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something fearful. I
 don't believe I could
 live in Tennessee always
 for any thing under the
 sun. I quite beg for
 cool weather and pleasant
 did wish I lived in the
 south, I don't think I
 will ever be satisfied
 until I get a little
 farther south any way.
 I do not know whether
 I will get to Nashville

Wm. D. D. is talk-
 ing of coming
 to see to Nashville
 next winter &
 winter as the ing
 her out to see -
 would like also
 to see
 I. D. D.

11. d. 12 Sept.
 [1895?]

I enjoyed your
 last letter ever so much,
 it came one morning
 when I was feeling
 very tired and had be-
 found it gave me a great
 deal of pleasure, for the
 last two weeks I have
 been indulging in a nice

little shell of material
loves, much to my dis-
appointment and dis-
quiet though for it has
interfered with, and dis-
turbed up, all my plans.

Grandma has been quite
sick too and is still in
bed, she and I were both
taken sick one Sunday
when there was no one at
home but Ned, Mamma &
I am were in the country
and the rest at church

and the little fellow
had his hands full.

Mamma is anxious to
return home as the school
have commenced and
we are very uncomfortable
here, but the weather is
so clear & dry that we
will have to give up all
chance of getting back
by boat, it has not
rained here since the
last of August and
this pine stone dust is

Miss Lou Kedd & one of
her little boarders went
to take a walk & Miss
Lou's curiosity got the
better of her & she walk-
ed into the parlor to
see how it was fixed
but after she got in
she couldn't get out, &
she had to send the
little girl up town to
get a light & help her

or not this winter I
only know I want to
very much, either to take
a course at Furber's
College or at the Nor-
mal Kindergarten I
have not quite made
up my mind.

I suppose you have
heard all about the
wedding at Galline
which I missed seeing
we laughed a good deal

at the account of the
Lude's existence & if I
can find it will send
it to you; from Mr. Mac-
millan's was so overcome for
fear he would be hum-
bled up he did not know
what to do, the lighted
candle behind him kept
doubting up & twisting
around so that it was
enough to make him
exclaim. There is nothing

going on in Denmark
~~now~~ but the erection of
a fountain in the pub-
lic square & and the or-
ganization of our sum-
mer school, where we have
to pay ten cents if we
go & twenty five if we
don't go. Speaking of the
fountain a funny thing
happened there the other
evening, at about dusk

This room for such a thing
& that closet for the other
and she must plant such
& such a thing in her gar-
den ^{& that} ~~with~~ fine Dutchan per-
sades the place so that Anne
wishes she never saw it.

You must excuse this, for
I have taken so much
quinine for my cold that
I am so overcome I can
hardly keep still. Write
soon & tell me some more
Gumslay experiences.
With love Anne

out, so she was the first
sick caught there.

Fan is still out in
the country where she
is having a nice time
nothing I expect Maama
& I will go out soon
as Maama's visit was
taken up by our sick-
ness.

We got through at the
Temple so much and

what was better all the
congregation seemed so
delighted and pleased
that it was a pleasure
to oblige them. They
had to do without their
alto when their son
Kippen came off though.
For I was sick in bed
and I did want to go
as much.

Mr & Mrs Henry Hayden
are preparing to go to the

Atlanta exposition & they
are putting over with an-
ticipation. I wish Maria
& I could go as they
did not get to Chicago.

Miss Minerva there is so
beautifully fixed up in
Mrs Duxton's new cottage
with all her numerous pu-
cants but she says Miss
Edith worries her nearly
to death for she comes every
day & insists upon her seeing



Wednesday Sept 11th 1898.

My dear Son

It is twelve o'clock but almost too cool to be comfortable here in this chamber, but I must be writing here, for the dining room is too diurnal, and sitting at the window so that the sun will warm me up a little. We had a heavy rain right before the last & consequently this cool change, Waver had gone to the depot thinking there would only be a drizzle but such a heavy cloud came up that darkness was almost visible & he had to wait until the rain was over to see how to get home. The cloud caused the young people a disappointment, Lizzie had written to tell Lavin & Waver that if they would be their escorts into Davenport they would furnish carriage & horses, of course they were in for the dance, but the cloud put an end to their plans for Davenport as well as the early bark here yesterday morning, we got it up for Fanny's benefit but of course it was too wet in the morning so after dinner I told Waver rather than have Fanny entirely disappointed he had better drive down & take her, they found a good many & Fanny was pleased to take them to Davenport in the eve last night, she seemed to hate to leave us, said she liked being

out here as much, had begun to feel quite at home with
us. As Lizzie & her friend Miss Pickering (I reckon that is the
way to spell it) could not go to Demopolis they decided to have
some fun at home, drove around yesterday morning & invited
the girls to a surprise party (surprise to her father) at their
home last night. Fanny had packed up to leave on the train
Wave was to take her down & then go to the party but at the
last minute we persuaded her to stay, & go in the buggy
today, the boys were dressing to go when a note came that
they could not have the party, for both were quite sick so
there was another disappointment for them all. Fanny then said
as she was packed & the buggy at the gate she would try to
by train, Wave took her down, Lewis consoled himself by making
a call on the girls. He went to Mrs Smith's Wednesday, suppose
he will hardly get through before Saturday.

Your very acceptable letter post reached 7th reached me this
morning, rather a long time coming was it! You certainly
have rather queer entertainments in Champaign but I suppose
you enjoy the novelty, will become acquainted with all the
different ways of entertaining moving from place to place so much.
As Uniontown looks as plentiful as the market now I
suppose \$3.50 was a right good offer for Mrs Wain's stamps. I
think \$1.50 would be a surprise to your aunt Melville tho'
of course if you could get more it would be all very well. I

heard her say she would be glad to get \$50. for it. She wants to put up a kitchen near the dining room with her money. I have not used mine yet, will give all the boys some & them try to invest at least 300 in some way that will bring in something every year. If I could believe dealing in "futures" harmless I might have made several hundred already, would be satisfied with small profit, sell out, & buy again.

I am having some interesting work done today, potato digging can't say how they will turn out yet as they were but starting. I have been using some for the table & I find of good many with that dark color, almost black, I think I have used some where that it is a disease, I wonder if it will prevent their keeping, they are perfectly sound & taste well.

We are getting in some coal too today but Lewis is doing that. A great deal of John's time is taken up bathing the cows & calves eyes, every thing of the cow kind are afflicted in that way except "Tucks", perhaps I wrote you that Nora went almost blind, stumbled into the new pool one night & was dead when found, Duolies is entirely blind & one of the calves, how many will be before it is over I can't say. Dr. Cozanne was sent for some time after they were taken, took three days to come & them prescribed salt & water & a dark stable, that simple treatment was put off until I took it in hand then I suppose it was too late. I had rather see them dead

them stumbling about against trees houses &c.
I did not finish my letter before dinner since Miss
Low sent over to ask me to go sitting with her this
afternoon so I am dressed & waiting for her hope I can
finish this we are to call on Mrs Torbert & Smiths.
Reuben has not returned to see us yet, I heard of him at
Hannadale Sunday as he must be well. Fred seems
troubled about getting a house at Auburn, I think he
should leave that to the trustees as they promised to
furnish a house, as houses vacant. All were well with
him children doing finely. I must stop now with much
love from us all

Yours devoted

Mother.

Freight has not-
come. I think we
must have dinner
can finish after Fred
comes. 5 o'clock -
Fred came in

late, train delayed
business in Auburn
all occupied except
Miss Bow's office
the college building
small house, Van
Culver remains
until next July.
With love from us
all

Your devoted
Mother.

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The boys have ruined my pen ex-
tensions so I will use a pencil as I want to save
all the time I can. Your letter has just been
read & we are all glad to hear from you, I am
much obliged for your additions to the paper I
sent, will copy & have ready to send soon to Mr
Ayer as I understand you think it best for me to
send it to him.

You wish to hear about Fred so I will say he
has a place at Auburn, but not exactly the one
applied for, will begin work Jan 1st. Dr Brown had
31 applications, biologists & agriculturists, he wanted
things on a higher order, more scientific, he proposed
Mr Shelton for Prof of Agriculture, ^{& director of Exp Station} he was elected,
then Gov Oates proposed Fred as assistant Prof
of Agriculture & assistant director (Dr B resigned
his directorship), Fred was unanimously elected,
the place was offered him & he accepted, salary 1500
& they furnish him the old Clayton house to live

in, the salary is the same he gets in Washington
but will go as much further in Auburn. Your
Father came home on freight yesterday, Fred went
up to Auburn & we expect him today, it seems
Col Armstrong the man we decided was very
favorably disposed towards him, had no particular
friend he was anxious to get in as your Father
suggested. Mr Shelton was the man selected to send
to Australia when that government asked for
an Agent to meet from this country, he either
heard of the vacancy at Auburn or Dr Brown
wrote to him & he was willing to return to take
the place, his salary will be 1800 & a house.
Dr Brown had in his mind for assistant Mr
Soulé a young man from the Texas College, knew
nothing of him except testimonials from that College,
Gov Bates said "here is a young man right with us,
& in every way qualified for the place & we should
give it to him." I think Fred's visits to Gov & others
helped his cause very much. Of course we are
delighted that he will be at Auburn, I am sure
it will be best for his health as well as peace,
the little children too. Fredie wants his Father to
take him "a live chick". I am glad you have found

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a permanent place & hope it may prove a pleasant home for you. I forgot to tell you Prof Bondurant did his best to be retained, carried his roll of recommendations from attorneys, butchers, blackmen &c & worked on Judge Haralson's feelings so much that he promised to read them before the board & did do so, much to their annoyance, for each member had received copies before going up to Montgomery. Now for some neighborhood news, Lema & Ralph are really to be married on the 25th of this month, Minnie & Lema came Monday evening to try the wedding march, on the organ asked me to go over with them & while there Lema asked me to help decorate the church & attend to the lighting of the lamps, the marriage will be at 7 o'clock & they will leave on the 8 o'clock train. I did not ask where they were going. "Aunt Mar" will not give a supper. I fear decorations will be scant as there are no garden flowers, she counts on "Golden rod" & "Black eyed Susie's" but even they will be scarce I am afraid. I suppose it will be called a gold, or yellow, wedding, she wants yellow shades but I think they would give a very unbecoming light. They had not decided about attendants. The report-

of Bob & Ralph buying out the firm I mentioned
was true & they will occupy the same dwelling house
in Demopolis. Walter & Wallace Collins, & Davis Collins
went to Auburn, Charles Davies will go to Col. Murphy.
Oley Minge spent Saturday with us, said Johnny
talked of sending Dary with Chadwick. I think I
mentioned in my last letter having had Beesie to
spend the day with us. Myron came in great haste
yesterday for your Father to see Uncle Waver, a bee
stung him & he said he was suffering very much,
your Father found him with cramp colic & so
prostrated he had no pulse, his eyes were stretched
& he looked like a dying man, he gave him a
hypodermic of atropine, then some morphine & left
him much better, what would have been the end
of it if Myron had not been there!! we think
he would have died without any help. Waver went
up this morning found him up but looking very
badly & very weak. Fred Sprague was much frightened
about him told your Father he thought he was
almost gone, he stayed with him while Myron

Dear Ben -

Gallion Ala. Sept 18/95

A letter came to your mother from you this morning - I should have written yesterday but was engaged and again last night had to go off.

Had has been with us, but will leave tomorrow perhaps. He came back yesterday morning from a trip to Lawrence - Cavebrake St. & your Uncle John's, going from home Sunday evening. His stay with us seems short - Has spent one day in Demopolis. His trip to Montgomery made him acquainted with the Cor & members of Board, all of which I think was for his good. I left Montgomery Monday night & had week over to Auburn to overlook the grounds &c. -

It is remarkable how Dr Brown
likes to go far off to look up his
appointments & recommendations.
This time it suited him to get a
man from Australia = Prof Shetton.
Mr Lucian Underwood, now in London
was selected for the Chair of Biology.

He desired that all "subs" under
the past Prof of Agriculture be ~~discharged~~
& an assistant Prof of Agriculture be
appointed. L^{ts} his choice was the
assist^y in Texas = "Soule" - but the Gov
said - "We have an Alabamian will fill
that place, we know him & we think
it best to give it to him" - so he was
unanimously elected assistant Prof of A.
I will send you a slip from the paper,
or the paper itself. Prof Bondurant
~~was~~, received some votes - but he did
hard. He had written to papers all
over the State & had a regular pam-
phlet issued of garbled extracts of
letters received from farmers, merchants,
Lawyers, doctors &c. Showing how

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highly "his bulletins" were valued
by citizens of the state & calling upon
the college ^{authorities} to hold onto him as long
as possible - even - our friend "Beaton"
had a letter in it praising his lectures,
& him as an instructor - Poor man he
aroused my sympathy - but I could
not uphold him this time. He had
a large family to provide for & his wife
I think a most estimable woman. At
our meeting - Mr Snow from Greene
& Judge Birtis from Gadsden were the
two absent members of the board. We
can't know definitely yet, whether or
no the Prof^s elected will accept. Had my
have to occupy the house Mr. Cloyton had.
Day before yesterday Mary Lewis called
& engaged Reuben to go down to the
"Drake Place" to see to the farming work
till Jonas; But I hear today that the income
board forbids their moving anything to do with
the place & will not leave till he has his
pay - I am waiting to hear how it
will turn out.

of old times - in England, or Country where the
once contained a description of a "Tavern"
"What moral was it that you told me
Holl's names were some danger?"

"The Lewises have a reputation of not paying
their messers, so I did not think all was
right when they came up & was in such
a hurry. - A great deal of sickness, pe-
nales, chiefly chills & fever. Our fears
have been over, so Fred has the benefit
of the late ones & seems to relish them;
When he came, he was dieting himself, but
now is quite at himself again & I think
would fatten some. He looks quite thin & is
getting bald, it is possible, if I had to
run the "gauntlet" as he does I might
be bald too, just to think of it, I can't im-
agine how he manages. I feel sure he
must enjoy his vacation.

Your Mother wishes to add a
few lines. We are all well at home.
Dr. Browder was quite sick this morning.
He is failing rapidly. All join in love to you.

Your affec. Father
R. S. Suggan.

"Goulds are out for some weeks producing. L. A. D. is one of the winter.
Ralph - was here this morning. - But Ralph did not get there."

Monday Sept 23rd 1895

My dear Son

I have been so provoked with myself for never having said a word to you about paying the insurance on the stamp when you sent it to Frances, I don't know what I was thinking of never to have mentioned it to you while with us but I have so many things always on my mind that I reckon I don't think long enough about anything, & am getting to the forgetful age, but I hope I did not seriously inconvenience you by my thoughtfulness & that you will let me know what it cost you & I will send you a P O order for the amount. I wish you had reminded me, I would have taken it as a kindness, please do so if anything of the sort should happen again & I will thank you for it. You see I am scratching with a pencil again, your aunt Alice & Fanny have been with us since Friday morning & I am snatching odd moments to write because tomorrow we are to put up lamps & evergreens at the church & next day flowers, & my mind was so burdened with the thought of my inexcusable forgetfulness that I

could not put off longer to write, Aunt Alice intended
returning this evening but has concluded to stay over the
the wedding, Louise was to come out tomorrow but this
mornings mail brings a card from Alice saying Mother
was taken sick yesterday had high fever, Louise had a
chill & fever, temperature 105. There is as much sickness every
where, Louise & Nan Garber returned from Hampton last
Sunday, Monday they were both taken very sick, Nan at Dr
B's & Louise at home, they are much better now, your Father
attended to Nan a good deal altho Willie was at home &
Chorley too. Dr B- is better also, Willie was telegraphed for
to see him, he gets very much frightened about himself &
wants all the Drs he knows sent for at once, seems much
afraid of dying. Fred left us Thursday evening, I think he
improved while here, he carried back two "little chicks"
to Frederic I am anxious to hear how they stood the trip,
we put them in a small box which he strapped to his
satchel, was well loaded, had a large satchel, a small one,
lunch box, chicken box; umbrella, old hat & pillow tied to
lunch basket. I tried to persuade him to take a small

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trunk & put the large catches & all he did not need on the trip into it but he would sit, he expected to reach home today. Freshon Frederic will be delighted to see him & the chicks. Lewis went to town today to get shoes for the wedding & to have my buggy top fixed. John drove under a limb & injured the top very much. Ralph asked Lewis to wait on him & his torn shoes would not do. I selected a very pretty gold lined silver ^{sugar} spoon for his present to the bride.

Tuesday - Well! Aunt Alice concluded she had best go to Denopolis last night to be with the sick, she left Fanny with us, at 8 1/2 o'clock ^{this morning} we went over to the church & worked until 1, adjourned to meet at 4 this evening, the decorations are more trouble than Minnie's, in the first place they tacked palm-branches all around that high arch over the chancel & all around the tripple window in chancel. Then we had to tax our ingenuity to form a pyramidal of candles on the altar, after many mistakes we succeeded in making what I think will be beautiful when lighted, formed it of boxes so arranged that we could set on all the candelabras, prisms light candle sticks, & silver candle sticks we could collect from this neighborhood & Denopolis, you would be astonished at the number

& the height of the pyramid. Then we hung Mrs Collins' chandelier (3 lamps) in center of arch trimmed it with evergreens, the corners of chancel & church by pulpit & font, have bunches of greens, golden rod, & white weed in them; then the font will be filled with the same & pulpit & chancel each decorated with bunches of the same flowers, some pot flowers put about in the chancel, a piano lamp will sit on a box in the pulpit & a corresponding one will be where the lector stands, of course the body of the church will be well lighted. I think the church will be quite as pretty as when Minnie was married but quite different. While we were working this morning Mr Wave came by & took Fanny to spend the day with Mrs Gholson. Lewis brought word that Mother & Louise were better yesterday evening. The groom brought up the wedding ties (white bows) & tan gloves for the groomsmen today, I think Lewis's tan shoes would have matched the gloves very well. The bride & groom were at the church all morning, he working & she directing generally. I believe your Father told you that Reuben is at work on the Drake place, we have not heard a word from him since he went up, I hope he will be down tomorrow night, it is about time

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for us to go over to the church so good bye for a while.

Wednesday after dinner - I am keeping a regular journal don't you think so? well! this will wind it up -

Manny thanks for your letter of this morning I will answer it next time as I have already written so much & it will not be very long before I will have to fix to go to the church as I am to have the fifty odd candles put in the candle sticks, Schenley & Miss Lou will help, being paraffin the heat would make them bend over, the church exceeds our expectations, looks if any thing prettier than when Minnie was married, in place of the marriage bell there is a large star of yellow & white.

Aunt Alice sent a telephone message to me to go in tonight to sit up with Mother but I could not possibly go, would be too tired for you know when I work it is with all my might & then I must rest. I knew she could get some friend in town to stay there tonight. I will go in tomorrow, she asks me to keep Fanny here.

Oh! I must tell you the latest, Mr & Mrs R W Collins jr have a son, Bob is so delighted that he sent the bride a second present this morning

marked from Ben + Mrs R W Collins + Son -
Not a line from Fred yet we hoped he would
have dropped a card on the way. I will let you
hear from your Grand Mother soon, good bye now
I wish you were here tonight, with much love

Your devoted

Mother.

F. W. Ayer & Co.

Banger, Mo. October 4. 1895.

E. M. Duggar Esq.
State Lab. of Nat. History .
Urbana . Ills.

Dear Sir ;-

Your favor of the 2nd. inst. at hand and contents, I should have replied yesterday but I have scarcely been out of the house, night or day, for some time .

I have sold both the Uniontown's for \$525⁰⁰, and send you this amunt nett in the shape of a check herewith.

I would very much like to know from whom you received the offer for the Uniontown of which you write; if it is someone from whom you solicited the bid I do not care to know, but if it was anyone who first applied to you, I should very much wish to know, as, after offerring the stamps to my friend here, I showed them to one or two others with a view of getting an opinion as to their authenticity, and I would like to know if any of these parties was mean enough to write to you.

I hope you will find other good things in stamps, and that we can have better luck next time .

Whenever you are this way again, I very much wish you would come and see me .

Yours very truly;

F. W. Ayer .
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Enclosure, check .

Union, Town, Ala
Oct 10 - 1895

Dear Ben

Your welcome
letter received last night, I
write at once, to say I agree
with you that it is best to
close with the offer, Willie
thinks so too, knowing how
many are in Mr Nelson's
hands, I am so much obli-
ged to your ^{kindness}, you
~~must~~ remunerate yourself,
for I know your time is
valuable to you. You need
not have waited to hear
from me, just act as you would
do for yourself, am perfectly
satisfied with your judgement,
only wish you had had

had the handling, of all we had. Thank you very much for the interest you express, will be more than glad, for you to take any measure, you think proper, in communicating with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Capt. White made the purchase of the Stamp for her Son Mr. Nelson, we do not know him at all, his Mother, was the daughter of an old friend, Mrs. R. Waller of Greensboro, we knew her as a child, have always heard her highly spoken of. She came to see us, & asked about Stamps, seemed surprised at our having ing so many (28) showed great anxiety to secure all

she first offered \$5⁰⁰ each, when we declined, she at once offered \$10⁰⁰, said, that was as much as she could offer, but if they proved as valuable as she hoped, they would go more. as they were disposed of, was sure he would be able to send something by June, & by Aug, knew it would be something handsome. This was all said, we were very mistaken, in acting hastily, Willie was not here & we had no one to consult, she urged us to decide, & we felt, as if she could be relied on, since then she has assumed us, in writing of hoping, & intending to send, when ever there was a

Salt made, writes, just-as if
we had an interest in them
still, a very slow & small one
I think. June passed, & we
did not hear a word, so I
got Mary who has done all
the writing, to mention to
her, that a friend of mine
had found a U.S. Local
2nd & hoped to get a good
price. She wrote immediately
that her son would like
much to get it, & offered to
give Mary \$5.⁰⁰ to secure it for
him. Later on, I mentioned
that my friend's Stamp bore
81-588, & that I had
heard of a 5th U.S. Local,
bearing 585, in a week or
two after, she sent \$20.⁰⁰ with
a letter, regretting, that
they had not been able
to do better, but hoped it
would not be long before

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They would receive more, &
that like the "Widow's Cruise
of Oil". The stamps would
for a long time continue
to yield to us, & Robt.
I can if you would like
to see them, send her &
her son's letters. -

Did your Mother tell you
she brought Fred to see
us, we were so pleased
to see him, & to rejoice
with your dear Mother.
That Fred, has the position
in Auburn, I must not
forget to tell you, your
friend, Miss Kate Corcoran, is
to be married very soon
to John Langhane, every
thing goes on pretty much
the same in our little city.
Mrs. Gholson, has rented
Mr. Butler's house, &

strange fancy. Sister Pelling
says I must tell you she
is very proud of "her boy" as
she used to call you.
My hand is quite stiff
still, as you see by my
writing, which I beg you
to excuse. Our united love
to you, thanking you
again, I am sincerely
your friend
R. A. Wren.

Oct 17th 1875-

Dear Ben -

Your letter of the 13th rec^d
yesterday, but your mother & I
went down to Hamsdale to
spend the day with Lucy & Ben,
so it was not answered. We
came back late, stopping a little
while to see Dick Wilkins' family
of six girls & 2 boys; & today your
mother & I have went to Hamsdale
to meet the party going Ocaly-bork
hunting. I am afraid however
yr Aunt Melville did not get off
as Mr Powell tells me, little Rich^d
had a chill yesterday. They were
expecting some extra company
from Queensboro - The Wellers &
perhaps Mr Leathers' family -
They had well prepared themselves
with luncheon for a crowd - as

I heard that one of the party had a barbecue
pig & I suppose every thing else was in like
proportion. -

You asked in your letter about "Hurd's
Concernment as to a house in Auburn" - You
know he paid a visit to Auburn to see
& examine the location of the Superintend-
ent's house &c. - This house is offered him
free only after next July. - So some other
arrangement will be made from 1st Jan'y -
till July 1st - 96. Now as the Trustees offered
him \$15.00 - & a house, I presume they sh^d
reimburse him for any outlay or rent till
that time - - but he says there was no house
in Auburn for rent - whilst he was there &

he was anxious to find out if there was a probability of one in January next. One he could get for the nip months time.

We were very glad to hear from Fred & to know that the sur-
prise for his little boy - (the two
little chickens) - was safely
carried & delivered. Fannie wrote
that he came home or to the house
thru the back way & just as they
were are breakfast - The chirping
of the little chicks was his an-
nouncement, as he carried them
in a small wooden box 4 x 8 strapped
to his satchel. Frederic seemed to
express wonderful delight at his
little playmates, for they had been
in our back porch in a small
box for some days & had become

Very tame - when turned out on the floor they would quickly come to you when you tapped with your finger on the floor. The little fellows had never seen such things.

The good price you obtained for the stamps, will I am sure, be very satisfactory to all concerned, & will get you a reputation amongst the "Young Ladies". The honored mis.

We are still eating Le Conte pears - some put away to ripen. I found a few on the trees some days ago. The Keepers are rather too hard to eat. Fred writes me I am correct in pronouncing the name, as it is spelt Keeper. He called it Kifer.

Bob & Lucie over whom every body will
talk about their Baby Boy. - Ralph & his
bride have not returned yet, she has
suffered with a bad cold & was too sick
to return to Ala from Carolina at the
appointed time.

The good price of Cotton & plentiful
supply of corn have brightened the pros-
pects of the farming community. - Bob
Wood leaving has moved into the C. & O. Store
& his old store across the street is empty,
& shut up.

Llewellyn left Monday night for Mobile.
& I had a letter today from him - He & Chas.

Whelon & Dr. Will are in the same house.
He has attended some lectures & likes very
much. Since I have seen the Catalogue
of the Illinois University, - it is a great
misfortune he could not have availed
himself of your offer. I hope he will
stick to it closely.

It gave me great pleasure to read the
article in reference to the squash bug.
I must hurry my letter to the store to
get it off by next mail - so good bye -

Your affectionate Father -

Wm. Duggan

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much in much love to
you we all write in
by thanking you for
your great gift &
kindness, & would
never have known
what to do with it.
May God always bless
you & preserve you as
the prayer book says is
You dear friend
Melville

Oct. 19th / 95

Day before yesterday while we were all in the woods hunting scaly barks your letter with check enclosed came to hand, & yesterday we spent the day in Union Town as this is my first chance for writing to you, I do not know how to thank you enough for your kindness in disposing of the stamp for me for I had only a very faint hope that we could get anything for it, & the amount that you did get is far beyond my expectations it comes in most acceptably, but I wanted you to have a good

commission from it. Why did
you not retain it as I told you
to do? If you will tell me how to
send it the best way to you I
will do it yet, if you did not sell
the entire old envelope to the man
Lucy would like to have the old
stamp (that had one corner gone
entirely) to keep as a curiosity, but
if you sold the whole it is all
right, it is wonderful what these
scraps of paper do bring, & I only
wish we had a few more such
scraps, but there is no more such good
luck in store for us, it is such a
misfortune that several were taken
off of that envelope entirely. I am so
thankful Ben that you could help
our poor old friends as you have
done, it would do you good to be
behind the door & hear them talk
about you, they cannot say enough

in praise of you, so different from
the other man who we all think
has cheated them so dreadfully,
& I am so glad too that you are
going to investigate that matter too,
of course I will not speak of it as
they told me in confidence, your
mother & myself are among the
few people that they talk plainly
to, if any body in the world needs
money they do, & it is a shame that
they should have been imposed upon.
I am very glad you are pleased with
the West, & no doubt you will be
able to keep your place, I hope the
climate will agree with you, & that
you will not freeze up or be blown
away this winter. Mr. Harwood asked
about you yesterday, said he was so
glad to hear you had a good place
that he thought so highly of you, you
boys all give no cause to be proud of you.

& I feel thankful to God for it &
when I think of how one of my nephews
is disgracing his name I feel more
thankful still that my Sister's boys
are all noble young men with not
a stain upon their characters, & I
pray they may never have. We spent
last Sunday at your Father's, bid Service
goodbye he left for Mobile Tuesday to
attend the Medical College, Your Mother
& ^{Waver} joined our party (of about 40) in the
Hunt, six of the Cobbs & Ellersbys came
down, we spent a nice day, every body
seemed to enjoy it as much, we got
a good many birds only wanted more
time to get any quantity, we had a
bountiful dinner of every thing good
which was certainly enjoyed as all
hands were hungry, We have all been right
well lately, Rich & I have had no return
of chills, Eliza will be home tonight she
has had a delightful time this summer
thoroughly enjoyed every moment of her
time. ^{Mr} Harris & the children join

Union Town Ala
Oct-21st 1895

Dear Ben

Your letter containing
check, received, a thousand
thanks, for your kindness,
am sure, you accomplished
more, than any one else would
have done, I send the letters
in reg package to day, make
what-use you think proper
of them, we are satisfied you
will act-wisely, & for the
best, you can return them
at your leisure, the first
letter, is from Mrs White V.
Mr-Nelsons sister, the others
are written by his Mother,
who is also Mrs White,
there is one letter, we

Send from Mr Nelson saying
he approves & agrees to
all his M^r has done
he has written several
times just about getting
Stamps &c-

I should have replied
to your letter the day
after it was received, but
your Aunt Melville and
little Lucy came, we
rejoiced together over our
good fortune, for which
we thanked you, Melville
had spent the day with
your M^r, and they have
made a plan to come together
to spend, one day this week
with me, we are looking
forward to it, with much
pleasure, Such a
sad thing occurred here

today, Mr Britton (the
Marshal) and Mr Vally
Mitzen, had a difficulty,
Mr M, shot Mr B, four
times, he is said to be
dying, Mr B, returned the
shot, only one shot, struck
Mr M, he is not seriously
hurt, I feel so sorry for
them all, know their
families very well, I
fear it will not only
cause sorrow, but bring
trouble. I must beg
you to excuse this very
badly written letter, & the
blots too, Lay it to my
lame hand, Sisters all,
write with me in love,
always your sincere
friend A A Wren

Please excuse this postscript, Mts., &c. With regards love from us all.

Very devoted,
Mother.
P.S. I heard from
Lena yesterday, her
is much pleased
with the College,
his boarding house
& every thing.

October 30th 1875

Last night there was quite a cloud but only a
sprinkle of rain, however the weather has changed considerably
& we are enjoying a good fire in the chamber, Waver is reading
& your Father drawing off some accounts, we feel quite comfortable
in our winter quarters once more, the chimney does finely now
& we will appreciate it this winter I am sure I am as glad
the job is over with. We enjoyed your letter this evening, Waver
will look over your pamphlets as you requested, but I was
invited to take part in another ready bark hunt today, it was
gotten up by the Samuels, I prepared yesterday a nice lunch
(as we were to leave home by eight o'clock) but the morning
was so unpromising I decided to remain at home, Waver went
and very few turned out, they went to Acadia, spent the
morning getting chestnuts, went to go after dinner to the ready
bark trees but it began sprinkling so they turned their faces
home wards. Lena & Ralph reached Gallatin on Thursday, the
much talked of Coeur d'Alene party came off Friday night, Waver
said it was very pleasant tho' not the 50 young people. Now
I talked so much about having, I went down Monday to

call on Lena & Mrs Lee, the latter was not feeling well & excused herself, the presents were on exhibition, a good many had been added since I saw them 65 in all, I did not know Lena was so popular. Mrs Smith showed us some of Miss Mary Ellen Lee's painting on china, it is beautiful she has improved so much. Miss Lou Browder spent the afternoon with us, had no news except that Miss Barnett, Mrs Hornegay's niece is to be married soon, I think you have met her, the old lady is going to the wedding & then on to Atlanta. Ralph says the exhibition is very good, are any of the Campaigner people coming down to it? How Father says he has some grass to send you for name, & some well opened cotton bolls for you to give to some friends. I can put the oak in the same package if he is not too long getting it ready.

Did you hear that Mrs Britton the Marshal of Uniontown was shot last week by one of the Nuttzars? the one that drinks so, Mrs Britton died Saturday, the other Nutzgar visited his brother in jail, came right out & jumped in a well & broke his neck, the daughter was very ill at the time, surely they have their share of trouble. Fortunately Mrs

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Britton insured his life a few weeks ago for three thousand dollars, that is all his family will have. We saw by the paper that Marshal Tisdale was fatally shot in attempting to arrest a man, it must be the Tisdale from Minutown, he moved to Mont gomery.

I hope you will enjoy the Halloween reception tomorrow night, also the musical festival. The entertainment of the season in these parts was the circus last week, every body enjoyed it even the members of the baptist church Mr & Mrs C W Collins.

I heard from sister Sally a day or so ago, Rubens had been over the day before she wrote, but not yet found a place for next year. I hope he will not work for the Lauries, I am afraid they are poor pay. The last letter from Fred Frederic had bad crop, he seems to have everything poor little fellow.

Elmer & Fanny spent a week in Washington but I have not heard if they saw Fred. Earnest Whitehead showed them around, Elmer said they enjoyed every minute of their time. Peter Brown has been working here, covering the crib & doing odd jobs, he is to fix up the old stable as soon as the boards come. There is nothing interesting to write of as I will say good night,

Gallien, Sept. 15.--The wedding of Miss Evelyn LaMotte Hatch and Mr. Ralph LeGrand Smith, which occurred this afternoon at St. Andrew's church, at this place, was one of the most elegant affairs of the season. The decorations were both unique and artistic, our national flower, the Golden Rod, representing a prominent part. On the altar was arranged a pyramid of 100 candles, at the foot of which was a large vase of yellow and white roses. On either side was a silver chandelier containing 12 wax lights. The base of the altar was backed with cut roses of yellow and white. The front also held a pyramid of flowers. Palms and ferns were artistically placed inside the chancel and four large lamps surmounted by immense yellow silk shades added to the brilliancy of the scene, the whole effect giving out the idea of a beautiful sunset. Promptly at the appointed hour, as the wedding chorus from Lohengrin pealed forth by the full choir the bridal party approached the altar. First came the father, Dr. Charles Whelan and Mr. Graham Danner; Mr. Garret Hall and Mr. El. Bally; following them came the attendants, Miss Cecile Gray or Peggara and Mr. Maxwella Dagher, then preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Mabel Lee Robinson, came the bride leaning gracefully on the arm of her brother, Mr. Benjamin P. Hatch. As the procession reached the altar the bride was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. J. T. Collins, Jr. In the center of a half circle and under a star of exquisite yellow and white flowers Ralph and Evelyn became man and wife. At the close of the ceremony, which, at the request of the bride, was performed by the Rev. John A. Harrison of Trinity church, Demopolis, the organ, under the guidance of Mr. Hays, aided by Mr. Max Ely, of Demopolis, on the violin, pealed forth in the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and as the procession coming down the aisle approached we thought we had never seen a more lovely bride. The handsome groom is to be a thousand times congratulated on having won such a treasure.

The bride was clothed in a gown of green satin, with jeweled parasol and train ornaments. Hat of velvet to match costume. Gown plain and simple, a beautiful bouquet of white roses completed the toilet.

The maid of honor was gowned in a costume of "powder blue" silk, with combination of velvet in same shade and colored silk veiled in black jetted net. Hat and plumes to match toilet of velvet.

The bridesmaid wore green silk with trimmings of cream chiffon, both carried bouquets of Marechal Niel roses.

After congratulations and shower of rice the happy couple left on the evening's train for Mr. Smith's old home located in South Carolina. In their return they will stop at Lookout Mountain and the Atlanta Exposition and will make their future home in Demopolis, Ala.

Your correspondent and all their numerous friends throughout this country extend to them their hearty congratulations and wish for them all the joy and happiness which they so well deserve.--Gallien Correspondent to the Herald.