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Jan. 1st 1918

Dear Marie:-

Let me be among the first to greet you by letter this New Year send to you & yours loving greetings from me & mine. It is a dreadfully cold day on which to begin the year! About 20 below.

It was so sweet of you to write to me some time ago. I was at my sister's in Toledo, Ohio, where I spent almost a month. When I came home, fresh from my Surgical Dressing Course, I plunged into Red Cross work & am expecting to be very busy when college opens. I have charge of this work with the

university girls I hope to have a lot
of them interested. I only live now a day
to be busy; to keep from thinking; I
want to occupy my fingers. What that
I had a talent like yours to abandon!
It is wonderful the way you have
gone back to your sculpturing & I
applaud you with all my heart. May
you reach the goal for which you
strive. - I hope some day you will
come back here & meet Mrs. Royce who
is in the same work as whom I have
already spoken, I think. You will
take to each other like ducks to
water, I am sure.

As I do not so out my acquaintance
with her is but slight, but to see her
is to love her. He is also very gifted
but rather weird with by your side
without failing the slightest impulse to
talk - so I have heard it murmured.
A charming dinner companion, I shall
think.

Frank Thilly has just returned from
the usual Christmas meeting at Chicago,
where made a little visit with my
sister en passant. He almost missed
our dreadful cold weather - managed
to get in for the tail end of the worst
of it - no cars running to add to the
charm & horrors of our village.

The boiler ^{in the electric plant} burst several days ago & we are
still without street-cars. Small towns are
so efficient on reconstruction work. But
we love it its slow ways just the same.
College opens tomorrow & hope there'll
be some way of getting the deer studs
up the hill! We usually try to please
the studs, at least.

Did your good husband desert you, too, at
Christmas time? These meetings, I believe
will all stop if the war keeps up. The
money will be needed elsewhere - even those
some of the associations thought seriously
of discontinuing. That would be something
gained - if we could have our husbands
at home then, since they can't go to war.

Marie, dear, I'm awfully mad at the Kaiser
and get madder & more savage every day,
more narrow minded. My good husband
says I'm wrong but I can't change
my feeling about the whole German
nation - even their music & their literature.
I can listen to all these things
after we've put them on their knees
some how, sometime, but I have no
ears for the music of cut throats
while they are still at their bloody
work.

We have a dear friend who married
a war captain but August is now
living in Atlanta, Georgia, where Capt.

is training & being trained for France.
She said that in their camp were
four English men helping with the
training & instructing & they feel strongly
oh so strongly, that in most most ruth-
lessness with ruthlessness. - Perhaps I'm
more than usually brutal because I'm so
cold - it is impossible to write without
summer heat in your fingers & thoughts.

Give my dearest love to all those dear
children, specially the dearest of all to
me, Frank's little Louise.

Always affectionately yr friend
Jesse Gully.



HOTEL SEVILLE
MADISON AVENUE & TWENTY-NINTH ST.
NEW YORK
EDWARD PURCHAS, MANAGER

Jan 6, 1918

Dear Prof. Duggan.

This is just
a note to thank you for
your good letter. I expect
to sail tomorrow on the *Aurora*
of the Cunard Line. There are
two or three other Cunarders leaving
at the same time and possibly
are American Liners. I under-
stand that there will be a
convoy all the way across.
The government is sending
many officers over on the
various passenger ships.

Incidentally I wish
Mrs Duggan could see the
camouflage exhibited in
the painting of the ships. The
American Liners are painted
in rectangular blocks of a

pale blue green and salmon colors. Looks very much like the earliest pictures of a few years ago. The conical ship are marked in very unusual ways. Great big black lines may run from the ~~the~~ bow obliquely to the water line and otherwise as in the diagram.



water line

Other ships are marked still differently. The idea in this case is not so much to decrease visibility but to break up the line of the ship and to confuse the enemy submarine as to which is bow and which stern and therefore direction of movement.

Jan 6, 1910



HOTEL SEVILLE
MADISON AVENUE & TWENTY-NINTH ST.
NEW YORK
EDW. PURCHAS, MANAGER

I had planned to attend the
Pittsburgh meeting but after
deciding to go abroad I
decided naturally to spend
my free days at home.

I had not heard from
Rosenstahl about the Minnesota
position. Last June I had
a letter from Freeman asking
me if I would consider a
position at Minn. They were
to unite bot. in act 5 with
that in Agr and Freeman
wanted me particularly to
develop research work in
Plantology. His plans fell
through as you know. At
the same time I was offered
at position at Washington to
establish a research laboratory

for storage and transportation
problems. They made a
very attractive offer as far as
funds and equipment and
men but they would offer
me only 3000. I could not
consider less than \$4000 for
a Washington position.

Things are shaping their-
selves very nicely for me now
at Cornell. Morgan is
entirely changed in his attitude
toward me ~~now~~ and
Dean Mann has assured me
that he will make it possible
for me to devote all my ^{time} ~~time~~ ^{entirely}
to research and teach
only if I feel it desirable
to do so. I have it almost
that way now. I expect
2000 next year as this
is the second time ^{that} the
recommendation has
been made.



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Jan 6, 1918

while in France, in the Y.M.C. service
I expect to have from time to
time leaves of absence of a few
days each. If there are
any particular bot. insti-
tutions that you think
I ought to visit when
in France, please let
me know.

With best wishes and
love to the whole family
I am

Yours sincerely

Lewis Knudson.

Address: Lewis Knudson.
4. M. C. A. Section.
A. E. Forces, ~~France~~

Jan 20th 1918.

Dearest Maria

Ever since your letter came & I have been wanting to reply but have not been able to do so, first there were some little preparations for Xmas, then the bad weather began & I could not do any thing satisfactorily. I wanted to take some pleasant time & write you a nice letter but no use, the pleasant times don't come & it has been such a task to keep warm after a fashion, & get something to eat. The past Thursday evening a week ago we had the worst blizzard this country ever felt; Dr D. had just gone out to feed when it came up suddenly, the wind was fierce, almost took him of his feet, then came sleet & such a time as we had, that night my cook took her bed, (often does in bad weather) & there she stayed a week, when her husband announced the fact in the morning.

I was up in a hurry, made fire in the chimney, covered by it, put on the little tablecloth & looked around to see what I could find for breakfast for I could not expect myself cooking in the kitchen. I saw saffrons & a lot of cabbages, some cold sausage and as I could find I arranged them & made tea in the chimney for our morning's sport, we had a plenty of Catherine's omelets sent by Henry. For dinner I found some meat, I have forgotten what & some cold joints, I baked some corn & had some brown steaks in dining room, (as fine as the worst steaks) & we had each, one of Wm's cakes that helped wonderfully. Sunday as a narrow one induced to come to work dinner, I had made a lot of biscuit & some meat saffrons to put by for emergency our when needed. Some times I find butter cakes on Kessie's stove & once or twice cold joints & Irish potatoes. We had grapes sent to help out but at first I forgot I had them. The cows were milked occasionally, at other times turned to the calves. There is a cold I did every thing in the chamber & was

to washing the dishes on the little table we ate on.
Friday morning my cook came out & I had a good
hot cooked that day for fear she might go to bed
again but she is still up & quite lively with her
new dress & face seems shining as her face, oh!
she is such a goose! Now see now why I could not
write, in between times I had to remove my stilling
silk hula that have been very bad.

Dr wants to write so I must give him his
pen & take this bad one.

Reuben did not come last Sunday it was as bad
as this! very cold today I thought he might
come & was keeping his dinner at the fire but
it is almost too late for him now. He must
have had a terrible time milking & feeding his
stock, am so glad he has an old woman to keep.
Ben thanked me for the eggs but I did not
send them they were a queer remembrance
from Reuben. I hope they arrived safely, don't
know how he packed them. I was indeed
sorry not to have had you Thanks giving but
know it is an undertaking for you to travel with

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so many children, & then you & Helen are
such busy people. I am really sorry he has so
much to do, a good deal more than "his bit".
He & Fred are two busy men - Fred writes since
4 years since he has been made student instructor
for in mechanic arts - carpentry, he has
about 50 fresh men, teaches 12 hours a week in
the laboratory, this is partly the result of his
standing about at the head of his class, the
Dean of Engineering (Wilmore) said "he is the
best man in my class", he made all ones
on his first term report. Fred says "we think
this is wonderful for one taking the 4 year
course in 3 years & not 18", so do we - The
Luggars (most of them) are surely smart
people.

When it was so very cold I wore 2
sweaters & a blanket shawl all the time, have
on tonight a sweater & the shawl, & we went
to bed with 2 hot flat irons to our feet. Buckets of
water froze solidly & burst the buckets, tea kettle
had to be filled at night - or there was no getting
water for it, oh my, such a time & freezing tonight.

I think I wrote Ben of spending the day & night with sister Sally before the cold spell, enjoyed it as much. Lucy Bringer was there. I do love to be with sister S. & Lucy. If the weather was moderate we are going to Selma together, sister S. to have her teeth taken out & I to have my eyes attended to. I think getting off as early in the morning. I have a letter from Wanda's wife occasionally, she is such a hard working woman, the girls seem not to help with the hard work, sew & crochet. I am knitting another sweater it seems as if I will never finish it, when I do may try my hand on socks. That makes me think of Mrs Powell, yesterday she sent over a fine breakfast, butter bread, biscuit, sausage & a whole dish of stoned spare rib; it was mighty nice of her but I could sit help wishing she had sent it one of those mornings when I was so short, she has 2 grown women, 2 men & a boy at her command, one of the men runs her car. So you & Ben will be sailing around in your own

can, can't you squeeze in some of the children? Will you learn to sew it?

I seldom see a neighbor. Mrs. Hixson, one of the new people, called one evening last week for me to help her out of trouble with her knitting. I have not seen Mrs. Hatch for a time, she has been confined to the house all winter. Minnie runs about. I never know when she can be found at home.

The picture of Anna is so good I love to look at it - I thank you so much for it. I hope you are fixed with a good cook now that domestic matters run smoothly. It is time I was saying good night. Rebecca did not come. Dr. D. writes with one in much love to you, Ben, & the children, write when you can to your
Loving Mother.

Feb 3rd 1918.

My dear Son

We have just dined on fat-
robins, quits, irish potatoes & peas, with a dessert
of corn starch blanc mange, ^{& stewed prunes} which your Father
pronounced "elegant." We missed Benben, it was
so cloudy & bad looking until late, that I suppose
he did not get ready to come. I am always sorry to
miss his Sunday visit, he was with us last
Sunday but came a little later had little time
to stay. I wish you all had some of the nice
birds we have been dining on for a week, we
have now quite a string hanging up. I tell your
Father when he wants a pie (we have them
stewed) that I am practicing "conservation"
saving flour & lard, to say nothing of my time &
labor. Are you all keeping the wheat less, meat
less, pork less days? so many I will have to put
them on a card & hang it in a conspicuous

place. I wonder what they will do next. We heard
this morn of lbs of flour, ^{sold} the one person would be limited
as your Father wrote one to Selma & ordered 2 half
barrels of flour & 100 lbs of sugar, we had one barrel
& right good supply as we will have enough to
aid us in such things if not prohibited. Your Father
now is like a boy about sweets, cakes pie, candy
violin or, always acceptable; in fact he goes to the
store & fills his pockets with candy & violin.
This morn we getting so poor our Johnson grass hay
above that I sent for a sack of horse meal for the
milk cows, hope it will improve them, if the
weather would only be a little more spring like
grass would come to their rescue. We sometimes
have a comparatively mild day but the next morn
is freezing. It is very cold today, since 12 o'clock the
sun has been shining. Night before last we had a
heavy rain & snow last night; every rain is fol-
lowed by very cold weather. The wind has been twisting
around & sending some smoke down the
chimney today. Rain has come late, only time

time to eat dinner past by for him & be off again, he will hardly get home before dark. He has had a rough time this winter but stands it well. He told us the large cow house on the Norwegay place was burned a few nights ago. Davis Collins rented it & had it insured, there are suspicions about it. I must stop now & attend to my evening duties. After supper - I suppose you are as busy as can be with your numerous duties. This month I expect you will want to pack a good deal to be ready for the move to the other house. The children will be much farther from their schools will they not? but I suppose they go on the street car any how.

All at aunt Melville's have had a sick time, she had a dreadful cold was in bed several days. Rich was quite sick a day or two, Lucy also, even the baby had his time with a cold but all are up now. I think it remarkable that neither of us have had a cold this winter,

where every one almost has been troubled that
way. The old ladies keep very close this winter,
I have not heard of Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Sturtevant
being out at all. I have had no visitors but
Mrs. Higgins over, & Mrs. Powell & Mrs. Wheeland, it
is love come I tell you. The weather has been so
bad that our meetings have not been
frequent. I enjoy them. A good many of our
ladies are learning to knit socks, from heels to
the whole thing, now if we could only receive
spinning, & have our threads spun at home
instead of buying it would be fine.

I wish Ned wrote you how well his own skin
is doing, he is certainly a smart, fine boy. Francis
will give up her place at Lakes College on the
10th of this month & return to Auburn, will do
some work in the A. C. department there &
help her Father at night. I think the work at
Lakes was too much for her. Your Father unites
with me in much love to you all.

Yours devoted
Mother.

week but Mr. Potter has not raised any in 2 years he is too irregular feeding & keeps
 May down so long.
 But, I better to
 send such a receipt
 than spend it
 here. I under
 diff. matter, such a
 many people, you
 + 10. Tom, Mrs. the
 children all around
 for me & give all
 the matter that we
 have not heard from you for so long? busy as
 usual or called off on business or what?
 Maybe tomorrow mail will bring a letter. I
 hope so -
 After some delightful spring weather, we'll
 really hot one or two days we are now having
 again. Saturday & Sunday we had
 rain, very hard & steady all Sunday, a cold
 change & now I am in the nursery waiting
 on my box close up to a coal fire, the sun
 is bright but wind high & very cold, but for
 the wind & clouds I think we would have
 had frost last night & the night before, the
 cold wind gives the tender plants a dried
 sickly look. I have one planting of snaps with
 leaves on them, others just up. My wonder
 beans up. Mustard & spinach are fine, give

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us all the "grains" we want & some to give away but I have not such lettuce as I had last spring, too dry at planting time. A frost would be terrible for the farmers now, going to Farmerdale last Monday I saw so much cotton up, a good deal planted this season.

The "chamber chimney" smokes so we have had to abandon the room, the dining room is such an ice house that we are driven to the nursery for warmth, ^{we are} ~~it is~~ very much cramped up but I hope this spell will not last much longer.

Your Father & all interested were in London for his case on Tuesday, but Mrs Hopkins was reported sick & the case was postponed until fall. They met & took me to Danville to stay with them while he was gone. He came home in Father's buggy with him & Reuben, as soon as soon as he reached home he hitched up the buggy & went to Danville for me, spent the night (Wednesday) & we came home Thursday morning in the face of very threatening clouds, very appearance of a storm but I was obliged to come home to get the house & dinner ^{ready} for Friday. Reuben had with & Lucy Minge had sent word they would spend that day with us. Fanny Adams was on a visit to Maria Brown so I asked them to come but Maria was feeling badly when the day came & they could not come. We enjoyed the day together. Fanny & Maria spent Tuesday at Sister Sally's as I did not mind seeing her entirely but wanted to entertain her. She is very lame, they say her hip must have been dislocated but she has no idea of when it happened, she is very cheerful in spite of the pain &

inconvenience.

Sister S. & Lucy are busy with their garden & poultry. Lucy had in the brooder over 100 chickens, 109 hatched from 128 eggs. The incubator was full again, turkeys were laying & had to be watched, goats & sheep had to be constantly entered to keep them from getting on the apple & lots of things to do. They lost several goats & a large ewe from blood. The grand son claims some of their time, they are devoted to him, a bright-looking little fellow with pretty blue eyes & a beautiful skin, too pretty for a boy.

Rainbow could not come Sunday for these reasons, as it was too wet to plow yesterday I was able to hire a man to send him some things. We had some seed for his garden & I sent some mustard & spinach from mine, some cabs, butter &c. By this way did the butter reach you safely for Carter? Go Father came in to visit so I had to go out & hoe my garden, break the wheel that would come in my hand. I found turnips planted late this spring nearly large enough to eat, the leaves the largest I almost saw now. I am trying to raise some chickens have 16 with good wings & tails, can swallow whole grains of corn, 3 more have to hatch, they give me often



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BUFFALO, N.Y. May 10-1918

Mrs. B. M. Duggan
4327 Washington Blvd.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear sister:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in remembering my birthday. It has been so long since we have seen each other that I feel almost like a stranger. It seems too bad that the family has to be separated to the extent that it is.

We came to Buffalo in January at the request of Billy and Doug, and so far everything has been very pleasant. ~~And~~ Unfortunately, Lee seems to like Buffalo very much.

We are mailing you a photograph of our youngest, who joined the family Sept. 7th last year. It seems strange that all three children were born on the 7th of the month, Chuck having been born on February 7th, which happened to be Louise's birthday. I have begun to think that seven is my lucky number, although for seven years I had very bad luck. I hope by the end of the next seven that I will be a

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millionaire. There ought to be some compensation for living in this town.

I am very sorry I cannot write this letter myself, but I had a fall the other day which crippled my pen fingers.

I hope this letter reaches you on your anniversary and that you will have a happy birthday and many more of them.
With a heart full of love to all.

Affectionately yours,
"Clunk"

June 6th 1918

My dear Lou

It is just after 3 o'clock & there seems to be quite a storm brewing, just such as we had yesterday about this time, there was hail & heavy rain & even lightning & thunder, the rain was most welcome for corn & gardens were breeding up & the cotton needed a little rain too. But for the cooling breeze I would be fagged out, doing all this work the hot weather we have had has been very tiresome to me, no chance to get help in the kitchen, the cotton field takes all the labor, cooks from the kitchen & all labor from every where. Thelma my sewing Maamab (our cook) slipped on a nail & has been in bed ever since, tomorrow will be the 10th day & if no change takes place I hope she will escape lock jaw & will get up. Celie has cracked

for us once a day, & churned butter at the
dinner house (she is a field hand) as the
supply of butter & butter milk is kept up, we
have not much appetite for any thing else. I
never expected to like butter milk so much.

I gather & prep are usually 2 kinds of vegetables
in the evening, cook them with breakfast & make
enough bread for the day. Warm the vegetables on the
kitchen stove at dinner time. This spring I would
like as much to finally replant my little garden
but have not the strength to do any thing.

The chickens take up much of my time. We
have just taken off 21 which we gave to
our little hen, have to feed them often to
help her along, so many to scratch for.

I have some rain pigs to fatten on Sundays
when Amber comes up.

Her cow withers last Sunday, not looking
well & feeling weak & badly no appetite, seemed
but great thirst, that has been the way with
us. The Auburn commencement was nothing
this year, it was hurried up a week, the

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Minister expected could not get them, some one else preached the sermon & after it was over the diplomas were handed out. Fred said there was no handsomer graduate than "L. G. D.". They are very proud of Shivers & have come to be. Fred said he might come over in his auto & bring the girls to spend a short time, then they could get about. Annie & the buggy are like usual, getting fatter. Davey did not grind over corn last week, with out of order, we drove to Galena to get some, there was not a dust in either store, no flour (we have plenty of that) quills, or any thing of the sort, a box of snuff was all we could find for our needs, we use it on the lawn.

I suppose schools have closed & the children are romping around at home. Will you all be in St. Louis for the summer?

There is no news in the neighborhood that I

know of, might possibly have picked up
some if we had had our cat cross meeting
yesterday. The rain prevented.

I & Maria doing much preserving this summer?
we bought the sugar some time ago but I have
had no fruit, figs & pears will come on soon
I expect, unless the rain after a long dry spell
causes the figs to drop.

I must stop now & attend to my evening's
work, please excuse this poor letter & bad
writing. I hope a letter will come from you
tomorrow. Much love to you all from

Your devoted

Mother.

of going to N. Y. for
trading. All the
young men going off;
oh if this could ever
come over! My wish
that our situation were
so long so well
We have then, perhaps
you their heads, I
watch them daily;
catch a fly way on
with the last little
spare & put them
up for further trial
I have not
let day get away
to any purpose I
think. I have 20
pullets to turn out
for laying if I can
save them with
eat the contents of
they here. This is a
badly managed
up after and must

wish to make a visit to Lawrence but the
weather was so cloudy & uncertain we were
afraid to risk it, we might have gone this
evening for it has cleared off & there is a slight
fresh breeze, but we might encounter some mud
for we have had several hard rains. I think
we will try to get off tomorrow even if a rain
should detain us all night so I must try to
get a letter written.

Your letter came this morning & was a pleasure
to us both. I hope the change of weather continued
& that you are not suffering from heat as a
few days before you wrote. I feel as if the hottest
weather is over now. The nights are so cool. I often
draw up a thin blanket towards morning &
your father is very shilly, I laugh & tell him to

put on his overcoat when in the breeze in the
hall, finds the porch too cool. I think you
could have stood our July weather & might
have run down for a little visit to us, with
you would before your kin's duties begin again.
You all seem busy, how nice to be able to can your
vegetables so quickly & in such a large quantity at
one time. What does Louise do at the Community
canning? Preserve vegetables for the cans? she is a
very useful girl. So different from girls raised
many years ago, to play badly was all they knew
how to do, & were ashamed to work. I don't hear
of Dorothy doing any work but the boys are real
workers, Frederick & Stevie on the farm but I -
will have to leave soon to act as instructor to
a portion of the 500 soldiers who will be at
Auburn to be drilled in "wireless", this time will
be about 8 weeks & then he will return to the
farm, his salary will be high & he felt he could
not refuse the offer. It is a good thing for Stead
to have such boys on the place. I wish I could

great she is
 but a nice
 full girl. I
 hope the
 children will
 be glad to
 enjoin to
 him &
 yours
 parents
 depends on
 the weather
 for much
 I be doing
 that well
 Andrew did
 not know
 I am doing
 I hope who
 bought a lot
 of coal & oil
 he was sent
 We have 3

has much time to write & tell you how they
 manage as he does me, he gives it to me by the
 week & I enjoy hearing what, & how they are
 doing.

Friday morning. I stopped to get every thing ready
 for our early start today but alas! another
 disappointment, a little rain last night &
 clouds this morning, our usual Aug weather.
 I am so nervous I can scarcely write, hope
 you will be able to read it. Mr Hatch dropped
 in to inquire for a little goat for his grand-
 son, & Father told him 2 that stay over at
 Mr Powell's & now he is looking at some over
 here, just a few left of our flock of 20. I hope
 he will take all. I want to see the stock gettin'
 rid of, no attention & winter coming will be bad
 for them. We have a young Jersey heifer with a
 heifer calf that I want to get a good price for,

I have talked enough to get it. You, as a
 tree.
 and then younger heifer & a common heifer, 3
 cows counting one of Rubens's, you know they
 are too many for Mr. Hather to pretend to feed
 for he does not do it. The rains have made
 the grass grow out pretty well.
 Le Conte pears are ready to be gathered to
 ripen & there is no one to eat them, I wish
 you had a basket full. I never use them for
 preserving & sold one we eat one. Mr. Hatch
 has come in to pay for the goats, took only 2.
 One of our neighbors (Mr. Stone) sold out a
 day or so ago. \$100.00 an acre, all stock
 included and that, reserved only housefolld
 furniture. The man who bought the place is
 far superior to Mr. S., we all hope for a
 better neighbor. These western people are always
 changing.
 Did I write you of Florence Duggan's expected
 marriage? The man she is to marry is at the
 vacation training school in Okla., the discipline
 is very strict & he can't get off to come to Gravelton
 to be married so Florence goes over to him, she
 & her brother will leave about the 10th of Aug. Walter

Wednesday afternoon Oct. 9, 1918
Sweet Home

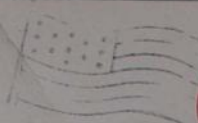
I have not felt like writing for the last two days so just got up & my feelings. I guess I am gaining but it is very slowly & I am getting tired of his old tale for it is just weeks now. Jack is up on the third floor - but where he has been since he came Saturday. Mr. Hyton told him Friday night that he could come home Saturday but he did not know Jack was not well & Jack did not want to stay in school if he was well. So that matter is cleared up.

but he ought to have told Mr.
Hoyt too. There is a nice
infirmary with nurses &
a Dr. at the school & one here
now you can not get a nurse
& a Dr. must come unless you
are very well for the Infirmary
is raging. Dr. Brunson said
I must not get it - it is all the rest
did but what could be done
when a supposedly well child
suddenly is sick. I do not think
Jack has had the real thing
though for he has only had a
bad cough & fever. Last Saturday the
fever was high but he has very
little today & his cough is much better.
Dear Charlie has been one of his
nights just like a father & Emily &

Pascilla has moved here
days & put her in well. I only saw
her from the door when he
first came. It is kind of lonely
for the little fellow though I hope
we can pick up his soon & react
to her, but it looks now as if he
won't soon be well & not again.
I certainly have worried about him.
To day that Alice is two years old
so the little family are all
coming over to supper & Smith is
making a huge birthday cake &
is going to have ice cream for her.
She is a blessed baby & as fat as
a butter ball.

I had a letter from Lathrop today
& he has been made Major & the
gone where he is fighting & has
plenty to do & so is happy. I hope
he will stay right where he is.

after this awful war is over
I will be more dearie to
that I will be to you & must be
getting tired. My friends keep
a good pile of boxes of
fall flowers but must they
could not buy flowers when
the money is so much needed
for war bonds.
With devoted love to you dear
Ben & the precious children
in which set of mine with
you devotedly
I Alice.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. B. M. Suggs
4327 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Mobile, Ala. 10/4/18.

Dear Ben,

I stayed at home until last (Sunday)
night to be with the family in attending to those
matters that required immediate attention. Returned
by way of Mr. Jones, reaching here at 1 P.M. and have been
on the run ever since my arrival. Found the fountain
pen in my mail, thanks. Up to the time I left Foster
had never consented to go with Fred. "didn't see
how he could leave the place yet," altho provision
could be made for the live stock. Fred and aunt M. & Mary
were to stay today. Love to the family. Yrs. Bro. F. L. D.

Greensboro Oct 17th 1918

Dr. R. H. Duggen.

Ballion Hall Ala

My dear old friend

I have just heard
through the Watchman of Mrs Duggen's
death. I miss very much that I could
have taken part in the funeral services
but the bad roads would have prevented
if I had known of the hour.

My recollections of Mrs Duggen are
singularly pleasant. The memory of the
many hours I've spent in your house
and her thoughtful courtesy will always
remain fresh & bright. To say that she
was a southern lady of the old style is
to accord her the highest praise

My heart goes out to you in your loneliness
& I only wish I could do something to
prove my sympathy. We are both old
men now, & the hope of meeting deferred

friends is all that is left us.
With much love & deepest sym-
pathy.

Love your old friend
R. H. Cotts.

Thursday.

P.M. Oct 17, 1918

349 Ellis Ave.

Chicago Ill.

Don't think of
meeting me
for I can come
but to your home
without my
mother.

My Precious Sister:-

Your sweet-
birthday letter came just-
on time. And you are
a darling to think of me.
I am so sorry to hear of the
death of Ben's Mother. It is
very hard to part with our
loved Parents. No matter if we
know it is for the best. It is

am going to leave here Sunday
morning the 20th at 9-30 A.M. and
get to St. Louis Sunday evening
at 5-30 or 6 o'clock. Via Illinois
Central. Now I will be so glad to see
you again, can hardly wait to tell
you that I have taken a job in New
York but don't tell any of the family
in writing for I don't want them to know
until I find the work. I want to go to New
York this November with mother & love

Ben for me and tell
him that he has my true
sincere sympathy and that
I am so glad he could be
with his dear Mother at the
last. for it was a comfort
to her. I know his Father
will be lost now without
his companion. And I
fear it will be long before he
goes. When a couple grow old
together, they seldom live long
after one dies. Marie took, I

3414 Nevada St.
Cleveland Park D.C.
Oct. 18 - 1918

My very dear Sisters,

By the time you get this
I suppose you will be together
& I wish I could be with you also.
I had a letter from each of you this
morning & I thank God that you
were all well. I only wish I could
hear from our brothers & their
families in Buffalo for I hear
the influence is better there.
I was so glad to get your letters
& wish I was strong enough
to write you each an interesting
reply. Phil first, Jack is well &
having a fine time & a regular
vacation. He has lost his cough.
Mrs Smith has the influence but
in a mild form. She is in the
guest room so I can talk to her

will come home. I salute
God and wish that Ben: the
dear children. Marie dear please
tell Ben. that he has my love &
sympathy - his dear mother & the
family write to him if I did not
feel so some times. His mother
this dear mother had to go first
& leave her old husband to care
for himself & miss her every
minute. Please remember
that I am thinking of you all
constantly. Don't worry about
us God is good & his love can't
be lost forever. Marie dear I do
not think Lachry is a Major. He
wrote that he was a 2nd Major &
I do not know what that means
except if he ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{going} ~~going~~ home ^{of} ~~of~~
I wish I could see him & talk
to him

Auburn, Ala.

Oct 22nd 1918.

Box 64. (J. F. D's.)

My Dear Son:—

As Paed left my home I came on with him & have been here ever since. They are all very kind & thoughtful & treat me as one of the family.

When I left home I had no thought of "influenza" or anything much but my Dear One who left me so lonely, Paed did the best he could in running around & fastening up things securely, yet I now know that much is exposed to inroads of

of evil ones - Yesterday
"He" (Ind) had a letter from
Mr. Powell saying "old Jim"
who promised to stay there
at night & look about the
premises - had left & moved
over to their house lot, so
now there is no Care-taker
whatever - Hence I see
no other way to manage
than to return to my old home
& stick it out as best I can.
Many - Many letters have
come to me here from
Friends, of Condolence &
Sympathy. I am enclos'g
one from Dr. Cobbs - the
dear old friend of our
family.

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I had a very affectionate letter from Bessie (D.H.'s wife) at Fannedale asking me to come down & spend some days with them.

I found Dad's wife Fannie quite sick, & the children not looking entirely as well as I should like to see them, and "Margaret" Mrs McCormick came up from the plantation yesterday, perhaps to spend many days at home, as her mother had high fever. The "F" is better today, — The entire town is closed up almost, and influenza is most

Families, as I said before, I had
no idea I would rush into such
a Sarybdis of disease when
I left home - so I will try
& get back to my desolate home
& hope for the best, - very soon
too I shall be compelled to be
in Linden to be present at
Court term, unless I hear from
Judge Cunningham, that the
Court's session has been postponed.
Things are greatly in a stir on
every side of us - about 1500
Students = Civic as well as
Military - The streets are full
of Kaki-clads moving to & fro -
many residences have been
occupied as hospitals for the
influenza cases.

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over 22 x 14 1/2

The old Men Hall - a large brick building opposite the Main College Structure is occupied by the sick. Prof Thatch's former Home is a base Hospital - also a large New structure - frame - to hold 3 to 400 is now almost completed beyond the Engineering Department. - So you may observe that this is almost a Hospital town. I think (7) - died in one day - before I came up. We stay close & have a Care for ourselves - I believe 't would be better for me to seek my own Quarters & remain as nearly as possible Quarantined from the outside world. - With love to all. Affectly yr Father. *R. Duggan*

PB Fred is very busy and
everything here is high and
scarce. I went with him
yesterday several miles -
in his buggy - with a large
bag of saved clothes - & we
found no clothes woman
to take them in hand &
had to bring them back to
the "House".

[Signature]

[Signature] I have just heard that
Mrs. V. A. Fred is very
very ill - .

Box 64 Auburn Ala. Oct. 27, 1888

Dear Ben;

We had no special difficulties in making all necessary arrangements on Monday, Oct. 14, for father to leave the old home. I got a bid on the cows, but as father thought it too low, I sent them all to Mr. Beasley's pasture. The horse was sent to Frank Stewart's pasture - at least until cold weather. We sold the chickens to Renter Shearer. The paspalum seed were sifted & sacked, and in Aunt Mrs. carriage I took them to the depot with the express packages for Wane and yourself. I trust yours reached you safely.

Peter Brown took us to the train. In haste we left bread, butter & sugar on the table. I hoped that Renter might come up soon and notice the uncleaned table. The keys were left with Mrs. Powell.

Father has seemed very well contented here so far except one day

saying that old Jim had become timid and moved off the lot. Then father said he was going home next day to take care of his "corn and things." He was persuaded to "postpone" this move when it was pointed out that I had engaged John Gracy to inspect the premises once or twice a day, that the insurance contract permitted the house to be unoccupied for 30 days and by permit for another 30 days.

He still incidentally alludes to "when I go home", picks out seedling trees he wants to take with him, etc.

He spends most of the time reading, but takes one walk or ride every day. He seems in good health and spirits and not at all restless nor homesick or troubled by lack of definite occupation.

When I came home I found Fannie quite sick with influenza, which continued for some time. ^{She} Frances has now recovered and none of the others has been attacked.

I found on inquiry that there was
 to mother's credit at the Robertson
 Banking Co. the sum of \$137.⁶⁴. So I
 paid for the Casket & hearse (Rosenbush's
 bill of 108.¹⁵) by a check on that fund.

In reply to an inquiry Mr. ^{Kell} Cochran
 wrote that one note (the one from Irving, I
 think) had been paid to mother's ac-
 count at the (Tuscaloosa) City National
 Bank, giving her there a credit of \$638.⁶⁷.
 But I was sorry to learn from him
 that he did not distinctly remember
 to whom the other loan had been
 made, - the one that mother alluded to
 as "to a man at Moundville," which
 father thinks was for about \$80.00.

So I have written Judge Torbert of
 Hale Co. for details of any mortgage securing
 such a note. I found ^{nothing about it in papers thus far}
^{examined.}

Father is under the impression that
 an unattested will needs to be made binding
 by the written agreement of the heirs. I hope to
 get time to consult a lawyer on this - especially as
 to formality of will required by law.

Oct 27, 1918

Probably it would be well for you to send me memoranda - a better formal bills against the estate, - for the small bills of part of funeral expenses that you paid, including the one for the carriage from Bleg, to Cousin Dick Wilkins, Peter Brown, etc. It will then probably be regular for me to send you check against Robertson Banking Co. for the aggregate, if you wish me to keep all the papers together.

I shall send you a copy of the will as soon as I can have one made, and expect to send a copy to each brother.

I think if an agreement is signed making the will regular (as tho witnessed) it should include a release of all claims against father on account of the old notes mentioned, ~~has~~ she specifically left him the interest (presumably future as well as past) on his notes.

I fear the note for \$800⁰⁰ from the Balland Brick Co. (Fairfax), which failed, is worthless and think it might avoid possible misunderstanding or worse for the same agreement to recognize this as uncollectable. The proceeds of the \$250 investment made for her in Gulfport - the lots since sold, - probably were lost in the same failure. Let me have your opinion on these matters before the execs. are in. They will be

father received your letter. # Father has just had notice of the will. I expect to be called to the normal duty now. I am all well. Love to all.

3414 Kew Rd. W.-

Nov. 14, 1918.

My precious Marie:-

This is just - I tell
you that I have decided to go
to Baltimore & have the
surgical operation on my thyroid
gland. It is the cause of all
my trouble & I may as well have
the cause removed & get
well. I am so tired & being
a half invalid. Right before
last I all day yesterday I suffered
with a fever of 100 & it was
no rest & I had to have an
ice pack on my heart & throat.
I thought as I was passing through
I could stand it - but yesterday
night I was of no use.
I do not know when I will be

as to Charles making arrangements
to day but she would like better
now. Don't worry about me. Be rest-
ful. I am told it is a very simple
thing & does not touch a violet spot.
I will have plenty of time to
think of you little while & to love
you - pray for you.

We have not had a cook for
a week & Emily has had to
do every thing & it is getting too
much for her. When I am in
Baltimore, Charles, Emily & Priscilla
can take their meals out -
until a cook can be found.

I am so glad you & dear
Agnes had such a good
visit - together & I wish Emily
had been with you. Don't
get run down by doing too much
I don't pay.

I must not write longer and I must
quit my pen writing. If one of the
girls & I have the time & I am
with a heart full of love to you
for you must read & all your dear ones
devotedly as always.
Alice.

For 8th 918.
Auburn, Me.

Dear Ben:-

I am still at Grand's
enjoying very much his hospi-
tality - the nice sweet music
made by his children collectively
& individually - for each & all of
them play & their concerts are fine.

They all try to interest
interest Grandfather, and
I appreciate greatly their efforts.
The institutional improvements
here are remarkable. Just at
this time there is somewhat
a cessation of Military display
but their Evening services & the sweet
music of the College Band is
entertaining in a high degree.

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who daily repeated there
is always a responsive
crowd of lookers-on.

I left home in a great hurry
that afternoon or evening as
it was supertime before
Peter's Car came for us. Fred
& my self. I was the only at
about 5 o'clock that I considered
seriously leaving that evening,
as I was satisfied I could not
arrange & fasten up the house
& do what I thought positively
necessary: But Fred went ahead
with hammer & nails & C & rush-
ed here & there & I packed up
a few things & left in disorder,
expecting to be back in a
week or two, & now it is so

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for into November and I am
here still. We might have
taken more time at home
& made sure of my prepa-
rations for the train was
late & Fred's watch was fast.
We sent the Cattle to Mr. a Bousley
pasture & Frank Stewart took
"Annie" the buggy mare, and
"Shearer" came in late & said
he would buy all the Chistans,
White Leghorns & blacks at
40 cts apiece?? Reuben
wrote us last week that
he had been up to our
house and he couldn't
see that anything had been
disturbed. And then y

Uncle Melville had been
to see about things, and
only found that the Mice
had had a fine time
while the Cats away.

As to the Pease Crop I can't
speak positively. Or how the
stock is faring.

I am sure I must go back
in a few days now & try sell
some of the Coats &c.

I know the deep sorrow &
loneliness will almost break
me up:— but I shall put on
a brave attempt to battle
with all my misfortunes
and discomfitures. The old
home will never leave for me
any of the realities of happiness.

1887 19/8

Fred has incommoded him-
self & family (at home)
for the help he has given to
the boys at the 2 farms
near Mountgomery. They
are doing a large business
in trucking milk to the Mount-
gomery dealers, 200-2 of gallons
daily, besides other truck
& mighty soon accommoda-
tions in their Cabin homes.
Margaret & her Husband are
there, & I expect worrying it
out in real Country style.
At this time Fanny is there with
them trying to patch up their
house keeping affairs. They
are 9 or 10 miles from Mountgory
& unable to get much help.

With the College Library so near
 - & I have equal access to its books,
 I truly try to take advantage of
 this opportunity. One book which
 has interested me much - is "Southern
 Literature" by Southern Authors,
 published by "The Martin & Hay & Co.
New Orleans & Atlanta, ^(7 Vol. 3 Edition) &c. It is
 Exceedingly interesting to me and
 Fred also takes to it mightily. When
 I can read my mind is more
 at peace & keeps me from the
 sorrows of my old age. &c.
 I meet few of the old timers, they
 too are at heart, those older men
 & Professors I knew in the years
 ago when I was Trustee of the
 College. Younger Professors fill all
 the chairs. Dr. Petrie is here & Cary.

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your Brother Fred is very busy
in one way & another - a very
hard worker & indefatigable.
So must work through the State
- Sometimes even at "Supper" he is called
to the telephone to explain & discuss
with parties far away & may be
get ready to leave home in a
few hours to help farmers in
distress & give advice worth
thousands of dollars to the party
& others.

We hope you are safe in your house
from the ravages of the Epidemic, 1000's
of Cases have been in Auburn, 3 of them
house before I came, & I didn't know
it - so far I am thoroly well. 13 of
the 1800 men here died. (1st cases.)

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Since I came I devoted my-
self to a regular use of the old
favorite prescription. I used so much
in Diphtheria & throat diseases —
"Emmonated Lincl: of Guaiac." —
dose 10 drops in two teaspoonful of
water several times a day & inhaled
fumes of Spts of Turpentine regularly.
We have had no further cases in the
house.

Now I must close, & in a few
days I hope to be at "Barnstable" &
must try & settle up affairs. & When
Springtime comes you may expect
me if convenient to your household.
Eliza insists upon my visiting her in Tuck^{er}.
& Louisa Duggar ^{invites me} (= now Mrs L. D. Harris) of
Bessemer, Ala., Charleston Ave 2200.
Best love to all, My affectionate Father 

Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Md.,
Nov. 19-1918.

My precious sister:-

It is now eight o'clock & my dear husband has left me to go back to Washington. He brought me your dear, sweet letter & I have had my laugh & my cry over it. This is the eve of my operation which takes place tomorrow at ten o'clock. Charles has promised to send you a telegram when it is all over. The nature of my trouble makes me blue, depressed & weepy, & it is hard to overcome the dread but the Drs. say I have every thing in my favor.

Dr. W. S. Halstead is to operate -
Dr. Burnham is going to stay
by me every minute. Dr. Halstead
is considered the best authority
on thyroid troubles in the
country & has had lots of
experience so you see I will
have the best care in the world.
I will have a special night
nurse & special day nurse
as long as I need them. Dr. Read
one of the head Drs. here & who
is very kind & nice will assist
Dr. Halstead so you see I will
be well taken care of. I would
love best - the world though to
see your dear, sweet face &
hold your hand. It comforts me
to know that your loving thoughts
are with me. Let's hope that
this New Year will give us a
good long visit together.

Right opposite my room right
across the hall there is a
dear young girl from Oregon
who is here alone & has been for
seven weeks waiting to be strong
enough for an operation for her
spending. I heard her tell her
nurse tonight that she wanted
her mother so I wrote a note &
told her I would be her mother
& she would be my daughter
while we are here. Her operation
takes place tomorrow also & I
am so sorry for her. She has been
so nervous that she could not
have flowers or letters from her dear
ones. She slipped into my room
a few minutes ago while her
nurse was out to let me say
much better she felt now that she
knew someone in the Hospital.
I pray God to help us both through
our thirde tomorrow.

I am glad the fortune letter told
you such good things about me
but I hope I will never be fat-
an awkward. I only weigh 114 lbs.
now as you see I will have to gain
some.

Good night sweet sister
Good bless + keep you + yours
safe from harm. What ever
happens just know I am your
dearly + all is well with me.
Give love Ben my fond love
I am very fond of him.

Devotedly yours
Alicia

3414 NEWARK STREET
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 23, 1918.

Dear Marie:

Alice is getting along splendidly. She was operated on last Wednesday. I sent you a telegram to the effect that everything is proceeding nicely. She had the right half of her thyroid gland taken out. Her neck had already begun to show signs of goitre--very distinct signs--before the operation, and her heart was beating so rapidly that the operation was necessary in order to control it. The stitches were taken out yesterday. I hope she will soon recover her health completely. I only wish the operation had been performed a few months ago.

Alice has enjoyed receiving your letters, and, of course, wants me to keep you informed. She will probably not be able to write for a couple of weeks, altho, on the other hand, she may, as she has a good deal of energy. There will be a rather bad scar on her neck for a few months, but they claim it will show very little at all a year hence.

With love to Ben, yourself and the children.

Cordially,

Charles

PM Nov 29, 1918

WARDMAN PARK INN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dearest Aunt Marie -

am perfectly
ashamed. But I have worried
you here - but honestly I have
been so busy. Mother
asked me to let you know
how she was after her operation.
Father sent telegrams but I knew
the worry would be taken away
and I've just waited until
I had a few minutes -

Father was with mother
yesterday afternoon and says

she is getting along well -
The doctors & nurses say she
is doing as well as can be
expected. It is also slow getting
over strength back after an
operation and it will probably
be about two months before woman
will be much better. They removed
about one half of one of the
thyroid glands in her neck
and they feel sure that is
that has caused all her
trouble. She was so thin
about it all and it was
hard to have it done. Will

mean a seat in his lonely neck.
Mother is as thin and weak as usually
broken my heart but we feel sure
she will be all right now. She can
probably be brought home next week,
and then we will celebrate Thanksgiving.

We have just moved into an apartment
and it is so good to have my sewing things
around again. I have been working
hard trying to get everything up and be
all settled before mamma gets home.
Then I hope that we help since July
and with all the work and Alice's ac-
tivity we can be I don't know much
time to get lonely.

Wish you could see my little girl.
She is adorable. And wish I could
see your four children. How do you
ever get along. Love really finishes
me. I'd kill it that you'd look
out for. I think you are a perfect
model.

Then a woman sewing in
mean putting up shelves another she
as I want to help around. What?
for & you all want me home. See!

Montpellier 6 Dec. 1918

Mon Cher Ami,

Dés aujourd'hui je vous souhaite un bon
et joyeux Noël, de peur que les retards causés
par la guerre ne fassent arriver après la
fête! Joyeux Christmas pour vous, pour
Madame Diezgar et pour vos enfants, de
la part de nous quatre. Nous avons person-
nellement échappé aux malheurs de la
guerre; mais tous les biens de notre famille
sont détruits et presque tous les jeunes ont été

Ici, -laignant encore bien des orphelins.
Nous ne pensons qu'à la Patrie sauvée;
au monde sauvé de la Barbarie.
Nous comptons bien que vous non plus ne
vouliez plus avoir de rapports avec le Hun.

Nous nous unissons, M^{me} Fl. « petite sœur »,
Sàquerette (qui a 19 ans) et moi pour vous dire
à tous notre plus fidèle amitié

Ch Flahaut.

FLAHAUT

To BMD
Southern Hotel
Baltimore

P.M. Dec 27, 1918

Alton, Friday -

My own dearest,
I am only going
to write you a line because I don't
know your exact address & it
may never reach you. But I do
want you to know that we are
missing you & thinking and
speaking of you constantly.
We are having a beautiful

time, so delightful that instead of
leaving for home this morning we are
staying over until to-morrow. To-night
Mr & Mrs Arkhew & I are going to the
Theatre and I have persuaded them to
come to the University Club & dinner with
me first. Oh, how I do wish you were
to be with us!

I imagine you, though gallivanting
about Baltimore & Annapolis & things.
I wish I could be with you and
sing & hear of all your good times.
I know your talk was a dandy. Do
stay long enough & don't hurry for you
will get the full benefit of the meeting.
When you see Alice do give her
my dearest love & tell her how we
have thought about her.

Mrs Arkhew sends you her love. Mr.
Arkew has a trade - last for you from
Mr. August. Good-bye my sweetheart
and take good care of yourself. With
all the love of my heart I am yours own
Percy.

Suburn Ala.

Dec 31st 1918-

Dear Marie:-

During this little respite
from company & music &
the bustle of in & out comers -
I shall try & reply to your kind
letter from St Louis -.

In the 1st place I must
most heartily thank your House-
hold for the beautiful & very comfort-
able gown which already has
given evidence of pleasure for
all the weary & cold days I may
have at Bamboos Hall from now
on til the Springtime gives me the
cheerfulness of flowers & such weather

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as we are want to experience
in the "Canoeable".

I must say now also
what I may have as adjunct
dwellers at "Bamboo Hall" til
May or June next. —

I was sure I could not
stand it all alone at the old
Home — so I invited "Belle
Duggan from Greensboro &
her Daughter "Dally" — to come
down from Summersfield (where
"D" was teaching before Christmas)
They are given the school at our
place — Prairieville for 5½ months
@ \$5.00 pr mo. — Belle can keep house for
me & Dally can teach & help her Mother
care for me & Housekeeping there. She
puts in Jan'y 1919. & on —. This arrange-
ment we made with Mrs A Bradley;

who seems to dominate the neighborhood & gets her school fund allowance from Hales at Greensboro. This arrangement tho quickly made has been accomplished by correspondence.

On Friday evening next at 6 PM I leave Auburn for home reaching Gallion properly on Saturday about 12-1 o'clk. —

This solution of my expectations for another year is so far agreeable to me & I shall try & make it so for the Co-occupants. 'Tis the only plan I thought workable. From now on it is for me to look ahead & see what is before me.

I would doubtless surprise you two to know that some kind neighbor put it out that my home was vacated,

not that alone but it was for rent. !!! Such an idea had never entered my head, to think of my moving out my furniture & belongings & giving up my old home to an utter stranger who actually wrote me. He wished to move in the last of December, had wife & wanted 5 down chair covers, had mules & horses & several cows - would need all my stables lots & barns - kitchen &c &c. Wasn't that fine. 'Twas a broad side of impertinence &c. No was my reply. Hope you & the children have all had an enjoyable Yuletide. We thank you each & all for yr remembrance and wishing all a successful New Year. I am as always gratified by letter "free" from "all well & join me in good wishes."

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