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RIGGS HOUSE,
C. W. SPOFFORD, Proprietor,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. ²⁶ ~~7~~, 1890

My dear Lois,
I read this
morning and cut out
for you, and now
send you two new
paper slips. One containing
Lemmon Pettigrew's column
drawn, and how stupidly
it was taken. The
other will serve for
your scrap book on
literary curiosities.

You will find the
first four funny, but
only because they use
words in their old signi-
fication.

"Breeches" signified

anciently the waistcloth
of the savage

"Bugs" were goblins,
ghosts, not insects.

"Treacle" was a sover-
eign remedy. Orvintan
or "Venice treacle" was
an antidote to the worst
of poisons.

"Rosin" was a medicinal
gum.

We translate the word
balum, and have balsams,
gums & resins to denote dif-
ferent hardnefs of the dried
sap. The others are typo-
graphical errors.

Love to mother Grace
From Your truly
Papa.

[Thomas W. Clarke]



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mrs E. A. Clarke
Jerusalem Road
Cohasset
Mass

Second Postal
9/10 Pm June 11 89

Dear Mother

The size is (15) fifteen

Mr Smith wears

the same size

as I do all my

shirts are in the

wash and want

be out before the

middle of next

week so if you

will get them

as soon as possible

in haste

Thos W Clarke

We got up the river and after a long ride to the end

the fourth



Miss Grace T. Clarke

Hotel Putnam

Warren St. Boston

Mass.

Suite 8.

West Newton June 26
1893

My dear Grace

I received your
postal last night & shall be
very glad to have you come
if pleasant shall be in tomorrow
& we can come out together.
In regard to going to Cambridge
you can take the electric at our
street & go to Newton & take the
Cambridge cars for Harvard &
get out at the College grounds &
I think it will take less than
^{an} hour at least it depends on how
quick you make your connection
at Newton. Tell your Mother I shall
be in tomorrow early if pleasant.
With much love to you all I am
your loving G. M. - A. J. R.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

*Held for
directions*

Mrs Thos W Clarke
Joy Cottage
Jerusalem Road
Cohasset
mass.

June 28. 1891.

Dear Mamma.

Millersburg Pa

Also send my patent

leather shoes some more boild
shirts and all cartiges

marked no 12 on the seal that
is if Papa will let me have
his gun I dont want mine because
it is so much heavier.

T Wilburke

Post-office address Millersburg Pa
Telegraph address " "
Express office Adams Express Millersburg Pa

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

Millersburg Penn June 8 1891

Dear Mother and family

I have arrived here all right and found Mr Smith.

My duties begin tomorrow by riding a horse 18 miles up the river to meet a man with another horse.

This horse is tame with a corn

The nearest coal mine is 16 miles from here

Ask Papa if he will let me have the twelve bore gun out here Mr Smith says send it by all means In the fall in all probability we will go into camp in the northern part of this state. Mr Smith's sister is here now she is on her way to the west she is about twenty very pretty I think

We went to the Dr E. Church

1891

this morning.

I saw Mable off she wept a good deal so I went ashore about half an hour before the steamer sailed and left Mr Pelton on shore board he came off just before the steamer sailed.

I went out on the end of the wharf and waved my hat but she did not see me I am sure then I went with Mr Pelton to the lawyers office on Hansaw St from there we went to Brooklyn and I went to see if Robert Brockway was around but he had gone off.

I took the 2:00 Pm train for Hamburg and reached here at

about 8:30 Pm

I must close now so good
by from your son and sisters brother
Thomas W. Clarke Jr



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mrs T W Clarke
Juncelun Road
Lehasset
Mass

Washburn for the 4th July 1 1891

Dear Mother

Please send me
four more of those
cheviot shirts

Mr Smith wants
two of them and
get one (1) of the
four different from
the rest the pattern
on these shirts are
like this

2 Blue red Blue red Blue red Blue red 2

The name is Metropolitan
Thomas W Clarke
Middensburg Pa

Will go to Harry Lake about 10 miles

ship shown by mail right

FREELAND * HOUSE,

KORPENHAVER,

Proprietor.

Headquarters for Commercial Travelers.

This Popular Hotel has been enlarged and entirely remodeled, and furnished throughout with an elegant outfit of new Furniture.

Best Brands Wines and Liquors. Choice Imported Cigars.

Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., July 2 1891

Dear Mother.

I received your letter on the noon mail from the South and East.

The bar room is in the office of the hotel. I have received numerous offers for shinks but I always say that I never drink so they have gotten tired of asking me.

We will probably be around here for two months yet I mean within twenty or thirty miles of here.

The reason that I sent for my gun is that we can only work on very clear days, now they

This will have to
answer for these
letters as it will
to bring it with
any thing I like

only worked 16 days in the whole
of last month~~the~~.

And there is nothing to do
but lay round and loaf.

You see the mountains are
hazy some days so that we can
not see our stations or marks

I have only worked two days
since we have been here Monday
when I drove the horse to
Port Trevorton he was so lame
that I could not ride him
And on Tuesday after noon
when the haze went off of
the mountains we went
up the valley to make a
station it was about 8 eight
miles up the valley on top of
a hill near a nother hill called
Punkin Hill

Where we stop in Millersburg

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is the Freeland House.

Millersburg lies in a valley between Berrie Mountain on the south and Mahantonga Mountain on the north, the west is the Susquehanna River which is a mile wide and about a foot and a half or two feet deep except in the raft channel.

On the east lies Elizabethell Lake and several many towns there is a vein of Anthracite coal eight (8) feet thick but it is below the bed of the river and so they can not work it.

There is several places where

miners will not work and
under a river where they
are liable to break through
and get shround is one of the
places

In this party ~~there~~^{are} three
of us Mr Smith Assistant
Toph Mr Speed Field assistant
and Mr Clarke of 31 Moreland
at Borbury was Field assistant
They both say that I must
~~have~~ had an awful pull
because they had just cut
down the expenses and
besides fellows that come
on as field asst get only
\$35.00 a month

We shall go up the river
to harvest lake up beyond
Wilkesbarre to spend the fourth
with the other party in camp

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but we will be back here
Monday

When you send my gun
send cleaning instruments

I want another pair of
shoes to wear on Sunday

I went to church last Sunday
in a pair of sneakers which

I bought in New York my other
shoes havind given out

my size is eight I will
send along a plan of my
foot. I want a good pair

not square toes but some
thing nice tell Richard to

send his canvas legins
as my leather legins are to

heavy I can ~~not~~ walk in
them. The mountains
contain lots of snakes
such as rattlesnakes copperheads

I saw one dead in the street
about 100 one hundred yards
from the hotel

I go in swimming in
the race every night but
last night and tonight

I can swim all night
in fresh water.

Send the shirts that
I wrote you about in the
hotel that I sent last
night as soon as possible by
mail

1681 Yours

Thos W Clarke Jr F. A. M. S. S. S.

P.S. All the people on this side
of the river speak Pennsylvania Dutch
which is not a tall talk German

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Mullersburg Pa

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UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

July 6 Mullersburg Pa, 1891

Dear Mother and Father.

I received your letter tonight when we got back from Harveys Lake where we have been in camp since Friday night with the other party in this state.

I am pretty well rocked out by the news that you wrote to me and I don't know what to make of it as yet did they have a row and what waste about.

Friday I saw my first coal mine and breaker. a breaker is a tall wooden about fifty feet wide or larger according to the size of the mine you can always tell when you are coming to a breaker by the large banks called colum banks is the refuse from the coal mine such as the dust and sand slate up in the mining

reagons most every where that you go
you will see these banks as high as
(150) one hundred and fifty feet and in
some cases higher and covering acres and
acres of ground. I suppose that some
day it will become a great problem
what they will do with the refuse of
the mines and the man that
could invent a way to utilize the
refuse of the mines would get a
fortune in the breakers they take
the coal from the mines and put
it in crushers and break it into small
lumps which are sifted to different sizes
by screens.

When you are up on a mountain
you can always tell where there is
a breaker by the large cloud of black
ash brown dust that hangs

When we were at Bennet which is
almost across the river from Wilkes-
Barre I saw a miner the first one
that I had ^{ever} seen since that I remem-
ber of his face was as black as coal and

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GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

he had on a slouch hat with a piece of leather in which the miner puts his lamp the first one had a lamp on ~~the~~ his head but it was not lighted

We had quite an exciting time going up west as far as Northumberland on the Northern Central Railroad. and the train that we were to go to Bennet where we took the train for Hawes Lake was to start from Northumberland on the time that the train ~~was~~ ~~th~~ on the Northern Central was due to arrive now the train when she arrived at Millersburg was twenty minutes late. We telegraphed to Northumberland to the general manager to hold the train until we arrived at Northumberland and Mr. Smith signed his full title to the telegram they answered

they would hold the train fifteen minutes (5^m) well our train kept losing time so got the conductor to telegraph that we must catch that train Well when we stopped at Hohenimberland we were one half of an hour late when we slipped off of the train a brakeman ran up to Mr Smith and grabbed him by the arm and wanted to know if we were the gentlemen mentioned in the telegram Smith said that we were those same parties he said that we must get right aboard as the train could not wait any longer the smith ran to get the tickets the man gave the wrong change by three dollars that is Mr Smith was that much in just as the train was starting the ticket agent rushed out and into the car to find Mr Smith he thought that we owed him only two dollars

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instead of three and we had not found that we were a dollar in until the train was under way he must have discovered it about the same time because when we got to the next station the conductor got a telegram from the ticket agent describing us the numbers of the ticket what were the circumstances under which it happened so we had to fork over one dollar to the conductor.

We arrived at Camp Wilson about (6 P.M.) six o'clock in the afternoon and had supper.

Camp Wilson is situated on Thawes Lake which is a lake of about five (5) square miles and so deep that steamers they call them but you would call them steam launches 1681

out all night and not to worry.
T.W. Clarke

I will tell you more about
it in the next letter.

homater about the gun

The chevrot shirts I must have
and Mr Smith wants his very
much. I can't get the shoes
here very well but if you
will send me some money

I will get them in Thaneburg

We have no money to run
the party all the money has
been stolen by a Mr Leach the
cheburing agent who was arrested
in Washington the other day and
he has over four hundred
dollars of Mr Smith. Mr Smith
wrote on to Wash - to day and
said that he could not do any
more work until some more money
arrived which will be probably in
a week at least I must close
now Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain your son

Thomas W. Clarke Jr Field agent
U.S.A.

P.S. The size of the shirts is 10 1/2
Love to all
I am the angel myself
That I hope she will pull
lett hapha

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GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

July 12, 1891

My Dear Mother Father and Whole family

I will begin where I left off last Monday

We took the Lehigh Valley R.R. at Luzerne for Harves Lake the road is up very sharp grades and over one trestle and around some very sharp curves. Harves Lake is about (5) fifteen miles from Luzerne which is about one mile from Kingston by rail and about 3 miles from Wilkes Barre by electric railway. Be sure when you write Wilkes Barre not to make it with a small B to Barry as a great many do the city was named after two men one was Mr Wilkes and the other was Col Barre

When we reached Harves Lake we found Mr Sholly with his

and buggy to meet us as there was only room for one in the buggy Mr Speed and myself went up the lake in a little steamer about as big as that steamer that existed to lay over by White Head and did not have any cabin.

The name of this steamer was Lily Charter.

When we had gone about three miles up the lake we saw the camp through the trees and landed at a little wharf about one hundred yards beyond and walked back Mr Dudley and Mr Smith had already arrived when we got there.

The camp consists of three army wall tents and to flys under one of which was the dining table and under the other they kept the horses.

They have a negro cook called

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John he just keeps the camp clean while the boy named Lewis looks out for the horses and is Mr Lamberts personal assistant. The camp is about (30) seventy feet from the lake and has a fine spring above it.

After arriving we took a good wash and sat down to supper. After supper we ~~had~~ built up a large camp fire and sat around the fire and told stories and sang. At about 10.30 P.M. we turned in when we got all undressed we took the pistol and went down on the lake shore and danced a war dance by the starlight. As one star light came that was the only star in sight and fired off the pistol and shouted

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Murder at the top of our voices
then we turned in I will
have to stop here and tell you
about the fix we are in now
here

The paymaster about a month
ago was arrested for the embezzlement
of (\$8000.) eight thousand dollars
and among that was over four hundred
dollars (not including salaries) that
ought to have come to Mr Smith.
We have had no money from
the government for several weeks
and have had to run bills all
over the sheet (that is the space
covered by our map). Mr Smith
wrote to Washington that if they
did not send money at once
that he would have to stop work
so answer came Friday to stop
work until money came and
so we have the chances are that
we will get some by the middle

Don Thos W. Clarke

Received of the
letter

of the school we are now in. I am not sure if we are in the same place as we were before. I am not sure if we are in the same place as we were before. I am not sure if we are in the same place as we were before.

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July 26, 1891

Dear Mother

I received ^{Grace's} ~~your~~ letter yesterday
after noon when we got in.

I did not telegraph to Papa
because it is strictly against the
rule of the survey to have any
freelance come to see you in the
field that is to send for them.

Thursday we had what you
might call a cloud burst here.
I was up the river then but
Mr Smith sent me down on
the train to get some things
at Millersburg.

It had been raining all
day when we were up the river
by Herndon.

As I drove into the town
of Herndon we came to ~~a~~ place
where it had been raining and

still was raining and we looked
on the ground and saw that
it was covered with little tracks
which had been rained down
by the clouds. this is a true
story. I jumped out of the wagon
and picked up three and brought
them to Hanlon and showed
them to every body when I went
on the train to Mullersburg at
five forty (5.40) that afternoon
I took one in a bottle and showed
it to the people in town. I was
going to send it to you but
I have mislaid it somewhere.

I can't find out where so I
can't send it now but if I
do find it I will send it
at once so that you can
see what a sky toast looks
like.

It rained so hard that
the Susquehanna River raised

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two feet and a half in about
three hours and a half (3.30)
or about five hours after the
cloud burst the river was at
its highest the ~~river~~^{water} was
was six ~~feet~~^{yards} deep by the
post office that is over the
side walk so it was almost
over the floor of P.O.

Saturday was to Harrisburg
bought shoes and a pair of
slippers got hair cut took in
city and waited on the train
from the east for Papa
but he did not come

My new boss is here and
has taken charge Mr Smith
has gone to White Haven
to do some river work

Which gun are you going
to send

1891

The one that I want is
the twelve bore as it is smaller
and we don't have any too much
room in the carriage for guns
there are lots of wood ~~locks~~
round and some few Pheasant
in the fall we can get wild
turkeys

We used up another horse
last week and the one we
have now will not last
long

There is no more to
be much to write about so
I will close.

Good by love to all
your son

Thos W Clarke Jr

Field Asst U.S. Geol Survey

I will write a longer letter
when I have some thing to tell
about

Thos W Clarke Jr

(1)

Empire House.

CHARLES ROUSH,
Proprietor.

Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., Aug 4 1891

Dear Mother

The gun arrived safely and I have had it out in the carriage but as yet have not had a chance to shoot it

Mr Smith has gone to Washington and Mr Cunningham has taken charge

I am learning to have the road which is a very important job Mr Speed is teaching me we do about nine miles of road a day

To day we struck the first such man who could not speak one word of

english

You want to describe the people to you well they are as a class fairly well educated they speak among them selves a language which is not at all like Dutch and which has no way of spelling it

All their correspondence is carried on in english they are all barefooted as a general rule except the farmers who always wear brogans which instead of lacing buckle with two buckles on the outside of the shoes those that wear these kind of shoes wear no stockings the women are all barefooted and

(2)

Empire House.

CHARLES ROUSH,
Proprietor.

Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., Aug 4 - 1891

so are the children in the towns every body wears shoes except the very little kids who run about the streets.

Most of the farmers own mowing machines and some own reapers or self binders that is a kind of mowing machine that cuts the wheat or rye and cut and binds it up in bundles with string and ties hard knots with the string. A few farmers own traction engines and a

threshing machine which
they let out to the farm-
ers near them to thresh
their oats

Most of the farmers
have mules but a few
have horses their barns
are almost as large as
Mr. Whitney's barn but
not so high the cattle
are kept in the lower part
or basement and the manure
is thrown out onto the farm
yard and left to rot

In the upper part of the
barn is kept all his
farm utensils as well
as his hay and straw

They have separate
corn cribs and hen houses
One farmer owns on

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CHARLES ROUSH,
Proprietor.

Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., 189

a average about one
hundred and fifty (150)
acres.

There is a farmer who
told Mr Smith and
my self that he paid
six hundred and fifty
dollars (\$650) for his place
two years ago and that
consisted of (86) eighty
six acres of good farm
land and a big barn
corn out carriage house
spring house, cook house
made of log and main
house were made of

logs which were spoked
up with slay between
the cracks that is
what I call cheap for
the outfit

Freeburg the town
that I am in is a great
musical town they have
two musical colleges here

I believe that this is
the most musical town
in the state.

The reason that I
did not write to you before
is that I have not had
time I had to work all
the last of last week
and until Friday of
this week including Sunday
and I was so tired
nights that I was glad

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Empire House.

CHARLES ROUSH,
Proprietor.

Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., Aug 4 1891

to get to bed Mr Speed
has gone to bed already
and it is almost eleven
o'clock and as I will
have to use at half past
four in order to get
started at half past
five I think I must
close with love to
all I remain your son
Thos W Clarke Jr
Field Asst USGS
Freeburg Aug 4 1891

Post-office address

Bullerburg

Telegraph address

Express office

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Aug 9

1891

Dear Mother

I received Grace letter yesterday
Friday and I send these rattles from
a rattle snake killed on Berner
Mountain on the fourth of Aug 1890
by Mr Slick Powell the town caselable
please put them in the box
that is to go under the corner
stone describing them and
giving the latin name for
rattle snake that is the
scientific name

And tell where they were
killed and what state and
river near Susquehanna River
Shanphin Co Pa

Went to a duck picnic
so hafto work today Sunday
I took notes of costumes
and everthing what which

will write to you about as
soon as I have time

Your son in haste
Thos W. Warbeck
Field Asst

1681

Post-office address

Millersburg Pa

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GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

Aug 17, 1891

My dear Grandmother

I write to you this time and will try to give an idea of what the people wear how they come and what they do at a such picnic in middle Pennsylvania

The thing begins at about eleven and lasts till ten or eleven o'clock at night the people come in trains in carriages on horse back in hay wagons and on foot.

In the morning and afternoon they have speeches by different ministers. (There is a union Sunday school picnic) and interlarded with selections by the different bands.

About four o'clock the fun begins by that time the ministers have talked them selves to death then they begin to play games

Happy is the muller,
which are Ring, ~~The muller and his dog~~
Bingo was his name, Skiplornaloo
which all the young people play to keep
time to the game every body sings

I did not play but sat and
watched then they have a ~~tea~~ cake
walk which is walked not for the
best walker but this way the base
drummer goes out of sight from the
ring with his drum and the people
walk around as they go around a flag
is passed among them finally the
man who has the base drum hits it
and the person holding the flag
gets the prize

The men dress in black suits
white boiled shirts and collars though
quite a number don't wear any collars
those that wear collars have black
ties and most of them that wear
straw hats have them black

The girls wear white muslin
dresses with black sashes and different

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stiles of ^{timber} ~~bold~~ from forty years
ago till now

Aug 20 1891.

I have not had any time to
write to you before this morning
we are delayed from going out

The people come to the
funicular in all kinds of rigs
from the bar buggy to a stage-
wagon drawn by horses ponies
mules and one pair of stags that
a man drives with reins and bits

They have a band and refreshments
bananas, ice cream, cake, peanuts,
sagabees and soft drinks then all
the people bring their own lunch
that is most all quite a lot of
people come in trains

Last Sunday they had
a camp meeting up at Leerdon

I was invited to go but I preferred to stay at home I wish I had gone because they have great times there. This must be a pretty dull letter but it is the same thing over and over again get up at quarter past six and eat breakfast and all day only getting out at noon to eat lunch and getting supper at half past five.

The country is perfectly lovely around here the trees have started to turn red but I think it is some kind of worm that gets into the wood and makes them turn red the way to make those rattles sound like a snake is to get a stick of green wood and rosin it well with a piece of rosin and then place the stick in the two ^{bights} ~~ends~~ of the string tied to the rattles and revolve

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right hand
3 fingers
Rulles
fingers
left hand

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GEOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

Aug 20, 1891

them around slowly and they will
sound like a hoost put on a pair
of old gloves and they will answer
better than the shocks you want to rosin
the fore finger well

I must close now as good
by with love to all I ever am your
son

Thos W Clarke Jr

UPON THE SUSQUEHANNA.

NEFF HOUSE,

Aughinbaugh & Co., Propr's.

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE, AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE P. & R. R. R & PENN'A R R. DEPOTS.

Sunbury, Pa., Sept 10 1891.



Dear Mother

I will write you a short note and tell of the accidents that have hapened this week ~~On~~ Monday we came up here for good and Tuesday Smith and my self climbed Monlure radge we got lost in the woods and could not find our station we were gone from the horse from half past ten till five with out any thing to eat and tramped fifteen miles through the woods not on a path but through the brush and over boulders I climbed a tree with Smith that was sixty five feet high when I was getting

when about eight or ten feet from the ground I fell and landed on my feet to be sure but the inside of my right hand was all worn smooth by the small hemp rope that we had to help us climb

When we got home we found in learning here ~~the~~ had been kicked by a horse that we drove about fifteen feet across a barn he came here to be examined by a doctor to see if any bones were broken

Where are the bear hots that I asked you to send I am pashantly waiting for them. I think that we owe the shimanan about 750 that is what I remember

UPON THE SUSQUEHANNA.



NEFF HOUSE,

Aughinbaugh & Co., Propr's.

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE, AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE P. & R. R. R. & PENN'A R. R. DEPOTS.

Sunbury, Pa., *Sept 10* 1891.

but you may have got some more after that that made that sum

I will write Mr. Wheeler next Sunday we are working hard when I do not go out hafto work on maps get up at half past five or six oclock

court just opened Monday with criminal session

Sunbury is quite a town electric cars that is three there is a fine hotel across the river where we are going to stop later on it is four or five hundred feet above the river.

1891
1681
tell Chamberlin that if
he comes up this way on
going west to come up and
see me we are only 63 miles
of Harrisburg on the main
line of Penn right on main
highway to west and he could
run up and see me just as
well as not there is a train that
leaves New York at three and connects
with a train for Sunbury at Harrisburg
and he could go west from here
at nine fifty five the next morning
or later.

Please send those bear
hats to Sunbury express office
J W Clarke Jr leave H S Goldsway
Huff House Sunbury Pa

Yours in haste

J W Clarke Jr

I send you a circular of Shickelmy Hotel
by this mail

THE CAMERON HOUSE.

The Cameron is the Oldest House in Central Pennsylvania.

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Lewisburgh, Pa. Sept 15 1898

My dear Mother

As I know you want to hear from me and also as on account of the rain I am not working but have lots of spare time I think that I will give you a short account of the happenings of the last week.

On Tuesday I climbed Mon~~low~~ mountain with Smith to find a burglelation point made last Summer by Im Kramer.

We had our breakfast at half after six and we left the hotel before seven at ten we

we hitched our horse and
fed him and ourselves, we told
them at the hotel to put up
a lunch for two this is what
~~we~~^{we} got two sandwiches ~~two~~^{six} and
a half inches wide by ~~four~~^{nine} and
a quarter inches long filled
in side with sliced beef and
~~so~~ making them about a
inch and a quarter thick besides
this we had two pickles apiece
and three ginger snaps when
I had finished mine I was
as empty as when I began or
at least I thought so after
that we took up our line of
march and humped to the
top of the mountain when
we reached the top we
could not find out where
we ought to go he was about
seven we humped till three

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o'clock when we happened to run on it accidentally and in fact almost passed it.

Before this while we were trying to find it we stumbled and fell and nearly cut my foot off with the hatchet.

We were lost for a while as the sun was under a large black cloud and we could not see any land marks. Smith climbed a tree but could not see anything but a large high pine tree in the distance about half a mile when we

got to the bottom Smith
decided to put a signal
there so I set about to climb
it it was over sixty feet
high and bigger than a
whisky barrel larger I guess
anyway we finally managed
to get to the top after
about half a hour we started
to come down Smith was
it safely but I managed
to fall eight or ten feet
but came off with three or
four bruises.

At half past five we
reached the house and
walked fifteen miles
through the bush and
over the holders all phlegm
out we were I will close
now and all more about
in two or three days your son
J. W. Clarke Jr

CENTRAL.



Hotel Haag,

T. J. HAAG, MANAGER.

Milton, Pa., Sept 17 1891

My Dear Mother

I am staying
at Milton Pa at the Haag
Hotel it is a brick building
with sandstone trimmings
tonight if luck favors
me I will stop at Shikellamy
tonight. I am now having
ing.

Milton is a town with
lots of sawing mills and
you can see the glare of the
fires for miles around
the population is about
six thousand

The hotel is furnished on
the inside with ash and



and walnut the Reading
has a branch from across the
river the Penn has a main
line running through here as
well as the William Short
and Leawissett

It is right on the West
Branch if you take the
map and follow up the
river with a pencil you
will see where I am.
Lewisburg where I was night
before last is about three
miles below this town but
across the river

It is very foggy this
morning but it will soon
burn off I hope as I can't
possibly do any thing till
it does I will close now
with love to all your son
Thos W Blake Jr

Hotel Shikellimy, =
= Susquehanna Heights.

DRUMHELLER BROS.,
= Proprietors. =



Half up those rocks, conspicuous in place,
Time's hand has chisel'd Shikellimy's face.

— PURDY'S LEGENDS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA.

Sunbury, Pa., Sept 18 1891

Dear Mother

I am now at the Shikellimy.
This morning I saw the sun rise
over the mountains and fog
laying down below us the sun
rises over by Shmokin which has
about twelve or fourteen miles
in a bee line.

The hotel had no lodgers
except me last night but yester
day had lots of transients

I am the first one from
Massachusetts lots of people
from Phil and Harrisburg
Wilkes-Barre and all the large
towns and cities are

represented on the "redister" (that
word is spelt ~~wrong~~ the
hotel is furnished in hard
wood. I wish you could
see the road up to the
hotel it is beautiful for
the trees. it runs up
a ravine with the road
only wide enough for
one and the brook running
on the south or right hand
as you come the trees grow
over the top so thick in
some places that you
can hardly see the
sky. I wish you would
send me a nice pair of
driving gloves as in the
morning it is quite cold.

Also I wish that you
would send me one of those

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Sunbury, Pa., 18 Sept 1891

empty trunk I can't get
a decent trunk they are
all those hoird ones covered
with zinc the bags are
in the way. I have no
trunk now closet to put
my clothes in as I had in
mellersburg

Everytime that I
go away I have to pack them
up and take them into
Mr. Hummings's room and
seeing that it is pretty well
crowded there now with
instruments I think
that I ought to have

one I would not write
to you if I could only get
one. Besides Mr Cunningham
spoke to me on last Sunday
your square trunk will hold
all that I have when you
send it also send the gloves
and my black cutaway
and best trousers as there
is to be a dance soon and
we are going also my patent
leathers now please send
them. Yours in haste

Thos W Clarke Jr

P.S. Tell papa that I saw sixteen
Sept 18 1891 wild rabbits
and a flock
of pheasants
and seven
quail
yesterday
Haghts

Hotel Shickling

Blue Hill

Susquehanna

Lumbury the

P.S. my address is
same Jeff house
I will Lumbury
express on Pa
the end

the woods
are full
of game

UPON THE SUSQUEHANNA.

NEFF HOUSE,

Aughinbaugh & Co., Propr's.

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE, AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE P. & R. R. R. & PENN'A R. R. DEPOS.

Sunbury, Pa., Sept 27 1891.



My Dear Mother

I have been working hard all the month having surveyed 190 miles and made 1480 some odd miles stations that is set up my instrument at curves in the road located over five hundred houses and marked besides five towns

That is considered very good work.

Please send the trunk as soon as possible not later than wednesday.

Baked Bean not arrived.

Perfect to go to Troy New

York with the rest of the
fellows to stay a month
but may not go after
all. Orders will not
arrive till the first of
month. If the weather stays
the way ~~it has~~ for the last
two weeks we will get
through by the last of this
week.

Please send the book
as soon as you get this letter
as Mr. L is kicking about
the stuff that I have put
in his room.

I trust W. Blake Jr

1681



H.C. BURCH.

C.E. GIBBS.



Washington, D.C.
Oct. 16 1891

Dear Eliza, I got to the Ebbitt
last night or rather yester-
day morning. The Riggs
is closed, and I prefer this
place to the other hotels.

There has been a great
Methodist convention here
& the white cravats and
big appetites are quite
noticeable. The weather
is fine and clear and the
city very pleasant. The
supreme court is only
 $\frac{2}{3}$ full, six judges present.
C. Fuller has a daughter
sick in Chicago, typhoid
fever & a prospective baby

1681 Justice Bradley, is sick in Wash-
ington, and Justice Gray in
Massachusetts, typhoid fever
a new house & a new wife
were too much for him.

The Court can hear as many
cases with six judges as with
nine. It can employ less time
in consultation, and probably
decide nearly as many. It
doesn't look so imposing
though. I shall probably have
to answer a motion on Mon-
day & the other side want
to postpone the cases. If
not postponed it will come
up Tuesday or Wednesday
I think. I am going to try to
visit Ann Arbor on my way
back.

Yours very truly
Hossein W. Barker

West Hurton Nov 23 1891

My dear Eliza

I have sent you the receipt for
Indian pudding I think it will be all right
if you do not keep in a hot oven too long.

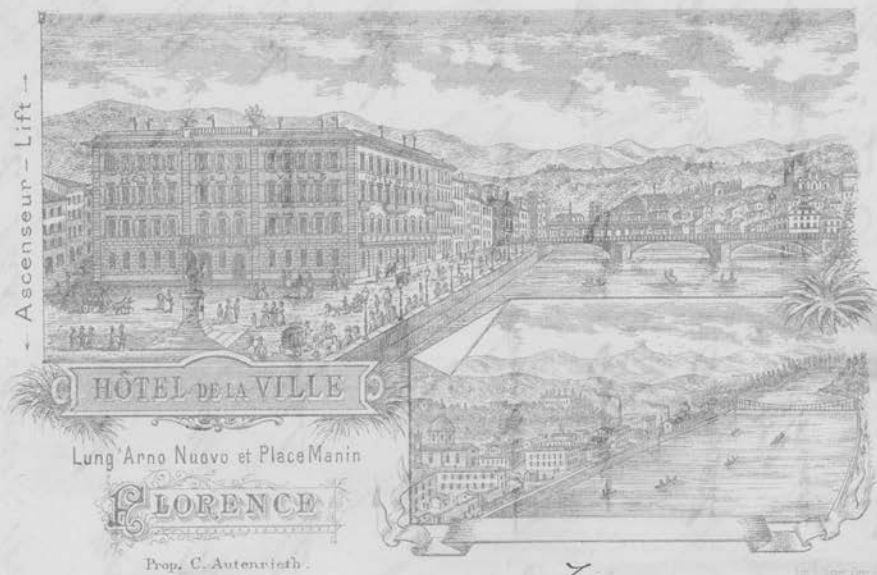
Free has been pretty sick with a heavy
cold he had a chill Thursday night &
then fever sett in & I think he was
pretty sick Friday & Saturday he was
better to day. May asked us over Thurs
but if Free is not well I suppose we
shall not go & shan't we have a merry
time. May Hurton is going to Palmer
to stay a week so we shall be all alone
& that is not the worst of it Miss Georgie
has written for her to come the middle
of Jan. & stay till she comes home in
June ~~won't~~ that be merry for us.
I do not know what we shall do in
that case it is not agreeable

to think of staying there alone & there
are no houses to let that we can hear
of. I must not stop to write more if
you are in a hurry for the receipt
but if you want the pudding to remain
in the oven over night I should use
twice the quantity of all the ingredients

Lois came out last night & we had
tickets for the players & when I told
her I was sorry we should have to leave
her alone she said she would go back
to Boston after she had cured Fred's
letter & all I could say to her would
not induce her to stay. When are you
coming up I hope soon. With much
love & wishes for a pleasant day on
Thursday I am as ever your aff.

Brother A. J. R.

3 Tablespoonfuls of Indian meal
2 qts of milk
one cup of molasses
& salt to your taste meal
boil one qt of the milk & stir in the
then put in the molasses & if you like
ginger & just before putting in the
oven pour in the other qt of cold milk
That is a nice for a brick oven & perhaps
you can regulate your stove oven but
I should think it would not require
to bake all night.



March 16. 92.

My dear Lois, [To Lois Clarke]

I don't forget that I promised
to write to you at least once while
I am on this side of the ocean. So
to-day I will sit down for a
little chat with you. Then
you can't accuse me of not-

Keeping my word. Time has flown by
in rapid wings since that evening when
I saw you at West Newton and I
have enjoyed a past dol. Left
Rome three weeks ago to-day and
in the day have staid a day at
Orvieto and a week at Siena. The
Cathedrals at each place are very
interesting, and the facade of the
one at Orvieto is the most beautiful
one I have seen. Only twisted
marble columns and wonderfully
carved pillars, with acanthus

leaves, and oak leaves looking as if they were growing out of
the marble. Then rich mosaics and interesting frescoes, all with
St. Peter and Jesus Christ, all made to grand pictures
rich and beautiful. At Siena we had a big square showing
which we certainly were willing to go without in every other
town visited. Furniture was shiny and pattern. No furniture
at home can compare with it. But at the same time our
and all is changed into a party of four and also that
is interesting. There has been warm and bright very
pleasant for the week, and such a beautiful city as it.

is! I don't realize before what a wonderful place
it is. Festival was the feast of St. Annunziata;
and we had an amusing time watching the
dances in the square in front of the Annunziata Church.
The whole square and a long street leading out of
it was lined with booths where everything
conceivable was for sale. There were women
selling fortunes, jugglers, and phrenologists (!), all
surrounded by eager throngs. One little dark Italian
boy of about seven was rolling dough and cutting
it up into bits; which his father clapped into
a flat round iron with a long handle, pressing
another similar iron on top. The whole was
put over a light coal, and in a few
seconds, a quantity of thin flat cakes
was turned out. These were sold,
five for a sou, to the festive Italians.
The little baker in his tiny white
apron was a pretty picture. He wandered
about in among the booths and listened
to the musical voices selling the

curious mans. It was all very gay and
bright and picturesque, not suggesting however
St. Annunziata or any other saint. I was
very glad of Kitty's letter, and I shall
find time to write to her soon. We
leave here for Venice early next week.
Stopping off at Bologna to see the
St. Cecilia. After Venice will come
the south Italian Lakes, a little of
Switzerland, and then Paris. While
at Paris we mean to make a little
trip into Transsylvanie. By the middle
of May we shall be in England,
and the rest of that month and
half of June will be given to

the country of England. I think I shall be at-
home by the first of July, and how I
to glad to see my boy! Now, my dear
Lis, you must not fail to send me
a line - for a letter from you will
give me a great deal of pleasure,
and I am so for a very long time that you
can imagine what welcome things some
letters are. I shall write to your mother
at times if I have time. I wish you
could see the big red anemones that
grow here. They are splendid - Give
a great deal of love to all from me,
and remember that I shall wait eagerly
for a line from you.

Ever affectionately
Ally F. Taylor

[Sept. 1892]

I, ANN JANE RAYMOND, of Newton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, widow, make this my last will and testament.

FIRST. I direct that my just debts, (including all I owe and shall owe to my son Freeborn F. Raymond 2d, meaning all moneys advanced or paid by my said son for the benefit of myself and family, commencing about the year 1875 and continuing up to the present time, together with interest thereon, and also all moneys which he may hereafter pay or advance for my benefit or the benefit of my family, with interest thereon,- all such payments and advancements being made at my request and with the express understanding that he shall be fully reimbursed therefor out of my estate, and that no lapse of time shall in any way affect or impair his right to be so reimbursed, and meaning also all other debts I owe or shall owe to my said son), and my funeral expenses, be paid as soon as may be convenient after my decease.

SECOND. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Clarke, wife of Thomas William Clarke, my work-table.

THIRD. I give and bequeath to my son, Thatcher Rich Raymond, my writing desk and my oak chamber set.

FOURTH. I give and bequeath to my ^{Grand daughter} ~~niece~~ Grace Tileston Clarke, my chest of drawers known as "Uncle Charles'" chest of drawers.

FIFTH. I give and bequeath to my daughter Kathryn Tileston

Raymond, my secretary.

SIXTH. I give and bequeath to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, my two card tables now at his house.

SEVENTH. I give and bequeath all the remainder of my household furniture to my daughters Edith Jenny Raymond and said Kathryn Tileston Raymond.

EIGHTH. I give, bequeath and devise one undivided fifth part of all the rest, residue and remainder of the estate, both real and personal, of which I shall die seized or possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless, to hold, manage, invest and re-invest the same and pay the net income, rents and profits thereof to my said daughter Eliza Ann Clarke during her life, and upon her decease to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate, to her children then living and the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, and in case she shall die without issue living at the time of her decease, to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to her heirs-at-law.

NINTH. I give, bequeath and devise one undivided fifth part of all said rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.

TENTH. I give, bequeath and devise one undivided fifth part of all said rest, residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless, to hold, manage, invest and re-invest the same and pay the net income, rents and profits thereof to my said daughter Edith Jenny Raymond during her life, and upon her decease to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to her children then living and the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, and in case she shall die without issue living at the time of her decease, to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to her heirs-at-law.

ELEVENTH. I give, bequeath and devise one undivided fifth part of all said rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, ~~to~~ to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless, to hold, manage, invest and re-invest the same and pay the net income, rents and profits thereof ~~to~~ to my said son Thatcher Rich Raymond during his life, and upon his decease to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to his children then living and the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, and in case he shall die without issue living at the time of his decease, to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to his heirs-at-law.

*I do not wish
Thatcher's left
in the way
is written in this
will but left to
himself to do as
he shall think
best
A. J. R.*

TWELFTH. I give, bequeath and devise one undivided fifth part of all said rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both

real and personal, to my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless, to hold, manage, invest and re-invest the same and pay the net income, rents and profits thereof to my said daughter Kathryn Tileston Raymond during her life, and upon her decease to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to her children then living and the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, and in case she shall die without issue living at the time of her decease, to pay over, transfer and convey said trust estate to her heirs-at-law.

THIRTEENTH. I appoint my said son Freeborn F. Raymond, 2d, to be the sole executor of this will, and I request that he be exempt from giving sureties or surety on his official bond as such executor, and on his bond or bonds, as Trustee under the eighth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth clauses of this will.

FOURTEENTH. I hereby authorize and empower my said executor, and whomsoever may administer upon my estate, to sell, at public auction or private sale, any part or parts or the whole of my real estate, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deeds to convey the same in fee simple, and no purchaser shall be answerable for the application of the purchase money.

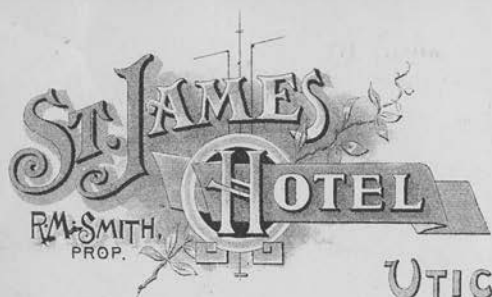
FIFTEENTH. I hereby authorize and empower my said Trustee and his successors in the trusts hereby created, to sell, at public auction or private sale, any part or parts or the whole of the real estate which he or they may at any time hold under the

trusts or either or any of the trusts, created by this will, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deeds to convey the same in fee simple, and no purchaser shall be answerable for the application of the purchase money.

I n T e s t i m o n y W h e r e o f I, the said Ann Jane Raymond, hereunto set my hand and seal this day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-two.

On this day of September A. D. 1892, signed, sealed, published and declared, by the above-named Ann Jane Raymond, as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, and at her request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

ALL LINES



UTICA, N.Y.

May 21

Utica 1893

Dear Mother and family

Reached here last night after an awful hot day in the sun. walked 14 miles from Cherry Valley to Richfield Springs 9 miles of which was through mud all the way from two (2") inches to 2 feet deep. time 5 hours.

Today I go to Trenton Falls 18 miles north of here. Yesterday I walked 35 miles in 12 hours and 15 minutes.

The roads are not so bad. this last walk became the sun dried it up.

Tell Papa that I beat

1881

the stage between the
Hebby Valley, and Richfield
springs. by. over half an
hour.

The driver started an
hour. and a half after I
shot and he drove up to
the Post Office in R L
6.35 minutes after he
left Hebby Valley.

Tell Papa That I may
come home over the Lackaw
anna road to R Y and the
Fall River line to Boston.

Write to the St James.
and they will forward
to me. With love to all
I am your son

Thos W Clarke
I start in half an hour.
for Trenton Falls.



TRENTON FALLS.

MOORE'S HOTEL

MARIA MOORE
PROPRIETOR.

Trenton Falls, N. Y., May 22, 1893

My dear Mother

Shd not come up here
yesterday but today instead.

The distance is about
14.00 miles from Utica and
up hill nearly all the way.

There are six large falls
and no end of rapids I walked
up along the edge of the water
on ledges and came back
on the high bank.

Will write more
fully tonight

Your son
Thos W Clark Jr.



TRENTON FALLS.

Home before I could get it
H. W. Melankey
MOORE'S HOTEL

MARIA MOORE
PROPRIETOR.

Trenton Falls, N. Y., May 22 1893

That first note was written
before dinner. I have just
come back from a second
visit to falls they are simply
elegant

My time for 16 miles
up to Trenton Falls was
4 hours I shall write more
in this letter when I get
back to Utica.

Reached Utica at
4:00 P.M. doing the return in
4 hours and 10 min did walk
faster at times but when
I reached the Mohawk River
(spelt wrong) the weather

1891
was so hot that I had to
walk slow.

I go to a place called
Sleerfield N.Y. to morrow
to take a walk in the hills
there and if I get back by
Wed night will be in
Boston Thurs.

From the looks of
the weather I should think
it would be a shower
tomorrow.

Write to Sleerfield
n. better to. Whole bro.
N.Y.

With love to all.
my feet are kind of sore
and there is a big blister
on my left little toe

I guess you had better
not write because I will start

Wagner Vestibuled Train
NEW YORK & CHICAGO LIMITED
New York Central
AND
LAKE SHORE ROUTE.

May 23 93

Dear Mother

Will be home

Tomorrow. sometime

would get home.

tonight but I have.

missed connections.

there was a bad
wreck on the river
and the train is
very late.

I have just timed
the train and it
ran a mile in $5\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

1893
You are all well
I hope.

With love to
all I am, your son
Thos W. Blakey

Our Board Chicago and
N Y Limited at over
60 miles an hour.

[See legal folder in Box 8 for other drafts of this letter]

No. 93 Warren St

Boston, May 30. 1893

Col. W. H. Powell,

" 11, Inf. U. S. Army
Co

Dear Sir,

I presume you are the Capt Powell who was for a short time in 1864 J. A. on Gen. Sedgwick's staff 1st Div 4th A. when I was 22d 2d Brig ad. If so, you will recognize my right to criticize your scheme of child regulations, and thought no longer even a militia man.

One of the first things which struck me on reading your article in April last in Washington, - I was there for law business, not for office, - was that the

period in which the line formations in 3 ranks, and the route column of three by the flank, - viz. between 1760 and 1815, - prevailed. Gustaf Adolph, Tilly, Wallenstein with their battalions formed on the principle of extracting the square root, had no ability to manoeuvre except with their cavalry. Turenne & Condé with their 16 Co battalions $\frac{1}{4}$ of each to pikes $\frac{3}{4}$ muskets, formed by divisions, each Co in single rank, & 8 cos deep with a grenadier fusilier Co formed in 8 ranks and 6 files were more movable, but never made phenomenal marches.

The battalions of 1700 of 7 cos grenadiers & 6 fusiliers each in 4 ranks, did nothing astonishing as marchers. But

Frederick and his successors, including our Revolutionary soldiers & the French of the last part of the 18th & first of the 19th century marched wonderfully. The Spanish war gave no great results in marches & the French worked with two ranks there.

Experience seems to show that you are right in selecting the front of them for a column of route, as one least likely to lose distance. I think then that to march from place to place over a single road at the ordinary road gait of two and a quarter to two and half miles an hour, including halts, but not including the noon rest, a column of from three thousand to six thousand

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men could be moved over a single country road from one place of engagement to another, could pass a bridge or other defile in presence of an enemy, and do all the work of advance and retreat and of general first tactics as quickly and manœuvrably in your loose column of three as in the prescribed column of four.

As to the single rank formation for action. Every soldier to day recognizes the fact that the guard which never fired first at Fontenoy was a very silly garrison and that the English guard which invited the French guard to fire was about equally silly. When the English gunner shot at Mas-

send at Paris Vedres to break down a wall near him, and not hurt the General in chief of the enemy he did not serve his country so well as Napoleon did at Dresden where he had ~~run~~ Moreau killed by ordering a whole battery fired to hit "some small general".

We have worked up war and soldiering to the point that the soldier in battle has one paramount duty, to hurt the other side as much as possible. We have carried the radius of danger from missiles, out from 300 yards, a fair charging distance, to 1200 yards a distance too great for an infantry charge. Our soldier's accuracy and rapidity of fire has so increased

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That as a workman he needs elbow room, and for his own security he must work in loose order. If a charge is hereafter made it will be a charge of skirmishers on converging lines, the shock being delivered at the moment of concentration. The ability of a captain on foot to command and control more than about 45 men in such an order (the ^{average} parade of a company of 100 after a month's camp life) is very doubtful even with two assistants, and six or eight more comb.

All this leads to these conclusions 1. Single rank line formation. 2. Flank column of route and manoeuvre by threes. 3. Open order as a normal condition. 4. Skirmish lines to be

so strengthened or lined of battle so thin-
 ned that the distinction between them
 practically ceases except for guard
 duty. 5. In guard duty the group
 of three, one standing to post at
 a time so long found efficient
 & practical is indicated as nor-
 mal, with corporal to three groups,
 sergeant to six or nine groups,
 officer of guard to seven fifty
 to seventy five enlisted men, captain
 of picket (sort of assistant officer
 of the day, always on the line)
 to 200 men. (Note. This last
 scheme of captain of picket
 regularly announced in orders
 is a ~~debatable~~ valuable scheme
 when the picket line is a che-
 val on a ravine or slough.)

All this again leads to your
 plan of single line formation

with the column of three, for flank work.

The scheme is so radical and yet so promising that it should be studied practically & on the field & the Secretary asked to allow one or more regiments to be trained at it & then worked at it at camps of instruction during a summer to see if it is advantageous.

The manual of arms with its basis at ordered arms on right shoulder as well as carry has at last reached a place by authority which existed in practice in 1865 in many volunteer regiments, and as early as 1861 in the 7th & 20th New York regiments, who claimed to have got it from the Prussian manual. Extension into single

rank for fight was not unusual, and I remember Gen Grant several times ordered the Petersburg line to be stripped down to 1000 men to a mile which is about the strength of your fighting line in open order.

I now have no adverse criticisms. You propose a special regulation for parade & ceremony, differing from the tactics of battle. This I submit is wrong. A parade gives the commanding officer the daily condition of his command, a review gives a visiting officer an epitomized view of the efficiency of the command, an inspection gives a detailed view of the condition & efficiency. Daily parade, weekly inspection, monthly inspection

his monthly inspections and must be
with mustering officers reviewed
are perhaps outgrown in the
more perfect, detailed reports of
tactical practice, artillery practice
drill reports & the like, but when
a parade or review is used
it is for the old purpose to show
the real like efficiency of troops.

As we have known it, it ex-
hibited the important part of the
tactics of battle.

Tactics of war.

1. To move in line
2. To move in column
3. To pass from line to column faced in any direction
4. To pass from column to line faced in any direction by company movement or piecemeal formations.
5. To change the front of a line
6. To take dispersed order for skirmishing
7. To rally.

Nos. 3, 4, & have of course several subdivisions according as the conversion is on the right (or left) to the right (or left) or by the right (or left)

No. 5 has really only one principle that of change front forward. It may be taught last of all, because it may be accomplished by movement by the flank.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Thomas W. Clarke,
Jerusalem Road,
Cohasset
Massachusetts.

[1894]

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Bryn Man

My dear papa, -
on 21 May on my 22nd.

The Shakespeare arrived safely.
cannot tell you how pleased I wa
with it. My only concern is that
too nice for me. I can assure y
I shall ^{take} a great deal of pleasure
out of it because it is so pretty
externally & so useful internally,
I already have two or three purchases.

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My dear Lois [To Lois Clarke]

Many thanks for
your New Year
wishes! May
1894 be a good
year to you, too!

I was very

her lovely gentleness of manner
added to that impression -

Please extend my
sincere sympathy to your
Mother and Aunt
and believe me
Yours truly
Thos. J. Stone

sorry to hear
of your Grand mother's
death. It came
as a surprise to
me as I had
not heard recently
of her illness.

I remember
the always delicate
delicate, and



Corning, N.Y. Feb 6 1894

My dear Mother and family
I write to you from
my father's point that I am from
home nearly twenty hours.

I have not had much luck
this week so far but am not
dispondant I have just got an in-
surance on the ⁱⁿ Travelers of Halifax
for \$5.000 in your favor in case of
death making 10.000. this presents
one you only get 1000. a year till
it is paid up.

Yours in love
Tom

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THE YATES.

AVERILL & GREGORY, Props.

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Feb 11

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My dear family,
This has been my worst week
I have had yet. I have been out to learning
and that is as far as I go west.

I saw the Grand Opera house
in Grand City. in the Lyceum Theatre
& there it is the best thing that I ever
saw in the comedy line it has just
a touch of comedy and a little bark
of opera the story is a good one and
is remarkably well told.

They will be in Boston
on the 29th. I had a chat with her

anason in the Hotel after
the show.

He is a very pleasant man
and when I told him I was from
Boston we went and sat down
and had quite a chat.

I go south tomorrow.

Morning

This is the best hotel I ever
stoped at in my life.

What please me the most
is the four meals a day.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner and Supper
8-10 I eat all four I am so full
I can hardly walk now.

I received a letter last night
she and Eir seem to be having
a fine time how is Papa. Is Edith
able to be around?

~~For~~ For the last three
days either it has rained or
snowed and it has been very.



THE YATES.

AVERILL & GREGORY, Prop's.

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

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Disagreeable.

Lake ~~Leary~~ Leary was frozen almost to Union Springs last Thursday and I drove down on the ice about three miles it was fine the ice in some places but under the weight of the horse.

I shall try to get to St Albans for Sunday but I don't think that I can do it.
Yours is haste.

Thos W. Clarke.

I went to the Ep - Lehigh this am and heard a fine sermon

Cheesebrou
Rerp-

1894



THE WELDEN,

J. C. FINCH, Proprietor,

ST. ALBANS, VT.

Monday Morning Feb 26 1894

My dear Mother

I have been very
successful this last week selling
about six hundred dollars worth

It has been very cold
here.

On Saturday I was in Mont-
pelier and Barre and the
thermometer never went above
eight below (08) and at seven thirty
when I came down to breakfast
it was 20 below.

But so far I have not
frozen any part of me yet
and I was out in the cold all

day yesterday was not so cold.
but Saturday night was colder
than Friday.

I went to Keosauqua which is the
end of the Ansonia Leam Rail Road
and rode back in the Locomotive.

This morning I got up at 2.30 a.m.
to take a train to St Albans as I
wished to get back to Burlington
by 12 noon if I could.

On Washingtons Birthday
when I was at Rouse Pt I had
about three hours of time on
my hands I went to the station
master and borrowed his Snow
shoes and walked out on Lake
Tehamplain the snow being about
eighteen to twenty four inches deep
I was told by a gentleman who
saw me walking that I walked
the best of any beginner he ever saw

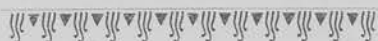


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J. C. FINCH, Proprietor,

ST. ALBANS, VT.



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and he ought to know what he was ~~talking~~ about as he was a member of the Quins Club I think he said of Toronto and the station master told me that he was at one time president of that club. and was noted as being one of the best huddlers with snow shoe and also very famous as a long distance walker in Canada.

So you can see I felt quite pleased with what he told me.

I am very well except for a cold in the head but I don't mind that

One of my customers.

knows Mrs. Tarnot very
well and is a great admirer
of her

I met a very bright and
charming young woman who
travels for Kellogg & Co. last
week

I have seen several
women who travel on this trip
Yours very truly
Thos W. Delarke Jr.



My dear Mother

I received your letter of the 18 today. My last week was very successful.

Making about ~~6.00~~ ⁶⁰⁰ hundred dollars.

The lake here is frozen over and there are regular stage lines across it to Kusville it is nine miles and they have a line then they have a line to Plattsburg which is over 22 miles long on this one they stop for dinner on an island.

I have just come down

from St Albans.

I have been up ever
since 2.30 this morning
and hardly got a wink of
sleep since.

I guess I shall have
to buy a fur hat as it is
so cold here.

It is noon and
the Ther- is going going
down now.

I must close now
look for me by the end of
this week or first of next.

Your Son Tom
in a rush

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THE HARRISON HOUSE,

J. J. MONAHAN, PROPRIETOR.

SAMPLE ROOM FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Carbondale, Pa., March 26 1894

My dear Mother

Business has been very bad with me but I do not despair Sunday a week and last Sunday I spent in New York.

Last Sunday despite the rain I had a fine time

Mrs Powers my new landlady in Boston has a daughter staying in New York on a visit

When I was in New York a week ago I called on her on her invitation and the friend she is staying with invited me to spend Easter Sunday with her if possible

so last Friday night when I was in
Sandbltown I told him ^{by telegraphing} that if it would
-ld be convenient I would call on Saturday
Evening

When I called they made
me send down ~~to~~ to the hotel
and have my baggage sent to their
house

Saturday evening Agnes
Powers Mrs Richards and my
self (Mrs Richards at Agnes Powers
and was my hostess) sat up till
after one o'clock eating Easter
eggs.

Sunday morning I got up
early and finished up my notes
and then went to a church
called the Parable Fathers and
heard a very fine service at one
we had breakfast and then when
I met several literary people
~~around~~ home!

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SAMPLE ROOM FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Carbondale, Pa., 189

A Mrs Fitch was there
who has a ~~Home~~ Plunk as
Anna Fox and Meta Fitch also
a Mrs Kohn who took P - is elaborating
and Miss Kate Ryan who ~~was~~
on the Boston Museum for over
twenty years and a Mrs Humphreys
who is one of the Editors on
the Sun - a New York daily

So you can see I was right
in it

Miss K Ryan recited a touching
little piece about Old Peter and
a little boy.

And other people talked
about every thing
for the evening

Agnes P. and myself went
to a kind of Reception at Mrs.
Fitches and then after wards
went to a Mrs. Blacker who
lives out in ~~Hall~~ ~~Hadden~~
Mar 28-94 We had an elegant time
and met several people.

At Mrs Richards I had
an elegant concoction (spelt wrong)
called "Spanish stew" one of Helen's
dishes made with olives potatoes
onions chicken and several other
things and I tell you it was,
just out of sight in a
few minutes

Yesterday I bought in
Scranton from a cut glass salesman
a water bottle and a doz glasses.

And ordered them shipped
billed to you at Hotel Putnam
I shall send you a
cheque to pay for them

ELECTRIC BELLS.

WARM ROOMS.

== OFFICE OF ==

WALL'S HOTEL,

D. C. GRAHAM, Proprietor.

This House Contains Fifty Rooms and is Situated in the Business Part of Town.

Rates Reasonable. Good Stabling and Livery Attached.

Junkhannock, Pa. *Mar 28* 1894

I bought them because I thought
them cheap for the money they
sell in Scranton for ~~low~~ ^{low} only dollars
and that is cheap when you
consider that in Boston they
would cost a dollar or two more
Your Son Tom.

Hotel Bennett :
Wm G. Leland, Prop'r.

Binghamton N.Y. April 1894

"Hello" "April fool" "Hunah".
Dear Mother.

I have had a very pleasant Sunday here with you. And his friends last night when I got here I went to the theatre and saw Fromus Amicus Abroad the fellow of your crowd gave a box party to the girls. and when they saw me come in during the first act they sent some one down after the curtain had gone down and dragged me up into one of the boxes

So you can see I had a fine time

Trade very dull.

Pennsylvania very quiet as mines are closed down or running half time

I am writing this and

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Mumy.

I am now to catch the
H + H train to Albany that is
in order to let the mail not
myself.

How is papa. and all
the family write to me at once
some of office probably letters leave
Boston office for me Wednesday
Good Bye love to
all day included.

No body fooled me on
April fools day.
Tom

THE Park Hotel.

CHAS. DUFFY & CO.
Proprietors.

THE LARGEST AND
MOST PLEASANTLY LOCATED
HOTEL IN WILLIAMSPORT.



Williamsport, Pa. May 1894

My dear Mother

I have been having a lot of exciting events during the last two weeks, caught in a forest fire, horse jumping away, smash up, king bolt breaking, land slides and now we are threatened by a flood.

I reached Williamsport last night at 11.55 p.m. leaving Keting on time at 4.12 p.m. in a blinding rain storm at Hymer we stopped and then ran slowly, finally coming to a dead stop I slipped on my over coat and ran up the track to the engine which was with the

hit into a land slide about
five ft with the front wheels off of
the track

We finally got the wheels
on again and started back to
Remo

We went back about a half a
mile beyond the Hyman station and
found that the track that we had
just come over washed out for about
200 yds or say (600) hundred ft

By that time the water had
began to come over a small bridge
in Hyman so the train was hauled
onto it while the engine covered
another bridge to keep it from
washing away.

We had a very jolly
party in the car and passed
the time very pleasantly.

When I arrived there
I was advised to go to the
hotel it being one of the best.

THE Park Hotel. *CHAS. DUFFY & CO. Proprietors.*

THE LARGEST AND MOST PLEASANTLY LOCATED HOTEL IN WILLIAMSPORT.



Williamsport, Pa. 189

The man has been using all night at about thirty inches an hour and the clerk has advised me to bring my trunk from the station.

The bells and whistles are blowing and the clerk tells me it is probably a danger signal. I am going to see Sunday P.M.

The water has reached the steps of the hotel the bar room and cellar are already flooded great quantities of stone etc all

open for people to buy surplus.
I have been down the
main st on a raft now still
rising Monday.

The river has reached with
in four ft of the June flood
of 89, it is already into the
houses on first floor there
is no light in this town and
we had to eat our supper from
the light of a candle stuck
in a bottle. The great boom
has broken also the Lock Haven
and Lindsey Booms. The logs
are passing down the river
and through the shutts
great piles of lumber are
floating down through
fourth St.
Thick st the river has
saved in

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THE LARGEST AND
MOST PLEASANTLY LOCATED
HOTEL IN WILLIAMSPORT



Williamsport, Pa. May 1891

on fourth st it is reported to
be four feet deep and on
third st but where cross
is on heading of this street it
is four ft deep I don't like
this I wish I was out of the
blasted town.

There is reported to
be three men drowned but
I don't think so

There has been no
train since Sunday A M
all the R R are washed in
way of getting the out side world
wrapt over a long distance

telephone and that has more
than it can do

Thus
Still raining but water seems
to be going down

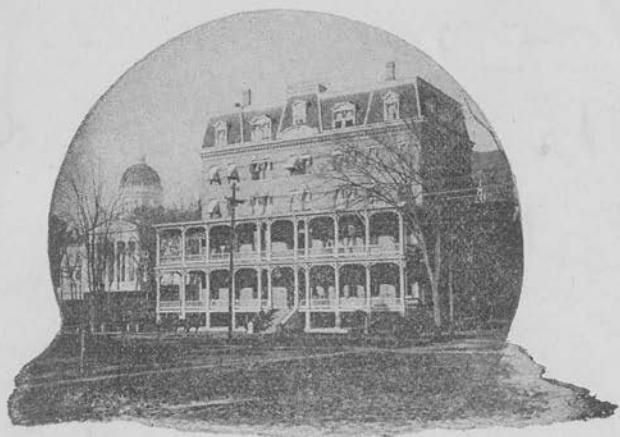
People are staying
in the town

Two hundred 200,000,000
million feet of logs went when
the boom broke.

Terrible excitement.
Want be able to get north
before Friday can get to
Mullensburg tomorrow
I guess.

I am going to wait
this the last chance I get
Good Bye from your
son Tom in the rain.

Thos W Clarke



The Pavilion,

A. S. WILES, Proprietor.

Montpelier, Vt.,

June 17 1894

My dear Mother & family
I am very well but
business is very poor.

I saw several men
take the Kelly line this evening
at the invitation of the doctor.
One man came there
two weeks ago who took (\$60)
nine hundred and sixty grains
a week of Opium which is
equal to 28.800^{grains} of morphine and
he has not touched any for
quite a while but it will take
four weeks more to cure
him yet or six or eight.
One man came.

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then two days ago to get cured
and he had five quarts of
whiskie in him then it is won-
derfull.

I shall be home in about
two or three weeks now.

With love to all.

Tom

It was a hundred and five
in the shade this P.M. here
at the hotel went in swim-
ming in Log Run this P.M. water
warm as ~~trade~~

Tom

Tom

Did you draw the money
from the B W H & R Co for
amount forwarded us I directed
you to do I notified them the
same 21.15 that is the amount and cover all charges

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No. 32 PEMBERTON SQUARE,

Patent, Trade Mark, Copyright, and Corporation Law.

BOSTON, August 21, 1894. 18

George C. Bent, Esq.,
Court Square, City.

Dear Sir:--

I have looked at the matter to which I called your attention the other day and I think the way to go about it is to take the Lot Nichols administration in Norfolk County, 1812, as the starting point and copy the description of his real estate from the inventory. I think there is a license to sell real estate; at any rate, three pieces of real estate were sold, one of about an acre to Bela Joy, one of about three-fourths of an acre to Seth or Maria Beale and one of about the same size to Henry Doane.

This last purported to be a piece of property set off to some heirs named Wilcutt. There were two partitions of this estate among the heirs; one of the partitions made before the death of the widow Thankful Joy and the other after the death of the widow; but I think the partition deed recorded in the registry covered both partitions and was made after the death of the widow.

This deed has for parties the daughters of the house and their husbands, so far as they were alive, and the guardians of the

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minor heirs, Martha Joy, Widow ^{Mary} Jane Doane and her husband, Henry Thomas Wilcutt as guardian for two minor children of Susan Wilcutt, Nancy Hardwick and her husband and Eleanor Joy.

The description of this deed need only to be given as Doane, Wilcutt, etc. The descriptions of the land sold should be given. There was another daughter, Harriet Morse, wife of John Morse. The Wilcutt piece at James Island joins, I think, the piece I am inquiring about. This was sold to Wilcutt by Wheelwright after 1852. It may be that there is another piece of swamp land or marsh next to Wilcutt and belonging to Sweeney. I do not know who he got it from. Perhaps from one of the Nicholises.

This Martha Joy piece should appear in her probate inventory somewhere about 1853 and again in the probate inventory of Bela Joy 1893 and perhaps in that of Mrs. Eliza Hudson after 1860 and Mrs. Maria Beale, after 1880. These are all at Dedham.

Lot Nichols was the son of Thomas Nichols who died not far from 1760. Whether this property was the property of Thomas Nichols or how it came to Lot I do not know, but I think by inheritance. Thomas was the son of Israel who seems to have had the property before 1740, and Israel was the son of Nathaniel, who also

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seems to have had the property quite early.

I am of the impression that it was obtained from Roger and that Roger got it by inheritance from Thomas the elder. At any rate, the piece of land called Peck's Meadow and lying west from this piece of land and south of another piece of land belonging to Lot was the property of Jazaniah quite early in the 18th century and was obtained by him from either Roger or Ephraim Nichols, the son of Thomas.

Besides this, I suspect it to be true that one Nicholas or John Jacob at one time owned this little piece of land, considering it as a part of Beach Island.

The book of Hingham grants is very much preserved in the town of Hingham and cannot be got at until September and I will study that myself.

I do not think that my estimate as to the expense that I was willing to go to on this matter was adequate at all for the trouble and you will please take note of this. If you can find some boy who is just beginning to study law who would take the contract to copy all the descriptions from all the Nichols deeds and

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probate records which relate to lands in Cohasset or lands in the second division of Hingham or lands to which the catch words of Peck's Meadow, Boat Hook, Beach Island, Walnut Angle, Cold Spring, were attached, I would be happy to make a contract with him for that purpose. I want it for a paper I have agreed to write and which I wish I had'nt now.

Yours very truly,

Thomas William Clarke
Per M.

[Sept. 1894]

It is a fact, dear, that
I have known for a
long time, that I am
slowly dying an
expensive death.

But, Gracie dear, I
am not afraid; I
have faced death a
great many times
in the course of my life
~~I before~~ and I have
never been afraid
yet.

Sept. 1894.

hope that I have done so.

I came to board with Miss Hannah Shipley yesterday, instead of the Summit Grove House. This house is quiet and homelike and the girls here, freshmen elect like myself, are pleasant.

We had a comfortable journey here, devoid of excitement and quite warm; but

3 otherwise as nice as any journey could be.

Bryn Mawr is very pretty, moderately hilly; it looks rather like Milton or West Newton in scenery. ~~There~~ ~~are~~ are fewer stores than in Cohasset. The college buildings are exceedingly pretty. They are all very simple and dignified, and most of them are

Bryn Mawr ^[Sept. 25, 1894]
Pennsylvania 1

Dear father,

I have had two examinations to-day, each three hours long. We had Algebra this morning and French this afternoon. They were fair tests of our knowledge of the subjects and I feel that I ought to have passed them. I am sure I

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congratulate and love. In fact it is the most attractive women's college that I have seen, and I hope that I shall get in safely.

Very lovingly
Grace T. C.

Sept. 25, 1894

payant
~~Chapman~~
ruler

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania,
Care of Miss Hannah Shipley.
September 29, 1894.

My dearest Dad,

To-day I received word
that I had passed with
credit (80%) on Algebra, that
I had passed with merit
(70%) on Xenophon and
that I had passed (60% or
perhaps a little more) on
Iliad, French Grammar,
Prose, and Poetry; but that
I had failed on Latin
Composition and Ancient
History. That means that
out of the five exami-
nations that I took, which

counted in all as nine points, I passed seven.

I also have the consolation of knowing ^{that} the majority of failures are made on History and Latin Composition! I passed the subjects that I hoped to pass ~~and~~ failed on the two ^{on which} ~~that~~ I had worked the least.

I telegraphed to Mother and I suppose that she will come on Monday. I cannot get into my room till Monday and so there is no need for her till then. Bryn Mawr is beautiful. We, Miss Stoughton, who

has been sharing my room here at Miss Shipley's, and I went to walk yesterday. The roads are much more countryfied than in Co-hasset, and the houses are many of them quite far apart, so that it is a little bit lonely for two. I am sorry for I like to go to walk with two or three rather than with a crowd. Sept. 30.

Lois' postal-card arrived this morning. She seems to be very much surprised at Laura's engagement. But I have rather wondered if she ~~did~~ would not be-

come engaged to Mr. Bachelor
soon or later. I shall
write Laura a letter soon
but I cannot congratulate
her so well when I cannot
see her as I could if I
were at home.

Miss Thomas, Dean
and President of The College
and I, had an interview
on the subject of courses
on Friday, but could
come to no definite de-
cision, because it is im-
possible always to decide
what it is best to do until
the result of examinations
has been made known.
So I shall go again to see
her to-morrow. She is very
nice.
Very lovingly
Grace.

October 1, 1894.

Dear Mother,

I am sorry that I have not written to you before. Friday afternoon I went to walk, after I had finished my examination. I have had a bad head cold all the week and Saturday noon it was so much worse that I sent some-one after my exam. returns instead of going myself and sent for the doctor. He came, sent me to bed, gave me some medicine and told me I must not get up for twenty-four hours. He told me afterwards that he

expected me to have an
attack of influenza; but
luckily he warded it off in
time. I wrote to Papa
and Edith Ames, and
expected to write to you; but
I felt too miserably on
Saturday and on Sunday
too. This morning I
was going to get up, for
I felt quite well; but
I discovered that my
old friend turn-turn
was making me a
visit and so kept in
bed. I had quite an
unhappy time and
used my new hot-
water bottle with
great pleasure. Miss

Stoughton, one of the girls who has been
staying here, has been singing Shipley
marches very beautifully, although
I measured and regulated and
other - cried disordered myself. How-
ever I feel quite well ~~not~~ ^{at} half
after three and may go down to
dinner. To-morrow I shall go out and
once more become a respectable girl.
Rather good luck don't you think
for one's first week in a new place?
I am glad to have it now rather
than later, for College does not open

until to-morrow and so
I had no necessary
work to do, but I might
have been doing a few
things to my room.

Little Miss Brown
proved to be as nice
as she appeared, only
she had the sillies,
which made Miss
Stoughton and me
indulge too, greatly
to our mortification.
I can move into my
room on Tuesday
probably. I hope so at
any rate.

My examinations
turned out more favorably
than I had anticipated
for I got Credit in my

Bohasset, Mass.

October 4 1894

George C. Bent, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of various abstracts relative to Bohasset lands. I have a copy of the original allotment and of the surveyor's map of 1670. I have almost got the conveyance which will hit my desires but not quite. The land of Joseph and ^{Samuel} ~~Benjamin~~ Gate at sometime came into possession of Israel or Thomas Nichols or of Ephraim.

Book 26, leaf 17, if abstracted probably shows part of that title. There was a conveyance from Ephraim to Israel. The ^{prior} grantor of the land was probably a man named Gate. There is another man who conveyed to one of the Nichols's the Joshua Beal lot no. 15. This conveyance may possibly be in book 80 leaf 106 + c., and perhaps the Ebenezer Beal estate at Beach Island, book 104 leaf 88, is the one I am after. That is ^{probably} ~~undoubtedly~~ part of the Jeremiah Beal grant on "the little island," but possibly was part of the same grant on "the great island."

Land of Ephraim Nichols, and land of Bate that went into possession of a Nichols probably Roger after 1712 will probably help us out. It is perhaps possible to trace this through a sale of land by Thomas Bourne or Shearjashub Bourne to John Morse and to Daniel Hudson in the Norfolk Registry. I think Bourne must have got this property from a Cushing.

Is not the Thomas Nichols will of 1794 on file in Suffolk county, though not recorded. Ephraim Nichols' will of 1693 gives to ^{son} Daniel land in the second division 25 shares, but Ephraim of 1693 had no son Daniel, but did have a son David. I want to know from whom Ephraim got land in the second division. As his wife survived him and afterwards married another man, and as his mother could not have inherited anything like 25 shares and as Ephraim's mother's father sold out his Hingham interest in 1652, Ephraim must have purchased these lands between 1670 and 1690 when he made his will. I cannot see how the Bate lot, Joseph and Samuel Bate, containing 34 acres, got into the hands of a Nichols, it evidently did, and that pretty early. Bate may have sold to Cushing but I think more likely that Cushing sold to Bourne and that the Morse and Hudson lots were pieces of upland

that went with Peck's meadow.

Peck's meadow evidently belonged to Matthew Bushing. Will you please elucidate this thing for me? There is another thing rather queer. Martha Joy's estate calls for a little more than an acre at Beach Island. Neither she nor her heirs seem to have disposed of it, and it is spoken of in Bela Joy's inventory as 1/2 of an acre of harbor ~~meadow~~ meadow. In the division of the lot Nichols estate Harriet Morse seems to have got a deed of her share and the share set to the widow seems to have been well enough divided. Thankful Nichols, afterwards Willcutt, got her share, so did Mrs. Morse, all very properly conveyed, but the deeds, if any, to the children of Bela Joy to Clinor Joy and to Martha Joy in the first partition have not turned up. The Martha Joy deed I know has never been recorded. The Clinor Joy deed has probably never been recorded, but I should think that a deed to Bates and Hardwicke ought to appear. One of the data of most importance is the transfer of the Bate lot to the Nichols, and it went either to Israel or Thomas probably to Thomas but perhaps to Ephraim. It is possible that the Beal transfer was not recorded till Norfolk County was established and was ^{then} recorded in the new county instead of the old one.

Gours very truly,

Thos W. Miller

Lot Nichols had by	25 acres home lot
Inventory	13 1/2 " barn "
	10 " Beach Island
	4 " Wood
	14 " Simons Farm

Sold by Adv
Simons farm lot 14 a 2 q 36 r
Set to widow
11 a 2 q 35 rods home lot
3 a 2 q 29 " little barn lot
6 a 33 " James (Beach) Island
3 a 38 " meadow adjacent
1st Partitions

Harriet had set to her 9 A 1 q 28 r home lot
+ 2 A meadow

Elinor had land near Coopers Island no deed

Thompson had 9 A 1 q 28 r in home lot

I cant yet find the Beach property.

Lib. 26 fol. 77, Dec. 1710:

David Nichols conveyed to Matthew Cushing:

"All my land in the 2d Div. of Coneyharbet upland, which my Father Ephraim Nichols gave to me in his will, being several lots & bounded as follows: Southerly by land of Ebenezer Lane, Easterly partly by the highway & partly by the land & meadow of Peter Cushing, northerly by land of Joseph Bate partly & partly by land of Israel Nichols, Westerly by the town's common, containing about 80 acres."

80.106 (1751), Jeremiah Lincoln to Roger Nichols - Two acres at Beach Island, bounded N.W. by land of Roger Nichols & land of Belij. Lincoln, W. by meadow of Daniel Nichols, N. on meadow of Jona. Beal, S. & S.E. on land called ---- flats.

104.88 (1763 - Ebenezer Beal to Thomas Nichols 5 acres 1 gr. 14 rods of upland & meadow at Beach Islands & bounded, N., W. & S. W.

on a way, N.E., E. & S.E. by Jeremiah Stodder, John Lewitt & Thomas Nichols owned in partnership with Lazarus Bial & his part of estate of Ebenezer Bial, deceased.

Thomas Nichols' will Aug. 4, 1694
is not recorded, but is on file.

By it he gives all his property to his mother, Mary Nichols, her heirs & assigns.
In case his mother is not alive at his decease, then he gives all his property to his sister, Mary Nichols, her heirs & assigns forever.

The will of Ephraim Nichols (1693)
gives to David (not Daniel) some property.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 1, 1894.

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To

Thomas W. Clarke

Ward 21

YOUR STATE, CITY, AND COUNTY TAXES

Voting Precinct

No abatement of a tax can be allowed unless application is made therefor within six months after the date of the Tax Bill.—Public Statutes, Chap. XI., Sect. 76.

Poll 93 Warren St 2

Real Estate specified by endorsement on this Bill.

Personal Estate, or Income, 12 80

Costs 14 80

Interest 20

1894

DUPLICATE.

JAMES W. RICKER,

Collector of the City of Boston.

INTEREST will be charged on all bills remaining unpaid Nov. 1, at the rate of 6 per cent. until January 1, and " " " Jan. 1, " " " "

A SUMMONS will be issued to each person whose tax remains unpaid at an additional cost to the person assessed of twenty cents.

Rate per 1000 Dollars.

STATE TAX, \$0.75
COUNTY TAX, 0.81
CITY TAX, 11.24

\$12.80

OF THE CITY RATE OF \$11.24—\$2.27 IS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPENDITURE.

Received Payment,

S. Hammond

Deputy Collector.



Executors, Administrators and Trustees, are liable upon an amount NOT LESS than that last assessed, unless a list of the property or a notice of its distribution is filed with the Assessors before the tax of the current year is assessed.

Public Statutes, Chapter XI., Section 44.

Collector's Office, City Hall. Hours—From 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Bill to..... Street.

PLEASE PRESERVE THIS BILL; IF LOST A DUPLICATE OF THE FACE ONLY, AND NOT OF THIS SIDE, CAN BE GIVEN.

[illegible]

25 Pembroke East [Oct. 8, 1894?]
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

My dear Dad, -

Bryn Mawr is quite nice now; the weather is queer, but otherwise everything is pleasant.

Mother came Friday and is going tomorrow morning. Saturday we went shopping for goods for my room; we bought a ~~study~~ tea-table, and a waste-basket, and a laundry-basket, about the size of a collar-box, and sundry other purchases of a highly collegiate nature.

The things have not come yet. Philadelphia is such a slow place, that I have not the least hopes of getting them for two or three more days.

On last Friday afternoon the sophomores gave a tea to the freshmen, so that those recently matriculated young greenies might become acquainted. I am one of the "older" girls in my class; but I don't care a snap, in fact I am glad of it. I should not care to be quite as infantile in my mind as some of my class are. On Saturday evening I went to a tea given by two sophomores to some of the freshmen. It was quite sweet. We had

celery salad, crackers with anchovy paste thereon, coffee macarons, and peach ice-cream. Altogether too fine for college. They'll never get their money's worth out of me. They can only have my good will. Last night I went to another small and early, where we had tea and crackers. We are treated well you see. College work has not begun in full force yet you see.

Ask Kathryn and Lois if they remember the Mr. Miller whom I met at the Mass. three or four years ago, whom I, in my innocence asked if he were a freshman. He remarked that he was a graduate and

was taking a post graduate course in Philosophy.

At the time when I saw Mr. Miller he looked about fifteen, though he was then twenty-four or twenty-five.

Now Mr. Miller is professor of Philosophy in B.M.C.

He is very brilliant I believe. He does not remember me happily for me; but he looks as young as ever. He has fresh rosy cheeks and crisp, curly hair. He looks as Richard did four or five years ago.

Yhen to-day I learned that Mr. Ross Grenville Harrison was to take Prof. Morgan's place in Biology. Mr. Morgan is away for a year, and is going to return next year. and Ross Harrison is to be one of my instructors

I suppose. He is not to come until the first of November. But it's quite a jest. Unfortunately or fortunately I shall probably not be able to talk to him, as it is not considered proper for any young lady who is an undergraduate to make any social engagements with any man who is a member of the faculty. Who ever said I wanted to anyhow? I don't. But I do want to talk to them about something else than lessons.

I shall be very glad to have my books come, and my other things too, as I need them very much, and there so many girls especially in the English class

that unless one gets to the library bright and early one stands very little chance of getting the books one ~~wants~~.

Tell mother that my room is very comfortable now. The walls are positively warm they have had so much heat. I am luckier than some of the girls in that respect for they still have to have fires.

Next Sunday I am going to spend with Helen Williams. The Williams' are friends of the Ames and I knew Tom Williams in Boston.

Helen Williams seems like a very nice girl. She is quiet and does not giggle as a good many of the girls here do. My foolishness and giggling is entirely put in the shade by some of theirs.

Tell Kathryn I had a note from Nellie Littlefield (Osgood). She is coming to see me either this week or next.

I do not seem to get as many letters as I should wish to. Please do not forget that I do not really know a single person here, well and that any news from home is most acceptable.
Very lovingly Grace. Oct. 6th

25 Pembroke Hall, East.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1894

Dearest family,-

Do you think that it is kind to leave your youngest alone off in the cold, cold world? Perhaps you think it is all fun going to college and having teas given to you and writing analyses of Wendell's English Composition, and sleeping on the ground floor with danger of burglars; but it is not. However I could be pretty happy if you would write to me.

If you are going to send me any books send them as soon as

you can, for I need them.
If you cannot send
me any will you please
find out from the
paternal parent if I may
buy some. It is very hard
to get the books from the
College Library ~~and~~ there
are about one hundred
and forty girls in the
English Class all wanting
the same twelve or
fourteen books. Please
let me know immediately
if I ~~may~~ what to do,
whether to buy books or
wait for yours. And
whether at any rate I
may buy some of
those that ~~you~~ do not
have at home.

The other day, last

Thursday I went into the
Swimming Pool. It is
great fun. In the deep-
est part it is about $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet
deep. I dove or dived; but
not from the spring-
board.

On Friday afternoon
I went into Philadelphia
with Helen Williams; we
did two or three errands
and then took a train
for Jerkin town, where
is their summer home.
It is a beautiful town
about ten miles from
Phila. We got there in
time for a delicious
supper. In the evening
we talked and then
went to bed in a delicious
room, with a slumberful

bed. On Saturday morning we studied and drove Mr. Williams to the train and took a drive.

In the afternoon Helen and I took a beautiful drive thro' woods as pretty as Cohasset woods.

In the evening Alfred Ostheimer and his sister came to supper.

I met Mr. A. Ostheimer last winter in Boston.

Perhaps you have heard me speak of him. He is the man who came to the exhibition at the Hemenway, when I had asked him not to. However he was very nice this time, so I have forgiven him that.

Sunday morning we^{2.}
went over to Helen's uncle's
house, a charming
old-fashioned place, with
deep window seats, and
wide fire-places and
brass-knockers and
shutters. In the after-
noon we started at
2.30 and drove until
5.45 through German-
town, through Fairmount
Park, and Wissauckon
drive. I think that it
was^{almost} the most beautiful
drive I have ever taken.
Part of the time we were
driving straight at a
rain storm, a mile or
so ahead of us. The
clouds were all yellow
and fringed and we
saw a glorious rain-

rain bow, a perfect arch,
the most perfect rain-
bow I have ever seen.
There was one end of
a second bow outside
of the first.

Monday morning
we came back to college
and now we are
digging away like
miners after gold. The
Williams' are very nice
and homelike and
they made me feel
happier than I have
been since Mother
left me. I have not
been actually home-
sick, but I have longed
for a small family
and some older people.
I shall write you again.
Ever lovingly Grace

25 Pembroke East,
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr
Pa.

[Oct. 21, 1894]

My dearest papa, -

I keep feeling as if
I must seem terribly
extravagant, because I
have spent so much
money in such a short
time. But I think that
in the future I shall
have to spend very little
except for books and
occasional car-fares.

But a poor freshman
has rather a hard position.
She is obliged to pay dues to
various people for various

scarce, I think it is worth while to save it.

The lessons that I have are very interesting. I never studied so many things before that I thoroughly enjoyed. Of course the Biology is the most fascinating. It is just as nice as I had imagined that it would be, and it just seems to fill the desire that I have had for so long. And moreover it is not hard for me to remember. I think that it is perhaps the first study that I have ever had that was exactly what I wanted.

I have a lecture every day, of an hour, and two hours of laboratory work on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and two hours and a half of it on every other Wednesday afternoon. So you see I do not fail to have plenty to do in that direction.

Then the English is the next most interesting study. Every course is a five hour weekly course, so of course

things till she wishes she
~~had~~ needed a money tree just
outside her window or in
some convenient place. I do
not need any now, so
please do not bother
about it, but it is so hard
to be as economical as I
ought to be, just at present.

The other day when I
bought something or other
I do not now remember
what, I had a Columbian
half dollar given me as
part of my change. I have
never seen one before.
I shall ~~have~~ keep it as a
lucky piece. They are
worth more I believe
than regular half
dollars, and inasmuch
as they will soon be pretty

we have five hours
a week of that. Three
hours are lectures, the
other two are essay work.
We do not have classes on
Thursdays and Fridays, in
essay work; but we had
Wendell's English Composi-
tion to read and we have
to hand in our analysis
thereof on October 31. It is
very interesting work
and I enjoy it extremely.
Then we have to write
an essay to be handed
in on January fourth,
on some author. I have
chosen Mrs. Gaskell; I
did not want to take
an author who was very
very hard; because I do

not know enough about
essay work to try so hard a
subject. But I like it.

The French is nice too.
But not quite as nice as
the other two. I find it
pretty hard to understand
spoken French; though I
hope soon to pick it up.
I get along better now,
than I did at first, and
I go to the French conver-
sation Class, in order to
improve in that direction.
I do not work all the
time, for I manage to
take a great deal of
exercise. We have a
very good swim-
ming pool, and I
indulge + immerse in

it to my heart's content. It is not so
much fun as salt water bathing,
though it is better than none, and
at least I can learn to dive well.

Dearie me, I must stop now,
because it is getting late.

Much love to all,

Very lovingly

October 21, 1894
Grace

25 Pembroke East [Nov. 8, 1894]

Bryn Mawr College

Pa.

Fragments.

Dearest Father-

It seems ages since I
last wrote home, and it
is some time, I know.

The set of Shakespeare
arrived safely and is a
great addition to my
books. It is far nicer
than the set that I
bought for myself and I
know that I shall enjoy
it very much, because
the print is so clear and
the whole set is so well
edited. I took my other
set back to Lippincott's and
they took it back without
taking anything off for the

The Sophomore play was really pretty good; it was simply a jumble with local hits, and dancing and singing and brought in almost everything under the sun, scenes of Trilby included. The Trilby part was really quite clever. A southern girl, who made by the way an ideal Trilby, was hypnotized by Princeton, and sang ridiculous words to the tune of Alice's Rhapsody. There were also Taffy, the Laird, and Little Billee, the last ~~taller~~ two were very good. Their parts were taken by two girls who are called the Stoics. Queer creatures they are. They dress in mannish-looking gowns (suits would be more applicable) and slick their hair down and do queer things. They are not in the least interesting either.

At the end of the play was a dance of fairies. The fairies came in carrying lighted brass lanterns, like railroad lanterns, only smaller, and then they presented the Freshmen with them! Of course there were more lanterns than girls, so that all the Freshies ~~were~~ provided for.

There are two girls in the class who have quite short hair, which they arrange paint-brush fashion and they are



wear and tear it might have received at my hands. I get what books I need at Lippincott's and they are to send me the bills for them as I send for them. It takes too much time to go into Philadelphia every time that I need books. I do not need so many now as I had to get at first.

The last time that I wrote to you was the night of the Sophomore play. Every year the Sophomores give a play to the Freshmen and then present them with lanterns. ~~Lantern~~ ^{A lantern} is the emblem of the college and the pins have lanterns on them and the annual magazine is The Lantern.

grieved by the Freshmen ^{2:}
Sophomores about
it. They have hair pins
sent to them and notices
put up on the bulletin
boards and other foolish
things done.

The longer I am here
the more it impresses
that most girls come to
college too young. They
are very childish; why
I feel ever so much older
than ~~near~~ so many of
the girls; and the life here
is the most selfish existence
possible. We just live for
ourselves, simply because
there isn't a single person
who cares whether we live
for anyone else or not.

I just long for older people who

Sisters and with Nellie Littlefield (Osford) and have been to spend Sunday at the Williams' so that I do not feel as if I were utterly out of everything. And I know that the Czar is dead, and that Morton is elected in N. Y., and Greenhalge in Massachusetts, and that O. W. Holmes has taken unto himself wings; but that is all.

There are three or four very nice girls in my class whom I know pretty well; one is Lila Stoughton of whom Mother probably has spoken; another is Elinore Blake, who is some relation to Mrs. Dr. Normandie; another Margaret Forbes, from Milton; another is Bertha Wood, who knows the Cheevers and is ever so much like Jim Stone; another is Josephine Goldmark, whom Laura knows. Helen Williams whose brother Tom, I knew in Boston is a fine girl too. It is with the Williamses that I am going to spend Thanksgiving. I want to come home awfully; but I hardly think that it will be worth while, to go home on Wednesday and come back on Sunday.

I had another invitation to spend Thanksgiving with Martha Tracy in Plainfield, N. J. Martha Tracy is another nice girl, very sweet and pretty quiet. She is

care to talk to me. You see I know as much as most of these girls, in ordinary matters, and I get so tired of hearing myself talk. There is no way of knowing the "faculty"; they do not seem to care to know the girls outside of lectures. A few of the women do; but not many, and the professors' wives don't care a rap. I suppose that they become tired of seeing all the young things gadding round. I know that I appreciate the invitations that I get that bring me into contact with the outside world.

I have dined with the

a descendant of Roger Sher-³-
man and is related to
our Shermans, I suppose, for
she has some relations, who
live at Rye-on-the-Sound,
and who correspond in
names, etc. to our cousins.
The girls all declare that
I know more people and
have more relations than
is fair. It is funny that
I seem to know so many
people, who know these
girls here.

Tell mother that the
pictures that I have had
framed look very sweet
and pretty. And do you
think it would be too
extravagant to have a
few more framed? I do
not like to ~~keep~~ my nice

photographs and pictures out because there are so many flies round and yet I like to look at them, especially the home pictures.

Thank Lois for the pictures please, they were fine, and have been much admired. They give as good an idea of the house and grounds as any that have ever been taken, it seems to me.

Mother's boy arrived in fine style. The curtains were not in the least tumbled and I have already put them up. I think that they are exceedingly pretty and dainty and all the nicer in that they are

home-made. All the other things were most acceptable too, and the useful articles were promptly made use of.

I have been to call on the Misses Kirk. I have a dim faint idea that Miss Dodge wrote to them about me, and said that I was your daughter and so must be bright, for they look at me pretty critically as if I ought to be a wonder and as if they were surprised to see that I was much like other girls.

However if they do think that I ought to be brilliant, I hope that they will never find out that I am not for Miss Abby Kirk, the younger

sister, corrects all the first year essay work, and I have already handed in my first paper, an analysis on Mr. Barrett Wendell's book on English Composition. It really seems to me to be a good book for it gives no fixed or absolute rules. They are general truths, and he asks people in writing to use their common-senses as much as anything. The book appealed to me because I never have regularly studied English Grammar and Mr. Wendell and I have the same ideas on the subject.

Our caps and gowns have come and you should see your youngest in the full glory thereof. My beauty there is only to be exceeded by my brilliancy.



The night that the gowns arrived we had a grand procession with our lanterns and in our C & Gs and gave our class cheer and sang our class song and in general made big feese of ourselves.

Such is life.

Mrs. Perry sent me a lovely German earthenware vase something like that  much prettier. It is blue up by the neck and shades into

brown. It is a fine addition to my room.

I meant to tell you that for my next essay I am going to write on the works of Mrs. Gaskell, exactly what phase I have not yet decided. It is not due till January fourth; but there is so much private reading to be done that the time is none too long. Do you know where I can get some account of Mrs. Gaskell's life? I can't find any, and I want to know something about her.

I wish that some member of the family

would write to me sometimes if only on postal-cards. If you all know ~~that~~ how homesick I am most of the time, I think somebody would take pity on me and just let me know something about yourselves.

What Lois and Tom are doing or are going to do, and how you all are, for really ^{you} know I am out of reach of the world at large and there is no way so good to find out things as to have one's own family tell me.

With much love to all
Most affectionately
yours daughter

Nov. 7. 1894 Grace

[Nov. 15, 1894]

A headley
from the brain
of one who should be
bright and feils.

'Tis meet for me to write to-day
And send thee birthday greeting
But I'm at Bryn Mawr far away
And quickly is time fleeting.

Yet I must tell thee dearest maid
In these poor, halting verses
My love for thee is I'm afraid
Much longer than my purse is.

I hear that this is oft the case
with girls who go to college;
They still love aunts far away
But spend spare cash on knowledge?

So please remember, that I am
thy still most loving niece,
who sends thee this, her birthday
wish:

"May thy good-luck increase."

Gracia fecit.

Kathryn Tileston Raymond
November 15, 1894.

Jenkintown [Nov. 30, 1894]
Pennsylvania.

Dearest mother,-

The Freshman play was a grand success, probably the most successful play that has been seen in the college for a number of years. Everybody was pleased with the several performances of the several Freshmen who took part in the play. I can tell you more of the particulars when I get home, two weeks from next Thursday.

And that reminds me, Miss Rose Chamberlin the English woman whom you met at the Shipley's is

coming to Boston by the Fall River line and will undertake to chaperone two or three girls. May I come home that way? I shall save several dollars each way and shall get home in time for breakfast Thursday morning, instead of dinner Thursday evening. I do not enjoy the Fall River boat; but you see it has its advantages and Miss Chamberlin is surely old enough to chaperone us. What do you think of this scheme? Will father object? Please write me which to do, for we shall want to buy our tickets very soon either way.

The day after the Freshman play we went to Miss Thomas' luncheon for the

Baltimore school girls. There were thirty-nine guests in all. Little May Brown was there and seemed very glad to see Leila and me. She is much more interesting than Jennie Brown the girl in our ~~1st~~ class. Jennie Brown is a sweet girl; but she has not the character that May Brown has. We three, May Brown, Leila, and I had a grand reunion and talked over Shipley days. I met a number of the Bryn Mawr girls and they seemed very pleasant.

We had most delicious things to eat. First bullion, with deliciously thin slices of bread and butter. Then devilled crabs, broiled oysters, and chicken croquettes, with delectable sandwiches made of bread and water.

cess. Then we had coffee and cherry ice-cream and coffee and chocolate and cakes.

Miss Thomas was charming and altogether we had a nice time.

Ross Harrison and I have had several mild conflatus in the laboratory. He keeps asking me if I have heard from Richard and saying that he is going to write to him, and altogether we are much amused at each other, internally. Externally we are as formal and polite as is possible. He is pretty interesting as a professor of Biology, tho' he still is a wee bit embarrassed by the girls I think.

Wednesday at 1.15 college
~~col~~ closed and on the 2.15

train Bryn Mawr professors and students poured into Philadelphia, Helen Williams, Leila, Mary Githens, and I, among the crowd.

We came out here and made ourselves at home. The Williams family went in town to Mr. Williams' father's and mother's house.

Wednesday was the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding and the children and grandchildren went into town to supper. So we three were left to our own devices and I took the head of the table.

Yesterday we all went to the Harvard-U. of Pennsylvania foot-ball game. My first foot-ball game. There were Mr. Williams, Tom Williams, Helen Williams, Mary Githens

Helen Bebley, Leila, and I. The game was tremendously exciting and the Penn.

men played, it seemed to me, a very rough game. The men around us all said that Harvard was playing a very clean game and that Penn. was playing a rough, nasty game.

Five of our men were injured. ^{They were the men who} had been hurt at Spring ^{field}.

I saw Jack Hayes. Before he went on to the field to play, he was within speaking distance of me. I could see him plainly and I stared at him as hard as I could hoping that he would look up and see me and then he could go home and say that he had seen me. But alas Jack would not look up. Ralph

Townsend and Lach sat very near me; but I could not speak to them, because there were so many people between us.

When I first saw Ralph I was so glad to see him, a Boston man, that I yelled out Hello to him. I think that Ralph was rather surprised to ^{see} me.

It was mighty good to see three Boston people in this far-off place. I saw lots of people whom I knew by sight. Many of them Boston people. I saw Richard Harding Davis too.

Tom Williams is a mighty boy and I like him

better and better every
time I see him. He is
going to take all my best
messages to Boston.

Tomorrow we are going to
the theatre to see Mangfield
in Napoleon or as Napoleon.

Now I think that I have
told you all except that in
return for your message
to Mrs. Williams, she says
that the "pleasure is hers".
She says that she is glad to
have us here, and hopes
that ^{she} and you may meet
some time!

I suppose that I must
do all kinds of other things
now, so excuse this terribly
scratchy pen with which
this letter is written by
Your most loving
Nov. 30. 1894 Grace. Love to all.

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Nov. 30. 1894 Grace. Love to all.

25 Plumbroke East.
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[1894]

Dearest mother,

I have done nothing
interesting for the ~~last~~^{last}
last week or so. But I am
happy and shall soon be
on my winding way
homeward. We are all
working hard and when
we have time playing.
By the way if I bring
home my butterfly
gown and my cap and
gown, will Lois take
my photographs? The girls
all want them, and
this seems to me the
easiest and least expen-
sive way to do it. The girls

are quite willing to pay for them if they are satisfactory. But please don't tell everybody that I am going to bring my cap and gown home, for I should have to dress up for 'em and show off and really it would be quite too much for this tender, modest violet. So I tell you this so that Lois can get some plates, if she needs any, and if she wants to take any pictures.

Our vacation is probably going to be four days longer than was originally planned, and I thought that it would be nice to stop over ^a day on my way back, at Springfield, and ask

Nancy. Of course this is only a suggestion, and I may not want to do it after all.

The other day I bought ~~five~~ ^{three} violet plants for five cents apiece. They are Russian violets and are very fragrant. The woman who sold them to me said that they would bloom for a long time, and she seems to have spoken truly for the plants are covered with buds in all stages.

I generally keep my room pretty cool so that I hope to make them grow.

We have had great fun with the swimming pool lately. The girls generally go in squads and those who can do fancy "steps" do 'em. They

dive off of the spring board and do all kinds of pretty things. But now alas, the water is out of the pool, because they are mending the bottom of it.

If any of the family should happen to see Dr. Potter before I come home, I wish he or she would tell him when my vacation begins, so that he will save some time for me. Of course I may not need to have any work done; but I want my teeth looked over anyhow. Or if you would send me his new address, so that I could write to him myself, that might save time. Have his prices gone up with his new office? I hope that they have not, for us.

I am quite loaded with flowers now. Yesterday when Helen Williams went home she gave me some carnations that had been given her on her birthday. And then another girl brought me three beautiful roses as a gift. Weren't they good?

The green-house woman, too, is most generous; if ever we go up there, she always gives us flowers, roses, or pinks, or cypripediums in addition to the flowers we buy. I have not bought any cut flowers, but I have been often with the girls to buy them.

There is a possibility that we may come home on the night train instead of on the boat. We should get home at about the same time on Thursday morning. And we should like to do it if the

fares are reduced. They may be reduced to New England, as well as to other parts of the country; this is done quite frequently, if there are enough girls going in any one direction.

As you will probably learn from this letter I have a cold, caught I know not how; perhaps from my damp room. So Miss Garber has moved me up stairs until vacation-time. I have been in bed several days, But do not be alarmed about my cold, it really is not bad enough to be worried about, and I shall be up and about in a few days.

The room I am in now has a southern exposure, and on a pleasant day is very sunshiny and warm. To-day however is very disagreeable. Miss Garber looked out for me most carefully. She felt that she ought to write to you, because Miss Thomas receives or has received so many complaints from mothers who have not been informed of their daughter's illnesses. My cold is not half as bad as some of Kathryn's, so you need not worry. Cousin Amelia was to come and see me to-day, if it were pleasant, but she won't, I suppose, on account of this rain. And I cannot go to see her now

To whom it may concern.

Know all men by these
presents(?) that I Grace
Clarke, being afflicted,
visited, and overcome by
a cold, ~~and~~ in good
spirits, and despite the
endeavors of said cold to
^{make} ~~and~~  or me uncomfortable

table, I, said Grace Clarke
in the College of Bryn
Mawr in the region of
Philadelphia do hereby
righteously make up my
mind to make the
best of it ^{as said eyes} and eventu-
ally bob up serenely.

In witness whereof I set
my hand and seal
Grace, ^{Clarke} ~~Clarke~~ Clarke
M D C C C X C I V Dec. 11

[Dec. 17, 1894]

My dear family,

Your youngest is still encumbered with a cold, which the same, she is very anxious to sell at low rates to any buyer; but which the same no one seems anxious to buy or even

borrow. This
same owner of
this same cold
has good things
given to her to
eat, such as: raw
oysters, sweet
breads, partridges;
and good things to
look at such as
pinks and roses
and violets.

She also has
good things to
read such as:

funny poems by
college girls, and
such like oddities.

This same child
was unable to form
any very accurate
idea of her sister's
new Parisian gown
from the sketch sent
to her by her "mama"
her "aunt". She
trusts that this same
female rooster may
favor her with
another sketch or
sketches from which

this charming
invalid ~~may~~ know
the fashions in
Boston ^{as} set forth by
the ancient and
honorable or anti-
que and horrible
members of the
Clarke-Raymond
family.

The medicine
which this same
sick critter has to
swallow, (you remem-
ber doubtless that the
"stomach is the home
of the swallow") is a

charming mixture²
the critter presumes
from the taste, of
rotten eggs and
glue. As you
will easily per-
ceive, such a
combination has
rarely if ever before
been concocted
and I advise you
if you desire a
palatable dessert to
~~do~~ try this dish.

Perhaps Dr. Gerhard
can give ~~may~~ you
full particulars about
(t)

it, as he ordered it for me.
Bad as it is, I seem to grow
better under its influence.

Doctor Gerhard is a nice, cautious
little man, somewhat, no no, just
about as tall as I am. I having
been waiting for the chance to
give him a flower for his
button-hole; but he seems to be
well-provided ^{for} generally.



A picture drawn
by our artist on the
spot of the youngest
member of the Clarke family
in her bed with flowers on her
mantlepiece. Do you remember
the beauty of this maiden? Doubtless
you recognize her from this
picture.

The cup of my student lamp
leaked onto a plate of white
grapes that I had rendering
ineatable, according to general

usage; but it sometimes happens that the owners of grapes suffering from such an usual spiritous sauce, are unaware of the presence of said sauce and proceed to eat their grapes the next morning in all innocence and ignorance.

But alas and well a day the effect upon the eater of said grapes, covered with said sauce, is not pleasant to see. She, the owner most probably makes up faces and wonders what has taken of her grapes; but because of

the presence of
company does not
wish to spit it out,
she bravely swallows
it and picks up an-
other. This she smells
and discovering the
cause by the evil
smells ~~and~~ ^{of the} tastes
desists from finishing
up said grapes.

This was the ex-
perience of your
affectionate but
poor, sick -

Grace

December 17, 1894

Did you get Dr. Bulward's letter?

[Dec. 18, 1894]
Bryn Mawr Hospital
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dearest mother,

The doctor asked that I be transferred to this place yesterday, because the weather was fine, instead of waiting until to-day. So here I am in a pretty white iron bed, with brass knobs, in a bright sunny room. My room is about as large as Lucy's room at Warren Street, only that it is square. The furniture is pretty, tho' simple. I am living in the lap of luxury. I have no fever and am perfectly well except for my left lung, which is constantly improving. I am allowed full diet, which I assure you is very good and daintily

served wickel. I never was so utterly lazy in my life - I am bathed and taken care of like a small baby. I even allow them to comb my hair, the nurses seem so anxious to do it.

The water at college has not agreed with my charming complexion, so the doctor, metaphorically speaking, pounced upon it and it has improved (my complexion, not the water) under his tender care.

Altogether I expect to be quite spoiled by the time I go home. I told Miss Green, the nurse, that I felt very virtuous in being so submissive to them. Why I verily believe they would brush my teeth for me, if I asked them. The doctor is awfully nice too; he is much more interesting than Dr. Christie

was, and I feel a tender attachment for him already. I only wish that he would hurry up and tell me when I can go home. I thought that I should be homesick here, but everyone is so kind and attentive that I am quite happy. You have no idea what fun it really is to simply do nothing, except take food, medicine, and sleep.

Miss Garber is coming over to see me every day and Miss Newbold is coming too sometime. Miss Garber is going to fix all my arrangements about going home when the time comes. She is going to see me onto the train and so forth and so on. "Think of that." You see I am well

taken care of. The girls are going to write letters to me, as long as I am here, which I need not answer unless I feel ~~that~~ I want to do so. Mrs. Williams has sent me a book, "The Oliver Wendell Holmes Year Book", for a Christmas present, and she, or some other member of the family, ^{is} coming out to see me if ^{she} has time. Mrs. Littlefield came to see me on Tuesday and I had a nice call with her.

When I came from the college yesterday, I wore all my natural winter clothes besides my cape and two veils and my galoshes and three blankets and a fur robe and a muff and a hot water bottle. I can assure

you that I took up more than my share of the room in the back. I was not allowed to walk down stairs, I was not allowed to talk, and altogether I was treated like a huge baby or a mummy.

Leila Stoughton and Helen Williams had come in to say good bye to me; but I had just reached the door and so I could only smile at them. They both of them looked as woe before as is possible for two usually smiling maidens. Apparently they ~~thought~~ that I was going to eternal d— and everlasting perdition. They would feel otherwise if they could see me now.

If Tom comes to New York, I shall be most charmed and delighted to see him here. I am

not at all sure that I could go home with him however.

Rebekah Chichester, my cousin you know, may come to call upon you, to tell you how I am, and so give you some direct news of me. I told her to ask for the various members of the family, and if none of them were at home to ask for Lucy, for I felt sure that Lucy would not refuse to see her if she knew what Rebekah had to tell. So tell Lucy to put on her best smile please for the occasion.

Rebekah has been exceedingly kind to me. She has been to see me nearly every day and has brought me papers,

to read and been in fact a most truly consoling cousin. The kind of a cousin that I like to have.

The last two days of college it was truly amusing, the manner in which the girls waited their turns to come and say good bye to me. I think that they bemoaned the fact of my staying behind more than I did.

Every time I have thought much about it I have ~~been~~ made myself pretty homesick, so I try to be philosophical about it and reason myself into being contented and I succeed quite well. I feel as if it were the only thing to do, under the circumstances, and it would not

be a very good return for all
the kindnesses done me, if I
should be grumpy and dis-
agreeable.

I don't know of anything else
~~that~~ I have said or done or,
~~that~~ has happened to me that
would warrant my writing
any more to you.

I hope that you are all
well and flourishing and
~~that~~ you are as happy at Clams.
Remember me, or give my love,
to all those who so desire, with
a great deal to you all,
Most lovingly yours
Grace.

December 15, 1894.

I hope that you can read
my writing. It's getting worse
and worse.

Bryn Mawr Hospital
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

[Dec. 29, 1894]

My dear little Kathryn,

I want to just write a word to thank you for the picture and tell what a good aunt you are to send it to me. I will be a great addition to my new room, and I am sure that you will receive many new orders from the people who admire it. I am frequently lost in admiration of it, and desire to go bathing in the beautiful sea water of the inner harbor.

You can imagine how much surprised I was

to see mother walking in upon me on Sunday. It really would have been rather lonely here on Christmas day, although I had made up my mind to stick it out alone; people are so kind that I should only dare to let my feelings rise in the dead of night when no one could see or hear me.

I am getting along beautifully ~~now~~ now. I am on the high road to recovery. I get up and get dressed every day and undoubtedly I shall soon be all right.

I am writing this in hopes that it may reach you Monday morning to show you that I re-

member what a nice, brave girl you have been the last year, and to let you know how much we all appreciate it and love you for it.

You're a dear sweet thing and I just wish that I could be at home so as to try and help make you feel less lonely. I don't know whether I would be much good; but at least you would know how much I love you.

Your letters have been a source of great pleasure. You are decidedly cut out for wit. I am quite sure that you have missed your vocation. For I have

been heard to laugh
right merrily when I
read your letters.

Will you thank
Lois for her calendars,
and give my very dear
love to all the family.
I hope that you are all
progressing well, and
that Lucy remains
or retains her newly
acquired good spirits.
I am glad that she
saw Rebekah Chickering.
Rebekah is a nice girl
and has been truly
cousinly to me.

Love to all,
Yours
Grace

December 29, 1894.