



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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Permit me to condole
with ~~you~~ you in regard to
the absence of Miss Severens.

Beware of intriguing
damsels - as it were.

Kimmisack November
Sunday Morning 7th

My Dear Darling Brother

I received
your nice letter did mama receive
my letter I did not think she
got it beaur I did not get
an answer I am so lary my
little Kittie has run away I
cried I felt so wry maby it
will come back again how is
mama I hope she is not sick.
tell little george we all wish
he was here. we are coming
this week last Sunday Munnie
and my self rode horse back
last Sunday and it was splen

side. Under horse have got
the Sprigotie. has our horse I
hope they have not. we expect
Mrs & Mr Harlow and the baby
to dinner to day. tell Anna
that auntie Nell got me my
blue gloves. aunt Nellie & aunt
Julia went to St Louis and they
went to Shaw's garden and
Safayette park. Uncle is going
to take us up to see it to.

Louis Minnie will write to you
soon. we are going to have
Turkey for dinner to day. are
they putting a bell on our
Church we read it in the
paper. I thought I must close
we all send love

Ever yours loving
Sister Fannie

[1877-1881]

Joliet Nov 24-

My dearest dear, Use
all of your persuasive
power to induce
your chum to return
home with you for
the holidays,

Maria & myself
extend a cordial in-
vitation to him.
I do not anticipate
much gaiety, but

there is always some
thing to pass away
the time pleasantly.

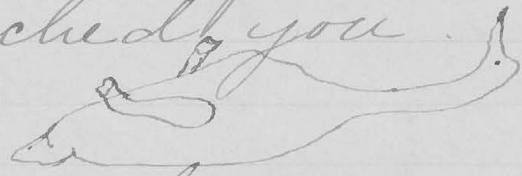
If your chum can
not come, why, write
some one else. Is your
chum, tall, dark or
light, a sure descrip-
tion if you please.

By all means accept
your friend's offer to
teach you how to
play the guitar, after
you have learned
Papa will not ob-
ject I am sure.

Mama sent a box
to you yesterday

so that it will
reach you in time for
Thanksgiving.

I can imagine the
looks of the box five
minutes after it has
reached you.



bones.

I wish we could
have sent you some
purple apple jelly.
but Mama said that
it would not remain
solid long enough.
I am learning a
song to sing for you

when you return,
Papa has a new over
coat — Pray do
not be alarmed.
He declared that
his old one was good
enough, & that he
could not afford
another, unless it
was being made.
Love to you,

Francis

[1877-1881]

Solist Nov 17th

My dear Lou:

I have a few spare moments, which I will spend in writing to you. I spent last Sunday in consequence I failed to write the customary letter. We received your nice long letter, yesterday. You want a description of Harry Clewland. He is quite tall & slight, has brown hair & mustash. It would be very nice for you

to meet him & show
him attention. I hope
to hear him sing in
Chicago. Aren't you
going to bring a
friend home for the
holidays? I wish
you would, we want
to have a nice time
there. Can't you come?
June Barnett &
Mr Moody are talking
about getting up a
German, to be had dur-
ing the Christmas va-
cation. This week Sat-
urday I am going
to stay in Chicago &
in the evening, Mrs,
a young gentleman,
& myself are to see
Hazel Kirk at Mr. Vickers

about that is nice?
We must have the
jolliest kind of a chris-
mas this year.

Lattie Clays is to be
married to night.
Their invitations are
very general, & a crowd
is anticipated. They
are going East for
a tour, when returned
will live at the Clays.
Hats father has given
her three thousand
dollars (\$3,000) as a wed-
ding present.

Mama says that
she does not think
you had better meet
Harry Cleveland at
the depot - but you
had better call on

rich. Well now, instead of giving only a
few little gifts, give a little more, to your
family. No, the minister
not the customary
number of children.
One little boy is all
they child they have.
Can you realize that
next Thursday is their
giving? ~~what~~ a short
time after that, you
will be at home.
Now, what would you
like for Christmas?
How I wish I had
the money I wanted
spend for presents.
might just as well
suppose such
thoughts, because
never expect to be

Yours
Hannah

[1887-1882]

Dear Lou, June 9

I will write you
in a few days, I have
no time now as I am
house keeper, Mamma has
gone to Aurora to attend
the convention of the
Fox River association
held there.

Love from all.
Yours.

[1877-1882]
Johet Jan 28rd

My dearest Lou:

Only a short letter to night, as it is late, & I have spent all of this afternoon in answering letters, which have been accumulating for some time & past.

I spent last Sunday in Chicago. consequently I wrote no letters on that day - & intended writing you during the week - but papa has been used up - with rheumatism in his right shoulder.

He is unable to use his right hand much,

but we do not anticipate
any thing serious. & hope
for a speedy recovery.

We are having a great
many deaths here lately &
a week ago Saturday. Mrs
Dr. Davis died, after a long
& painful illness. her disease
was consumption quickened
by heart disease. Harry came
home to attend the funeral.
He is quite well.

To-morrow the Archery
Club have there party
at Munroe hall. we antic-
ipate a very pleasant time.
I do wish some of the Young
Gentlemen would brace
up, so to speak, on there
dancing - learn the racquet
also. - waltz - some
of them - most of them,

2 Jan 23 - Fannie

in fact, are unspeakable dangers - don't you think so? Has Mr. Offord received the bottle of what do you call it. yet Mr. Mauna-boxed one up very nicely & labeled it cologne, this side up with care -

The people in authority are taking extreme measures in regard to the stench & no hope before long to be entirely rid of it.

The matter was taken before the Legislature last week.

Did "Merqui" show you the picture he decorated for Mrs.? tell him I think it very characteristic, & I will be over with him before long - It is really truly artistic &c

good, & I have had a great
deal of sport with it.

I imagine him to be a true
artist; I can not think of
any more -

Do you find it hard
to study a game -

How are your head-
aches? You don't work
too hard & in regard to
sliding -

The family join in send-
ing dearest love to you -

Yours
Gannie.

[1877-1882]

Mary sends a kiss to Ouzy

Gilet June 13th

My dear Lou;-

I am so
sorry that you failed
to receive a letter last
week, & can not account
for our neglect, but I
have taken your cause
in hand, & will make
you happy with an epistle

There is something so much
better than, don't
forgetting I about
the three others
letters to
write, & so
your most
devoted
with the
length of
this one,
Love from
all, Harriet,
Mary bumped a cherry
what she did not know
what to call the stone
when it oozed out, & do
not see how you can study
if you have been having
such warm weather as
we have; day before yes-
terday it was 102 in
the shade & the heat
was almost over-power

[1877]

Joliet Oct 7th 77

My dear brother Louis.

It will be three weeks Tuesday since you went to Ann Arbor I thought before you went that I was going to write so often to you but this is my first letter I am saying you off for not writing to me when I was at St. Joseph. I saw Ed Dillman the other day and he said you had not written to him and I told him that you said you would not write to him until you were settled in your boarding place. you do know how much we all miss you and papa misses you so much when it

when he has to bring in
kindling and coal for the
fire. Uncle Bowen came to
Joliet this week Thursday and
went home last night he
is ever so much better. he is
traveling for some house I do
not know whether it is a
dry goods or grocery house. Will
Hearwood left last Monday
for the Rush Medical College in
Chicago. I got a letter from Emma
Preston and she said Lue had
gone to Racine College. the Cath-
olic church is being ~~well~~ built
very fast it is going to be a splen-
did building. Julia says she
will write to you in a few
days. I ate so much chicken
for dinner that it has affect-
ed my brain and I can't
think of much news to

write. Julia went to Chicago
week before last and she went
to the exposition and to
hear Booth. All I want is
working in ^{Mr} Brooks store. he has
come to that it is to bad that
he could not get in a more
stylish place. Dr Ward has
got a saw like George Gardner.
I must close my letter for I have
got three letters to learn for
to morrow. we all send lots of
love to you.

your loving sister
Fannie.

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[1877]

Joliet Oct 28. 77

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was the Harkey and Mrs Mrs
crof the Spy they had the
same Phatty Smith and he
was splended the whole thing
was better than before. they
had fifteen of us girls for angles
I was one and we had such
a splended time they think
they cleared about one hundred
dollars they it to help furnish
there new army. they had
little Jimmy Jones with his
uniform on the stage and
he did look so cunning.
Jim Williams came to see us
after he came home from
a Arbor he told us all about
the school and said you had
such a nice boarding place.
the catholic church is going
to be a splended building

they are getting a long very
fast with it they had a fair
for the benefit of the church
last week and cleared \$2500
the Mr. Clay family start for
California to Morrow noon.
all of your friend inquire about
you friend so often. Grandma
got a postal card from Auntie
saying that Mrs Sutherland
was dead. George wants me
to tell you that he has a
game eye he run a gainst
a board and hurt it quite
badly he says he misses you
for a bed fellow when it is
cold weather. Rover is grow
ing hand son vry day and
is just a full of mischief has
he can be last week we
wer house cleaning and ma

ma left the door open and
he went up stairs an to our
room and took one of my
best shoes and carried it
down into the room and had
commenced to bare it when
Hanna ^{Law} him. it has rained
here for over a week and to
day is the first pleasant
day we have it in a week
Lous you must not study
to hard and get sick.

Mr Richardson was here
last week to see Julia he
is growing so nice looking
I will bring my letter
to an to end we all send
love to you
your loving sister
Fannie

Joliet Oct. 28. 17

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works so hard. last week
the Citizens Corps had the
Summer Boy of Life the Mail

Johet Nov. 13. 77

Dear Lue

I will write you
a tiny note on some tiny
paper it will be some thing
from home. If you want
any addresses I will send
you some and I think you
would like Amelia & Mr.
Hensleys I know you would
like to hear from her

Love I think you might
answer my letter and
tell me if you received
the scent bag that I sent
you I made it on pur
pose for you to put with
your love letters. I will be
so glad if you learn
wattzing so you can ~~take~~
me out to parties when
you come home & wattz
with me. we had
a letter from Ella Scott
saying that Julian
Bright had gone to
Iowa to learn the turners
trade and is going in
business ~~there~~. how many
girls are there going to
the university and you
say they are all honest I
think if some of the gold
girls were there you would
not say they were all
honest. Mrs McIntosh is
going to open a private
school in the Opera

House and she wants me
to go. I do not know whether
I will or not. are there
many nice looking young
gentle men at Andover?
I should think there ought
to be some among two
thousand of the ~~sex~~ sex. I hope
you will answer this
epistle soon.

Ever your loving
Son.

P.S. I measure five feet nine
inches

foliet Nov 24th 77

Dear Lue

I received your nice letter and will answer it right off. I will try and tell you all of the news. I can not write you as long a letter as you wrote me because I am so busy but I suppose a short one is ~~as~~ almost as good as a long one ^{when} ~~as~~ it is from home. I want to tell you that the old folks masquerade is to be on the 20th of December and I want to know if you will be home to go to it and take me. Mama says it is the only place I can go this winter and I hope you will be home in time for it.

I saw Capt Hays the other day and he showed me your letter. I believe the Citizens Corps are going to have another play at the Opera House and also the artillery men have the Color Guard. Addie Simonds and Mr Monroe were married this week Wednesday and have gone to Baraboo to live. I hope you have learned to waltz by this time I know you will like to go out more if you can waltz. I had my picture taken last week and will send you one when they are done. I suppose you get a great deal of news in the weekly sun. The Catholic church is going to be an elegant building it is so large and high. Now when you direct your letters you had better write

the address however your last letter was so light that somebody wrote goliath on it with chalk. do you know many of the students or have you taken any girls out to concerts. Now if you get you an new hat I wish you would get a dish trim every young gentle man has one here I think you would look nice in one. I must close my letter I had to get my lessons for Monday. answer as soon as possible.

your loving sister

Fannie

Johnst Dec 9th 77

Dear Lue

I received your nice letter and should have answered it sooner but Julia wrote last week and so I thought I would wait until Sunday. I wish you could come home in time for the masquerade it is going to be a splendid affair there is over five hundred invitations out for it. if you know of a costume that you think would suit me I wish you would write and tell me. I had my picture I mean the proof and it is

horrid I do not like them
at all I am going to sit
again and if they are
good I will send you
one. I like the shape of your
hat the ladies wear there
I have one and like it
very much. But you must
not study too hard or you
will be sick. Mr Daily was
not elected for the principal
of the school they elected a
man from Penn^{ne}sylvania.

Mrs. M^{rs}. Antosh has opened
^{normal} a school in the Opera House
and she has a great many
scholars. Will Gardner
spent his thanks giving
in Joliet and we told him
about your trouble and
he said he was going out

Dec 9 1877

to Ann Arbor some Friday
night to see you. it seems
as though I could hardly
wait to see you it will
just splendid to have you
home again how long a
vacation do you have I
hope it is more than
one week. it is a beautiful
day to day more like May
than December we have
only had one snow storm
I do not think we will
have as much snow as we
had last winter. I hope you
will not have any trouble
about that society I hope
they will let you alone.
Mama has let Frank
Woodruff take your saw
Dr Hand had a shrike

for mame and it is
very pretty. Rover is getting
to be a very religious dog
this morning he followed
Hanna to church and she
sent him home and he
followed another woman
to the Presbyterian church.
it is very near Christmas and
we had one hundred scholars
in Sunday School to
day. well I must close
pleas are soon.

your loving sister

Lannie.

Joliet Jan 6th 1878.

My darling Lue

I have waited a few days hoping to receive a letter from you but I did not get one so I thought I would not wait. This is my first letter written in 1878 it does not seem possible that ~~it~~ is 1877 is past.

George Fick was here last night and I asked him if he had heard from Charlie and he said of course not Charlie intended to write to the girls first, what does he think of Ann Arbor.

Lue when you was home I expected you would write me my Autograph but you did not.

Will Gardner came this morn-
ing to bid us good by he has
not missed a day that he did
not come to see Jule he taught
she and I to dance the glide
waltz so we can get it pretty
well be sure you learn it be-
fore you come home again
it is so much nicer than the
round waltz. how is the gig-
getting a long she and Geo. Fish
could sympathize with each
other he is such a great one. Mamma
& baby are getting a long splen-
didly mamma has set up for the
last four days about two hours
baby is just as cunning as she
can be her eyes are so large and
beautiful we cant find a name
good enough for her. there is about
two inches of snow on the ground

Some prospect of a sleigh
ride. the day after you left
home Charlie Carpenter came
to take you riding he was
surprised to hear that you
had gone back to Ann Arbor.

But I can not
write you a long letter to-
night I have got some letters
lessons to get. you do not know
how much we miss you be sure
write often. your loving sister

Fannie Hyde

Joliet Jan 2. 1875

John Jan 20th 1878.

My dear brother Lie

I am sitting
in the bay window answering
your nice letter received in the
first part of last week. It does
seem so long since you were home
the time flies on wings and
it will not be long before you
will be home again in June.
It has been raining ~~in~~ all day
and the weather is more like
April than January. I guess we
will not have any snow this
winter there is not much pros-
pect of it now the baby is

getting so pretty and smart
Mrs Emery left us Friday
and we take care of her now we
children are becoming so jealous
of her she is such a pet and
papa makes a regular fool of
himself over her. Mrs Emery
says he is like a young married
man with his first baby. Mr
Glover has resigned his place in the
church and has excepted another
one in Michigan where he will
go the first of February. I hope
the next preacher we get will suit
the people. I am glad Charlie likes
Ann Arbor and I should think it
would be more pleasant to have
some one from home with you.
Fannie Reed gives a large party
this week Wednesday night for

Julia and I have invitations I
only wish you were here to go
to it. The principle of the public
school is very strict with the school
and makes them mind. I
have heard two or three of the scholars
say that he is not a very good
Latin scholar not so good as
Mr Perry. This week Friday night
our Sunday school have a sociable
in the basement of the church like
the one we had Christmas night.
For a wonder our Sunday school
has not diminished since Christ-
mas and is as large as before. The
baby has the most awful rill of any
one I ever saw. and she is the biggest
pig she cried one whole hour steady
I put her in her crib and made
her cry it out. well I must close
answer soon. your loving sister Fannie

Joliet Feb 24th 1878

Dear brother Luc

I received
your lengthy descriptive letter
last week. I have not much
news to write you but guess
I can scrape up enough nonsense
to fill this sheet of paper.

~~not seem possible~~ It does
not seem possible that you can
be having such nice sleighing
at Ann Arbor. At Joliet we
have not had but two days
of good sleighing. The mud
is about a foot deep it is
so that farmers can not get
to town. It is snowing to

day but the ground is so wet
that the snow melts as soon as
it touches the ground.

I will
try and tell you all about
the grand Military ball given
by the Citizens Corps. I did
not attend it but Jule did.
The Army was decorated with
flags and evergreens. I do not
think they could be so grand
as those you saw at Berlin though
they were very beautiful. The
music was furnished by the
Dove brothers. The ladies &
gentle men were in full dress.
and the supper was splendid
you would think to hear

Ed. Monroe talk that he
was the boss of the whole
thing.

Love do you know

what I did with my Autogra-
ph about the day you left
for Ann Arbor I put it a
way some where and I have
not been able to find it
since.

I do not know as
Lew George goes to dancing
school. he does. and it is
surprising how he has changed.
he is very particular to have
his hair combed and his
hands clean. tomorrow night
the class have a masquerade
I think it will quite a sight
to see all the children masqued.
Mama is getting so well
and the baby is just as fat
and pretty as she can be. we
think her eyes will be blue
Papa thinks so much of her
that Jule and I are in

you. please

give my
regards
to Charlie,

answer soon
your loving

Sister

Fannie

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clined to jealous of her.
Bettie Pearle has been visiting
Bella and Julia and she
just went home yesterday
after - having a splendid
time. She wished to be
remembered to you. Will
Harwood is home from school
his school is out until next
October. he looks so nice and
has grown quite a good deal
I guess he no bad habits and
I think he will make a splen
did man. Now you must
not study too hard and no
lose your health we all
will be so glad when you
come home again next
June we all send love to

Joliet. Ill. March 30

Dear Louis.

I thought I wood write you a letter,
to tell you how we are. I was
Promoted up in second story. It
is snowing very hard. The
baby is very fat. Or he has big
legs. We had a sociable last
night, with babes in the woods.
the babes we all bagiven and
Mr Monroe told Simonds his
land. They ant mouch news box
the Morning News is put in
Prison Jail. The babes birds
were Mr. Weeks. and Mr. Penny.
they dusters for tails and a
pony connecopes and they drop
ed cabbage leafs on them.
Good by.
from George's

Dear Louis

George has left quite a space ~~for me~~ to finish in his letter. But after glancing over it I find he has written you all the news. I guess I can make things more dignitate than he has.

Yesterday we had quite a snow storm but it did not hurt the fruit buds and will not do much damage.

(George is promoted up) and you never saw a little fellow so delighted as he is. He says he is going to study this vacation and try to skipt into the B. class

but I told him cramming was not good for a persons mind. But in two of my letters I have asked you if you took my Autograph Album to school with you. It has mysteriously disappeared and I have took the house over and can not find it. I did not know but you took it by mistake. What month does your school close for the summer vacation. I will be so glad when you are home again.

George Fish said Charlie was going to Adrian to spend ^{his} weeks vacation with Hattie Clays.

How does Charlie get along in his studies. I suppose you have heard before this the sad news of Mr Dunning shooting him self it was such a shock to every body; everyone thought he was the last person to do

such a dreadful thing. There is
hopes of his recovery. But he
does not want to live he told
the doctor he was sorry that he
saved him because he would
have to do it all over again.
Joliet keeps on just the same
as ever. It is very dull on account
of Lent. Sue I wish you could
see the baby she is just as
cunning as ~~an~~ she can be and
she is growing so smart. And
Mama is just as well as she
can be. Papa has not been
very well for the last week but
he is better now I will write a
longer letter next time for this
after noon I want to write to
Minnie. We all send love to
you. and do not study to. Hard
Ever your loving. Sam

foliet May 19th 78

Dear Lew.

We did not intend that a week should pass with out your receiving a letter from home. Some of us intended to have written last week but we were very busy. I do not have very much spare time. I have been studying a good this term and I take a good deal of care of the baby. I guess we are having just the same ^{kind} weather as you are in Ann Arbor. It has been so very chilly that heavy winter clothing has not been uncomfortable.

but today has been quite sultry and warm. I guess we will have a cold summer. the weather prophet predicts it so. Lew is your chum coming home with you on vacation I hope you will bring him. I am afraid you will have to go to war this summer to fight the Communists which are causing so much talk. The Citizens Corps is getting to be quite a nice company quite a number of the young men have joined it lately & every month they have a full dress drill and a dance after it. and if all of the corps do not come out to drill on that night they are fined \$3. so they have a very good attendance. I went to one of them with Ed Monroe and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Johnson said that if you were home you should have an office he said you deserved one,

Barrie Evans of Chicago is here visiting Jule. & she is such a lovely girl. the new Catholic church is getting a long so nicely they are putting on the roof and the steeple is almost finished and it is an ornament to the town. I suppose you get a good of the news in the weekly Sun though there has not been much going on here lately except strawberries & ice cream socials. George Fisk told me last week that his mother has sent Charlie a crate of strawberries and two or three sponge cakes, and I suppose you had some. I wish you could see the baby now as she lays on the bed talking to her self the best she knows how. she is a very bright baby and so good. papa thinks the mother of her. every night when he comes home he takes her on his shoulder and dances with her. and the

little thing enjoys it so much.

Now all of the spare time you have this summer when you are home I expect you will weed in the garden it has been fixed up so nice but it is all I can do to keep the weeds down. have you had any strawberry short cake this spring we are to have our second one to night I wish you were her to help us eat it. I have commenced to study latin this term and like it very much it has taught me ^{how} to study. I have study to get my latin.

I will have to close my letter as supper is ready and I want Papa to take it to the post office with him we all send love to you. be sure and answer soon.

your loving sister. Law.

Joliet June 9th/8

Dear Lue.

We received your letter last week. and we ~~were~~ did not like it to think you were not coming home until the last of July. You will not have a very long vacation. Papa says he is a fraid you will make your self sick studying to hard. I wonder if you are having as queer weather as we are. the 9th of June and we have a fire in the grate. I guess we are not going to have very much warm weather this summer. Mrs Akins School closed Friday we have had a splendid school this term

there was but a few of us and
she gave a great deal of time
to each one. I have learned
more in the last term than I
would if I had gone the Public
School for a year. Mr. Lockard
the principal has made some
new rules. they have speaking on
Tuesdays & Wednesdays. & on
Tuesdays school does not close
until half past four. last Wed-
nesday was Julius 20th birthday
she had her picture taken and
will send you one in this letter.
I think they could not be better.
Lue I guess papa is going
to get us a phaeton he has been
trying to get it. mama said if
we did not have one we would
have to get a baby carriage for
Fovelle too. & papa spoke up
as quick and said that every

little scrub in town had a
baby carriage. and the baby should
have a phaeton. Fovelle is the
Apple of his eye. he cant do eno-
ugh for her. the other night he
brought home a new silver collar
with a hole in it for her to bite.
we think she is cutting teeth and
papa thought that it would
be good for her to bite. At pres-
ent Joliet is as dull as is possible
for a country town to be. there is
nothing going on at all. three
different churches crowded in so
many festivals in such a short
time that it quite frightened
people. as you know when
Hattie Hayes is coming home
the Knoxville Seminary closes this
week then Mary Swan will come
to Joliet and crush all of the
young mens hearts.

June is passing away very fast
and I hope July will pass much
faster. This month you will be eight
years and in July I will sixteen. We
are growing up quite fast &
baby will be six months the 22nd
of this month. you will hardly
recognize her as the seventh ~~th~~^u old
baby you saw when you were
home. we all send love to you
all your friends wish to be remem-
bered to you.

As ever.

Fannie.

Louis H. H. from Fannie Hyde 1878-1882
(College years)
Joyce Wabala
abstracts.

To Louis Hyde from sister Fannie, June 30, 1878

"Papa and mama went to see the Carson house. (You know Papa owns it now) and mama was quite charmed with it and she wants to go there to live. Papa has rented it to Mr. Rosenheim and he is going to have it all fixed up. I would not live there for anything; it is too far from town."

Letter of May 19, 1878: "I am afraid you will have to go to war this summer to fight the "communists" which are causing so much talk. The Citizens' Corps is getting to be quite a nice company; a number of the young men have joined it lately and every month they have a full dress drill and a dance after it and if all of the corps do not come out to drill on that night they are fined \$3., so they have a very good attendance."

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Johet June 30th 78

Dear Lunt

Only three weeks
more and then you will come home.
It will not seem very long the time
passes so quickly. Charlie Fick
called last night and told us
all a bout you. I asked him if
you was looking thin and he
said that all of the boys at
Ann Arbor looked thin. He seems
to be more quiet than he used
used to be. Do know Saturday
was your eighteenth birthday we
thought of you a great many times
during the day and wished we
had you here to spat you.
Thursday morning the door bel rang

and mama went to the door and
a young man inquired if you were
at home & mama said that you
were in A. A. & he wanted to know
if you had not come home yet and
mama told him you did not intend
to come home until July he said his
name was Hendrix and he was
taking a trip before going to his
home in Indiana and he was
taken so sick and he said that
he wanted to find a private
boarding house until he got better
he said he was in C. and your
clares in Ann Arbor. We have
not seen him yet since but he is
here yet. We have been having
such warm weather here for the
last week. before that we had
such cold & wet weather that
people thought we would not
have any summer. Papa & mama

went to see the Carson house. You
know Papa owns it now and mama
was quite charmed with it & she
wants to go there to live. Papa
has rented it to Mr Rosenbina
and he is going to have it all fixed
up. I would not live there for any
thing it is so far from town. We have
not gotten our Phoston yet but
papa is looking about for one. I
do hope we will get it, it will do
us all so much good. Papa says
if he gets ~~the~~ it will be Toddle dove
but we speak our words for her
and two for our self. I saw not
think of any thing to write today
it is so warm & news is scarce.
Toddle Lo is sitting on the floor
playing with a feather. she is
such a good baby and she is very
smart. we she has a frolic with
papa every night when he comes

home from the mill he puts
her on his shoulder and carries
her home all a round the house.
Well I hope you will excuse this
horridly written letter but it is
so warm I can not think of any thing
to say. We all send love
to you. And tell Lue not to study
to hard.

I remain ever
Fannie.

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her on his shoulder and carries
her home all a round the house.
Well I hope you will excuse this
horridly written letter but it is
so warm I can not think of any thing
to say. We all send love
to you. And tell her not to study
to hard.

I remain ever
Fannie.

Follet June 30th 78

Dear Lou

Only three weeks
more and then you will come home.
It will not seem very long the time
passes so quickly. Charlie Dick
called last night and told us
all a bout you. I asked him if
you were looking thin and he
said that all of the boys at
Ann Arbor looked thin. He seems
to be more quiet than he used
used to be. Do know Saturday
was your eighteenth birthday and we
thought of you a great many times
during the day and wished we
had you here to spat you.
Thursday morning the door bell rang

and mama went to the door and
a young man inquired if you were
at home & mama said that you
were in A. A. & he wanted to know
if you had not come home yet and
mama told him you did not intend
to come home until July. he said his
name was Wendrip and he was
taking a trip before going to his
home in Indiana and he was
taken so sick and he said that
he wanted to find a private
boarding house until he got better
he said he was in C. and your
class in Ann Arbor. We have
not seen him yet since but he is
here yet. We have been having
such warm weather here for the
last week. before that we had
such cold & wet weather that
people thought we would not
have any summer. Papa & mama

went to see the Carrow house. You
know Papa owns it now and mama
was quite charmed with it & she
wants to go there to live. Papa
has rented it to Mr Rosenkrantz
and he is going to have it all fixed
up. I would not live there for any
thing it is so far from town. We have
not gotten our Phoenix yet but
papa is looking about for one. I
do hope he will get it, it will do
us all so much good. Papa says
if he gets ~~the~~ it will be Fiddle deer
but we speak one word for her
and two for our self. I can not
think of any thing to write today
it is so warm & news is scarce.
Fiddle is sitting on the floor
playing with a feather. she is
such a good baby and she is very
smart. we she has a frolic with
papa every night when he comes

Dearest Son,

I have
deferred answering
your last letter un-
til I had a picture
to send as a substi-
tute. I hope you have
not thought me
remiss but guess the
picture will compen-
sate for all or every
thing. I suppose
you have heard
before this that

first week in May
has been decided
upon as the time
for the coming event,
and they think some
of taking a trip
to St Louis, and
visiting Aunt Lucy
and the Bowen
family, which I
think will be very
nice. With best
love Fannie.

Sunday Oct 12th 1879.

Dear brother Luc.

you have been
such a dear good boy about writing
to me, and I intend that you shall
have letters often from me.

I can now
appreciate your fondness for home
letters. When I think it is time for
the postman to come I am at the
door. I have given up taking
singing lessons, Mamma wrote
that that this year would be an
expensive one for paper and she
said my school days were

not over yet, she thought I
could have a year of accomplish-
ments next year. Julius will
be married then. Auntie Pastow
says that they are talking of
being married next June. Dont
you think they had better wait
until we are ^{at} home? Low dont
you think papa is doing better
in the mill. I dont want to
be spending money if I think
it will pass him I am very
careful of my expenditures.
Last week the girls of the Mary
Institute in the Junior class
invited John Mc Culbough the
tragedian to read selections from
Julius Caesar. he came and
recited a poem to the school
and invited the entire school
to a special matinee Wednesday
this week. which I think was very

nice of him indeed.

Low I shall
except your advice and master
Rhetoric I like it very much
indeed, thinks it is just what
I need. Mama wrote in her last
letter that she intends to come
to St Louis and bring little Mary
with her, it will be like a seventh
heaven to have them come.

Geo. P. received a letter from
Minnie Evans last week saying
that Will had been down
town choosing the diamond for
Julius. the old bad man that
he is. How is Low Hall prospering
in his freshman year. I suppose
you will help him ^{join} the
V R society. The last letter I
wrote I addressed it post office
box 189 instead of 193. ~~xx~~ I
think your soon must look

very nicely with the articles you took from home,
do you think you will take any journal & to spend
the Christmas vacation in Joliet. I only hope I can
be at home then. but I shall not say any thing
about it unless the write ~~about~~ them selves. It
probably will be the last Christmas we will ever
spend together all of us I mean as single people.
It seems ludicrous to ~~the~~ even think about Christmas
now with the thermometer standing 80 degrees. ^{Indr} which
is unusual weather this time of the year. I dare not look
over this letter to correct this mistake. so I will send
it. uncorrected Write often more cheer. adieu
Ever as now Fannie.

Sunday St Louis Oct 25th 1879.

My dear brother Luc.

Again Sunday, with her accustomed letters to write and various other things to take up ^{my} mind. I shall make it a rule to write to you every Sunday, and you are so good ~~to~~ answer me so prompt, Aunt Julia says she has never known of a brother who was as good in a bout writing letters.

Well dear Luc I do not believe I can hardly fill one of these pages but I shall do my best. I find my studies very hard indeed, and as you said I guess I did not much about the word, we are examined every five weeks in all our studies and in History at the end of every chapter, they mark for spelling and punctuation, they are very strict in every respect and I

have to write compositions and et. Well: I suppose such things are good for me, but if they would not mark us it would be better. Minnie is spending Sunday with me and I am enjoying her visit so much, she brought a letter for me to read, which George Hayde had written to them, and I declare he writes a very nice letter indeed, he filled the sheets with questions and large words but it was a very cunning letter indeed. Mama has written a letter to Grandma telling her about Julia's engagement and she approves of it very much. In the letter mama wanted Grandma to come to Joliet during the holidays she said that I ~~was~~ would want some one to go home with me, so by that she intends for me to be at home then. Oh how nice.

Well brother mine I must close this hastily written epistle, for the shades of bed times are approaching. Adieu mon cher and write soon.
Ever Lannie.



Sunday Oct 25th 1879.

My dearest Mama.

I have some good news to impart to you, I have just had my lungs examined by a very fine doctor, who says that my lungs are sound, and he could not detect any thing wrong with them, but, says there is some trouble in my throat, and if you think best he will treat me and thinks if am careful, there is no reason but that I will be entirely cured of it. He charged me five dollars and I do not know whether you think best for me to put my self under his care.

I suppose that Julia is at home now, Aunt full received a letter from Kate Hyde saying that she was not going to have any wedding, owing to the,

sickness of a very dear friend of Mr. Ewing's;
but before, she had intended to have had
four brick maids, Does Julia intend going to
Buffale this winter.

Mamma you do not know
how you have gladly surprised me by writing
so often and such long letters, I make it my
especial duty to write to Sue, he said in
his letter last week that he had been
to the post office ~~or~~ twice every and he ~~do~~
only received a letter from me ^{and} none from
home. I am writing this letter under diffic-
ulties, George and Minnie are doing their
best to persuade me that it is better for me
to help them make Candy, than to write
letters. Minnie came yesterday morning and
is going to stay until to morrow. Minnie
brought a letter for me to read which
George Hyde wrote to them, it was very
nicely written and composed in deed, and
it please them very much, Auntie Preston
also read it and she, says to encourage
him by all means to write letters often

Oct 25, 1879

Fannie

Auntie Palmer intends writing to you to-
morrow and will tell you all she knows a-
bout me. George Rose Elitot and myself were
weighed yesterday and I have gained 7 pounds
since I came and now weight one hundred and
twenty ~~two~~ right lb. avoirdupoise. I am very glad
you wrote to Grandma about Julia's engagement
she said "well I guessed as much." Ed Dear little
Mary I dreamed that she was dead and I have
not gotten over the effects of the thought yet,
we have all laughed so much about her
way of using the cat. ^{With} such treatment the
poor thing will not live long. Mama when
do you think you will come to St Louis, if you
wait until cold weather and it will not be as
pleasant, and you intend to bring Mary. When
you write again tell me all about the people
and what they are doing. I have been in
St Louis six weeks yesterday although at the
time seems much longer, and only two months
before Christmas. Tell mama I do not think
I can possibly fill this rest of the sheet.

Mama my money is all gone but I am not

in much of a hurry for more. Winnie and
all send love to you all, kiss little Mary dozens
of times for me.

Gannie Hyde.

of all the new Relatives we will have
six evanses & one ewing. Well: This
I shall expect altho very soon.



S. F. E. H.

St Louis Nov 23rd 1879.

Sunday afternoon.

My dear brother Luc.

Some-
time has elapsed since I have
written to you, and during
the interval, many things have
transpired, one of which, was
Mamas arrival and depart-
ure, and you can imagine
the difference of feeling ex-
hibited on my part between
the two dates. The visit did
mama so much good even
though at her stay was short.

The Brown family enjoyed
her visit about as much as
any body could, Low. you do
not know how reduced in
circumstances they are, you
know how patient and lovely
aunt Julia is, she told me
she believed she would rather
die than live, you know how
much that was for her to
say. & poor Grandmama she
is just like a hired man, &
servant of all work, Mamma
insisted upon her ~~not~~ going
to Joliet during the holidays
& with much labor at last
prevailed upon her bring my

chaperone for the long journey
& distance between St Louis &
Joliet. and to think that I
am going home for the hol-
idays nearly sets me wild,
and lest than a month
will pass so quickly.

Do you
intend to bring any friend
home with you? Low I am
sorry that I shall not be
able to send you any chocolate
drops this Thanks giving, but
the receipt has been lost, and
I have forgotten how to make
them, but, you will take the
Bill for the 'dud'. I am going

to a large wedding this week
Tuesday. Mrs. Durkees daughter
is to be married, and they are
great friends of ours.

Mama told me news here
that Julius engagement was
known all over Follet.

I like St. Louis better & better every
day and also the Mary
Institute, which is a splendid
school, I know that I could
not attend a finer one, & I would
not ask too; the only arrange-
ment that which I disapprove
of is that we do not have
two weeks vacation during
Christmas & New Year's.

Kate Hyde will soon be no
more, I am glad she is
going to live in Chicago, that

St Louis Nov 30th 1879.

My dearest brother Luc.

There will not be much more time to write letters before we shall see each other not hardly three weeks and the time passes so quickly. Now I was delighted with your last letter. I think you improve in composition every time you write. I can not tell how long a vacation I shall have. The faculty of the Mary Institute do not favor holidays and ~~now~~ ~~not~~ don't know whether they let school out the day before Christmas or not. This year comes on Thursday and probably school will commence Friday it would be just like the principal to do it. Maria wrote me her last letter that Ella Bathe is engaged to a St Louis gentleman.

who's father is very wealthy, I am
so glad for her! & I wonder what
the Joliet gents think of the girls being
engaged to foreign youths. Do you
intend to write any of your friends
to spend the holidays with you in
Joliet this year? Do Louis Hall expect
to visit, & Fish again? Will dear Lue,
excuse this hastily written epistle & oblige
Saw.

St Louis Dec 8th 1879.

My dearest Lu

another Monday, is here as I am now availing my self of an opportunity to have a "wa bit of a talk with you, yesterday I made several fruitless attempts to write your acc^ustomed letter but failed.

Saturday I was made happy, by receiving a letter from Julie. which ^{fully} compensated me for past neglect, for I am forced to say that she has quite misused me of late, but, I take all things into consideration, & readily for give the engaged girl.

I do not know what to think of follet's young people lately, so many of them are getting married, or have such pros-

pects sooner or later. You probably have been informed (through Julia) of Ella Battles engagement to a St Louis gentleman, reputed to have a wealthy father, and I must say that no one is more glad for her than I am. Then to cap the climax, Will Adams has taken to himself a wife. His "Wheel barrow" evidently was a strong one, and I have concluded to reserve my congratulations until I can deliver them verbally. George Hyde has only written me one letter since I have been here and papa has neglected me most decidedly in the letter writing line, but otherwise I can not complain, does he say any thing to you about his business, and how he is doing any better now. O, dear what a lovely time we will during the holidays, all of us together, we will waltz and have a jolly good time all together. You will no doubt find a marked change in little Mary, I could hardly believe the little thing (when she

Dec 8, 1879

Fannie

was here) to be a baby. Why! she said every
thing as plain as could be, and she
had grown so much, I asked her if she
remembered Lou, & she said your name for
me. I guess you will not have a chance to
test the strength of your ears this New
Year's, for I think we will have a mild winter,
the present outlook is such. Yes! Mr. Hill &
I have agreed in exceedingly well & so far,
he is just as nice as he can be to me, & I
think his disposition has changed wonder-
fully since a year ago this time. What do
you want for a Christmas present Lou,
now mention something within my means, &
I shall be happy to procure it for you. Do-
you know whether Charlie Fish is expected to
spend his vacation in Joliet, I wonder if
he will think any more of me for hav-
ing been away to school, Ahem! There by
unfold a tale about two weeks after I came
here Sarah anxious to know how much I might
do George and went to a grocery store not far from
Aunties and I found that I was carrying

one hundred & twenty-one lbs, about six weeks I
tried again, and the scales balanced to one
hundred and twenty-seven, and the other
day a second effort I made, and 136½
avoirdupoise. which makes seven more pounds
than I ever weighed before, ^{having gained 17 lb since I have} you see hard
study does not agree with me. How are you
getting along with your studies, this year?
do you find them much harder than before.

I never knew of such a school for examinations
as the Mary Institute, it is alarming every
five weeks examinations in every and more
often written exercises and we are marked and
the average put out our report, & at the end
of the month of January we have semi-annual
examinations in every thing, I think it
high time I bring this lengthy epistle to a
close, do not forget to answer my question
return letter your favor me with!

Adrian Mary Mary Ma cher:
Ever. Fav.

you like him as well as
you expected to.

J. E. H.

[1879]

St Louis Dec 17th

My dearest Lou.

I do not
know whether this letter
will reach you, but your
letter just received, contain
ed several questions, whil
I shall answer. I do wish
your chum would come
home with you, I tell
you I intend to enjoy
this ^{coming} vacation with a
vigilance I can tell you.
Mama sent me some
John "Suns" in which was

contained in one of them
an account of a Masquer-
ade to be given by the
Police Athletic Corps. I do
so hope it will be as nice
as the one they gave last
year, & that we can go
to it. I can not be at
home until Wednesday
eve before Christmas, &
our school does not
close until Tuesday afternoon
at 2 1/2 o'clock, and I
will have to return Sat-
urday after New Years be-
cause school begins Mon-
day Jan 3rd 1880.

With lots of love I remain
ever I am.

I do hope your Chum will
come home with you, do

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Papa going to Chicago to
see Chesholm mill Plans

John -
March 5th

My dear Lou:

I have nothing, absolutely nothing,
to write about, save
the weather, & it has been
well proven that you are
thoroughly learned & con-
versant with said sub-
ject. So I will ^{not} rehearse
the probabilities, or state
present conditions

Everything here
socially is at a standstill
it being but, which ^{has gone} took
effect here last fall, & so

period only during the
holidays. However I will
not say more about this
& that. John is too busy
to stop for enjoyment.

My visit to A. A.
compensated me for
a lack of all such happened
at home. I never enjoy-
ed myself more. as I
before told you, & the
summer trances are truly
pleasant.

To-morrow night "Hos-
car-Wilde's" lectures ^{have} ~~will~~
this rural village. Just
think of the honor. - The
early record records what
He will think of our Christ.
House - He will say no
one must enter their of-
fice with disordered
clothing or unblackened boots.

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March 5

Fannie

as they are as the new,
+ new flowers &c. - think
of Rose with a lily - so
appropriate you know -

I wrote to Miss
Sewds last week thanking
her for her kind politeness
to me while in A.A.

I truly hope she will
visit me this summer -

While I think of it - will
you call at her room +
ask for my trunk strap -
I carelessly left it behind
me - + when you meet Papa
at Niles you can give it
to him -

To mention Papa goes
to Chicago - to see drafts
which Mr. Chisholm had
completed - for the new

excuse
papa's the
only one who
in the 42^d.

System.

Now I do hope all
will prove successful, thus
relieving Papa's mind of
a heavy burden. He
sometimes doubts the fu-
ture prospects, but I trust
all will be well - with him.

As I have another letter
to write before night, I
will close with dearest
love to you from me &
all. I remain your
loving sister,
Harriet.

[1880-1881?]

John Nov 3rd

My dear Lou,
Perhaps
you have not heard
of the sad news of
Lizzie Th^r Robert &
Lou Butlers deaths.
Lou B died Monday
night after a protracted
illness of typhoid
fever, which termina-
ted in congestion
of the brain, she has

the rent was paid. wedding, &
the look of request which she
carried. I am glad that she man-
aged to find the brides request.
I do not know where she will
be buried as yet.

We are all well & happy, especially
Papa, who is very hopeful of a
Republican President. Lovingly
Yours
Hannah

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been unconscious
most of the time.
I feel so sorry for
Emma B. she has
had so much trouble
in her life & so little
happiness. You will
be buried to morrow
the Citizens Corps will
escort the body to
the grave.

Fizzil Death has
been expected hourly
for some time. yet
it is so hard to give
her up. She, until ^{nothing}
two or three days has
not known how.

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serious her illness
has been, she was
so cheerful & patient
bearing the most terri-
ble pain with out a
murmur. She wanted
to live so, & kept talk-
ing of her plans when
she would be well.
You know she has
not been well for some
time & her trouble
was not known, but
it resulted in consump-
tion. The last place

the visit was Thurs. wedding, &
she took J. boquet which she
carried. Lyger said that she want
ed to pick the brides boquet.
I do not know where she will
be buried as yet.

We are all well & happy, especially
Papa, who is very hopeful of a
Republican President. Lovingly
Fannie

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I feel so sorry for
Emma J. she had
had so much trouble
my two life & so little
happy time. You will
be buried to morrow
the. City and Corps will
escort the body to
the grave.
Public death had
been expected though
for some time. I
it as so hard to give
her up. She, surely,
two or three days had
not known how

[1880-1881]

John June 21

Dear Lou:-

We could not find time to write you yesterday - Sunday -
John & Will were here, & of course you can imagine how many interruptions we had. We can hardly be content, you know, until you come home.

I expect to enjoy your
company this summer
as I do not expect to
leave this city for a
while, at least.

Now Papa says that you
can come by rail, any
route you choose to &
We want you to stop
in C. & visit for a day.
There is to be a boat ride
tomorrow evening ^{at} upon
the canal, & I wish you
were here to attend, as
I think we are going

to have a good time.
When you are at home
I want to invite Mary
Coddington to visit me.
She is the greatest talk-
er that you ever met,
& with all she is very
smart & indeed.
You must give up
your intentions of tak-
ing lessons on the guitar.
I must bring this letter
to a hasty conclusion
as George is waiting
for me to help him.

with a gypsy kettle:
So adieu
Love from all.

Ever yours loving
Fannie.

St Louis, Jan 11th 1880.

Sunday Evening.

My Dear Lou.

Again, I favor you with a letter from the South; although I am soath to do it, One week has passed since I left home, but, the time seems ages, and one reason is because I have not received one word from the family, and have written two times to them.

I have not had time to be home-sick yet, however, my thoughts are constantly carrying me north some three-hundred miles, and I think of so many things pleasant to remember. You are, by no doubt, by this time again established in your school duties, & have settled down to six months of study, & hard work.

Uncle William has some position in British Columbia, & perhaps before next Spring he may leave St Louis for Victoria. He is delighted in

at the prospect of going there, but I am
afraid that he will be very home-sick be-
fore many months. he is to have the position
of chairman with the surveyors of the
new Canada railroad. Aunt Lucy will
be left all alone if George goes West in
June, & Will ~~worth~~ west. Auntie can say
to Both my boys:

One by sea in the west.

The other, in west, by the sea.

she feels very badly, but thinks all is for the
best. June Barrett is coming to make
us a visit the last of this month. I shall
be very glad to see him & so will Will,
& we have decided to give him all the
"Saratoga Chips," he wishes & perhaps he will
have a sufficiency, for once in his life).

Uncle Trutch still delights in exclaiming
about my St Louis pet: I occupy a chair next
to him at the table and afford him con-
siderable amusement. Did you meet your
school fellows on the way when returning

Jan 11, 1880
Julia

to Ann Arbor? My journey was void of adventures & mishaps; and many a soul did I have to talk to on the way, I did so long for a companion! I supposed Julia would write me something about the party at the I. S. C. but she to do so. Last Sunday I wrote that dreaded composition, & on going to school Monday morning found that ^{we} were not ^{expected} to have them for a week, & I was so much ahead of time. I have entirely exhausted my slim stalk of news and the only thing left is the "Weather". Do not start, although it is something to be vexed with; this morning we started to church in our best bits & tucker, the sun was shining so beautifully and all were in high spirits, when, lo & behold not five minutes after being in church, the rain came down in torrents; and the day has been a most disagreeable one! Ever since I have been here the atmosphere has been so mild that fires were not essential, & heavy clothing was cumbersome &c.

I expect to have my photographs taken soon & will reserve a nice one for you, if you wish one. I do not know whether to have profile or full face, but will leave that to the Photographer's ideas. "The shades of night are falling fast." and late hours are against my principles. Good night Love & please give love.
Over your loving sister Fannie.

St Louis Jan 24. 80.

Dear Lou.

How shall I
begin this letter: yours
of the 18 was received with
much joy, & I sincerely
regret that so much time
has elapsed, before a favor-
able opportunity offered its
self for writing, but I shall
endeavor not to be so
remiss again. This week
will be a laborious one for
me as we are to have
our semi-annual examina-

tions which will end the first school term of this year. This week I am going to to commence French, and I am very glad to have such an opportunity offer. it self, two girls besides myself are going to take private lessons of one of the teachers, & the best thing about it is that we do not have to pay extras.

Now, do you expect to go home for the wedding in May? Aunt Julia is teaching me a beautiful song & accompaniment, & I have laid my plans for the coming Summer, & I hope papa will let me take enough music

lessons, so that I may be efficient in playing them for you to sing to.

Just think next Summer Julia will not be at home and I will be miss Hyde. ahew! how we will miss her. I have realized the fact yet, & will probably not until she is gone. I have just written a letter to papa & I hope he will answer it. Uncle Trutch left for Canada last week & has not returned yet, he hopes to obtain a position for Will & if he does the happy couple will leave this school and go to British Columbia with Uncle.

I should like very much,

to see your club house, as
I know it is very hand-
some, will you have to pay
any more for your room
there than you now do?

I had to have my picture
taken over again Saturday
& as soon as they are per-
fected I you shall have
one. Much love to you
Love, and soon.

Ever Your 'sis'
Fannie,

To Louis Hyde from sister Fannie, March 1, 1880, St. Louis

"I believe I have mentioned in letters to you of Will's intended departure with Uncle Trutch for Victoria, where he (Will) enters the employ of Mr. Onderdonk the contractor of the new Canadian railroad, I think it impossible to imagine a happier boy at the prospect of going than he is, and I hope that he will be successful, not only for his sake, but for Auntie's. She is almost heart broken at the thought of his leaving her and I think she has sufficient cause in harboring such feelings; just think here is her beautiful house, which she built, mostly with the thoughts of having a home for the boys and also with the idea that they would be able to obtain steady employment in St. Louis (only) they were unable to do so. Will goes thousands of miles away and George contemplates going west in June, after he has finished his study of law, and when I go home in the spring she will be left quite to her self. With all her past grief and trouble she can hardly contain her self at the nearness of Will's going."

..."Just think, only two months more and Julia Hyde will be no more; why it almost seems like death to think of her leaving us; I know that she will be near us, but we will notice the change very much."

St Louis March 1st 1880

My dearest Louis,

The accustomed Sunday letter was not written yesterday, the preventative being a call from Carrie O'gans, who is visiting the Durkee family here. Will Preston brought her to St Louis on his return from the North last week, and after the Frutch relatives leave for San Francisco, which will be this week Friday, we expect her to visit us.

I spent last week Saturday & Sunday at Uncle Bowen's, & while there learned something, which I asked you about in several letters, but failed to receive an answer to my question, it was that you have thoughts of attending a wedding this coming May,

the news of which, I assure you has
afforded me more little pleasure, as I
was afraid that it would be impossi-
ble for you to leave your school & that
your studies might prove a hindrance to
you for once. I believe I have mentioned
in letters to you of, Will's intended depar-
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donk the contractor of the new Canadian
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March 1 1880
Fannie

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Spring she will be left quite to her self.
With all her past grief & trouble she
can hardly contain her self at the near-
ness of Will's going. Now, you are the only
one that has seen my picture, that has
expressed dislike for it, I am sorry that
you are not pleased with it, but I
think is just like me, you touch a
sensitive subject when you speak of my
nose. You know the length of it &
so do I, but when may I expect one
of your self in return for my photo I wish
one very much. Grandma returned home
a week last Saturday, I met her in St
Louis & accompanied her to Kinswick,
she had a delightful visit and I think
she dreaded to leave, but until after the
wedding, but she thought Aunt Julia
would not be able to get along with

out her for such a long time, she said
that she never enjoyed papa so much
before in her life, and every thing was
done to make her stay pleasant, she
is very much pleased with Will, & thinks
him to be Julia's equal in every respect.
Just think only two months more &
Julia Hyde will be no more, why it
almost seems like death to me think
of her leaving us, I know that she
will be near us, but we will notice
the change very much, Carrie said
Sunday that what was our loss was
their gain, Will is very impatient to
have Julie, he says he wishes the wed-
ding would be the 1st of March and
instead of May, as it is I think
the time will be here fast enough,
please give my regards to Cousin
Shirley, with much love always
Fannie

Friday eve.

Julian's wedding
May 6, 1880
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St Louis March 13th

My dearest Lew

Your letter received last Tuesday is laying on the table beside me, I thought it best to have near at hand as you asked for information on several points which I am going to answer intelligibly for once.

Your criticism, as you call it, about my photograph was not unwarranted I know still you with one other except you were the only persons who thought it not a good resemblance, but the truth is, my neck is not so fat in reality as the photographer made me look, but enough of that. please tell Lou, who is Lou Hall I suppose, as I know of no one by that name there except your self that I have dis-

posed of all my pictures except some small ones which are not good at all. by the way how is he flourishing these days - a member the title of Freshman in college. I think of all your friend who I have seen that Bowen Shoemaker & ^{Mr} Whitice, (his that the way to spell his name) are the nicest, although I like them all, & judging from those who have visited at home that you must have very nice associates at Amherst. I have made it a point of special interest, when on receiving one of your letter to give your love to Aunt Preston's family, & Uncle & Auntie Trutch, as they pay so much attention, & are very particular about such ^{courtesy} ~~concerns~~ ~~things~~! now they have left us, as they departed last Monday with ~~two~~ three bird cages containing five birds, & I assure you that I do not envy the person who has the

March 13, 1880

Julia

care of them on such a journey as they are to take. Will departed in high spirits, as he anticipates so much from his position, and no doubt he will have as very good one as Uncle William has so much influence, & then he has a higher position than the contractor under whose care Will is to work on the railroad & survey.

Julia wrote in her last letter to me that Will Harwood had received his diploma, and that his intentions were to settle in Anna Ill. she also wrote that he would be in St Louis this week & would call on me but he has failed to put in an appearance so far. I sincerely hope that he will be successful as a physician & I judge from what I have heard that he is a very good ~~scholar~~ student. You ask who the Durkess are; no well: they are

to be given with a million of money, are first among charities, she knew that somewhere there were no unmarried daughters at home Helen & Laura, the former & the latter at the Mary Institute, and Helen graduated this year & Laura a year later. Carrie came to be acquainted with them was that they are all connected with the family in Deloit, & they have met her and Mrs. De Witt and the girls to gether, so now I have posted you as to who they are. To morrow Carrie comes to us and is to stay until the first of April.

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St Louis Mar 27.

Dearest Lou.

I cannot account for not receiving ^{the} accustomed letter this week, and as I have just finished a letter to Will Preston, & still feel in the mood for writing, I have concluded to write you another letter, which you really do not deserve in regard for your negligence.

Do you feel vexed about the remark, I made, in regard to your picture; did it touch a tender spot? if such is the case I will.

take back every thing I
said, so that you will
be my ally again, instead
of my enemy. As I am
dreadful fond of receiving
letters, & I am sorry to
say, think that the family
are negligent on that point.
It is very selfish for me to
complain, for taking every
thing into consideration,
I really wonder how they
have managed to not
think of us, with the
kitchen girl, or nurse girl,
& having this time monopolized
by sewing girls be-
sides the work on hand
for the future Mrs E. and
or rather Dudy E. and, as
baby Mary persists in call-
ing her. Lou; you do not

know how I dread that
day. If I am only able
to contrall myself I shall
be thankful, but after she
is gone will be the lone-some
time. I feel every day how
incapable I am of taking
her place, & Mamma will
miss her in great many
ways. One thing is sure,
the Joliet gentlemen will
not come to see^{me}, I know, as
that do not care much
for my society, but I do
not care much for that,
although Mamma will
fear.

I should think that papa
would feel as though an
elephant had stepped on
his foot this winter, & I
think that he is about

needed visit for home. we just
as much. I don't expect
they must have been
even however, to be
less full than
them to work
if my child
adieu.

the best father
lived, he had
penses must be very heavy
& he, doing so well by
I mean that she is
ing just about what she
want, I tell you that she
wants to be away from
home to appreciate the
many kindnesses & good
they never have got of white
there. don't you think so?
We will have a happy
reunion again & I am very glad
leaves us & I am very glad
of that. When do you
expect to return home?
Barrie Evans left
this morning, after a

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3104. Washington Ave.
St Louis Ap. 9.

Mr. Lewis, Hyde

I think you are
just as mean as you can
be, to neglect me in such
a manner? Once I thought
you to be a conscientious
youth, but you have proo-
ved yourself to be other-
wise. Are you sick or what
is the matter, Last week
I did not have a single
letter, & you can judge
what my feelings were.
When are you going home?
I leave St Louis the last
Saturday of the Third

week in April, for
home & I do not expect
to return here again, as
in all probability Anne
Lucy will not be ⁱⁿ St. Louis
next year.

The day is so excessively
warm that I can not
concentrate my thought
on any thing.

Minnie comes to St. Louis
every two weeks & each time
she tells me something
you have written her, one
of which, was that you
were going to spend
your spring vacation with
you Aunt at Calamayo,
or however you spelled it.
Now how I am not going
to write any more until

I hear from you so rest
contented until then,
Adieu

Fannie.

had covered four.
I will say again,
& you will re-
ceive but one
more epistle from
me here.
Sincerely,
Yours,
F. Garrison.

1880

St Louis April 11th

My darling Lew,

Excuse
your neglect, under the
consideration that I
was not the only person
who failed to receive the
accustomed letter.

I can appreciate your
having a vacation, if
it was only for a week,
because I fear that you
are studying too hard, &
using your eyes in a
careless manner.

Sister Julia Bowen says
that she can detect a

crossed look in your
eyes in your picture, &
Grandma said when
she saw you during the
holidays, she noticed
the same thing.

Did you ever hear the
story about a cross-eyed
man? Well it was true,
Aman went to an oculist
& said, no money, & no
prize I bring, & the dread-
ful doctor said then
firmly to the cross-eyed
thing, so take care of
your own.

I know that you
must have had a ^{while}
very enjoyable time, at
Kalamazoo, I have always
heard the place spoken
of in the highest terms.

Now, how old a youth
is your chum, & if you
like give him my com-
pliments.

Your anxiety about return-
ing home can not possi-
bly exceed mine, I assure
you, but for all ~~the~~ im-
patience, I am very sorry
to leave St Louis, as I
have enjoyed my year
here very much, & Aunt
influenced has had a very
good effect upon me, &
Stremann's, for the fam-
ily to say, I have improv-
ed, or not, but I certainly
feel & have more con-
fidence in my self.

Aunt Pustow is very
much pleased with my
progress in my studies.

simple
walks.
I did not
think when
I composed
it that
I should
write more
than a
page or
so, but
I have been
gathering
it content
until it

and taking every thing
in to consideration, I am
shall be satisfied if the
family are.

I shall return home
next week Saturday the
24th inst. there to remain.

Now, I have been thinking
what nice times you & I
would have walking this
summer, & I never thought
that that we would not
have any one to play for
us, but we must manage
in some way, if I can
take enough music
lessons so as to be able
to play your accompaniments
I shall be able to play

April 18, 1880

Family news - plans for Julie's
Wedding.

St Louis April 18.

My dearest Lou,

^{you}
wrote to Miss Larkins
& slighted me, you said,
cal, you, Have you lost
your affection for me?
I really believe that
you never had much
stored up, to be my portion
to Miss Hill, of Burr.
Voorbor, I find in your
mind, How true,
one wedding at a time
is sufficient, & I trust
you might consider
our feelings, but, no doubt,

you are like the rest
of man kind in general.
I want you to under-
stand that this is to be
the last letter which
you will receive from me
in St Louis as I make
exit ~~has~~ this week Saturday
for Joliet on the Des Plaines
river, where I hope to
meet you soon. I wish
you would confide to
me your plans concern-
ing the event, one of
the most important, being
the time you intend to
arrive in that little
village &c. Mama writes
that Mary has her
dress for the occasion, &
she calls it her wedding
dress, & talks about the

affair in earnest. she
also says her love for
me is wonderful, every
time she sees Fanny is
on it, & Mama said
that she wrote from a
nap the other day &
said she had kept
me at the table, ^{she} told
papa, there's Mama, there's
Daddy, there's Fanny & George.
you'll omit my name.
Now you remember
that there is some wine
in the cellar made to
be opened on July & my
wedding, & we must
not forget to open it
on the six of May 1880.
after a number of years
rest, I mean the bottle
for July, not mine, which

I intend to have opened
at my "rake", or what
ever way you spell it.
How how are your eyes,
I hope you do not use
them too much, I can
imagine how you will
look when you don glasses
you will be the identical
college student. I have
not seen one Harvard
student who does not
wear them, & I have
met several of George's
friends here. I shall hardly
expect an answer to this
letter in St Louis. From
the present outlook I'll
be going to receive some

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April 18.

1880.

Fannie

elegant presents, I do
not know what to do
about giving her one,
as I have sent home
for just enough money
to pay my debts.

Now when do you expect
to go home, i.e. how long
will you be home
before the six of May?
Well, my dear before
you read this letter
half way through,
you will decide that
my mind is in an un-
settled state.

With much love I will
close, remaining as ever
your loving sister Fannie.

St Louis. 17th

Dearest Sue,

Your picture was received yesterday in a very good condition, & my considerations are, that it is a just resemblance to your self with but one exception, that is I do not think the photographer

made the mustash
distinct enough
but, no doubt, it
was owing to the
light shade of
overhanging clouds
& my self.

W. H. Woodcock
I thought it good
a letter to it from
for W. H. Woodcock
wrote to Aunt Preston
that I am expected
home the 3rd week
in April. I am go-

made the mustash
distinct enough
but, no doubt, it
was owing to the
light & shade of
over hanging clouds
& not of myself.

When you see it
I think how good
a substitute it ~~is~~
for you. Maria
wrote to Aunt Preston
that I am ~~exp~~ ~~pected~~
home the 3rd week
in April. I am go-

Shortly before Wedding of Julia Hyde
& William Evans. May 6, 1880

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John April 25th

My dearest Louis,

You see
from the directions of this
letter where I am at
present. I had made
arrangements to leave St
Louis yesterday, but Papa
spoiled my plans by writing
for me to come home last
Monday or Tuesday, & I
answered his letter saying
that I could not get
ready on such notice, &
then he telegraphed me,
& mind you, all this was
done because he wanted

to see me,

Mr. W. E. Evans as baby
Mary calls him, is with
us today & only one more
Sunday, & I think we
will not expect him as
regularly. He is perfectly
devoted to Julia, & she
can not express a wish,
but that it will be grat-
ified.

Now, I think you had
better take my picture
& place it on the wall,
judging from what
I have told, me that your
friends, gave me compli-
ments at your expense,
I think the picture
flatters me with the ex-
ception of the nose, & that

April 25, 1880

Fannie

could not be more perfectly drawn.

Now when are you coming home? I think we will have a ~~good~~ time at the wedding, as so many nice people are to be present. I am paid to day that seventy five would be invited.

Papa seems to think every thing of well, & George will do any thing that he recommends - altogether, & I think his influence has had a good effect upon the whole family. I know that you will find this to be a very intelligible letter, as my mind seems to be preoccupied but with what I can not tell, & therefore I hope you

will over look the com-
position & writing, & after
making this excuse I
must bring my letter to
an abrupt termination,
& draw to low, until we
meet a game, which will
be soon I hope.

The family join me in send-
ing love to you,

I remain as ever Your

Julia Dana Hyde

William Webster Evans

Married @ Joliet, Ill.

May 6, 1880

May 13 '1880

Joliet May 13th

My dear Lou

I had intended writing you before this, but, strange to say, I have had many things to interfere with my good intentions. & it is only now, that a favorable opportunity has presented itself to my satisfaction.

Lou I would not have you feel the home-sickness we experienced after your departure from home last Saturday, for any thing. Why that day & the next Sunday, really we did not know what to do with our selves; now we have gotten over such feelings, & have become reconciled to the impossibility of our ever having Mrs Evans with us again as Julia Hyde, altho we hardly realize the fact as yet.

I received an invitation to the Psi Upsilon reception from your chum, the first of this week. I do so wish I might

have both children taken. Dr. Wells will not be reconciled & talks continually about the impropriety of Joel to have both of his sons. We have had no more letters from Julia. They are well.

The Bourns on the farm, & probably will be in Solist this week
Sunday or Monday. If any thing should happen that I can
go to A. A. what do you say about it. Love from all, I am ever
Yours
Mama

attend. but I guess that is out
of the question. I told Papa that
Ed Monroe offered me a pass to
Ann Arbor, & he seemed very much
surprised & asked me where
it was to take place, also several
other questions about the cost
there &c.

How I wish I could earn
some money my self, so that
I could be independent
on just such occasions. not
that I am dissatisfied - far
from it, but I think it is
so nice to have money of your
own. Don't you?

Mama rec. your postal card
yesterday & will soon comply
with your wishes in regard
to the rug & back for wash stand.
Have you heard of the death
of Henry Polk, he died day
before yesterday. The family
are nearly frantic. Mr Henry
especially & the heart felt
sympathy of the whole
community. I think that
it must be unbearable to
over

Wednesday Morning -

Basel Lake
Aug. 26/20 -

My dearest Lou: -

I have purchased
Will, in accordance with your
wishre. concerning this dra-
sons state - & also prospect for
game.

William says that the
dragoon is backward - some-
what - he thinks, - & game
about as plentiful as last
year - so Mr. Smith may
judge for himself.

We find very few
bass in our lake this year
owing to the fact - that the
"hundreds" are coming in -
to three weeks - & not long
before we came. - Some of
them camped upon the

Lake + set nets all about - dred-
ging the fish to market -

During our first
week here different mem-
bers of our Camp saw right-
derr + we have not been
without venison long at-
any time - at present there are
a buck + doe are dressed for
our larder + unless we
need them the boys have
decided not to shoot any-
more.

Last Sunday Will + Julia
went over to Murphy Lake
for a little trip. + on the way
Julia had two magnificent
shots at a deer. one stood
looking directly into her
face. but Julia was so over-
come with excitement +
shaking nerves - that she
could not even fire the
gun - the second time -
she managed to pull the
trigger but missed her

Aug 26, 1885
Fannie

game of course. Was not
 Will good to sacrifice such
 shots?

We enjoyed July in-
 thusiasm highly - & Camp
 would not have held him
 had July been successful.

Don - we find your
 trails all about the moun-
 tain. Saw them first & re-
 cognised your writing - et-
 cetera. Almost like having
 you here. How I wish you
 were with us this season.

Until yesterday the
 weather has been delightful
 just as we wished it. But -
 now it is quite cold & night
 before last we had quite a
 severe frost indeed. However
 we manage to keep warm
 & be most happy.

Last Monday morning
 Will Evans, Will Connor. Our
 myself. left Camp for Murphy.

Lake & River where we stayed
until last night =

The Skiplid - Monday
night - in a boat which
the boys built - ^{Sur & I} helped. Sur-
vived with bones. Three. There
we fished the river for trout =
Do you remember the state
of the river - its wild banks
& swamps?

Well, Sur & I shined
logs - crawled under trees -
walked through the bogs al-
most all day for trout. & we
did not meet with very sat-
isfying results - either -

The trout are very
few this year. Will thinks
they too, have been exhausted -
Sur caught one. & I not any.
& the two Mills but six small
ones. so we left M. Lake Tues-
day afternoon and walked
back to Camp tired & hungry.
Is it not marvelous
how much one can stand. in

Aug 26, 1885
Fannie

This bracing climate! The girls think nothing of walking any length of distance.

The first of the week I sent a long letter to the Whist-girls! Describing, as best I could, our camping grounds & life and pleasures here. I trust they will receive it in good condition -

You will never know how - how perfectly happy I was to receive your two splendid letters. They contained so much of interest - & were quite like a girls letter - Chatty, & full of elms - & the first I had received from you too -

I will send with this a letter to Mamma - The Parker intends to walk over to Camp 14 - & so I will make the most of the opportunity -

It may not now be long
before we return home. ~~at~~
because of this & the very
cold weather lasts much
longer we will in all
probability receive but
a week longer -

Hoping you & the
rest of the team over are
well & happy. with kindest
love to each one - & your own
self -

Believe me -

Travelling your Dist
Friend

[1881?]

John S. ²⁷
S. P.

My dear Sir:

We have
just received your
letter - & we feel very
much worried about
your eyes.

Mr. Swan, Mary's
father, called on us
last week. He, you
know, had nearly
lost his eyes. I
told him about
your case & the
liquid you used.
He seemed very much
troubled, when I

told him of your
treatment, he said
emphatically - do not
let him put any
thing in his eyes
he has treated the
Buffalo by prominent
physicians who has
cured him - however
before going to this
doctor he doctored
with some one else
who had him treat
his eyes as you are -
& he came very near
being blind -

be very careful and
see -

I do so hope you will
not have to leave school
in haste
Fannie

[1880 - 1887]

John Oct 23rd

My dearest Lou,
You do not know how delighted we would be to have you suddenly become of age particularly if it will influence you coming home. Did you ever know of the political spirit running as high as now? I was in Chicago yesterday, & witnessed the republican demonstration. It was quite a

sight, I can assure you.
Papa is so enthusiastic, &
norder at him. He told mama
& the other day that if
women would read more
about politics, & less about
fashion, our country would
be more flourishing; he is
an anti free trader, also.

You can not imagine how
much I enjoy going to
Chicago. I see full even
time I go, & many things
tend to make the ^{time} ~~spend~~
so profitably & pleasantly.
Papa is suffering with
a terrible cold, I do not
think ^{he} feels at all well
although he does not
complain. He said the

other day that he would
go to Florida if you were
at home, I am sure that
such a change would
be beneficial to him. I
regret that he can not
go. Next week the Gtels
move to Kankakee, they
feel dreadfully about
their appointment Mrs.
was very anxious to go to
Evansville & was expected
to go there ^{but} when he made
that speech in Dr. Thom-
as's favor they immediately
change his place for
the ensuing term. I
am very sorry for them.
Do you like your chum
as much as ever?

Do you correspond with
for Mr. Roberts? Jessie can
not possibly live. They
thought it was dying
several times last week.
She does not know of her
condition, but is very
anxious to get well &
talks of what she will
do. Mrs. Gibson told Mama
that if they should tell
her there is no hope, the
shock would kill her.
I can not reconcile my-
self to the thought of
her dying. How you must
learn to read notes any

may deem of the course we are pursuing does not
account, you

Love, I wish
you would
answer some
of the questions
I ask you.
Love to you
from all.
Sincerely
Yours.

I do not feel very nonsensical
to me yet - but
I am sure the epistle
is typical of
the afore said
article. Y. C. Z.
I am getting
to write almost
as badly as you
do!

My dear Louie. Dec 1st 86.

We received
your letter acknowledging
the recit of the box. We are
pleased to think it suited
in every detail - You did
not mention the good-
ness of the candy. I doubt
whether it was fresh by
the time you were ready
to sample it.

Papa fairly groaned
when he learned that
you were taking lessons
on the guitar? but he
will overcome that

antipathy when he hears
you play my accompa-
niments which I hope
you will do.

There is no reason cause
for me to ask you about
your enjoyment & thanks
giving after the de-
scription you gave.

I never spent such
a doleful holiday.

Papa was at the mill
all day - the rest of us
at home - & nothing to
break the monotony.

To be sure - there was a
masquerade in the even-
ing given by the Prob-
ery - which was the only
amusement in town.

Ed Monroe (Quarter -
Master of the Battalion)

said he would like to
make arrangements with
you for New Years.

I am very glad you
are going to more into
society this year - than
formally - because you
will be benefited by it.

I feel very deficient
in the art of dancing - as
I have not participated
in that amusement for
some time - but there, we
seldom have any new
dances here, - so I do not
care - Lou, Mamma has
gotten an impression
that Mr.  is a fine
singer - I would like
to know before he comes
to Follet - We just re-
ceived a nice long

letter from Aunt Bessie.
They are all well & happy.
Minnie spent her Thanksgiving
giving at home.

We are all very well in-
deed - I declare I am
afraid that baby will
be as stout as Papa -

I am glad you wrote
your last letter to Mauna -
she had not received
ours, in a long time con-
sequently she was quite
huffy - Adieu sweet Love -
Love to you -

Yours Family

[1881-1882?]

John Jay 9th

My dearest Lou-

We have heard
of your safe arrival - through
a letter from Mr. Coffin -
written to Maurice, thanking
her for the pleasure he had
while in Colist.

Probably by this time -
you are I hard at work
a game - While Mr. Coffin
was in Columbus he sent
me a very polite letter accom-
panied by a five pound
box of candy - which he
asked me to accept as
a seal to our Treaty of

Peace - I have just ac-
knowledged it - in fact
the first letter of the kind
I ever wrote - to a gentleman.
Ida returned home Wednes-
day I suppose - she visited
at the Carpenters & expected
Charles to accompany her
to Kaukahee - Mauna & I
have lost all faith in
her as we found how
deceitful she is before
her return - Lou do you
correspond with her?
Well, May Moore went
to the Post office with
her she received a letter
& she told May that
it was from you - but
it proved to be from
a Chicago gentleman.

I want to hear the Purals
might be

of Penzance last. & was
highly entertained. Think
it far superior to Finafore

Jan 9th. Fannie

Love, it is impossible to
even move an article of
any kind, dust or walls
in the front room -
every thing is so thoroughly
filled with red peppers. I
do not enter the room with-
out remembrances of our fine
time.

I have settled down to
the old routine, & sadly
miss the lively times we
had during the holidays.

Did you purposely leave
the figured polonaise at
home?

I read in a paper - a journal
I believe - that Harry Cleveland
& Letta are engaged to be -

Wanted - love at first sight.
What do you think of that
I must love my self as
I do soap.

all - Love to you from

affectionately

Fannie -

John Jan 11-87

My dear Lou: Having
by this time, no doubt,
domiciled yourself
yet more in the
P. & R. house, & thank-
ing you are wishing
news ~~will~~ from him,
I will write you of an
affair smothered in
mystery. When I
have done with the
business part of this

letter

To proceed with the trunk: Its not being in time for the early train, was due, to the baggage deliverer, who misunderstood the time or name on which you were to leave, consequently he carried it too late by the early express, but the trunk was sent in accordance with your direction on the next train & I trust, by this time, its precious contents, of dress suits &c are safely deposited, in closets & drawers; of that suit now lost

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Jan 11, 1881

Fannie

I could not attend the
Junior party. Mr Har-
chett's parade will be
sent to him immedi-
ately.

I received no pleas-
ant letters to night,
no from Ida, the other,
from Mary. Both ex-
press themselves as
having had a delight-
ful visit with us.

Many days, fifty years
hence I will look back
with pleasure to this
memorable of their
Christmas season of 81 +
81. + I say to myself
how glad as well.

For your part we wish
you all more than

we can tell, & again
have settled down.
The two mothers some
time of joyful life.

Julia departs to
mother, & "last guest
at the wedding" &
then, we will be at
the fire.

To night we all wish
ed you all might hap
pen us again. & we
must, every one wish
ing to gather.

I send you by to
days mail. Three paper.
the containing articles
which will undoubtedly
interest you.

We know nothing
about the trouble I

Jan 11, 1881
Fannie

further than what
is stated in the pap-
ers, but we have our
inferences.

Some thing dread-
ful has been said,
+ we mistrust about
M. M. - as business is
reported not the cause.
+ Mr H. is a gentleman
who looks before he
leaps.

Then Mr M. imple-
cated is May's - brother -
+ what concerns him
regarding the affair
is singular - + Mr Cha-
rles. Says he does
not know what is
the cause, as he has
not said a thing

to his knowledge.

Sumner told papa
that a Chicago reporter
happened to be in there
during the execution of
the "flight" & he im-
mediately proceeded to
question Mr. Mure, who
declined to commit
himself further than
to say, "that it
was a very grave affair,
so you have particulars
undeveloped but still
they imply."

Surely the thing
is mysterious & we can
only await a clearing
up of the whole trouble.
Mure's brother is now
of the best & most gentle
firm & gentle man I

Jan 16, 1881
Fannie

have ever met - perfectly -
cool & calm - how ever I
be fore long will be able
to write full account

I do know that for
M. R. did not go to A. H.
where he intended to -
They went with M. M.
Saturday morning to
C. & together they attend
ed the Path. meeting -
They were seen by
someone who knew them
& I consequently did
not leave for A. H. that
day - But Miller had
been secured, & I had
not done right.

a few
 more
 more
 at all
 I imagined
 the
 trouble
 a little
 try

If indeed you will
not ~~dissuade~~ me from
to answer - I shall be
obliged to Mr. Hancock
+ to my wife +

your friend, most respectfully
brought to day.

if a fine subject be
deed, this is not
the best of it.

It is I hope too trivial
to attract the junior gentle
you. I do not think
to much of its passing
disappointment
You can not see

Marion Evans Born.

Feb. 15, 1881

~~Apr 15, 1881~~

Chicago.

John Feb 13

Uncle Lou:

I am
going to be the first
one to call you by
your new title. Jack.
has a baby girl
born this morning.
what do you think
of that no longer
of a family feud. now
we regard it as a U.
matter.

You must hurry &
cultivate a mistress
so that the baby will
not call you Lou.

Very Truly,
Lemmy Fair.

[1881]

Fort May 22

My dear Lou:

Julia & baby, Minnie & Maude returned home yesterday - & you can imagine the change in this household.

We have enjoyed Julia's visit so much - & it does seem so bad that she can not be with us more.

Little Maude, is by far, the sweetest baby I have ever seen - so good most of the time

that we truly forgot gave them -
her presents to the house Among the delegates
she is very bright. from Aunt Arter. I
laughs & gives ~~at~~ every noticed Mr. Helcher -
one - & Mr. Daruports name -

While Mr. & Maude Did Mr. Coffin
were here we had most attend?

of the time in the Lou - be sure & bring
woods. the girls were with you one of your
wild to roam about, song book. as I may

I suppose you be able to play the
are glad the P. U. accompaniment for you -
convention is over - con-

sidering you could I am thinking of
not attend. having John for a
visit to La Grange - Harper

I did not read all over - during the month
much of the affair. of June. & an happy

as my time was taken a pleasant time.
with the girls & visiting. I have not been

It must have been a way during the sum
grand entertainment mer for three years.

That W. Perry Smith Did you know that

Aunt Lucy had rented
her house, & gone to
New York? & Aunt
Julia Palmer spent
a few days with us
last week. she is on
her way to Buffalo.

Papa is well with the
exception of a lame back
contracted while working
about the gates. The rest
of us are as usual.

I must conclude in
haste & with love
Fannie.

[1881]

Foliet March 6th

My dearest Lou:-

Due to various interruptions & hindrances I was unable to write you last week.

You, in your last letter, have not written one word regarding your health, but we ^{have} concluded that no news is good, ^{news} & so are content. Still

Please let us know where you write, again all about your self.

Isn't it so provoking to think of all this snow we have had, after the holidays?

(2) March 6 - 7 Anne

If you have read accounts
of the recent storms in this
vicinity, you may judge of
the depth - as all ~~these~~ the
articles are correct.

Papa has been very much worried for fear we will have a frost when the snow melts.

After the last storm
when it rained so copious

ly. The river ⁽³⁾ rose fearfully
high. Papa then ~~pa~~
watched & guarded his
gates with a great deal of
fear & apprehension, but the
temperature changed several
degrees in the night, thus

I saw Chas. Gillman
the other night. He inquired
about you &c. He is very
anxious that Fred shall
go to A.A. but says that
Mrs. Fish is quoting Charles
to them all of the Purse &
his Mother thinks a great
deal of her opinion & judg-
ment. I judged from
what he said, that Fred
himself is anxious to attend
A.A.

We received news Friday of
the sudden death of Mrs
Moore's Mother. I am so sorry

all day

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Mar. who is so young, to
be the head of a family.

Love, I wish you could
see Marion Evans, - for that
is the baby's name. I mean
to call it alias George
Evans.

The dear little thing looks
very much like Julie has
dark hair &c.

Hill is the proudest
mortal I know of any
where.

I do not feel at all in a
better writing mood. probab-
ly you have ^{judged} ~~decided~~ by this letter,
I am in a bad composition. In conclu-
sion, permit me to say
say that we are all up-
usually well & happy.
Love from over all,
yours Ever
True

[1887?]

Solist June 8th

My dear Lou:-

It is with much regret that I remember your non-receival of the usual weekly letter from me. ^{Laure} Time & duties seem to have been the preventive this week, but now I have some important news to communicate to you: Papa started for Chicago yesterday morning & will return to night. ✓

Now what do you think
of that? as he left yester-
day, Mama, & I, told him
to beware of pickpockets,
& confidence men: Mama
wanted to throw some
rice after him but con-
cluded not to. I really think
that we ought to send
a card to Grant thank-
ing him for his acceptance
of the third term, as it
is the only thing which
would take him away
from home. Now Mrs
Reed said last Wednes-

day, that if Mary had
been ready, she could
have procured passes for
us to go to S. M. Wouldn't
that have been splendid?
Mary was very anxious, as
well as my self to go.
Papa told, Monday, the
other day, that I might
take singing lessons. If
I could take them here, as
he did not want me to
go to Chicago each week,
I do not know how it will
turn out but am anxiously
awaiting the decision.

of a C. music teacher who
is trying to get up a class
here. The Conklin family
have moved to Chicago
to live, have rented a
house on the West side
& are putting on a great deal
of style. Julia is very
desirous that you will
stop in C. on your return
home from Ann Arbor.
I am going to tell you
a secret, Carrie Evans is

engaged to Mr Will Adams
of Chicago & is to be married
next October. What do you
think of that? I spent last
week Wednesday & Thurs-
day there & enjoyed my
self immensely. What young
ladies did you take to
your reception? Jennie

Burden told me about
two young gentlemen from
she has at A.H. who live
at Rockford, one name

is Forbes, & the other Storm
wood. Do you know them.
She says they live in
splendid style there.

They are elegantly furnished
rooms, & give their recep-
tion at. I must bring
this letter to a hasty
conclusion, as my time
is precious.

Love to you from all
I remain ever your lov-
ing sister

Fannie.

Leicester -
Sunday June 19th
1881

My dear Lou:

Mama
has just written you a
long letter, & no doubt
monopolized all of the
news item, of which
there is a decided
scarcity at present, but,
at any rate, I will try
my best, & perhaps some
will bear repetition.

I will write you of
my visit. I returned
Wednesday after spend-

ing two decidedly pleasant weeks, which I should have liked very much to have lengthened. - Kauhakee is a beautiful place - so shady, cool & clean - The trees are so large & full, that you can, in some instances, hardly see the houses.

The lands are beautiful - kept ^{there} & nature has done so much for the town.

The river is immense - so to speak, & I enjoyed several delightful moonlight boat rides.

I do not think the Kauhakeans appreciate their river - They are used to it, I know, but

then - They have a boat Club & at any time shall boat, eight or four oared & white Oars there, out of a large number of members - They could not get the desired number to row the boat. They are too lazy & easy. I think.

I met Mr. Ed. Knight - the gentle who came to solicit little Ida A. during the holidays. His father is a very wealthy man in K. - Mr. Ed. has been very wild - but is now a very fine ~~young~~ ^{young} man & is engaged to a young lady in Orono. He was very desirous

of meeting me - as he wanted
to explain matters. ~~and~~
knowing what an opinion
J. A. gave us of him -

his love for her was short
lived - she was in earnest
at one time & she would
have done well to accept
E. D. K. but he, after hearing
things here, &c. decided
differently. You remember
he ~~had~~ pretended to hardly
know her. That was all
a story - she was the one
innocent one who invited
him to come to Little
Rock. & he came expecting
as much as could be

June 19, 1881

Fannie

to call & see her at our house, but things turned out differently - as you know! Will tell you more when I see you.

Just think next week you will be home!

Mamma has arranged that I shall meet you in Chicago, & attend the San Geronimo. The way you spell it?

Don't you think that will be fun? Mad.

Sautner the great german singer & Anna-Louise Camp are to sing. Those two volume are well

worth the trouble &c -

I'm sure and bring
home with you one of
your society's song
books -

Do you expect to have
any friend visit you
this summer?

I declare next summer
not or spring - nothing will
keep me from going to
San Diego to see you grad-
uate -

It is late & I must reluc-
tantly close -

Very
Sincerely,
Famer -

I do not know
your P.O. box

Foliet Sep 25th
1881.

My dear Lou:

Things are again as of old; you, in A.A. about to resume your studies for another year, & we at home, once more settled in our usual routine.

We miss you greatly, & the house seems lonesome indeed, with Julie & yourself away, also the sombre draping in memory of our

president, tends to
depress the feeling of
all.

I hope you had a
pleasant journey to
Ann Arbor; not doubt,
of two such cases hav-
ing enough to occupy
themselves with. Mr.

Brown alone, is equal
to three ordinary peo-
ple.

I like him very much
+ if he, + the other Pres. U.S.
whom I have met
are samples of the rest,
I would not care to meet
five young gentlemen.

Last night we had
one of the most fright-
ful storms, wind + rain,

that I have ever ex-
perienced - great dam-
age was done in many
parts of the city.

The wire fence factory,
building belonging to
papad was struck by
lightning + the west
end of the shop blown
out; the damage is
not much however,
+ everything will be in
order soon.

I received the book
together with the pat-
tern. my part to do,
the embroidery, will
afford me a great
deal of pleasure.

I have commenced
my studies; + from

what intercourse I
have had with the
sisters. Think them
very good teachers.
They know a deal
about history any way.
Her pronunciation is
good judging from
what I have heard
people say -

How is Joe succeeding
with his examinations?
Hoping you are well
& with love from all
I remain,

Your loving sister

J. E. H.

1881

Joliet Oct 3rd

My dearest Lou:-

I have been trying all this blessed day, to commence a letter to you, various things happening to frustrate my plan, until now, but I assure you that nothing shall interfere with my writing you in the future, at least once a week.

I have commenced my study of vocal music with a very fine teacher, who comes from Chicago once a week, & he, of course,

cannot, as yet, judge what
my voice will be, with
only one lesson to tell,
but she says my voice is
very refined, & shall in
time I may be a very pretty
singer. I feel greatly encour-
aged, I can assure you.

Do not, by any means, let
this opportunity go have
in regard to taking lessons
pass with some effort on your
part, I think, if you try, you
can find time to devote
to the lessons. Will & Fule
are with us to day, & Camp
has been discussed & talked
over until the subject is
almost worn out.

We are getting along very
nicely, Papa is in fine
spirits, so are we all. ~~at~~ though

I am not yet reconciled to
remain a way from school
this year. Papa says he will
try & compensate me by
various accomplishments,
& when my plans are settled
I shall write them to you
in full. Do you see George
Whitney often? Did you
know I met his chum
Mr. Buster Brown, when
you see. These gentlemen
please remember me to them.
I took quite a fancy to George.
We are very glad to know
that you are so well pleas-
ed with your chum. Life
at such a place, must
be influenced in a great
measure by one companion.
I hear from Miss frequent-
ly, she is very much

Loves to
you from
all, I re-
main
your loving
father Fred

delighted with her school
& is improving every mo-
ment.

Can you realize how soon
winter will be here? already
the air is misty, & indica-
tions of its approach.

If you wonder at the
misconnections in this
letter you may attribute
them to Ed. Munroe, who
has spent the afternoon
here in talking about
military matters much
to my disgust. I must
draw a hasty conclusion
as I have but more than
10 minutes to write & a very short time
to do them in.

1881

Johiet Oct 10th

My dear Lew:-

This is a beautiful October Sunday. Such a pleasant day we have not had for some time, it seeming more like Spring than the beginning of Winter.

Johiet is so very dull at present - & the prospect for the winter is much the same, All though Miss Moody's wedding, this Wednesday, serve to break the monotony in a

measure, Have you received
her cards? We sent these
to you. It is to be a small
affair - no less than fourteen
hundred invitations have
been sent, I am invited
to both the ceremony &
reception - very much to
my surprise. Ella Battle
was married last Thurs-
day - in a very quiet man-
ner. There is quite a scarce-
ty of young people here
this fall. This week
I expect to go Chicago
to commence my studies
in music, & my time
will be greatly occupied
^{thus} with instrumental,
vocal, & painting lessons

I am going to devote
my time just as though
I were away at school.
I hope to be able to play
for you Christmas.
How much time did
you write - you devote to
music? Your voice, I
am sure - with cultivation
will be very good - as now
the notes are smooth & clear.
Little Mary misses you
so much. She says - where's
Larry gone, I wonder?
I have commenced read-
ing the Dutch Republic
but, as yet, have found
it not very interesting.
Last week I read Guy Man-
nering & liked it very

much indeed.

Uncle Bowyer spent last
sunday with us, his health
is very much improved
& he ~~has~~ seemed ^{much more} ~~very~~ like
his old, than he has for some
time. You can tell by
the tone of this letter that
I have not much that
is interesting to say. So,
with a fare well I will close.
Love from all to you,
Lovingly,
F. Garrison

Johit Oct 21st

My dearest Low: - I did
to write you the first
part of this week, but
failed to do so.

I met your friend
Mr Barnes at the Moody
wedding. - I was invited
to the reception, much
to my surprise. - I liked
him exceedingly well.
The affair took place
a week ago this last
Wednesday, instead

seen such a fat girl as baby - she has
kept all of the flesh she gained at
camp with an additional amount.

How do you like school this year? I
have such nice letters from Minnie,
she likes her school very much, & is
making good progress, but works
very hard. Uncle has gone west,
& his prospects are good, & well his

of the week before, as
you supposed. Mr
Barnes & my self had
quite a talk together.
he spoke so highly
of you, &c.

I have commen-
ced going to Chicago
once a week & I purpose
the experience immen-
ly. I can assure you.
You can imagine how
my time is occupied
with singing, music
& painting. I intend
to work conscientiously
& improve all of my
opportunities which
papa is so good to
give. You have never

improved health, no
doubt, he will succeed.
Papa is well, & happy -
he actually went to
Lockport the other day
on business.

The Axtel's are to go
to Frankahel which
is to be their future home.
There will be a scarcity
of young people here.

This winter so many
are married & gone away.
Love to you from all.

I remain ever yours,
Yannie

the principal features
it, & asked you
to excuse it &
hurried looks
at I am about
to take the Paper?
upon a second
subject &
my chances
and fare - so
good by.
are all well
Yours truly
Yours

foliot Oct 23.
1881

My dear Lou:

It has
been sometime since
I have written you -
but knowing that
Mama, or her last
auntler told you all
the news, & being a
debtor to so many
friends, I resolved
to pass you by for
once -

To days letter, how-

ever, will I fear, prove
uninteresting indeed,
as there is absolutely
nothing to write about.

Socially quiet
is at standstill - nothing
going on to break
the monotony - except
ing occasionally a
drama or opera, &
then, none of the
young gentlemen
I have gunptor
enough to invite
the young ladies -

Last week the
Bankers Daughter
was finally placed
here - Maude & Annie
Heall went & they
told her not a
single young

gentleman was there
with a lady - What
girls were there
I visit with parents
or friends -

Maude Stubbs
was here yesterday
& how she did go,
on - she said she
never saw any thing
to equal this be-
havior - The young
gentlemen -

We might have
truly pleasant times
if there was done
in a pleasant way.

No one wants to
take the lead, say
it a thankless job
+ c. - no doubt it is -
but ^{what we} are to do this

winter-? For myself
I do not care, as I am
quite busy with my
music + studies. But
think I could enjoy
an occasional party
immensely -

My French is pro-
gressing fairly - I have
had the verb avoir -
être - + parler - I think
I will like the lang-
uage very much.

The Sisters are
really fairly educat-
ed - one of them speak

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Oct. 23, 1881.

Fannie

five different languages
etc.

I have not tried
as yet, to proselyte -
although they are
said to do so in
a shy manner. Their
efforts for my behalf
will prove fruitless.

I have only just
heard that that
brass band holder
which I made for
Charlie Richmond
has reached its
destination -

I made Ida a
wall banner, & sent
it to the City by Fannie
Havall. She is to deliver
it to C. & he is to take

it to Ida. I wrote
him a note thanking
him for a paper he had
sent me - in which was
an article about a library
being built in La Grange.
I asked him if the
library were open to
contributions, if so,
would like to send
some works on Poultry.

He wrote immediately
that if I could send
any works on a certain
species of poultry said-
ed about Birmingham
I would do a great
favor &c &c.

You will see by this
letter that hastened

Congratulate
you upon win-
ning the Med-
al - Remem-
ber me to Joe
& David.

Jan.

John Oct 30/81

My dear Lou: Know-
ing Maura's oblivion
when found up in
a book, known as
Novels, & fearing she
might fail to write
you as usual, I will
tell you what few
items of interest
there are -

Mrs Slight
& Eric are with us

They came Tuesday -

We are enjoying
their visit so much -

Mama & Mrs. S. spend-
ing most of the time
in talking over old
days. Edw & George
having a - H. O. T. turn-
ing the house topsy-
turvy &c - The noise is
so great that I am
almost unable to
concentrate my thou-
ghts upon the subjects
of this letter.

As you have the
Weekly Envoy, I know
you have thoroughly
posted upon regard-
ing all the goings
on here -

John remains the
same socially - but
the announcement that
Kellogg will sing in
John's seems to be
good news to many.

However as tickets
are \$2.50 - I imagine
the audience will
be rather slim -

Did you know
that John Henry
was married? The
lady is from Phil-
adelphia - but I do not
know her name -

Now, I am glad
your own is so pleas-
ant - No doubt - but
that you enjoy it to
the fullest extent.

How does the banner-
look?

Long with the New
Year I hope to begin
to live on an allowance.
I have gained Papas
consent, + am truly
anxious to try the
thing. It will be be-
neficial in many re-
spects - I am sure -

Instead of a few
words I have written
quite a lengthy letter.
So will say au-
revoir

Yours aff.

Fannie

/ [NOV, 1881]

Nov 20. 81

How Cher Love:—

We were
very glad to receive your
letter +, although, you in-
formed us that your
studies might prevent
your writing the accousto-
red-Saturday Letter, still we
wonder, because, as often
as the day comes around.

we expect the letter so reg-
ularly written

Mama felt very
much gratified to think,
dressing you, & every thing
pleased you so well; she
remarked that she always
felt repaid for any thing done
for you, you are so appreci-
ative & thankful.

Now, rest contented -
as the Shaw's going box will
be sent so that you will re-
ceive it Wednesday - very -

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thing good it will contain.

Wanda wishes to make a cake for Mr Coffin - & I will make a chocolate pie for Mr B Brown - as I promised.

I have been having a lovely time lately - last Sunday I spent with the Richards in La Grange, & Monday & Tuesday with Jack.

My visit was a delightful one! Charles took me to the theatre which was very kind of him I think.

I da will probably spend the
holidays in Joliet. & you must
invite C. here. & we will en-
deavor to make things lively
& pleasant as possible.

Mama is willing that we
should have as nice a time
as we can.

Julie & Baby are well. Love,
I fall head ^{over} heels ~~over~~ in
love with Julie every time I
am with her. It really does

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we untold good to be with
her - Marine grows sweeter
every day, & the little thing
enjoys fun so well.

I am to spend Thanks going
in Chicago - & remain until
after Maude Whitmans wed-
ding - which takes place the
21st - Min has invited

Dykes to be our escort - so
I anticipate lots of fun -

My special friend, Mr -
Dorris returns to Springfield

this week, there to remain
permanently - I am very
sorry that he is going, as
I like him very much; he
knows how to be polite - in
fact, "is well brought up"
Am delighted to
think you have a dress
suit - I imagine you must
look well in one quite
distinguished.

No doubt, you have
received Christ Bullman's
wedding cards. The ideas

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of Clint + Jessie being married. They are both so young.

Clara Dykes is coming to Follet to spend the remainder of the winter.

Aunt Mollie wrote for her. she is so much a lover.

Uncle Fred being away most of the time. That she want C for company.

I am glad she is coming + will do all in my power to make it pleasant for her.

I have written all the news
to be had, there is such a
lack of the like at present.

Mary Fox is well. She enquired
about you when I saw
her last. What fun it would
be to have her in J. during
the holidays?

We are all well, unusually
so. I have written you quite
a letter so in the line from
all will close -
aff. Yr. Father

Joliet Dec 4
81

My dear Lou

Can you realize that only three weeks intervene between now + Christmas?

To me, the holidays seem six months in the distance, & their approach reminds me of so much to be accomplished before that time -

Lou, you must

bring some friend
home with you, to help
make pleasant your
vacation, because if
Mary Fox & I da come
we will want another
gentleman; I am not
positive of their com-
ing, as yet, - but, think
in all probability, they
will -

You had better write
to C. Rich - now, I do
not imagine that he
will be able to stay long -
but think it near the
best to write him -

I really despair
of any thing by way
of entertainment for
our friends while
they are here - I feel it
so dreadfully dull -

Dec 4, 1881

Fannie

+ nothing promising -
+ there - There is our nic-
est young gentleman
hard made there perma-
nent abode elsewhere -

Mr. Donno + Mr. Whit-
ney - The former rents
a house in Springfield
+ the latter some mill
in Ohio -

I am truly sorry
that, Mr. D. has gone,
as he has manifested
a good deal of friendship
for me + has been very
kind + polite -

Any way, if our
friends come we can
have fun with our-
selves + with M. Fox, we
can, no doubt, make

up for lack of other
amusement.

My last visit at
Chicago was ^a very enjoy-
able one - much hap-
pening in the way of
pleasanties - (Of course)
I attended Maud's
wedding, which pass-
ed off smoothly as all
weddings do -

Maud made a very
nice looking bride -
so composed & calm -
She spoke of receiving
a letter of regret from
you -

We are glad in the
extreme that you too
so pleased you; I can
well imagine the
scene, when the whist

playing students - Locked
 ed to all - + help devour
 its contents -

Did every thing
 make you in good
 form - I feared the
 fire would be crushed -
 because they were so
 thickly packed - no doubt,
 by this time, you have
 nearly forgotten all
 that is, with thinking
 of your expected return
 home -

Low! Papa has a fine
 new mill suit, which
 was sadly needed. I
 can assure the look
 at ~~low~~ nice as you
 please see it.

We have that the
 Snow family intend

Dec 4, 1881 Fannie
moving to Dakota
to reside - it is seeming
ly such a wild place -
but I suppose Mr. S. knows
best -

I almost wish we could
leave Joliet - every thing
is so dull socially -

I do not feel dissatis-
fied, but then, you
know people get tired
of the place they live
in - once + a while -

Write + tell us where
you will leave A.A. for

I. The family are all well
+ send lots of love to
you + wish we were
in a huddle from myself -
I remain,

Fannie

John Dec 7
87-

My dear friend: What
can be the matter? no
letter from you this
week. We fear you
are ill -

We are quite anxious
to know just when you
are coming home so
that we can make
arrangements accor-
dingly -
Enclosed you

will find a hat band-
for you - If unable
to sew it in your hat,
ask Mr. Baxter - Borrow

We are all well, +
with love to you from
all, I am,

Lammie.

John Deck

My dear Lou:-

Enclosed

You will find \$2.00
(Two dollars), which
George + I send to
help purchase the
portfolio of photos
for Papa.

I think such a
present will please
the gentle man as
much as any thing

will - or will.

Hope this amount
will be satisfactory.
+ with love from
all I am yours

Fannie

Joliet 2/18/87

My dear Luc:

Julia writes
that she deems it nec-
essary for you to be
vaccinated before com-
ing to Chicago.

Small pox is
prevalent there, almost
as an epidemic.

as
+ you are suscepti-
ble to all such diseas-
es, you should be
most cautious.

Mamma thinks
such a course best
too. Papa says have
the boys come by
way of cut off road.

I do not fear
the disease so, but
it really is quite
dangerous to our
only girls - where
one thinks of the
malady.

Lin. There is
to be, at least, one
party while you are

home.

Try if the younger
boys have got a good
club - + they will
hold the inaugural
dance - There is a row
between Christmas
+ New Year.

Charlie Fish is
home from school.

I heard that he
is not to remain
long as he goes to
attend Mr Oglesby's
wedding the 20th.

Mary Fox is com-
ing. But do not
know whether Ida
will or ^{not} - Julia will

be at home, & we
will have lots of fun.
We have two good
girls, so Maude
will not be obliged
to work much.

Mary J. has dis-
covered a relation-
ship between herself
& Maude. Mary
wrote that she
thought Charles R.
would go to visit
for part of the holidays.
It all do come we
will be able to

L

D 18, 1881

Fannie

some way to entertain them pleasantly.

I hope you received my letter containing the money - if not enough will make out what is due you when you come home.

Dr Wm. Bridle has been, & is dangerously ill; yesterday physicians, friends

* all gave him up -
but to day he is
some-what better.

We are all well at
home and are anx-
iously awaiting
your arrival.

I hope nothing
will prevent your
coming from accom-
panying you to
Joliet.

With much love
until we see you -

I am your aff-sister.
Fannie

[12-21-1881?]

Jan 21/87

My dear Luc.

As you re-
quested I will answer
your letter immedi-
ately.

Now, while in C.
the last time, I pur-
chased a Christmas
present for Mamma. She
expressed a desire for
some finger bolls. so
I bought her some
handsome ones. so
you see - that I am

to remain longer. It would be well to
have him make Mo's calls with you.
The reason I wrote you to invite him
was, because he asked where you would
be at home for the holidays. I said yes.
He said, I will go down to John & Mary's.
Do not know positively whether Mr. Fox
is to do however not.

Do not criticize the children please.
It is very late and I am very tired.
Do not know from all I saw.

Forever
Fairer

uncertain whether I
can afford more for
her or not -

If Papa sends you
\$100 why can not
you purchase - Marnie's
Ancient - + Drill, in
some way, refund
you my share of the
cost -

Such a present would
gratify her exceedingly.
I know. How I wish
I possessed money at
Christmas time -

I am talking to Papa
to give Mauna some
money for a present + I
think probably he will -

You can do just as
you think best a-
bout buying the
book. I right dollar
seems a very reasonable
price for such a work.
I am sure.

Have you made
any arrangements
for calling Woodford?
June B calls with
Mr Larrochels + Mr.
Knobels - La. de. dau -

Let if Charles Rich-
comers at Fall it are
positive it will be but
for a short time: if
impossible - for him