a very fortunate woman, I hope they will. I am so
glad all reached home in good condition & am sure you
enjoyed your comfort after roughing it with us. I think
now of many little things I might have done for you
all, one thing I should not have lectured to you about
the closet, should have sent for the heater, put it in
there & passed through the porch, then you would not
have been so crowded but it is past now. Maybe next
time I can do better. It was indeed too bad that your
stay was so short, I feel as if I hardly saw you & know but
I was delighted to have you that little time & so glad
the cold change did not come before while you were
here. I certainly was lovely, visited you all so much, some
times I imagined I heard the children's sweet voices &
would look around for them. No, I was not tired, I did
not do so much — I regretted so much not going to the
depot with you, thought until the time of leaving that

Dr Duggan was going, then I was not despatched to go.
Henry & I do spend the whole day out some where.
I don't know how they could have been entertained
at Winstetoe so long. I do picked the turkey carcass
& made some small sandwiches, they were all hungry.
While they were gone I shortened the table & put the
dinner away in order, after they left (Saturday evening)
I had old Syd in to help across the beds to their places.
Anna left that evening. Susan said she would stay
out the month, I am glad to have her. I don't think
her husband could be persuaded to leave her, if they
would we would fix up the cabin nicely, put a
board in front for them, he does not like this part
of the courtesy. Many thanks for your wish to have
a visit from us but you know we could not stand
the cold up North now, are wrapping up &
shivering with the cold we have, since Sunday's
snow it has been very cold, a little moderated tonight.
All day Sunday Dr D. suffered greatly with a sick
head ache, the watching was terrible, Monday about the
middle of the day he died. I think the attack was
due to eating imprudently of shad for supper Sat-
urday night. He is quite well now & indulging a good
appetite. I asked Libby to feed while the Dr was sick.
Her comes over to smith for, & visit our Susan generally.

she does very little now. Wm could not be with
us so he sent 2 boxes of apples which he evidently
intended you all to enjoy but they came too late, they
are delicious apples & packed as nice tightly, and paper at
the top & bottom & each apple wrapped in paper with
the name of the apple on it. He sent a nice boy
that we might taste the different varieties I suppose,
no letter to tell us any thing.

Tell Bro he must stop writing books, it keeps him
in a rack, thus saving his some glory in it, but I
imagine not much profit. I intended to talk to him
about it but did not get a chance.

I am not acquainted with the Mrs Powell you
mentioned recently. Mrs Powell I know has been
very busy the past two days drying up herd,
making some age 42. Mrs Powell sent me asking
the whole length of the hog & a spare rib nearly as
large as the seat of a chair, some fresh "thun" I
could lift, we are enjoying it, wish we could have
had it when you were with us. I think we will
buy some more sage from them. I am "country"
enough to be very fond of hog meat, having
along with it. Mr Davies has been losing his hens

& chickens at the store, some "was sent"
killed a bear & left it, he poisoned the bear &
tied him to some thing near the bear traps, the
result was 2 dead & 3 porcupines & a mink, they
were in big feet of each other; just as fat as could
be. All skins are high as the negro skinned all
these. Tell Louise & Wiggins that the puppy is as
fucky as ever & growing fast. The cow brushes are full
of large buds but are bursting their heads since
the freeze. I do carried off a large bunch. I did
not think to offer you some but they would have
faded before you reached home. I was so afraid Louise
did not get the cotton she wanted that I sent some
by mail, also a knife I've left. Kiss the children for
me & tell them how much Mother thinks of them
all the time. I wanted to take in the little skins
from the porch where they are. I want to make a
little visit to Hammond's next week if the weather
moderates & Henry says he isn't coming, we had a letter
but he did not say if he had sold his house. It is nearly
nine o'clock, time to make fire in our room so good
night, much love to you all from both of us
Your loving Mother.

Yr. devoted son
To you all Lee, Chuck
Dear Daddy and your
precious self and
sweet kiddies and
many others ever your
most devoted
Agnes
Kin Louie for
me. I wish I
had a picture
of "Lee". She is
near my heart -
for she was so good
to you in your illness and
so patient to me in my
heart. Love me all.

Chicago, November 29
Paid P.M. 6 XII/1910
Prairie Ave.
my own sweet Maama:-

It was so sweet in
you to write me just before
Thanksgiving and I thank you
so much for the enclosed bill.
You are always so good to me
and I never have anything

get-out. "Bubie" and I went to
see Cousin Mary last week.
She has a beautiful apartment,
but what a narrow life she leads.
Mr Campbell got up his business
ever since last May. He speaks
of going down to Alabama to see
about some land. I don't just
know what. He seems very fond
of me, wants me to come down
and take lunch with him.
I was so grieved to hear of both
Martin and Beunie going to the
Insane Asylum. Poor Uncle Ben
and Aunt Minnie has more

Thanksgiving was quite mild also. Friday we took Dot out in the machine for a ride both days. And Friday afternoon she went to a party in our block. She enjoyed it so much. I took her over and brought her home. She wore a little dress ^{Priscilla's}, it is old ^{cashmere} one, and I fixed it over a little and old rose ribbons on her hair quite becoming to Dot. Alice helps me out so much, and is so good and sweet to me. Always trying to send me some little thing. She had a large crowd to

Thanksgiving. Leonora will be with her for three weeks. Would Daddy like some more nice socks for Emma. And what is his size? I have forgotten if it is 10 or 10½. I wish instead of you and Daddy boarding around you would decide to live with me in Chicago. I have had and seen enough of your being sick in a boarding place. And I have had enough having my children sick while boarding. And the best thing is for "my boarders" to live together. I don't think

every day ideas. I am crazy to
see "Salome" Friday night - but -
it cost \$5⁰⁰ a ticket. So you see
where I come off. But - the music
is simply grand in it. Wish you
and I had enough money
to spend on Grand Opera Don't-
you. But - as we haven't - let's
come down to earth. While you
are in Baltimore branding, why
don't you look up Emma Cohen
and her husband Alan Cohen.
You use to know his mother.
Well Dearest, I must close, hope
you can read this scrawl, but
it is hard to write - slant up
in a room with two children

As like my dear old father but we are
expecting Sunday visitors & I must
be ready to receive them. Love to Mrs. Child
& we are waiting for you.

I am this writing in this
side did not know it was here.

I thought you might be
interested in the enclosed.

I wish a line from you & say we leave
tomorrow Monday 3rd Jan 9/8 St Paul's at
Baltimore. I will enjoy being in the
city as I have ^{not} been in since we came.
I was so glad to receive your letter
like to know of your mother. Mrs. Potter
had been pronounced incurable & she
has gone back to her home in N. York
is very distressed about her condition. He
& wished to that her he took one a day
little bottle I love him better than my other
children.

148. Mountford Avenue, Asheville, N.C.

December nine, nineteen ten.

Dear Dr. Tupper, I am sending this note to say that I shall be at this a while till after New Year—that is, I should like the December copy sent here, and the January also— if it could arrive by the second. Perhaps that will be inconvenient for you?— if so let me know and I will arrange to finance and next move in some other way. That is one thing — the second is — that I have a note from Dr. Underhill asking about the house — in behalf of a friend of his to arrive next year — price — cost of running — income from third floor, and so forth. "Lowest Cash Price" he says. Please answered to this effect — that you have the "Refusal" of the

home - That "L. C. P." is "ten
Thousand - five hundred" - for
- as I wrote the price, I gave you
was to you, and I wish you
to have it. But of course that
is "between us", and the fact
that "Cash" - which is usually
an inducement - is not to me,
because I should prefer the
"Interest" chiefly, and not more
than a "Thousand Cash" -
Of course I've no idea for whom
Dr. C. inquires - nor how serious
a "Hillb" this is - you may
know - and will understand
if he should come to look at
the house, or speak to you
about it. I hope the winter
will be a kind and modest
one, and that you are to have

a happy Christmas. Ken goes to
Baltimore to open his holiday
with his sister, and I remain
here with my Aunt.
Write love to Mrs. Duggen and you
two - Oh - I must quote from
a recent letter of Clara's - (She
has a "Destiny History" craze)
"I dreamed last night that
we were in our house with
the Duggen - we had just ar-
rived, and found them in a
transcendent state of excitement -
they had suddenly discovered
that "Brynie" was the sole heir
to the Destiny Throne - and they
could not decide what to do
about it" - Perhaps you can
find a "Joseph" - to prophesy for
this your son's future. May be

America will have a "Succession"
by her time for reigning -

I am

Very cordially yours

Elizabeth H. W. Johnson

There is early in the
morning. Your Father is
nothing pretty regularly
now, don't think it
will last - He writes
with love so much love
to you all & kisses
to the children. Please
excuse the writing.
Your devoted
Mother.

Dec 11th 1910

About a week ago I wrote to
Maude as tonight will give you a letter tho' I am
afraid it will be very uninteresting. I imagine
you have had very cold weather, judging from
ours for several days, but it is quite mild
tonight we need very little fire, had some rain
this morning & thought a cold change was
coming, but as the morning was Reuben came
by to breakfast on his way to aunt Melville's,
was taking his two geese & wanted to see if
Mr. Hill will take his goats to keep on share,
soon the oats will be up & they can't run out &
there is nothing in the pasture for them.
The weather was too bad for Reuben to get in
but 2 days work at the same place last-
week, your Father & myself gave him a level as
he will not have to know. A good present in

advance but now is the time he needs it. Alley has sold 3 puppies for him, 2 at 6.00 apiece & the last one 8.00. I don't think you saw the puppies, there are 2 more he hopes to sell. I expected Alley yesterday & today as he wrote he would come between the 10th & 12th, may come tomorrow. Boats are coming to Demopolis now so he will be able to ship his horse from there instead of driving through the country as he feared he might have to do.

I wonder if I wrote Maria that Bolling has the post office, he is very much elated, found friends to go on his twenty thousand dollar bond. He had not the trouble of moving the office into the new building, the lady who kept it had moved it before her term expired. Bolling regrets so much that Alley leaves Tuscaloosa, says he feels as if he is giving up a brother.

The deeper we get into War's apples the more I wish they had come while you all were with

us, he sent several different varieties, the Wine Saps are on top & we are seeing them, they certainly are fine.

Now I want to thank you for bringing your family to see us, such a long & expensive trip! but it was such a pleasure to have you all, I am constantly thinking of it. How good it was of you & Maria to put up with so many discomforts to be with us. I can think more ^{of the children} just as they are, how sweet & good they were! Fred regretted deeply that he was unable to be with us. He has promised to prepare 2 papers for the meeting of the Southern educational meeting, will go if his expenses are paid but has no satisfactory plan for getting time enough to prepare good papers. I think he undertakes too much, just keeps himself in a strain all the time. I wish he would sit. I think it is about the same with you too, so sit it?

Paul asks us to visit them out of areas but I am

no chance to do so, no prospect for a cook. I made Susan give a good cleaning of the kitchen before she left. (her husband would not let her finish out the month) then I spread a piece of carpet by the table & stove so that it would be a little more comfortable for me. I take my breakfast in there rather than make fire in the dining room.

We intended going to Demopolis today if the weather had been good. I heard Mr. Mason (the Variety store) had so many nice & new things I wanted to have a chance ~~at~~ them before they are picked over. I hope we can go Monday tho the road may be rather muddy.

I wanted so much to spend a day or two in Hannadale while Susan was with me but did not, at first I waited a few days for Mr. Wells to come home, then came the severe weather & I could not ask your Father to take me to the

918 St Paul St. Baltimore Md

Dec 12th 1910

My Darling Maie:

I send enclosed a

small tree & fig that you will get with
the big price for the children's stockings
It is precious, but you can depend upon
yourself better than I am about shop-
ping & you can tell better what the "Dear
Children want" from "Santa Claus". I
thought when I came to Baltimore
I could walk out every day & look
into the stores, if I did not buy much,
but it had snowed ~~over~~ since we
came & this morning I had an attack
of rheumatism, & have had Jacks free
aspirin pills & am now doing very
bad. Do tell Mr. Hopkins when you

See him that his step brother Bob
Whipple is trading here 918 St Paul St.
Land lady is Miss Conway, an old
time Baltimorean who keeps a fine
table everything plain, but substantial.
We have a large front room heated
by a coal grate fire as well as the
kitchen. The bath room is nice down
way. The room has good furniture
including two beds. My chief
complaint only, is that Baltimore is
very cold & damp. We will make the
trip more to Annapolis, but not very
soon. Minimum effect at board at Buff
for \$25.00 a month; but I don't
think it would be advisable to re-
main there more than a few days
at a time. Charlie says he will wait
at this afternoon & she will come in

tomorrow. She is very sweet & attractive
but not smart intellectually. Charles
is her mentor; & encyclopedia & she
is devoted to him & admires him greatly.
I long darling to hear from you again
& to know that you are all well
& that your new book is a long one.
I wrote to you recently, but am
afraid I gave you a wrong number
at my address 918 St Paul St. is
the right one. I must close now
with a great deal of love to Ben, your
dear self & the dear children from Papa
& myself. We have some pleasant people
in the house but there is no one in the
world so sweet, as a dear affectionate
daughter. I love you more & more all the days
of my life. With love to your own dear Nanie

143. Memphis, Tenn., Ashville, N. C.
December 20th 1891.

Dear Dr. Duggan, your letter - containing
check for thirty dollars - came two
days since, and is returning. The bill,
which of course must first be
paid, though I confess it is a
check, since I understood that
the estimate at first was thirty
dollars, and so - after your warning
that it would "go over" - was
prepared for forty odd -
In case if it was on the
house, I should feel differently,
but in either renting, or selling,
the barn is simply thrown in.
Will you tell me, when you
next write, what the estimate
for painting is? It may be just
impossible for me to do it this
year, though I have never

I have found "coming up from Alabama" - & the
"Bill" - with mine and let me see a

don't see how anyone who knows
about present cost of building can
think it high. I will only know
the change in the house from
hence. I think he has never
been in it, since the 18th day.
I am writing this fully, because I
know you do consider anything
at least as much as your own,
and you must know that it
is almost tragically important
to me that the house should
be sold - how shall I tell Dr. C.
that he can have the house if
he wants it, then if he does not -
you can decide in Spring, or else
you see your way - or I had better
I do? I do dislike to bother
you about it, unless there may
be no need to do so - and
of course I can wait till you
return from Minneapolis. For the
rest of this bill - just take it
out of January fund. I am sure you

had any figures on it, and the first painting was in the original contract, so I fail to remember even approximately what it cost. Please understand that I am not gumming about this. The miserable old thing - viz - the beam - the horseless stable - had to be kept in underpinning but my small finances have to be stretched for it. I'm rather puzzled as to what I should do about Dr. Cuddeback's letter - as I told you - I wrote him that you had the "Refusal" of the house - was that right? I did not say until when. In your last letter (preceding) you said - "Spring" - and I think I should be in a better position

you would look to put the matter up earlier - I think that is a next quotation? Now this may amount to nothing of course - but you can see that - if you for instance were considering a house stall, and were told that some one had the "Refusal" you would feel - rather - that it was hardly worth while trying to decide whether you wanted it, until you knew you could have it. If you wanted it. Now that is the way - "What if I am pleased to call my friend" work. I suppose Dr. Cuddeback wrote to his friends; so it would be some time before I hear again, and the price may stop lower, though I

Dec. 17/91
Please excuse this. But
mail has brought letter from
Dr. H. He was asking
for himself but with-
draws and is an-
xious ~~is~~ out should
know of his inquiry
as "wrong conclusions
would be drawn".
I am anxious to
catch this mail
so scrawl this
off and in.
E. K. A

143. Montford Ave. Astoria, O.E.

December 1888

Dear Dr. Guggen,

I am fairly laboring
with you with communications,
but I have an idea for my own
benefit - about the "rent" payment
- if it is not too late. It (the
amount) amounts to nine dollars over
one month's rent. Could you
send me now thirty or 40 dollars
- then pay that growing arrear
his whole pile in January while
deserving we get nothing?
That would suit me much
better and I hope the tardiness
of my conclusion has not
made it impossible

I am

very cordially

Elizabeth Lee Whinn

Dec 20th 1910

My dear Lou

I would like to write a letter tonight but have to read papers for a while tomorrow, so will send a card. I sent for a coroner to help me tomorrow. Some father went to Demopolis today facing the coldest west wind we have had this season so he will not feel like writing, will scrap in the rocking chair until nine o'clock then send the paper. Demopolis was full of negroes, little chance to shop stores so crowded with them. Henry was with us to dinner yesterday evening, spent the night & hurried off to Demopolis fearing the boat might leave him but satisfied of that he had to wait until Wednesday noon to get off. Spent Tuesday night with Dr. Lacy. I was glad he did not have to go to the hotel. We had a card from him at Jackson, he had spent a day looking over Lake Placid. Expected to reach Mobile tomorrow. Mrs. Foster & I gave a handsome entertainment

the quilt of cover was
 from Sonoma valley, Cal.
 Now are ordered shipped
 to you from St. Louis a
 few blankets, a space
 present to you & Charlie
 from your Father & myself
 I hope they will be sweet
 & comfortable. I think
 you need be having
 some weather now.
 The dear if as meeting
 comes on a day or two
 after you does not it
 would not go if the
 weather is better you
 could get pneumonia
 I love to all
 Your affl. Mother.

USE BELOW SPACE FOR CORRESPONDENCE.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Dr B M Duggar

5 East Ave.

Ithaca

N. Y.

the top of the week
 but. summer will
 last. week a long time.
 your Chen & the pit for
 with. much low & hot. washes
 for a heavy Xmas.
 your Chen & the pit for
 with. much low & hot. washes
 for a heavy Xmas.
 your Chen & the pit for
 with. much low & hot. washes
 for a heavy Xmas.

Durham is beautiful this
 morning with a few inches of
 snow on every thing & it is
 still snowing. Regular Xmas.

you all again: I thought of
you many times & would have
written to you at Thanksgiving time
but did not know where to send
my letter.

There is no news & Durham is
very dull for the young people.
There is to be an informal dance
tomorrow night - the first social
event in weeks. I hear that
Ethel Simpson (nee Watson) has
left her husband & I don't wonder
at it - he has turned into an old
drunkard I hear.

Charlie leaves for the West
Sunday & Truffee Ben. goes also.
I have no desire to go this time
and wish Char. did not have to go at all.

weather - I hope this snow will
make good sleighing.
I had my little family all with
me last Sunday & we will
all be together this Sunday
I hope for Procter comes from
New York City - to spend some
with us - then goes to Philadel-
phia Monday for a week. Lorrana
will remain to Albany early in
January. I shall miss her
as much for it has been lovely
having her home for all these
weeks. Procter says this is the last
time she can ever make such
a long visit - home for he just
can not stand it. It was the

only way I thought for her that as to
Albany so much of the month -
she could not stay alone.

I shall be staid for one day - I shall
be at the children - - - - -
at - at - at - at - at - at - at - at -
could have staid in Kingston - and I might.

After I have my way. I shall be
highly obliged to you to take
my - the money etc. etc. we will send
to you.

I hope you will try to avoid - from the
fire - the children. We are good. I shall be
hundred - we have the - place for us

Dec 22nd 1910.

Dear Ben & Marie

I have only time tonight
for a short letter, just to wish you all a
Merry Xmas. I can imagine it will be
merry with children in the houses. How I
would like to have a peep at them Xmas
morning emptying their stockings! I wonder
if the thought of the stockings will wake
them early.

I have been busy today, baking cakes in the
morning, & fixing a box for the Asplenites
this evening. I made a nut, & an orange

cake, I wonder Maria if you have the receipt,
we all like it very much, & so better needed,
but 5 eggs, that is the expensive part for you,
the idea of eggs at .56^{cts} a dozen! but they
have been selling in Demopolis at .40^{cts}.

Ben and were very much shocked yesterday
morning to hear that Mrs Redding died.
Suddenly the night before, he looked in perfect
health, there was hardly a day that he did
not pass on his way to the post office, and will
miss seeing him on the ~~the~~ road. Reuben
has written to Mr Tom Mc Gaddis asking
for the place, but his brother Mr Wm Redding
may take it. Mr Mc Gaddis I suppose will
have charge of the business as Judge Hardman
is in wretched health & Mrs H- had a stroke

of Paralysis not long ago. In the city, & with
all their money Miss Carrie has to do the
cooking.

I am so glad your Hungarians are such capable
servants & I do hope they will stay. Dr D- was
out 2 days trying to find a cook but without
success. I think our only card to Ben I mention
ed Alway's stop over. He is in Mobile by this
time. Mr Ben, I ask has never said exactly
why he did not come, but expressed deep regret
at not being able to be with us.

Reuben stopped by today a few minutes on
his way from Aunt Mabel's, says This continues
to give her so much trouble. Uncle Ben was
there & advised her what to do.

Please what news it you wanted about the



blankets, you were speaking to Reuben
about them. The rheum has begun on his
gout again. I must do some other writing
as good night, with much love & sorry & ~~and~~
to all & kisses to the children.

Yours devoted

Brother.

I hope the blankets we ordered from St Louis
will reach you in good time, a package ordered
sent to us is very slow coming.

Crawfordsville, Ind. 12-26-10.

My dear little Louis.

I really had begun
to give up hope of getting
one of your pictures when
on Christmas morning the
long Susan and Maude
painted photograph came with
the Christmas good wishes.

I am certainly most
grateful and thank you
and your parents for the
kind remembrance.

Mr. Thomas joins in good wishes
to your parents your little brother
and yourself. Most cordially
M. B. Thomas

P.M. Dec 27, 1910
Chicago



EN ROUTE
NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES

Tuesday M.
about 1 hr out of
Chicago

Dearest Madrie,
This buffet-
maker is next the en-
gine, and it wiggles
like an earthworm,
but here goes.

I awoke at 8:30 feel-
ing pretty well rested,
and a breakfast dis-
pelled a slight head-
ache. I do hope that
you, Louise, and Boy-
sie are all feeling bet-
ter, and that you your-

metals, Hull, Farr, ^{and} and others were
along, but most of us separated in
Buffalo, and on my trip I saw no
one I knew. However, when I went in
to breakfast this A. M. I found Pan-
croft behind a plate of pancakes,
and it turned out that we are
on the same car; so I have had
a chat with him.

I must go wash up, for I know
there is no decent place in the
Station. With all my hot, sweat-soaked, and a
chance and ^{trips and kisses for each and} all, your own Ben.

self are still snug in
bed with a good warm
warm and everything
O.K. The bright sunshine
and lack of wind here
encourage me as
to the Ithaca weather.
I love you all very
sweet.

I walked all the
way to the Triga street
crossing, and there found
about 50 other persons
waiting to go to the
train. The train was
five minutes late, and
we were just in time.

148, Montross Ave. Ashville. N.C.
December. Nearly seven months in.

Dear Mrs. Sagger, I hope all your
Christmas "doings" went happily off
with another memory for your little
folks which will be very sweet
to them in after times. Thank
you so much for my pretty
Christmas calendar. The "Gaily
Ladies" will decorate my west
wall, and sit under orange
blossoms - since I suppose my
"guests" will be in Florida.
I went down today to investigate
my schedule and hope to get
off next Thursday - the 14th.
Though I have a queer in-
convinced feeling about this move
- as though I should not make
it. I am certainly not enthusi-
astic about it at best. I had
a properly quiet time here with
my Aunt and Ben and Clara

a property, every one in Baltimore
from which place I receive daily
illustrated bulletins of their doings.
I suppose most of the scientists
have gone to Minneapolis and
are leaving the elements there-
abouts. I sent your husband
some hints about screwing busi-
ness and business matters
which I hope he was able to
understand. Mr. Jenks having
devoted my substance with
notions repairs of the houseless
barn I am wondering if the
mangled remains of January
will ever reach me here
before Thurs. the 1st. Now
don't worry about it a bit -
only I should like to know
that is all - since extra ex-
penses require close cutting.
Of course after Feb. 1st there is
a sad time for most people's

finances. I have heard from Lou
Strong and Fannie Littleton and
several of the old time Park-
ers club, we manage to meet
at least a once a year con-
vention still. I am glad to know
the 'Dixie Club' is flourishing.
We have open windows and not
fires today, but "colder" is promised
and this is by no means a nor-
mal December temperature for
ashville. You must excuse me
for combining my thank you train
with business this time.
Ever so much love to your
Bairns and yourself

From

Elizabeth W. Atkinson



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Chicago, Ill. 60607

Miss Marie Louise Baygar
5 East Ave.,
Ithaca,
N.Y.

Dear Sister, How is
this little view in the
park for autumn color.
Of course it is all gone
now, but I have been
through the park, for
it is right out here by
the University, and it is
pretty even in winter.
It is so nice to have
such a park in a very
large city. I do hope
that you are all well, and
are a happy family. I am coming
home Saturday.

[illegible]

by registered package a little
spendology for you & the children
to commence the year on your luck.
We enjoyed our year with Chuck
& Lee very much. The note in the
Car & the fresh air did me good.
for I had been out but once since
I came to Baltimore. Riding in an
Automobile is rough on these little
bones, & does me no good. Charlie
had the "Latin" beautifully decorated
with congruous & electric lights & the
if made me too, had a thing of beauty;
also the "Doll house" handsomely
furnished. We had a fine dinner
diamond back Linapin, Turkey
Plum pudding & so on & so all

received me parents. Lee & Chuck,
gave me 2 pair of black silk stockings,
a fully handkerchief, a hand
some belt with silver buckle, a Book
on Christmas by Washington Irving
very interesting. Papa received a
white silk handkerchief, a top
of Linen, & a silver cigarette tray
filled with cigarettes. Also the
promise of a suit of clothes.

Mom sent me 2 night dresses &
2 pair of drawers. My sister, ~~Anna~~
a white lace patch. Lousa & Daisy,
handkerchiefs, Aggie sent "Papa"
a handsome belt & so on & so on
openers, & I a pretty apron. "Dad"
sent Papa a white silk handkerchief

I & a pretty little needle case
she made herself,

My Darling - I have just received
a letter from Lucia telling me that
our Brother Benny died on yester
day. Lucia, Miss Sarah & Alice & I,
were dining with Benny & Mimmie
when Benny in crossing the room
tripped on a rug, & fell on his head
& soon lost consciousness. It was
a sudden painful death. I feel
so sorry for Mimmie that Benny
is better off than if he had another
stroke of Paralysis & lived the life of an
invalid. Lucia is keeping the floor scrubbed,
Sarah Edwards mops for Lucia. Benny
was ten years younger than Lucia.

have a last night-
for the marriage of
my dear daughter, but
I don't want in to it, she
must marry a father, a
son, Tom's nephew at
some the marriage
at the Synagogue.
How Father says he
has been thinking of
you & that long trip
to New England, he
wishes to see me in
much love to them
the children &
you all
How devoted
Father.
19th / 1910.

I have been thinking a great deal
of you & wondering if you want to Minneapolis.
With us the weather has been mild & I hope was
the same with you, when this rain stops I think
it will turn cold again. We had quite a wind
& rain storm this evening & the rain is still
falling gently, since to hell me to sleep.
How unfortunate it was for Boyce to have
been sick so much & miss. I fear he was not
well enough to enjoy the good things, only the
tong. Did you play Santa Claus at the tree &
distribute the presents? Ned always does. That
reminds me, the Archimedes have been very
silent, not a letter from any of them during the
holidays, they must be busy having a good time.
Ned I suppose went to Chataanooga, & Margaret

expected to represent the children of the Revolution in Eufrasia, was going with some lady in Auburn.

I will be glad to hear how you all enjoyed the tree, & yemas generally. We received the Calumet from sent please thank her for it. I am really glad you did not send any thing else for you both had made one hand some presents at Thanksgiving time, & the tape too was a great present. Kiss the children for me & thank them for the pretty buckf. I sent for a pr of gloves for Popie but they did not come, I did not admire your Father's selection of a coat for me. I have not written since yemas day so will tell you I had to cook the y mas dinner, not an elaborate one but we all enjoyed it, your Father & Reuben said my ginner was a long way ahead of the Thanksgiving turkey (oh I was so disappointed in that!) My cakes turned out nicely, with them, a mince pie & Ambrosia we made a dinner &

afterwards I put up some of everything for R- to take home for his cook was out there much & quite day moved away after telling him she would cook another year. I am afraid it will be a hard matter for him to find one. The negroes are all beside themselves I think. Lewis Scott at Vincennes has lost three of his large girls, one married & moved off & the others ran away, he is left with a slim force to make a crop.

Rich wanted to make a little visit to Livingston so Reuben went to stay with sister Sally while he is away. I suppose R- will be back Saturday night. Our aunt Paulville dined on Hammond's y mas day & did not have her turkey until yesterday, she asked us up. Lucy & Maria's Macons were there, we had a pleasant, quiet day, the last we will spend with her this winter I suppose. Lucy & herself had a good many pretty presents, Lucy Maria & Beany gave her a silk waist buttoned

in the back, she said at 65 she could not
adopt that style of dress so she would turn it
over to Lucy, she had had one made as her years
present to her Brother. That reminds me, Sister Sally
& Lucy embroidered a linen waist for me, it is very
pretty but too much for them to give me. I appre-
-ate their kindness but really would rather not have
expensive presents, I can't make them such a return
as I would like. I had presents of 2 belts a number
of handkerchiefs, jabot &c. &c. Yes, Alvey was glad to ship
his horse from Danversville altho' he had to wait 24
hours which he might have spent with us. Neither
he nor I have written since they reached Mobile.
I do seem to have no sense of duty, only pleasure
himself. I expect Alvey was busy making his arrange-
-ments. Day before yesterday Mrs. Hatch spent the
afternoon with us, said she promised you she would
look after us. She had been confined to the house
with her throat. I saw her stairs (in Danvers)