



James C. Christie and Family Papers

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Dear Alexander,

Look this over please and send
it back soon. — I am going to
remonstrate against the mark in
Chemistry which has as much
disappointed me, as the marks
in Greek and Physics have
surprised me.

Yours as ever
C.



Mr. A. S. Christie
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington, D. C.

Andover, Friday A. M.

Dear Alexander, —

We are expecting you
to come for a day or two. Let
me know when you will come,
and I shall send you R.R.
tickets. — Procure, if you
can without trouble, the
this year's examination papers
in German for me. — No
more news from Turkey. —
Have done nothing in mathe-
matics since, reading is all
I do, and I feel that I am
lamentably deficient in this
as in all things ^{other}. — Keep
in mind that you promised
to spend a few days with me.
Yours in friendship C.



Mr. A. S. Christie
care Mr. Haydon, Carpenter
25 Mt. Auburn
Cambridge, Mass.

Wedn. A.M.

Dear Alex., -

I send this by Ed. Tilton
\$25.00; wished I had more,
but money comes in a
little slower than I antici-
pated. - Recd yours telling
me of Wheeler's chase for
you. - Hope you can do
better than work for
\$1.00 per hour. All over.

Yours as ever

Conrad.

Mr. A. S. Christie
158 Mt. Auburn St.

Wife of
Mr. Ed. Fitts.

Cambridge, Mass

Cambridge. Thursday
Evening.

Dear Sir.

You surely have no occasion to apologize for anything in our interview of last evening. I should rather apologize to you for my intrusion on your private affairs. I could simply respect your position in the matter, & did not feel

that-I had any right to
criticize it, though I was
sorry I could not help you
in some trifling degree for
the time being. I hope,
however, that some jour-
nals will yet turn up
for you, & shortly.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Peirce.

Alex. S. Christie Esq.

Alex. S. Christie Esq.

15. Mt. Auburn St.

Cambridge.

Could's Beaver Dam Nursery.

One Hundred Acres—Three Greenhouses.

The severe Winter of 1872-73 has fully demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the most skeptical, that Crab Roots are the thing to graft on. Side by side in the Nursery, rows where trees grafted on Common Apple Roots are nearly all root frozen and killed, the same varieties on Crab Roots came through the Winter uninjured.

500,000 Apple Trees, 3 to 5 years old, that have stood the test, are offered for sale; also an assortment of General Nursery Stock.

Established 1855.

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin,

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live long enough in this Country to know that a man must turn his hand to almost anything

I have not seen any of the folks at Chippewa for over six weeks - I presume they are all busy harvesting - we have appearance of a good crop if nothing befalls it till it is all safely harvested

How is it with you? The last I heard you were having considerable wet weather.

We are all in a fair state of health except Matilda who about three weeks ago gave birth to a dead male child - and she has not fully recovered yet - but is gaining slowly and I hope will be all right in a week or two.

We were very much disappointed at the result of the matter, but are thankful that it was no worse. How is your health & Percie's? - David I understand is somewhat troubled with Phthisis - which at times gives him serious trouble. Respects to all and hoping to hear from you on this Business matter very soon

I Remain very truly yours D C Butler

The Baby King's Birthday.

Alfonso, the little king of Spain, was two years old in May, 1888. His Mamma said that he should have a birthday party. Alfonso was delighted, he clapped his fat little hands and crowed; he did not know what a party was but he thought it would be great fun.

All the school children of Madrid were invited. Each carried a bright flag and marched to the music while the king laughed and kicked the legs of

his high chair, which is his throne for the present.

Every child was given a pretty silver medal with the picture of Alfonso stamped upon it. He, ~~his~~ mamma and little ~~sister~~ sisters were the same of gold.

Fourteen thousand meat pies, twice as many cakes and oranges, and two thousand pounds of candy were disposed of at the feast. His Majesty grabbed for the large yellow balls of orange and cried for the candy just like any other small boy would have done.

You are in Wall street, etc.
some would say more, when
you would of come up.
any night - in the cars, and
be worried of carrying you back
to Wall street.

Oh Lucie - I will send
you my photograph
and in return I
hope you will send
me - is not very good
but it is the best I
can do for you just
now.
Best - I want to see
you very much. No hear from
you soon.

Yours your friend
L.

September 20th

Dear Friend Lucie

You may
think by this time that I
have had plenty of time
to answer your letter
long ago this. And the amount
of the case is this. We and
Dr. have been gone for the
last two weeks, and while
they were away I could not
find any time to devote to

sitting.

Oh! Christine. Prof collected his Wife. Fanny and Frank were near the Boston Hotel. Ephraim stayed in Danville. The "Old Maid" have had the other night. During "Prof" that old College thoroughly and "family" did not well cleaned from the top to the bottom as they were in great hurry, and they have had hurry, but Frank came over and brick over and over in the afternoon with me. He came, they also keep Prof and in the evening. Mr. Powell there yet but I guess that came and took in one to his she has to learn in her house, where I spent the even a little. and Frank stayed all night and took the car the next morning for Fox Lake. The Vesperist. When she came to us about hiring a room for our school, but I believe they Watch last week she was home most decided as yet but reaching in Brainerd are to let her know in the weeks.

Prof is going to teach as ever you could be when

school in that empty- which building that was

Patia Morgan youngest brother is dead. He died with the Vesperist. When I received a letter from him our school, but I believe they Watch last week she was home most decided as yet but reaching in Brainerd are to let her know in the weeks. Christine I cannot say I think that you was just as happy as when

been about - \$60. per year.

9th The source of his income since the death of his son to the present time has been his own labor only.

Now Mrs. Larrabee will you please with your husband make affidavit as to these points before a Notary soon as possible & return to me at once. The cost of an affidavit I do not know but it is not much & I will forward the same to you if you wish me to. or he will pay you when he gets his pension. Please let me have return from you within a week if possible. Mr Larrabee thinks that you & your husband can give evidence for him on all these points. - On those on which you cannot - if there be any such. Just omit them. - Let each point be clearly stated on which you give evidence. He says you did not see him married but that you saw the Certificate & was knowing to the fact of the marriage & of their living together

now about his pension. - I have written to a great many people for him, & among others to Doctors Soliday & Ramsey to testify for him. also to Abraham West - Reice Davis & Mr & Mrs Goodwell of Reidsburg.

I wish yourself & husband also to testify for him. - as to before a Justice or Notary & make affidavit to the following facts. - 1st That he was married to Theodore's mother ^{Duchick - London,} in 1833. & lived with her till she died in April 1844.

2^d That Theodore Larrabee was born of this marriage Jan. 17. 1842. also

3^d That this same Theodore Larrabee never married.

4th That previous to his enlistment he worked out & assisted his father some. Gave him some money, also clothing & a horse. (Over)

and that - after his enlistment
he sent home money to his
father. & that he died in
August - 1862. in hospital at
Jefferson Barracks Missouri.
Also after his death the
Government - paid about
\$30. to soldier's father that
was due the son when he
died & \$100. of bounty
money.

5th That - at the time of
Theodore's death, he had
two other sons living - viz.
George Larrabee, about 24
years old, who was married
& ^{who} died the spring following
the death of Theodore. also
John Larrabee, Junior, who
was then about 14 yrs old.

6th That in 1861 Mr John Larrabee
Sr owned 40 acres of land

worth at that time about
\$200. - which property he
sold the same year - & from
that time until the present
has owned no property upon
which taxes could be as-
sessed.

7th That - John Larrabee Sr.
has been afflicted with a
very bad rupture for the
last 25 years & on account
of this disability has not
been able during that
time to earn a comfortable
livelihood.

8. During no year since
1860 has his possible
labor, or the value of what
he has done amounted to
more than about \$80.00 &
his average earnings for
each year since 1860 have

[undated]

I have not got my watches yet; I have not
told my what I will go to Winona in about
ten days. as for volunteering it is very possible I
would have done so, if I had not so much at stake here
or if it had been last fall. instead of this spring
but you may depend I will not unless it is actually
needed for me to do so. There is a company in
this town the last accounts I heard there were 30
men in it they drill every Saturday, so I can
not join them. I am in good health so are the
Ben. Annie Mearns and Annie send you their
respects. the old folks the same Annie wants to
you know how you get along with your allger
berish. she would like your must to be saved
to whom she sends her respects.

Give my love to Father and
Mother and all the rest. tell grandmother
I will write to her soon.

Your loving Brother
W. F. Christie

P.P. I am very glad to see you have im-
proved in your writing so much.

painted a gallow white in which I fondly hoped to
 pass the stormy day and night. so on I urged my patient
 team. to where my fancy painted ^{saw} the ruddy gleam of cra-
 ckling logs upon the barroom hearth my cattle hunched
 up and in "comfortable berth" quietly chewing their
 cud. But their's hangs a tale when I arrived at the place
 all these bright hopes all fail. The house was partly
 in ruins the road before the door was ^{as} very bleach of
 sand and such a country, sand!!! sand!!!! and so forth I stop and
 made a very few inquiries found the people very much like
 the weather; could not stop, but there was a tavern on
 ahead about two miles; drove on as a matter of necessity
 and found not much of anything on the road. But deserted
 Broken down houses and many one to be seen, fences torn ^{down}
 and I suppose burnt before the owners left. fields of sand all round
 thrown out ^{as useless} there were some new fences being fenced in
 but I suppose that was to keep the frogs from going across
 first rate country for ducks, and Frenchmen. Oh dear me
 I must surely be on a journey from the city of destruction
 and sure enough there is the slough ahead and a famous
 one if size has anything to do with fame. Big slough
 so you would have thought I did before I got across a big mile
 water above and water below and the team stepping up to the
 gambler joints ^{time crossing} every step ^{thorough} but there is rest at the end and
 all I had anticipated at the ruined house I found here
 and every weary glad indeed sure was I to find it, stayed over
 night. The house ^{and} were both got up for the ^{burn} spread

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about half a mile from town there were nine of them
in all 3 men 2 married two women 1 girl. 9 children
2 dogs. 2 ^{Charles I think} canoes. 2 tents made of reeds one old shot gun
several bows and arrows made of wood and various ^{other} things
besides two numerous to mention. The oldest man had
red paint on his face the two youngest were smeared red
it was dinner time when we got to where they were
here I got rid of the bread Parrah had baked for me
the little papooses clutched it very eagerly. I would
not have given it to them if it had not been wet
(well yes I think I would). They were eating potatoes
and pork every one clacking away in their Indian
girlfink. and dipping their fingers in to the men
examining to relish it very much. They were
very anxious we should eat. There were 3 of us but
of course we declined. They were all very good looking
and sober, but very dirty. The old man said he had
forty acres of land near Mauston they were going
there. After dinner they struck their tents and packed
their canoes and started for Mauston I noticed the
the women had to do the heaviest part of the work
but the old fellow condescended to carry the traps
got to the boat after they got all things ready the
went off in fine style and I envied them their fine
way of going with the stream. The women pulled like
their own canoes. I forgot we smoked with them
I gave them a quarter. and so they went
to be continued

especially when that Church has made
the Christian portion of the earth, the Hell
it is, No more mind once for all. I do not
find fault with any precept laid down
in the Bible, or any other book. That that
will ~~make~~ ^{teach} ~~us~~ ^{all to} do right by each other
in all Love and Kindness, neither do I
think that believing in Christ or any
one else will be of use to us, unless
we strive to do all the good we can, ~~with~~
-in, here, or in the invisible world.

God works with each individual as
He can, and that is, as that individ-
-uality will permit of, and that there
are means to help, (or hinder) God. I
know we all hold in our hands Jesu's
for a time, but not always, and do
not forget, those in the invisible
world know well just how you are and
do not force their knowledge on you,
(being wise), as you strive to thrust
what you think is knowledge
upon me. We are all well,
with the exception of self, have to

grin with Rhinematism
might let us know how the folks are
up you way. indeed I think it would
be as interesting to know how you are
getting along, as to be badgered about
creeds and Christianity all the time,
but a true to this and bless me
ever your worthless son

W. F. Christ

Love to Mother who is a good
woman in spite of the Church.

Ten O'clock,

and all is well,

Ten did I say, yes by faith eleven
of them, and now to bed.

No Alereba to hand.

[undated]

I will send you a box-
ful of books, including the 'Encyclopaedia',
about the 15th inst. and will write Dave
to send you Reclus. You had better
instruct him how to send — he knows
very little about such matters.

As to the method of
choosing Superintendent —
I see the Review is standing
out stoutly against it and
threatens consequences if
the Representatives of the
County in the Legislature
attempt it. I think that is
the most effective way —
let the County Express itself
as against it and tell its
representatives that they had
better not.

[updated] 2
sweaked up his ears
at sight of it, and
said I had a bonanza,
for The Thing was
as good as a gold mine.
He said that I ~~not~~
might have to wait
some time for R.R.
development, but
the time would come.
He asked my address
and so, scratching it
on the small polished
plate I gave him
the specimen which
I intended to send
home to you. I am
going to locate a
mine or two of it soon
as I go back. I have

found crappings of
 This ledge in the same
 line $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away,
 and have since looked
 of one which if possible
 is better than the one
 I found, some 5 miles
 away from my claim.
 Still is marked near
 the Mining layer, ~~and~~
 which allows of 600 by
 1000 ft. being taken.
~~There~~ There is enough
 for all, and after some
 further inquiry into
 this, and more thor-
 ough prospecting, I
 propose that Gann
 and Russell come at
 once and locate
 claims so that we

case control the
whole of it.

Again:

a man just told
me that he had been
offered a $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. of
timbered land $4\frac{1}{2}$
miles from town in
a south direction.

It is a homestead claim.
The land of almost no
value as agricultural
but has good pine tim-
ber on it. He offered
it for \$350. Now.

Dyers farm could
be sold at anytime
for \$50, per acre, and
is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles out S. E.
of town

If I had the money
~~to buy it~~ I would
buy the land to-mor-
row. The owner is a
poor man, and the
man that told me of
it is a poor man
just come from Kan-
sas with a family and is
looking for work.
I intended going out
to look at this land
to-morrow, (or to-day-
Sunday) and if it
looks good I want
you to buy it at once.
It will grow into a
thousand in a short
time. One old man
who a few years ago
took up land in Spokane
and was killed for

for having ⁶alligons in
more a ¹landed to
now worth \$10,000
and last year gave
\$14,000 to the church
here. The timber
alone on this land
would be worth \$300.
But even if every
square of a half
acre we go on a week
with stock and grain
we would have a better
estimate and do as
well or better than
in the year. But
your blanket means
and pull. I am sorry
All more than ever, I am
with my class who are
more of the country.
I am sorry, I am

P. S. I have just
seen Mr. D. and asked
his opinion of the
land I wish to see.
He does not know the
man's name but offered
to go with me to-morrow
to find him. Said if
he were not going to Ore-
gon in about five days
he would buy the land
himself if I did not
want it. He said it might
not be worth much to
anything, but said that
the timber on the land
would probably be worth
\$300 and more.
Frank

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 seen Mr. D. and after
 his opinion of the
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 the timber on the land
 would probably be worth
 \$300 and more.
 Frank

for having settled on a
 poor a land he is
 now worth \$100,000
 and last year gave
 \$14,000 to the Cherokee
 here. The timber
 alone on this land
 would be worth \$300.
 But even if every
 scheme should fail
 and we go on at work
 with stock and grain
 we would have a better
 climate and do as
 well or better than
 in Maine. But let
 your blankets ready
 and pull sheep skin.
 Am more than ever satisfied
 with my claim since seeing
 more of the country.
 Write soon, Frank

TELEGRAM.**Big Fork & International Falls Railway Company.**

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W. H. GEMMELL, General Manager.

7-NA-OK 9 From Zino Ark 940am 3/8

Date

19

For John H Brown

International Falls Minn.

TIME	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
SENT	M		
REC'D	M		

Send Power of Attorney from children you have it

S C Stevens

1002am

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No 26 Na Ck 38 NL

W. H. GEMMELL, General Manager.

From Zinc Ark7th

Date 19

John H Brown

For

City

TIME	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
SENT	M		
REC'D	M		

If you want to lease your land here with ours to a Mining engineer send power of attorney terms ten years ten per cent pay each month I wish you were here for next monday can you not come

S C Stevens 825pm

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W. H. GEMMELL, General Manager.

2-NA-OK 5

From SR Zinc Ark 840am 3/9

Date

19

For Jno H Brown

Intl Falls Minn

TIME	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
SENT	50		
REC'D	50		

Trouble settled out of court

S C Stevens ...916 am

[undated]

R. H. PATTERSON.

T. W. STEVENSON.



Patterson & Stevenson,
IMPORTERS,
MANUFACTURERS AND JOBBERS OF
Hats, Caps, Gloves & Mittens.

Ladies Fine furs
and Fur Garments
a Specialty.

AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN FURS.

NOS. 18-20-22 THIRD STREET NORTH.

Manufacturers of the
Celebrated Minneapolis Fur Coats.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Representing the above firm, I will call on you in due season, with a full line of Spring Hats, Caps and Gloves, and I am pleased to say, I will be able to show you the largest and most complete line the firm has ever shown, and will embrace many new styles at popular prices. Trusting you will not place your order before seeing my line, and thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Yours very truly,

you may rest assured that the ^{combined} best wishes of your
friends in Minnesota will follow you in conclusion
let me extend our joint wishes that you may
have a pleasant voyage across the ocean a kind
reception at your place of destination
and when you have ended your labors in
Britain come back yes come back and you
will have a renewed congratulation from the
depths of the hearts of your old friends in
Blue Earth Co I present you with this call as a
kind token of our regard for you as a man
a citizen and a friend hoping that you will
accept it not for its intrinsic value but as
an outward emblem of the inward kind
regards entertained toward you in the silent
recesses of our bosoms



Captain Pencks

I'm Captain Pencks of the horse marines
Sometimes I live beyond my means
But then I sport young girls in their teens
Go out a gall in the army

I teach the ladies how to dance; how to dance ^{how to dance}
I teach the ladies how to dance

For I'm their pet in the army

I'm ^{about} Captain Pencks of the horse marines

I feed my horse good corn & beans

Of course it's quite beyond my means

For a Captain in the army

And so on

I joined my corps when twenty-one

Of course I thought it capital fun

When the evening came then off I run

I didn't wait out for the army



When I left home ^{maama} she cried ^{maama} she cried
 When I left home ^{maama} she cried
 She cried out out for the army
 For Captain ^{Chorus} Grunks of the horse ^{maama} maama
^{and} ^{maama}

The first day I went out to drink
 The high sound made me quite ill
 At the Colosseum-steps my hat it felt
 And that would not do for the army
 The officers they all did shout they all did shout
 The officers they all did shout
 At that the ^{Chorus} of the arm
 For Captain Grunks of the horse ^{maama} maama
^{and} ^{maama}

My tailors bills came in so fast
 I used one one day to have it last
 The girls no more at one did cast
 Sheep's eyes at one in the army

My visitors they all ^{cried out they all} cried out they all
 My visitors they all ^{cried out} cried out
 They kick him out of the army
^{Chorus}

For Captain Grunks of the horse ^{maama} maama
 Spent my horse good corn and bread
 Of course it's quite beyond my power
 For a Captain in the army
^{and}

[Undated]

Miss Anna C. Christie.

Marash, Turkey in Asia.

If any one has any objection why this couple
shall not be joined in the ^{hands} of Holy matrimony
make it now, or hereafter former hold your peace
you do solemnly promise before God and these
witnesses that you will take this Lady whom you
hold by the right hand to be your lawful and
wedded wife to Love honor comfort and maintain
her in health and in sickness to forsake all
others and keep faith and truth to her in all things
as long as you both live so help your god
I do by virtue of the authority vested in me by
the laws of Chimureta pronounce, that you
are Husband & Wife

Don't fail about the Hallam
land & this lot list

[undated]

Elgin 4/7

Dear Mr. Francis

^{yes} If you can, bring
3 half pint bottles with
good crops - - -

Ask Mayston about the
Hallam contract & whether
we are forfeit our 30^{ac} if
we are willing to take the
160 acres but he fails to
show us the corners &
also if we can bind Hallam
to go on & survey & show
us his land limits before
our present contract is
forfeited even though it
may be after our "30 day"
(April 15th) limit has ex-

friends, The "D^r" had
a ride out by Mr Lairs
place today & if he is
at home will see him
about the claim, -

If you can get a copy
of Chapp's Mining Laws
& ask Maltrayston what
he thinks about that new
cement work, & the propo-
sition of the Hoacoon claim.

I presume the folks
got away all right. I
half wish I had gone. &

What do you say about meeting
Mr Langston or Hill, asking if he
(Mr L) will give us a half interest
in that claim if we will go on & finish
the acct work, & prove up on it, also
offer his Mother \$25⁰⁰ for her
1/2 share in her claim. - See Mr
D. about whether if you have time

Frank, will you please
have Maltrayston look up
the records on the following
lots & have him send in
report by Saturdays mail
to Elvira & to whether he
thinks them O.K. - Mr Faidly
(who bought them in 1887 from
the state for non payment of
taxes in 1881 & 1882) is going
out to his farm 30 miles
from here Monday morning
& will not be back for
some time, so we had better
settle on them now if we
can. - Mr Faidly's deed has not
been put on record, but
Mr Jones says he (Faidly) has
tax receipts for the years
he has held them. - On
the deeds from the state
to Faidly, there are 2 other

lots which belonged to
 E. J. Rhodes, but Mr Rhodes
 claims he holds a receipt
 for them, but so far has
 failed to produce it, these
 2 lots are not included with
 the 20 on hand:-

List of lots

Block 31	lots 4
" 41 - "	9-10
" 41 - "	2-4
" 50 - "	7-8
" 59 - "	10
" 94	8-10
" 105	4
" 106	1-3-5-7-9
" 107	7-9
" 111	15

"Elvis's Wharves"

[undated]

Red Wing July 17
Dear Brother & Sister.

We will start all of your things tomorrow except the carpet and we would send that but we had to settle that \$15 for the clothes of Fessie that is paid and all straight we got \$5. of Stella and one dollar in change ^{her} now if you want the carpet just send us the ~~and~~ ~~for~~ balance due which is \$7 the \$5.00. 1.00. 2.00. which is \$8.00 and \$8.00 from \$15. leaves \$7.00 we count for the two dollars which you sent we do not want any thin for setting them

ready and taking them
to town. now this is the
best we can do and this
will let you out of the
clothes business if there
is any thing we have
looked over we will send
them when we come
around then. Stella & I shall
not write to you again
untill I get a long letter
from you & know you
can find time to write
if you want to & have been
confined to my bed for over
two weeks just getting
around a little now.
Answer soon with
love

Henry & Eliza Buchanan

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to come and then I can lay
my Planes & so how much
your ticket will cost and your
expenses will be you will ~~pay~~
have ^{for} in your Pocket and that
will give you \$10 for expense
I only used \$6 and had what I
Wanted you must get of a new
a while and get your Self a new
one meat I did and I want you
to do the same you have the same
rite it is your Pirlag to
Stella Darling it will be
up Well Dear think this
and let me see in your
and I will have a little
pitted up all ready for you
lay your married head on
good Supper meat & etc
more Beef Steak Stella your
Bob & Peter came through allrite
and all of the other stuff Pack

Ms. A. 9. 2. 10

Joseph Wood.

[undated]

[undated]

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A Satisfied Man

Did you ever see him? It seems as if the search for him would be more hopeless than Diogenes' quest.

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"That old stranger" The children are
in a hurry to be "grown-up folks".
The old people would like to be
young again. However, the above
does not show that all are dis-
satisfied. The man that buys his
Clothing at the Model Clothing^{and}
Shoe House, is one of the most
contented creatures on God's
footstool and why to be well and
elegantly robed has ever been the
ambition of the young^{and} old, this
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Minn.

[undated]

Good Thunder
Nov-20th

Dear Bessie:- [Stevens]

Will I hope you wont think I have forgotten you by this time. for you know Ted would not do that for the whole world. It seems as though we have had our share of bad weather this fall - it rains and then try's to snow. it makes one think as though they could wish they were where it does not rain but you know we must take it as it comes the better with the sweet. Well I guess that is

enough of this, ain't it? I'm sorry you
don't intend coming home for so
long yet. If you don't come in between
you may not see Ted for a long long
time and then what will I do?

News seems to be a rather scarce article
just now. O! say Best there is going
to be a dance at Rapidan on Thanksgiving
eve and one at Good Thunder on thank-
sgiving night and now can't you possibly
arrange so "we" could go to at least one?
how's that?

Oh, say do you know what I am just
thinking about well I guess I'll tell.
I was wondering if there was any —
(well you know) in that little lake
you was telling about where you was

residing, was there any? ha-ha —
How is college life any how by
this time I hope you are enjoying it well
I know you are —

Jake Kilrich and one of the Kilke boys are
going to the Business College at Mkt.
They are boarding themselves the the
rooms my sweet little girl had
when "she" was going to school and
Best and George Stratton are going to G.
to school also. Onie and Eddie Winger
and Freddie is attending the high school
Some time ago when we were at Yager's
one of the boys thought they would get
a joke on me but when I answered
him he was some what heat on it
I had the laugh on him I won't dare

to write it but will tell you sometime
I haven't been by your place only four
or five times since you left. Too say
the team always want to turn in at your
gate when they go by. so you see they
are thinking you are at home and I
am driving well I have wished that
they were right. It is getting late it is
after eleven and you know that's late
on the farm. and we have got to
shred and husk our corn tomorrow
They say the machine will be here about
the seven in the morning so you see Ted
had better go to bed. it will only take
us two days. and then our work will
be all done and I will be glad.

Hoping your are well and hope you will
write soon. so I must close. bye bye "Bess"
I remain as ever your friend Teddy

[undated]

811 3rd Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Eddie, [Overland]

For a long, long time I've been putting off writing this letter because it isn't going to be easy to write what must be said. The only thing that makes it the least bit easier is that I think you are half expecting it to happen, and are somewhat prepared for it. You must have known, Eddie, by the way I have treated you always that I didn't care for you in the way a girl should care for the man she would marry, and it's an injustice to both of us to ~~go on~~

pretend that I do care for you
as much as that. (As far as being
friends is concerned is another
matter for I do care for you
as a friend very much indeed.)

^{See page 2}
You remember a year and a half
ago when you wanted me to
consent to an engagement
that I told you it was not best?

It's no use waiting until after
getting through school to make
up our minds whether we
care enough for each other to
marry or not. for it's an injustice
to ^{you & me} let things go on in this sort of
hazy unsettled way besides putting
us both in a false position.

I don't care for you in that
way & I never ^{would} ~~could~~ if we

(A year and a half ago you paid me the highest compliment a man can pay a woman — you asked me to be your wife — and I refused, then when you insisted I said that when we had finished school, if neither had seen anyone they liked better ^{if we} or ~~had~~ not changed our minds we could become engaged then. That was no way to leave things and we should have known ^{later} better)

known that for a long, long time. It was that ^{thing} that kept me from consenting to any engagement. I should not have made even those conditions but I thought you would go away to school & see ^{then} some girl you would ^{come for} ~~really~~ ^{marry}

more than me and everything
would come out right. ^{But an idea} it was
weak & foolish but please don't
blame me too much, Eddie.
I wasn't playing. I was doing
just what I thought ^{and guess for you} was best.
^{But I have seen for some time that it was all}
I thought it would be all over ^{in a few} months.

in a few months & that's why I
didn't want to have any ring or
any engagement or tell ^{our families} anyone
even the half settlement we had made.

I'm telling you all this so you will
know this is no new sudden
notion. It isn't any fun but I
think it's better. I want you to
accept this as final.

~~If I Perhaps I think~~ Perhaps
the neighbors or our families
would think it queer if I
came home this spring &
we were not so friendly as
usual. ^{Now to make them think that}
~~I don't want them to~~

"it was you who ^Iwanted to change,
I want you to be seen out with
some girl you know, several
times. Then they will think you
threw me over & that may
make it somewhat easier. Nobody
will ever know from me how
this happened so if you don't tell
them they will think you liked
some body else better.

I

Dear Mr. Conwell

I was

much pleased with a letter I found
a short time ago in a small box
at the office but I got tired of
waiting for it to come but it came
at last and I was much pleased
to hear from you. I began to think
you had forgot me entirely.

I ought to have written a week ago
but I have been so busy that
I have not had time to do anything
but to attend to the things
at that to day I will try and
write a few lines but it will be
hard work for there is a great
deal and they are lapping and pro-
liferating so it all must make me crazy
things are worse than the shell
and I am fixing up my

As was well and doing well.
The rest of the paper had
from the town but had
those that were here and
and did 1 or 2 has slide we have
done the other day that got with
in 18 miles of home before he
died. We have had a good deal
of wet weather since I came
home but not but a little here
the last 2 weeks fine thing here
the grain raised I have not
winced but every this year here
have had my hands full of
fixing machines, spars, has
been dead and bought him a far
in well move soon.

Now remember when you go west
over highway and perhaps I will
be with you, come early how
give my love to William and
your young brother and rest of
your folks. Write more
and excuse bad spelling and
all mistakes and except the
from your old friend
in arms. Give mine over the
left R. J. Arneson

[undated]



A Merry Christmas
and a very happy
New Year to my
dear Uncle;

Mary R. Nute
American School
Iarsus. Turkey.

[undated]

Dear loved Friend

I thank God

that he have heard of your
suffering, & is not well today.
I cannot not think of having Mary
Oh I wish it was so you could stay
in the house, it would be a joy
to me if you would do so without
pain, I thank you a thousand
times for your kind proposi-
tion, but it cannot be, It hurts
me to write

Ever yours

M. S. M.

would be present - al-^{Exchanged} the Association & intended sending the report & money from our Circle in that way - As it is - will you please give our report - to Rev. J. Rockwood to read for me at the Association

Our Circle is prospering fairly - we expect - to have our numbers increased during the next year - We have at present - 15 members - 8 of whom are members of the Baptist Church & 7 who are not - but all I think are professing Christians - The year has been a very enjoyable one I think, to all the members of the Circle We have held 10 meetings & done a very little work - basted work principally which we sent - South - to Miss Carrie Murry & Mrs Bull for use in their schools for colored children. The value of that work has been, perhaps

\$3.00 - Certainly not more
than that. We have raised
in money \$41.61 -

\$10. of this we sent to Miss
Mead to assist in defraying
expenses while preparing for
missionary work. & now we
are anxious to hear if she
is to work at-home or abroad.

We voted \$3.00
to the use of the State Conven-
tion Board. & \$15.61 to the
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Milwaukee Sept. 26

Dear Friend Stevens: [Bull]

Your favor of the 15th is duly received & noted. I have decided that I cannot afford to take chances & assume more debt.

Neither of us in our circumstances to warrant our going into any such trade and even after spending some \$5000 to make such a trade safe there is the possibility of our getting into difficulties with it & being obliged to state it to court & as much as if we seem to have some thing to spend that may we might get better in the end. Then to assume that mortgage means to pay it sometime & my experience the best I have tells me to let it alone. The financial obligations are my first reason for not wishing to go into the deal. But I have been advised by an uncle who has a farm east & who has finished in a Wisconsin farm & finally dropped it entirely, to let them alone. I have a number of friends who have & some have got farms in Dakota and getting their experience in seeing farms on shares is very unsatisfactory to the owner. One lot does not so much get as it is clear & I consider it better than

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Milwaukee Sept. 7.6

Dear Friend Stearns: [Buell]

Your favor of the 15th is duly received & noted. I have decided that I cannot afford to take chances & assume more debt.

Neither of us are in circumstances to warrant our going into any such trade and even after spending some \$6000 to make such a trade safe there is the possibility of our getting into difficulties with it & being obliged to state it to court & as matters of us seem to have any thing to spend that may we might get badly in the crop. Then to assume that mortgage means to pay it sometime & my experience the last 3 years tell me to let it alone. The financial obligations are my first reason for not wishing to go into the deal. That I have been advised by an uncle who has a farm lost & who has finished in a Missouri farm & finally dropped it entirely, to let them alone. I have a number of friends here who had & some have got farms in Dakota and getting their experience in getting farms on shares is very unsatisfactory to the most. Our lot does cost us much yet & as it is clear I consider it better. There

a form so far away & distant on the
horizon of the keeper. I repeat my
appreciation of your endeavors to better
conditions but things don't narrate me
as yet going into the deal.

With best wishes

Yours truly
J. W. Bush

[undated]

My Dear Miss C.

I had just sent word
before by Miss Mearns to come,
for Mrs. Anne Bliss Lyndell &
Annie Ruff were to meet here
& were all together as at the
German Lane St. Anne
feels sorry that you cannot
go - I know it is in the appoint-
ment before. I should say
it better if you were there -
Hope you will not make
yourself sick by drink -
Sincerely
R. H.

Arrived Friday night
at Miss Bucknell's.

Miss Christie
Admired

R. H. PATTERSON.

T. W. STEVENSON.

[Undated]



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Yours of Dec. 21st recd. some time ago & at least owing to its
information concerning your engagement I am really ashamed
to think I have so apparently been indifferent to
what must now be your greatest happiness
in looking forward to ~~a~~ ^{the time} home which I trust
~~to say~~ that you may find filled with the
love & pleasure that women more, I am
sorry to say, than most men seem to
appreciate, that is if actions express
their hearts feeling, "Congratulate you!" My
dear friend it is ~~always~~, now, I hope
always will be my honest wishes for
your best good & enjoyment & as
the tide of years carry you ~~and~~ ^{along} over
~~the sea of life~~ I may there come no
storms, but only the drifting clouds
which seem to make life sweeter for
us cannot have all sunshine & if we

did. the sameness of it all would cause
us unrest & displeasure In entering into
married life, ^{for one time} when
one has to give up much
of self in order that no unpleasantness
may spring up, I do not mean the
wife alone but both must be
willing to sacrifice something if
they wish the peace to bring them
the Contrivance to that, peaceful happi-
ness of conscience that peace
is fair lines upon the features
signifying that calm & peaceful happiness
that comes from the very soul
of some I have seen who have
^{companions for a long time}
drawn very near to the golden sun-
set of life, & I hope to pray that God
in his mercy may so fill & crown your
years &c

I had some photographs taken awhile
ago, I sent some out I mailed some
from Rock Rapids Ia. one day in a hurry. &
now I really do not know where one has
gone to unless I sent it to you. I had one
selected for you & one another for my sister
in the lot as I intended writing to her
(also you). I did not send her then, but a
week ago I wrote to her & found I had
only one left. I have no recollections



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of mailing you one although I may have
some for I ~~mean~~ you should have one, and
in my rush sent it out. please let
me know whether you received it or not, &
if you have not I will ~~send~~ send you
one before long as I will have to send
it & have ~~some~~ more from same proof.
There is much flattery in them, for I am
not as full faced, as shown, the position
causes the ~~face~~ better features. I have
really not been very ill since last fall
& am still feeling the effects of Grip. I had
in January, the week day after seeing Dr.
& Fred, I went to Astoria & was
there 10 days sick with it, one night
I thought for at least a few minutes that
life to me was short. I longed for home, I did
get up the next morning to go home but

was afraid to venture out my lungs
were in such bad condition - that has
long ago left me, only I am ~~extremely~~ ^{extremely} it
~~nervous~~ about wrecked my nervous sys-
tem, but I am conquering all & every
day I believe brings me nearer back
to where I was. I had only one block-
ade of four days, & that was the first storm,
New years morning at 9:00 am. I had
a customer in ~~my~~ the sample room
so began the year working, & the next
day Saturday I got caught in a little
town & could not get out until Wednesday
day, after that I was fortunate only losing
over in a while a day for I happened to
change from one lane of road to another
first in time to escape a blockade, this
spring I had four towns more to
make when high water caught me &
~~I had to wait~~ lost 3 days, but had to
do a little driving that is where I could
do so, I had a drive from S. F. & Ore. R.
+ ^{rather} one day, the driver a man of 50 years had
never been over the road, nor I either,
might ^{the year was the winter} come ^{the winter} ~~over~~ but a few stores were
shining & I could keep directions although
he affirmed I was wrong, we had a
wagon but the snow being drifted badly
in places we would at times have
to drive for half a mile to get around
a bridge & then walk all along the
drift of snow to see where the wagon



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and then drove back on the
other side into the road again
had crossed the low swamps, between 10
o'ill I called up a farmer & had him
direct us for my driver was, as the
scotch say, daft as to where we
were or how to get back to S.F. we
were on the right road though in spite
of all our cross drivings & at 12-
midnight we were home, cracked & worn
out, neither the Team or ourselves
eating since noon, as the poor coach
men had galled their shoulders & wounded
ankles as they lay down in their stalls
that night, ^{which} after I hope will be the
hardest day work ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~be~~ im-
posed upon them, had I known
what was in store for us I would
not have undertaken it but it was
the close of my trip starting in Nov.

Q I was anxious to finish & hurry to
the City for my fur samples for
men were getting out ahead of
me for winter orders. & now for
four weeks I have been rushing
high line, & if I can only keep
growing stronger I will be all
right, for probably about Sept 1st
I will finish this trip & then rest
a short time

[undated]

Cahoon, Ark. Mich.
Dear friend: - [Buell Stevens]

When I received your letter I thought I would not answer it for a long long time, but guess I won't punish myself by waiting & then have to wait for yours in return.

I enjoyed your letter so much. How did you ever get along with so many "wisdomed" folks. You love them - I think you must have enjoyed yourself at any rate. I am very busy getting ready for my summer vacation. I have had several but this is the one & the last one.

2.

eight of our girls are going to Mackinac Park, on Lake Michigan for one week. The Lane of cottage suited right on the shore. Come & see I warrant you a good time. We have two married ladies to chaperone us. The next Sunday we are thru some of our gentlemen friends here coming to spend Sunday. I would like to have you come. Should like to see you & have a good chat with you. I wonder if I will ever get back to Minneapolis. I hope so.

I hope you will get the position in Minneapolis that you want. I

3.

Hope you don't have to go
on the road again. My
brother has been on the
road until lately, & he
made up his mind to
~~study~~ study hard & had
a chance to get in to a
lawyer's office here & ac-
cepted the chance grate-
fully. He will go through
Andr. Brown College. He is
a good boy & I am proud
of him. My brother, next
to the youngest, fell out of
a tree Saturday morning
& nearly killed him. He
has worried a great deal
about him & do yet. But I
think he is doing as nice-
ly as can be expected. How
much one false step is to

us just this circle of friends
 the read day after day of
 some little one breaking
 killed or drowned & pass
 it right by with a possi-
 ble sigh, & the hearts of
 some are breaking out
 against God & spare
 us, ~~over~~ little me, I will
 not complain and murmur
 so much.

I lament find your
 painting because I did not
 hear from you & I have
 been very busy. but I
 will try & send it soon

Oh! its so warm
 I don't believe there is one
 breath of air stirring is
 it hot where you are?

I am getting along nicely
in all my undertakings
& shall study harder
when cold weather comes
on.

I hope you will answer
sooner than you did be-
fore. I wish you all
success in any position
you may take or any work
you undertake.
Yours as ever,
Myrtle.

[undated]

Hope -

Hope is the sister of Faith, as such she is mentioned by Paul in the ^{beautiful} ~~great~~ Trinity of Christian graces, Faith, Hope, Charity. - She might be called the eyes of Faith, for without her Faith would be blind - It is for Hope to show the brighter things of the future to Faith, that she may receive them and cherish them as Truth. Without Hope there would be no cheerfulness in Faith. Faith merely accepts while Hope glorifies. Faith is more passive than Hope, which of all the attributes of the soul is the most active. This is because she brings the Imagination into play, whose wide-ranging activity there is no limit. Hope, by the aid of the Imagination pictures the Ideal, dyes it with all the bright colorings of fancy, and then claims it as her own. So she is a really creative faculty, makes things out of nothing, very often, but still they are glorious, beautiful, inspiring things, and not altogether illusions. -

Not altogether illusions, for we must believe, that all the bright visions of Hope are yet to be realized.

in the "Beautiful."

it may not be in this world, but ~~in the next~~ ^{where} ~~our~~ ^{our} souls shall be satisfied.

How necessary is Hope to man, to him who in this life sees nothing perfect, nothing complete. She ever holds up before his eyes the bright ideal of complete perfect ^{ness} to be realized in the hereafter. To him who, sad and weary with the harassing toils and disappointments of life, longs for rest, she offers a vision of the better land, just ^{ahead} ~~before~~ where dwells perfect peace. Hope arms with us on humanity, bearing in her pure hands the gorgeous flowers of the future, the promise of the coming time.

She distant Griefs gleams transmuting through her mourning jewelry, as she beckons us onward - her soft feet tread on our thorns as they come in the glittering pathos. She holds aside, and abrades with green leaves, the dangers of the way, and our fellows in confidence.

Hope is the refuge of all the wayfarers of life. The oppressed, the ^{children} ~~child~~ of sorrow and woe are lifted into happiness and plenty by one touch of her renewing wand. The weary and

down-trodden are rested and supported in her folding arms. With unvaried fingers, she ever entwines the chaplets of joy, to crown the head of the miserable. Her glance of her eye melts the sinking heart, and soothes to peace the ^{wounded} ~~agonized~~ soul.

Hope gives buoyancy and courage to the character, and thus fits man for high achievement. All men of great action have been men of great Hope, as for instance, St. Paul, Martin Luther and many others. - Hope is ~~not~~ ^{not} to afford and sustain it through all difficulties. Hope is especially an attribute of youth, and it should be as for to youth the whole of life lies in the future, which must be made attractive. It is also an attribute of the Christian character, whose chief object of vision is in the future - "all things are subsided in Hope." All looking forward to the good time coming to liberty, rest, and blessedness. -

Sound minister of Life, let us not be deprived of the promise, for without this life would be a barren waste. Come, then, Bright Hope, and fill us with thy promise, sustain and cheer us through our earthly way, until the time shall come when faith will end in sight, and Hope shall be reality. -

[undated]

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

FRANK J. LOWTH, PRINCIPAL

Dear Cousin Tom, - [Shuster]

Well, I am going to
try again. You see by the enclosures
that I tried to do my duty last spring.
Maude learned about a week ago this
a Miss Fisher, - a returned missionary, -
that you were in Palm Springs. So I
am attempting to get in touch with you.
Miss Fisher said that she ate dinner
with you in Wheaton this fall. We are
all very sorry that we could not see
you again. I hope you will drop us a
line. Is Cousin Sarah with you? How
is your health now? Maude is Aunt Jennie
are both pretty well. So are Maude and
the children. Maude learned a good deal
about you & your people this Miss Fisher,
who gave our Laoni Band a very good
told Maude had a letter from Sandy
last spring. She sent me an old geometry
as I hope you are in much better health
as ever. Your sincerely, F. J. Lowth

12/25/17

[undated]

Bern - Aaron being invalid
for a few days, has asked
me to reply to your letter
or take such account of it as
—— - I am quite - that we
could all of us speak in the
most confident terms of

It would seem probable that
Emerson will have to come to
America by & by for schooling.
They doubtless, would be an
occasion & a fitting time for
the family to renew their sojourn
here - Hardly before that time
as things look now, would there
be much hope of having him
at hand for any such engage

ment as you speak of - I
would have no ~~heart~~^{root} to awaken
any zeal in your business ^{men} regarding his
being their pastor, believing as I do
that they would certainly be disap-
pointed - I am glad to have the
opportunity of ^{sending} you the salutations
of all of us who knew & know
your brother. I love him ~~as~~
as I have loved few men, & the
service he is rendering in the field
of the Master fills me with exceed-
ing satisfaction. I rejoice with
you that God has given you such
a brother & I hope that he will
long be spared to you & his
work - I had once the pleas-
ure ~~to~~ of meeting your father

* much have I heard from
Thomas concerning him.
The memory of such parents
is a blessed inheritance.
With kindest regards
Sincerely your friend

At 6 p.c.

$$\text{Int. on } \$1^{\text{--}} \text{ for 53 days} = \frac{53}{360} \times \frac{6}{100} \$$$

$$\text{Int. on } \$4200^{\text{--}} \text{ for 53 days} = \frac{53}{360} \times \frac{6}{100} \times 4200 = \frac{53 \times 7}{10} = \$37.10 = \text{bank discount}$$

on note of \$4200 at 50 days

$$\text{Hence present worth of said note, or proceeds,} = \$4162.90$$

$$\text{Int. } \$7500^{\text{--}} = \$4162.90 = \$3337.10 = \text{sum to be raised on note at 60 days}$$

$$\text{Int. on } \$1^{\text{--}} \text{ for 63 days} = \frac{63}{360} \times \frac{6}{100} = \frac{21}{20} \times \frac{1}{100} \$ = \$0.0105 = \text{proceeds of } \$1^{\text{--}}$$

Hence \$1^{\text{--}} = \\$0.0105 = \$0.9895 = proceeds of \$1^{\text{--}} discounted for 60 days with 3 days grace. The note to be discounted must be for as many ^{times one} dollar as \$0.9895, the proceeds of \$1^{\text{--}}, is contained in the whole sum to be raised, viz: in \$3337.10.

$$\$3337.10 \div \$0.9895 = 3372.51 \text{ times;}$$

hence note at 60 days must be drawn for \$3372.51

(Abbreviation in statement of problem not legible, hence rate of interest had to be derived from the answer by a cut-and-try process expensive of time. You should have stated legal rate in your letter, or on the original paper itself, as a necessary element of the solution, and not left me to get at it by a method expensive of valuable time. I came pretty near throwing in waste basket.

learn our manners from them, we drink in their very hearts and testify that idyl drama is wholesome, by the chastity of our lives. I speak as one of the Irish for it is only Irish priests that I have known here in the west. As for the contrast between H. M. and our Holy Father of memory blessed I speak it not on account of that Tilson scandal as you seem to think, since you talk of Cardinal Hintonville, I don't believe the Tilson. The contrast was in ^{the} way this here man treat the ~~Great~~ ^{Far initial} and ~~Warfare~~ in regard to the Word. You have never read Pius the Ninth's Encyclicals, nor his holy heart thoughts and to you he is only a flame head - Oh if you love Christ be thankful for that Centurion of Faith

neighbors, Her "enlightened"
protestant Church having cultivated
lady friends. Oh Boston -
Boston - I believe there is nothing
like it, for hidden honors on
the face of the earth. If you
saw the awful truth as it
is, and as our Catholics see it
and as I had to see before I
was a Catholic you might have
to ask yourself for the sake of
this horrible "subnatural" life among
married women Doubtless the
answer you and I ^{would} give to the
question hardly would satisfy
each other. We look from
different stand points but it
is vain to discuss these subjects
at all. I have a notion that our
stern old German Bishop does
not think as badly of his priests
as you do, and if our priests
are so corrupt how can the
women be so incorruptible. We

Rapidan Blue Earth County State of Minnesota

To the County Commissioners of Blue Earth County Minn
We the undersigned legal Voters of the above named Co
do petition your Honorable Body to view lay out & establish a
County Road from Scots & Co Mill in South Bend Township to
Wm Kusels Store in Sterling Township (Wid) Commencing at
Scots & Co Mill dam then South on the nearest & Best Road to
the Sect line between Sect 2 & 3 Rapidan Township then South
on the Sect line to the South Side of Wm Stevens land from there
a little west of South on the Bluff a cross Percin's & Jarts land to
the East Side of the S. P. gr of Sect 22 (3) Lynn Township to a
large oak tree Blazed on four Sides & owned by Levi Hook
Thence South to a bar oak tree Standing near to & a little S E
of Mr Hook's House to intersect a head Crossing Maple River
at that place then East forty Rods then South to Palmers Mill thence
South on the Half Sect line to the Center of Sect Ten Sterling
Township then a fraction East of South to Mc Clannels ford on Maple
River thence South on the gr Sect line to Wm Kusels Store thence
East one Half Mile to the State Road & there to End

the proposed Road crosses Mapers Sanders Eberharts Stratten
Stevens Percin's Jarts Hooks Palmers glaukes Langs Roads & Mc
Clannels Land & we also ask your Honor to vacate the Road
Crossing the River at good Thundering ford or as sketch of
it as your Honor thinks will suit the wishes of the
inhabitants interested your petitioners are in Duty Bound &c

Henry C. Eberhart

Wm L Stevens

J. Stratten

E. C. Sanders

George M. Hope

Riley Stratten

Martin Stratten

Albert C Stratten

[undated]

Friend Conly,

your last note in due
time. Now up here among the pines and
tamarac swamps some seventy miles N.W.
of Duluth in search of pine lands and
as yet find very little unlocated. All
the large and valuable bodies of pine
have been squatted on by settlers. Swamps
have been called for by them and pushed
by lumber co's, anxious and able to buy from
them and so in time all these lands have
~~passed~~ ^{passed} into their possessions and the pine with
cut off already or beyond the reach of private
individuals. Still some remains, and I go
tomorrow to look at a 1/4 Sec. said to have about
1,000,000 feet. Now as to the talk of loan
I am heartily obliged to you for your offer
to assist me in securing, I should be
willing to mortgage my ranch for 500,000 for 3
yrs at 10%. Will give you ~~10%~~ 10% of the
~~loan~~ ^{money} secured

[ca 1848]

Q. W. LOVERIN, Prest.

GEO. J. L. JAMES, Vice Prest.

J. M. BROWNE, Sec'y and Treas.

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Replying to yours of



The Q. W. Loverin Co.,

(INCORPORATED JANUARY 1888.)

—WHOLESALE OF—

Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, &c.,

55, 57 AND 59 WABASH AVENUE.

Chicago, April. 29 1888

W. L. Stevens .

Good Thunder . Minn.

Dear Sir-- Yours in reference to the samples short in the sample case you returned received and if you did not dispose of them we presume Mr. Furman did, and we will write him at once concerning them and we will give you credit for the amount charged \$2.00. We have not been receiving very many orders from you lately and we hope you will take hold from now on and devote more of your time to the canvassing and send us in some good orders.

Yours Truly

The Q. W. Loverin Co.

Per *Sinclair*

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WHOLESALE GROCERS,
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Replying to yours of

Chicago, May . 7th. 1888

W. L. Stevens .

Good. Thunder . Minn .

Dear Sir-- We have received a reply from Mr. Furman and he states that he disposed of the dry goods samples and the charging you with them was a mistake .

We will give you credit for the amount which we hope will be satisfactory . We have not been receiving very many orders from you lately and we would like to know the reason as our other agents in Minn. are selling a great many goods and we think you also ought to be able to do so as we know they have no better territory than you have .

Hoping to hear from you regularly from now on in the shape of some good orders we remain

Yours Truly

The . Q W Loverin Co

Per

Sinclair

I would have gone home,
had made up my mind last
Tuesday, Thought I would take
the 4th P.M. Friday train & walk
out in the cool of the evening,
Mice & moonlight, but Wed-
nesday's night rain settled
me not to do that but wait
for later trains, There I would
left home Monday forenoon for
the P. would wait here to
stop in Hartford & see some
trade & one man who owes
him, But you said if I choose to
come all would be pleased to see
me", I Tell you Puss I did
not want to go when you were
feeling so indifferent about
it & perhaps ~~inferred~~ I did
not come then, And had it
been some gentleman friend
(copy)

you would not have written
did he "choose" but
would have sent a warm
invitation to come,
that is if conditions were
favorable at home, but
I was there only a few
days ago so it does not
make so much differ-
ence, but I guess you are
feeling pretty tired. And would
like a visit later on,
only I knew that I could
have 3 days (with Monday) &
not lose any time & 3 or 4
days of loafing here is not
so pleasant as being there,

we the undersigned. Legal Voters
and Residents of the town of Rapidan
Honorable body

Petition your to lay out and establish
as a public High Way a Road running
as near as is practicable

a Road running as follows Commencing
Sixty Rods North of the South West corner
of Section Thirty five (35) thence North
passing over the land of Pessin and
William I Stevens and Martin Stratton
H Eberhart Willard Sanders Culver and
H Stratton to intersect with the
Mankato Road near the Le Sueur River

