

Box 1, Folder 11, Part 3 – Inventory

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Letter from Richard Tweed, Jr. to Margaret [Margaret M. Sands], 188?-07-20



Monday 8 P.M. Nov 28th

Dear Anna

Louisa Hunt remained with us till after dinner to day, and when she left for home Emma & I went with her as far as fourteenth St. to see about a new bonnet for me. It was cold & bustling and we were glad enough to get home. Theo & Eugene left about 8.30 P.M. Bertie was just as good & cunning as he could be, and amused us very much in the evening. Lou Sands came up last evening to see you. Emma & Louisa had gone over to St Timothy's, and he stood till they came home, and till after half past 10. Jennie came over in the afternoon ^{to call} bringing Georgie, & Charlie came to tea and took Georgie home about 7.30. Enclosed you will find

to take good care of himself and drink a good deal of Brand-
y. Jennie met Jessie at Wullock's on Saturday at the
matinee. Aunt Amanda is coming for me either to Brown or
Wednesday to go shopping with her. Jessie's letter is not yet
finished. I am tired & sleepy and must bid you Goodnight.
Your letter was written very plainly and I was much pleased
to hear from you. I miss you very much especially when I go
to bed. I hope you can meet this parcel. I am half asleep.

Devotely - Mother.



The letter which came to day, also a postal
notice of meeting of the Guild to-morrow.
I am very sorry you have not attended these
meetings, I fear they will soon drop you as
a member. Emma & I are alone this evening
she says the fire in her store will spook her -
it looked so pleasant & felt so comfortable
when we came home this afternoon. I think
you must have had a good time so far,
and I hope you will enjoy your visit. Your
gentlemen friends have been very prompt in
their attentions, don't let your head get turned
a loose sight of your dignity! I am sure you
are delighted with the kitty. Mrs Josephine is
very sociable, and insists upon coming up
stairs. Give love to all the Denmark friends
tell Aunt Eliza I want to see her soon so much.
I regret to hear of Aunt Mary Hayes' continued
extreme illness. To-morrow is a day of intercession
for Missions, we have prayers at 9 & 11. Tell
Mrs Rees I will write to her this week, have
been very busy since I heard last from her.
I am sorry Uncle John is not well, tell him

I have not read your letters
but took off the envelopes to
lessen the postage.

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Dear Cousin Maggie

How do we do this

dark morning? How are all the friends
Do you take the Cod liver regularly?
Is Frank a good boy? Do you not
want to know how we got home yes-
terday and how we flourish without
you? Well let me begin at the be-
ginning. We had a most delightful
ride. Did not get out of the carriage
on board of the boat. Only one
horse on board beside our own

Reached Second St. precisely
one o'clock Anna kept her little
head erect until we were nearly
home and then resigned herself
to the embrace of "fired nature," sweet

restorer" but alas this was only a momentary
resignation for by the time I reached the second story the wide
awake little man was lively as a cricket and good as baby could be. Nurse
had not returned but the nice one sat in her chair beside me and
partook of my lunch. Ham bread butter & tea. Now Cousin mine I beseech you do not go off into
spasmodics and think that the dear child's digestive apparatus will
be ruined entirely for all the ham she swallowed could have been
put with ease on the eagle's side of a dime. Mary came and on your account I
then I resigned my precious charge. When Faced came we had cold ham
into her hands. Anna slept sweetly soundly and soothly
throughout the evening and indeed same as before but imagine her
all night - arose early this morning and now after nine A.M. Wednesday
June 17, (The Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill) she is "caught napping" again. Your husband came home at six last evening and although tea was not yet on the carpet I told him it would be ready in one minute and while he was darning the little one the meal was got ready. Previously before I had called on "my friend" around the corner to get a few strawberries for Catherine, and they were such nice full baskets that instead of getting one out of my own purse for the invalid I bought three (on your account) for tea. So when berries &c. etc. &c. I found Catherine just about the same as before but imagine her sisters surprise when C. took a half tea cup of the Irish moss tea.

which I had made and then ate about
a dozen strawberries saying they
tasted nice and were the first she had
had. She had not taken any nour-
ishment for several days. Mary
Kirby came around to bring the
pitcher and by her I sent the "cod
liver oil" Catherine having promised
me she would take it. Mail
closes a volume yet to write
but in great haste I must with
love to all say good bye

From
Cousin Liz

To be continued

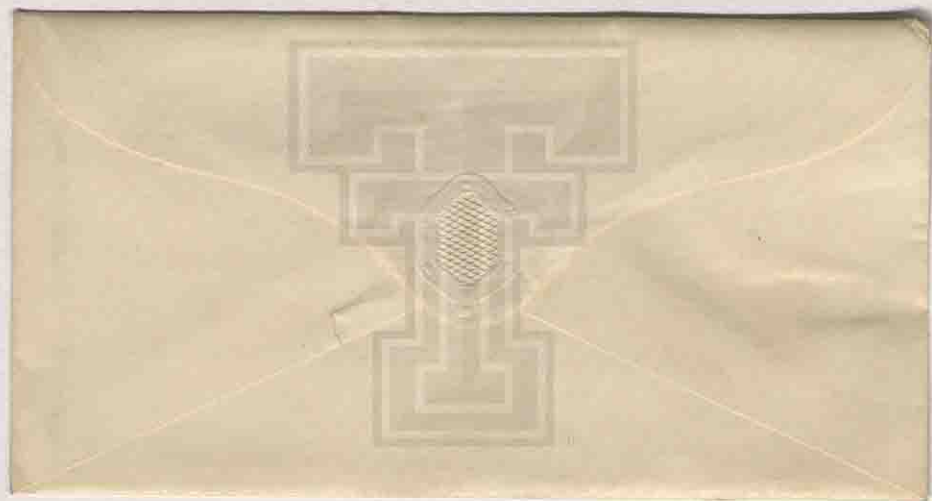
Escade lots

like is plenty

Anna's little sleep

Mrs R. Tweed Jr.

At a watering place



Wass Hopkins? - I had
my dress on time for
the last three train
on Sat. I went in
for meetings to day
and she will get
me next Wednesday
toward evening. I
was to return the
first of the week to
Scarsdale but for
the appearance of
things will be in
the week - but
is in bed in the
little room -
Cousin Charlie has
been in and we
have talked Bantus
He does not expect a
letter before the
middle of August
good night - with a
love for your wife and
regards to all. ^{She has come and said he would send her}

dear cousin Maggie arrived at 1105 Second
yesterday afternoon but I was at Harlem
and received it this morning on my return

I am happy to hear that your present
stopping place proves so very agreeable -

But the church so far away how
will you manage about that -

Would it not be grand if your husband
should be tempted to go to church with you
if the ride should be the motive at first

Who can tell what it might end in
With God nothing is impossible

And you have pleasant company
too have you? The beauty of the country

I think I can imagine By the
way I did go to Scarsdale on Saturday

enjoyed Sunday very much. Rode to the beach on Monday with Mrs. C. and family (has probably riding at the same time you out of bed and caught the large bats were). Had a cordial invitation to join the party at the Palmer's Tuesday evening. I had a key but my wardrobe would not admit of such things. And accordingly I remained about an hour ready to smash it to the air. Tuesday afternoon in the "poke train" left the cottage at half past two and was actually inside the door of your home precisely half past five. Pretty good wasn't it? Only three hours. I have not been quite well since such business like preparations to receive you wonder? Beside all this I have a most unwelcome visitor you will readily and candidly acknowledge that you could not or each time has my fertile imagination discovered burglars in the house. Do not start or scream they were only imaginary. I would occasionally hear ones. But I am sure you will laugh at the stealthy movements of some one outside when I tell you that on Wednesday night the door at last I rushed to the window I awakened out of my sleep thinking I threw up the sash and waited to see the heard footsteps in the attic and although door open before screaming murder police

and I do not know what but my feelings
were so overwrought that I could keep in
no longer and going to the bureau I
hammered on it with my finger the bottle
and called Mary who was not long
answering such a disturbance of the peace
and of her slumbers she lit her lamp
and so did I mine and after her
door was opened I ventured to open mine
we searched the attic rooms and all
things were in their proper places not a
trunk or bureau draw open and one
peep down the stairs assured me by the
closed doors in the second story and the
extinguished gas that the master was
within and after a hearty laugh at
my foolish fears we retired to our beds
~~and~~ I arose the next morning quarter past
nine when I went down stairs Richard had
finished breakfast, and you should have
seen the look of astonishment which accom-
panied the question "Have you just got up?"
With which I was greeted -- Last night
I passed at Harlem and to night I hope to
go to rest with a clearer conscience and
maybe I will "sleep serene" -- To return
The country was so truly delightful at
Tearsdale that I was well nigh extatised there
I fear a view of the mountain scenery might

How do you do Cousin dear how is your husband and the affections
spring how are they? My heart is she getting on nicely
will that ~~book~~ any cough?
Cousin Maggie
sends her a
package of love
and kisses
and wishes
her to be a good
girl, love to
Please also to
the boys to
be true to the
Pakleys and in
deed to all our
friends accepting
as usual a comfortable
share for your-
self. Will we meet
again on earth
Maggie? Will we
meet in Heaven?
Love to Aunt Susan
and family please
and daily pray for
your Cousin
Maggie

By which I am surrounded the only way that I can
keep my letter writing under control is not to let
one out of my personal keeping until it is answered
and then I can trust it into the keeping of a trunk?
Being a little behind hand last week I wrote
neither but as the last three mails have brought
me nothing and I have nothing to answer
but ten days seems very long indeed not to have
heard from you I will take it upon me
to write to you but such a "heap" of things as
I have to say where shall I begin. That that
ought to be nearest my heart is about Uncle's
family. They are sick and suffering Cousin
Nettie & Louise have been really ill for some
weeks past and I learned from Belle that
they were without flour except such corn
meal as Charlie supplied them with in
part-payment of Benjie's wages I had been
there lately when they had neither tea or
coffee. Yesterday Alfred Sands informed me
that both Uncle & Aunt were down sick as
as the fastest of them each as my

well as Millie and Lizzie at noon I hastened
over taking my biscuits which were to be my
luncheon thinking to give them if one of ^{the} sick
ones could eat and take a piece of corn bread
instead Maggie I wish I could give you a correct
description of the appearance of that cabin as it ap-
peared to me Uncle was apparently asleep bolted
up in the bed in the room behind one side of
the curtain Aunt Lizzie was lying asleep clean
and neat they both were Millie had a bed of
quilts on a trunk Netie & Louise both pale but
better than they were; Lizzie was not lying down
although she had a chill yesterday Mary had
gone of an errand & wood fire was burning
cheerfully in the chimney and the only window
was darkened so as to exclude the glare of the mid-
day sun. I followed Louise into the other cabin
where they cook and told Louise of the exchange
I wished to make they had no corn bread baked but
she thought her Pa. would eat something if they had
any thing they could eat and her Ma had express-
ed a wish to have a cup of tea and Netie said
she had thought of going to tell me but could
not make up her mind to do so I immediately
hurried to the store at Centropolis and bought
some tea sugar and a half pound of soda

Lizzie told me that Belle sent them some
tea, sugar, a piece of Beef and a prairie
Chicken yesterday. Uncle did not like it
because Phil had not attended more thor-
oughly to my paper but I have twelve
scholars at Four dollars a quarter, of
twelve weeks, five days in a week -
and have the promise of a good many
more, but they will not pay only
for the days that they attend, and
how it all will turn out, time
must write. Next on the Program-
me comes a look out for a boarding
place, Uncle has several times invited
me to go to them and my board
money to them would be an object
but Maggie how can I live so,
every time it rains something or other
is sure to get wet and I had several
things spotted with the smoky water
or rather the rain through the smoky
roof when we were there then you know
that such irregularity of diet plenty

when they have it and very poor when they have to do without ~~with~~ would not be well for me to work upon. Do you think I ought to go there?

You know sometimes breakfast would be early and sometimes late and Oh dear me what is the use of enumerating it would not be any way agreeable and my relatives will think more of me and maybe I shall of them if we do not live together. Wiggie dear I have never been sorry a minute that I left the tent, although attending circumstances were very different from what I should have wished, only think! Alfred came to me early yesterday morning and said Cousin ^{Lizzie} my Pap wants you to lend him a large slate and pencil, I happened to be dressed so I rushed over to the "Hall" and sent the slate and pencil. We have never met since that veritable Friday morning. I am sorry to say that my little cousins are more trouble to me than

all the other scholars put together even Bennie at times is so trying that but for their parents I think I would not be troubled with them another day but I suspect any relative or children of relatives would take like advantage. About that boarding place Mrs. Marcell would take me but they have only one room and down a few steps into a sort of kitchen and a loft. They are building ^{mostly} have their house finished at Minneola.

Mrs. Goodin would wish much to have me and indeed some weeks ago came over to ask me to go to her but now they too are beginning their house at Minneola and are obliged to board their builders and could not make me at all comfortable. Mrs. G. went with me to Mrs. McConnel they have more room but it is not partitioned off there is only an up stairs and a down stairs I can have a good bed on a lounge and plenty of nice bedding but the lounge must either

be down stairs in the same room with Mrs
& Mr. McConnell or up stairs in the room
with the son a young man and I am
going there if I can not do better The
Fullers have moved ^{to day} at Joe. Bernard's house
at Midway Villa I stopped on my way
home from school at the door and ask-
ed Mrs. K if she could not accommodate
the school ma'am she ^{said} not just now any-
way there is one more hope and that is
at Dr. Wileys as he is so much away from
home I should think she would like to
have some one they live very nicely I am
told their family is composed of Dr. & Mrs. W.
and a little girl who lives with them
I like the Dr. much there is considerable
manner about the lady and Aunt Lizzie
thinks much of it. Mrs. W. became much attach-
ed to me at our first meeting calling me
Lizzie saying it was the name of a dear sister
she had recently lost. She told Mary how
that she would like me but that I was
so proud she said when she looked at
me she thought "you dear creature how
much I should love you were you not
so proud" Shall I go try there for accom-
modations?? When I write again I will tell
you what I conclude to do --

biscuits which consumed all the change I had
with me and sent Alfred Lounds with them as far
as possible when I was about leaving I learned
that Mary had gone over to ask Belle for some
tea, Alf. brought me some fresh corn bread
so I had a luncheon after all. I saw
Mary going back quite late in the after-
noon. To day I ran at recess time
down there again Aunt Lizzie was up, after
I had been in a few minutes Uncle spoke
to me and as I went to shake hands with
him, he put his other arm around me and
with tears streaming down both our faces he
attempted to thank me for the things of yester-
day saying in broken syllables that the tea
was good and he wanted it very much
You may depend my dear Maggie my heart
was pretty full to have this dear Uncle in
his old age thanking me for a little tea and
only think how much he must have needed it
What is to be done "Phil" is working this week at the
Centropolis saw mill and Bennie is with Charlie
The girls are not well enough now but really
much as it may shock you Cousin Mine

I would go and live out - before I would
stay at such a home, and be so badly off, in
this part of the world they would be more thought
of, if they did so, yet I know 'tis very hard to
overcome ones feelings that are almost a part of ones
life - - - Last week I got up a subscription paper
for scholars, and in my usual impetuous manner
could not wait another minute but must begin
school Monday morn. Oct. 11, seeing Phil was to take
my paper around I told him I would give him
1.00 if he got twelve subscribers and all
over twelve he must throw in - he went around
part of the neighborhood and came in
Monday morning said he would bring us
a load of wood. Some of our rougher
neighbors are in high dudgeon because
the paper has not been sent - to them 'Phil
is at work I have not yet been able to
see him or get the paper and do not know
how many he visited, the wood was not
forthcoming but as long as he found occu-
pation I can hardly blame him for
not attending to my business but

Maggie did not
or will you pay
Mrs. Smith for my
Shawl? I borrow
ed two dollars of
you, and would
like to borrow
two more if you
are willing to lend
me some more. The
prayer books suit
very nicely but
you did not send
me the price of the
Will you please
when you write
again, and let it be
soon. Does Mrs. Young
leave New Orleans today
or was at first deci-
ded? Good night.
Cousin Maggie. Don't
you think this time
you'll have another
breakfast - now?
The Cousin is so
long is it not? I
little Anna without
food all this time?
I write dear Brooklyn

Your very latest was received
and enjoyed Friday evening last. I could
not very well write you last week as you
desired. If you only could fully compre-
hend the trouble I have had in making
that dress of mine you would beg of me not
to undertake the like again unless I
had ^{more} time to devote to it, than could be
given now, and unless I might be near
someone who could lend a helping hand
in a case of great emergency. Don't laugh
Maggie when I tell you that it has been
taken in hand again and again and again
that capes have been put on, ~~and~~ taken
off, and put on again. Sleeves have been
made and altered. Skirt partly on &

off again and and and the dress is not finish-
ed yet. In the most determined manner
I refused an invitation to the Plains on
Friday thinking the dress must be finished
Saturday morning an invitation to go to
the beach Miss Margaret & Mammie and some
of the little ones went on a sort of Picnic
was given me but here was this eyesore
that must be healed so the ride the boat
of salt air, and the delights of a day spent
in this way, were all set aside. For what
No stick, stick, stick; and stick I did until the
article is almost completed. Maybe you
think it might better be in hand now

"I will be ready for Sunday next all things
agreeable. Maggie we have had rainy days
disagreeable weather for a week past. So
have you I hear. Oh yes, you could
not have a ride last week on account
of the weather. Did Mrs. V. leave you
last week and have you that bright-eyed
bit of mortality all in your own care.
And do you indeed realize that another
little responsibility has been lent you

Does Anna look as well this week as she did
last or does she miss Mrs. V. Poor little
dear I hope she will not suffer for the
necessaries of life. Even if Cousin Bessie
is not there to intercede for her.

Maggie I do not know when my next
visit to the city will be made. Having
already been extravagant in that indul-
gence I must practice a different line
of conduct for the future. I did not
see that the Isaac Wrights arrived out on
the 9th of May. You know I am not
one of the observing kind.

But Maggie when I do set out to make
observations on any particular subject
I must confess that not much escapes my
notice. Among the ^{shipping} news brought by the ^{Pulvis}
I read the S. W. arrived in the river 18th May
and by the Niagara the S. W. entered for landing
on the 16th. I suspect that by this time she
may be nine days out on her way home.
For the sake of "Auld Lang Syne" I hope she
may safely, surely, and speedily come. Does
you Cousin Maggie? And that her inmates
may arrive hale, hearty, healthy; and if not

wise, witty, and wealthy; certainly more so than they were. And not come silent, with us? I should be so cunning then silly, and stealthy, as they went away, we could introduce Anna and Agnes (at least one of them). Maggie Mr. Olsen and the country is so fine. Do come has an interesting elderly widower for an ^{last} ^{at 9 P.M.} ~~disturbing~~ ^{assistant} Maggie Mrs. O. is a very kind-hearted lady. Their house is very nice and last evening I staid chatting so long convenient and their table I should think with Mrs. O. that he left before I got excellent. They have a profusion of most ready to go down to see him. Mamie every thing in their garden and they and however are on bowing terms ^{with him} ^{as well} know how to use these things too and have met in our walks sometimes. I'd were your own tastes and inclinations I tell you that we Mr. V. I went over ^{only} to be consulted I would recommend most to the house at five in the morning earnestly a trial of this for a summer last Tuesday. Could I only gather enjoyment; but for Richard I suppose courage to go to bed early I would be he would not enjoy life at Scarsdale up soon after the "broke ab day" these at all. When have you seen Sarah mornings. Soon very soon will our days poor child what a frittering away of life begin to shorten. Maggie Mr. Olsen her daily cares must bring Maggie she is ten. would like a few boarders this a living proof of "how much wear there is, summer How would you like a so- in human nature" Would you not think join at Scarsdale? Dear delightful quiet that she must have sunk beneath her Scarsdale? How would it suit Richard? weight of cares long ago. "Tis a preparation You know the Church is very near and for a better life I know and she will be White Plains is not very far distant. Supported until the refining will be

complete and then will come that far
more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

How is Cousin Delia? (Well I hope)
What a showering of comforts will be poured
upon ^{her} if all her kind hearted deeds
and every day useful life receive a return
in proportion ^{as} she has spread them around her
I think very few brides could look back
upon their first half year of married life
and see so much accomplished for others
so little selfishness displayed. I think
brides generally are a little selfish they
have every thing to make them so.

To return to Cousin Delia I wish she may
be rewarded on earth as well as in heaven
Please give love to Alfred & Delia for me
and Cousin Maggie as I have been
down stairs and had Ale and oil &c
I begin to feel quite drooping and must
hasten to close Give love to Sarah for me
when you see her also to the little ones
I will try to write to her this week

I will probably go Friday afternoon
up to see Belle and spend Sunday
there. Her hand was well last week
or week before when I was there. What
a saving of time, talents, and writing material
there will be when you are once located
at Searsdall To say nothing of the ~~eyesight~~

Good night - Cousin Maggie Accept much
love and best wishes with a kiss for Frank and Anne
from your devoted friend & Cousin Lizzie

to rear? I do want to see the little troublesome
comfort very much indeed, as well as her
mother. The little solace and balm of
cousin Lizzie altogether I fear, Maggie
I would like to help nurse her sometimes
but might not at all times feel in a
quarrelsome mood were I with you
and even did you insist upon having
her must. I often run away with Aggie
and have twice lately taken her to my
room to put her to sleep and a couple
of hours ~~would~~ ^{ed} pass before I ~~could~~ ^{could} suc-
ceed she is very amusing however and
she would be from top to bottom
of my bed many times before sleep came
She is a year and half old talks many little
words but no sentences And when I tell
her yarns about the Lambs and Kitties &
birds she not only listens but asks questions
in her peculiar way And she many differ-
ent tones in which she brings out her m, m:
would amuse you I am sure In sorrow
in anger in pity in love and as a question

it assumes the correct ^{some of voice and the} ~~expressive~~ of countenance is varied to suit the case. Another prodigy, you exclaim, Patience Maggie as she does not belong to me I am not at all diffident with a mother now the case would be entirely different - Of course she would not be expected to enumerate the little smartnesses of her own offspring unless the infant proved itself remarkable in some way - - - Enough enough -

Mrs. Carner is not yet able to leave her room she rode out once or twice last week and although better for the time, still would the trouble return. ~~until~~ yesterday she was most discouraged. The Dr. recommends perfect quiet and repose, and she tries, from the bed to the sofa and vice versa. She is dressed today, and sewing but I do not think that is right for her head and eyes ache, the effect of course of this peculiar weakness. Mrs. C.'s appetite is pretty good. She says it seems so much like pretended sickness, to stay up stairs and reclining, all the time eating regular meals, that one evening last week when Mary and I neither sent up her tea she did not send down for it, at nine however she thought best to let Mr. C. know of her state, and he relieved her necessity by taking her crackers and ale. Aren't we excellent nurses? Don't you wish you had such



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New York

Sunday
June 25/82

My dear Auntie,
Your welcome letter. Went to
Litchfield, reached one
yesterday. I was glad
to hear you were com-
fortably situated & had
pleasant surroundings.
I know Jennie appreci-
ates the kindness, &
it is, as she says, "a
year's indulgence". Ann's
face has indeed proved

tedious, poor child; but a short cure, may make a permanent one. We are all in excellent health, & are very much pleased going to go to U.S. Business is as common as my own family. This pleases, that John Allen spent last week with me, & we are not, of escaping its cares, & shared his time. She seems to maintain be very low and fine but it is ited, & the children are very grateful. Perhaps their good health, it is useless to shall not annoy him speak of Charlie's with "appendages" but wedding, but as you take a quiet trip. only write, they were this is the programme expected, & with that at this time, but you met the bride &

given shall "rehearse" a
little. Then! At six-
³⁰ o'clock on the 8th of
June, a very cloudy
morning, Charlie & Sue
were married by the
Rev Mr Percival (old
Gordon's friend & rec-
tor). About 100 guests
were assembled, & really
it was painfully ex-
cuse! The Marriage bell
was beautiful & as the
Pansy, was Sue's fa-
vorite flower, the
Clippers were comprised
of them. At seven o'clock
were seated at break-
fast, a very fine

5
4 elegant one it was
too! At 20 minutes
past, Jane left to do
her travelling notes &
at 7.45 left for the
steamer. So you see
how punctual some
people can be! Old
Shaffer & Price were
fairly hurled at the
next couple. My ac-
quaintance is very
limited with the Bird
or I had never met
her but twice previous
to the day, or have
not formed a like or
dislike. All the folks
admire her exceedingly
She was White Sattin

6
en train hummed
with embroidered Crêpe John & I, decorated
Lissie. The presents were Breakfast, Dinner, &
nunnies & beautiful Tea Set combined.
Mr. Bush has bought Mr & Mrs Helen Silver
her a very pleasant & Pearl Carving Set.
House, & is now fitting Mr & Mrs Henderson Lamp
it up, & as he is a Maggie full set Silver
man of large means ladies. Albert had
presented every thing nice come Maggie Set.
not only the comfortable little M. set of table
but the nunnies. Many silver, knives, forks
sent 3 elegant Bisque Spoons etc, Lovers two
Montel ornaments just Large Living room
bricks they were! Charles & Emma two pedes
Berry Spoons, Heavy table well ornamented
1 dry Individual Agate Mrs M. parlor set
Plates in case, three upholstered in Sue's
& Bidie full line of own taste. John & I.

have \$1000 better will
"hook". I must tell
you a remark Birdie
made to John & ^{me} ~~the~~, on
our return home from
the wedding. It was
the first time we had
seen Mr. Percival since
Grandma's funeral, &
Birdie said, "Do you
know when Mr. Perci-
val said 'Let us pray',
I could not see the
Marriage bell, Aunt
Jane or Uncle Charlie,
all I could see, was
poor old Grandma's
coffin & the lovely
white funeral flowers.
It affected John very

much indeed, for? He
said he disliked to
have his girlie grow
so fast both in body
& mind, as to make
her serious, & strange
to say, the identical
thought was passing
through his own mind,
but decided to give
expression to it, while
she in her fearless
childish innocence
felt no hesitancy. Boy
Blair is improving but
he is so dreadfully
ruptured as to look
deformed, fortunately
that part is always
under cover. I conclu

did my servants ar-
 rangements were all
 satisfactorily made for
 the Summer, but re-
 commended the kitchen
 in the books absence,
 & find he is one who
 hides the dirt in the
 rear of the party which
 or have that annoyance
 to begin with, & as Cook
 & Ponches are plentiful
 over the Lake that
 would set me crazy.
 How did Mary look
 & did she seem in
 good spirits. Arthur
 is such a ceaseless
 care. Do you think

Jessie enjoyed her trip?
 One can scarcely tell
 she is so strange, &
 afraid of expressing op-
 inition. I hope I
 shall have the pleasure
 & happiness of meeting
 you this year. The
 Dress maker disappoint-
 ed me in your dress
 & I felt sorry as I
 wanted you to have
 them by the 4th. Please
 write soon. Give dear-
 est love to Emma &
 Ann. Found a clay
 pipe in Alice's trunk
 yesterday, & Harry said,
 "Would Richard bought

him that! Remember
me to Alfred. Fear
you are an unfor-
giving "Mother-in-law"
Jessie R. has had
trouble enough to order
her giddiness, but no
accounting for look
in some people! Chil-
~~den and best love~~
& wishes to their own
Sunt Maggie, & ad-
dres your own

Living

Lizzie

Address

Acorn Springs
Miss

My dear Auntie,
I trust
you will find a letter
written previous to the
receipt of your darling,
& I merely forward it
to explain I was aware
and at your long
silence. In regard to
my promise dearest
I feel ashamed of
the delay, & hope I
have not seriously in

commenced you. I am - as it does me to testi-
bros left Tuesday for fy in some slight manner
N. Y., & if you or one of our very abiding love in
the girls go over to you & yours. I am glad
send a note. He will your house is comfort
see that there is no little & pleasantly situated
further delay. Please do but for your sake regret
not thank the delay the great distance from
detonata from the other the ferry. I trust you are
fulness of the gift, for all well. He will suffer
I alone I am to blame any from a spell of
as usual, with my dread intense cold! Then so de-
ful habit of procrastinating. All the pipes are
muzzled but only hope frozen in the house &
it will offend you is all in the gutters. Good
much pleasure & comfort a slight flurry of snow

yesterday. mmm & the
children were delighted.
Phe has just brought
in some half frozen
sparrows & set they revive
the places there in a
wire cage, & I think
they will die of stronger
later instead of cold.
Christmas was a clear
sunshiny day, & contrib-
uted to our cheerfulness.
He dined at the other
house. I took mmm
mm with old Grand-
ma & it gave me a
feeling of peace & rest
I had sighed for

some days past to pass.
Our gladness was mingled
with a sense of sadness as
well & I felt afraid Ann
was mixed giving up, but
kept little Harry very as
much as possible & all
forced ourselves to be
unusually cheerful.
Charlie had a crying
spell & that relieved
him so felt glad of
it. He speaks of the
mum continually, & says
he hopes she knows
how happily situated
he is. He takes break-
fast alone at 7.30 each

morning & come home
usually to a hot lunch
at 12. As I do not
see him early in the
morning, never go out
still after lunch as he
will not feel neglected.
The boys are delighted
with him & they love his
sincere respect. He weighs
161 lbs & is 5 ft 11 in height
He weighed 127 when he
arrived in U.S. I never
saw or communicated
a boy. I must now
conclude dear Aunt

Maggie & not trespass
longer upon your time.
With heart
sist & best wishes
for a bright & happy
New Year to all
Yours always in
deep sincerity & love
Lizzie

A. V.

Dec 31st/80.

"Adieu Old Year"





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Mrs Richard Ince
48 Park Street

Newark.

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NEW YORK
JUN 29
8 AM
TRANSIT

"This is one of Mrs. M. M. McDonalds pieces now Mrs. Pucias" is it not beautiful? The McDonalds have gone to after-noon meeting Mr. M. M. having a fine invited me to go with them

The holy feast is spread again,
And all are gathered there,
And to the altars foot they press
With reverence and with prayer,
Young heads of bright and sunny
And those of silvery hair;
Age, youth, and beauty side by side

a thing
 I cannot
 do - -
 I am rebuked
 by concern
 ed about
 your health
 but if you
 do not
 forget to
 make the
 taking
 all due
 care your
 first con-
 sideration
 should not

Please direct to "Minneapolis" my well meant
 (instead of ^{St. Anthony Falls} St. Anthony Falls)
 I will however speak of this again. His Sunday
 after Christmas I have returned from
 attending service at Waukegan where we had the
 "fact" read also the book for this season was
 Boileau's and not in New York as I feared I am
 going for the precious services that I have
 accustomed to participate in today but am
 somewhat comforted by reading
 "I love my God child"

lately but yesterday you were scarcely ⁱⁿ spirit absent and although I knew not really how you were spending the day still I made you call after tea wishing "the compliments of the season" Be 34 St. I was invited over to Uncle's and at dinner drank your health. The girls attended "The Ball on New Year's Eve" and as the night was dark and creek crossing not at all desirable the state all night at the Hotel and the nearly midday when they got home. Yesterday they

hear in thought the organs tone
Its rich harmonious swell,
The plaintive hymn breathed forth
Of Jesus' love to tell,

The pastor's voice of kind regard,
Beloved so long and well,

Then see the sacred symbols given,
And mortals eat the bread of heaven

In thought, alas! in thought alone,
I may not kneel today,

Among that band of worshippers,
Or in that temple pray.

Or taste with them that blessed food,
Strength for life's pilgrim way:

The holy feast is spread, and prayer
Ascends, but one is absent there.

The church bells have been ringing out
With their enlivening tone,

And yet within my chamber's bound
All silent and alone,

I sit to muse upon the past,
The hours forever flown

When through the sacred isle I trod
To bow within the house of God.

walked over with me towards evening on Belle. Benjie was with us but did not through the third creek to cross one on a log, the other on a plank went safely up to the outside of the tent and sang "Up in the City" and I singing bass and most spitting my sides laughing the while ban you imagine such music? We no longer paused than a loud clapping from the inside cheered us on as we went

they were eating nuts and apples I read parts of my letter just received to them and Charlie desired me when I answered to say that he had twice begun a letter to you. Of course I did not read about the prairie fire as B. would have been vexed at me for telling about it as he made rather light of it before. - What do you think? I went there one day last week and stayed to dinner do you think it was sunny in me? Remember how I taken up from the table the last time I ate there

And as the weary hours with pass,
For water-courses fair,
Long to reach the holy fane,
And pay my homage there,

And with God's people kneel me down
Forgetting earthly care:

It may not be - my heart be still,
And bend thee to Jehovah's will

Thou, who in desert mountains lone,
Didst tie where none might see,

To pour thy soul in secret prayer,
And bend the suppliant knee,

And ask thy Father's pardoning love,
For guilty ones like me; -

Give me thy presence, though alone
I bow before thy glorious throne.

Gracious, be with me: may thy love
Light up my path to-day,

And may thy Spirit's power divine
May every action sway:

Bless thou this sacred Sabbath time
Although alone I pray,

And lift my soul, and cheer my heart
When from thy people far apart.

Charlie was very pleasant - I was troubled after we started fearing the walk would be too much for Bettie after the last night's exertion but she is quite as well as usual today Mary however is quite sick. He was thinking of the Ball and did not put on her extra

waist yesterday on her return poor foolish girl she
has taken cold and may be very sick from the effects
of it. The Methodists here had protracted meeting last-
week they brought the Ball before the eyes of the
young people in such a light that some did
not attend and those from a distance not com-
ing made the affair quite a failure to the getting
up of it. --- Bear Maggie about that Christmas
present I cannot find words to express my thanks
to you, a thing I have for years desired a napping
ring I have almost coveted silver presents and although
your presents have ever been useful as well as good
still I am sure you never gave me a more highly
gratifying present. Oh how much I want to see it!
I shall think everything of it, and only wait an
opportunity to express in some more substantial
way my obligations. --- Another paper from Leaven-
worth City came yesterday. Shall I tell you my dream
last night. I thought I had to go out to order a cof-
fin for myself and although I do not remember the
purchasing of it, still it came and was stood on my
bed - made of rough pine boards - I was to finish
the work I was doing, and then was to get into it -
but the thought came maybe I may only be asleep and
they will fasten me up too soon so I resolved when ready
to lie down beside it - thinking that somebody would
put me in it. --- I awakened Maggie It was only a dream!!

Monday evening Jan 9th again I am medita-
ting another move. Do you remember Maggie
when I talked of coming away off here among
other attractions the thought of settling down
in some place of course with Belle (not on
my own hearthstone) was mentioned as an
inducement. How many times have I
moved do you think since we came here?
From the cabin to the tent - Next to the ^{Hotel}
then to Centropolis and now I am think-
ing of a return to Minneola. My school
term here will be finished by the end of
this week. The Methodist people often
need their building and then school
must be set aside, beside it's in an un-
finished state loose boards for the floor
etc. - "The Hall" at Minneola is finished now
and in the upper story a nice school room
which we may have exclusively; locking the
door & taking the key when we are through
A great number of my present scholars come

from that side of the creek. They will have school there if I do not take it so I think 'twill be best to be up and doing again. Maybe I will go to the Hotel to board. I will have a room to myself there. Can you imagine what a treat that will be? The partitions are plastered now. But most all the inmates now are strangers, except some young men that I do not care any thing about. ---

Another strange thing! Mr. Luce has gone away, at least so I heard to day. Is he not mean not to let a body know that he was going? Well maybe he will come back some time or other. I am sure I hope he may, dont you? I went over to Mr. Fullers to see about the school room at Mr. Tbe is the gentleman who talked about compelling me to leave this school as I was told. He was as kind as courteous as possible said he would have the room ready for me Monday week and promised me his children for pupils. Maggie although I have been kindly treated here I am tired and sick of the gossip that I hear. A persons reputation is never shared. Last week I was almost heart broken when I came in saying that I bowed to some one that I did not know. Mrs. McE. said do you speak to every one you meet. I bow most generally said I "I have heard women much talked about and she for speaking to every man ~~then~~ meet on the street so you see

Your note by Margaret was
a source of great pleasure
I put in the carpet bag
that I might read it
on the road if desired
The worth of kind word
who can know there is
I am obliged beyond
the power of language
to express to you for
all those articles put
in the article for
me and particularly
at a time when so many
things were engrossing
your attention But the
"Heart" can feel if the
tongue be silent.
How much I want to see
Alfred & Emma very much
Margaret told he went
nearly to the door to look
for Cousin Maria. His
them both for me and
accept my love for
yourself I forgot to tell
which suppose you do so
some good bye in affection true
Lizzie

Leameth August 7 54/55
Here am I safe and sound at
my journey and having enjoyed a good tea
a night of sound sleep and a hearty break-
fast. Of that journey you would like
to hear I left the city six o'clock Monday
evening aboard the "S. Boston" Henry went
to the boat with me got my ticket and
waited a little time - would you believe
that all those feelings of dread had left
me and I was "at home" we had a very pleas-
ant sail full enough for observation we
then about me I left the promenade deck
just before tea time enjoyed the meal
retired to the cabin had a middle berth
several babies in the cabin some of whom
refused to be comforted I tossed about think
there was other occupants in my berth that

were more affections than agreeable. Conversation mind not to be much disappointed if I did not
was brisk in the cabin. Several times could see Charles the cars scarcely stopped before first-
see the face of a man striving to peep in came & and at his side Belle although they were
through the blind and once when I was sitting not at home I did not mind it -- We had
up with my face close to the blind on the a very delightful ride home. My mind in
inside. I do not think he could see much a state to be happy, ~~that~~ we would have had
but he ^{stood off} when he found he was observed as though to meet with some mishap to make me feel
he was shot -- Sleep had forsaken me, arose pretty otherwise reached the cottage in good
early plenty of time to dress no trouble with baggage season I cannot find words to adequately
took a carriage about five o'clock for the Delavan describe the charming day the melody of the birds
house every body seemed going that way and I with and nature's robe of living green seemed
the current breakfast not very good. Found a Gent. doubly beautiful Bon may think well you
here whose business is to attend to the 'lone' ladies have been here and again that you are in
there was one beside me bound for the same "Sweet Auburn" the country now but I can tell you
left Albany half past seven delayed occasioned by Maggie White Plains has nothing to com-
the large number of passengers requiring extra cars fare to this place O how much I wish
had a delightful ride all things about appearing you were here and even then I think you
bright and beautiful speaking volumes of the would have to be confined to a school house
goodness and wisdom of that Creator who eleven month in the year to make you en-
has been so profuse in spreading his joy all that I do on. Last evening Maria
countless benefits and blessing around his erring Mrs Abel & Mr Marshall called had a warm
creatures. Maggie I could talk to the lady reception. They have just stopped at
beside me when I chose to view the country the door on their way to Auburn. Belle
or read in the excellent and deeply interesting is hurrying me as we have talked some
book that I reserved as a companion for my journey yet we can find something yet

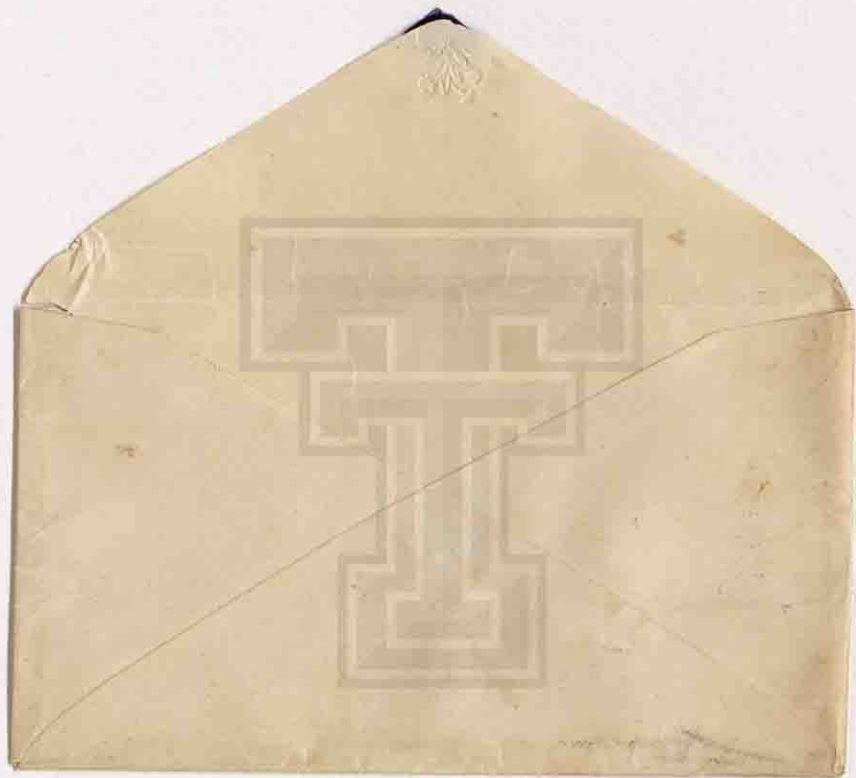
we are much obliged to Aunt Phoebe and yourself
for the invitation but we are engaged on that
day we expect the Bishop and they are to have
confirmation at the ^{the} Franciscan church. Perhaps
you will come spend the day with us
soon tell Aunt Phoebe to bring her family
and come sociably Give my love to all friends
and foes I hope you will exceed your
expectation with that fair; also have a
pleasant meeting tomorrow. My eyes are ast
ings very, strangely every thing is apparently moving
about - and I cannot write much more you
must write me a good long letter and if
I get rested soon. I will spin out a
yarn of our doings and sayings on the
farm but this may be pretty good for tea
cold chicken pot-pie; hot broiled chicken
hot bread. Bake; Raspberries & cream etc. etc.
Breakfast - pot pie warmed up broiled ham
of our own curing; cucumbers; pickled cherries
and so on. While I am writing Belle is
killing in a question the last one came
in this form. May is not going to have
any more children, is she? on my giving
an evasive answer she said well she means
to ask if there was a prospect now. My answer
was; I will ask her! Please send me word what
your expectations on the subject are that I
may know what to say when my friends ask

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SKANEATELES
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8
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Mrs Richard Tweed jr
White Plains
West Chester Co
N.Y.



Dearest Margaret

I received your note this morning request-
ing me to call for you this evening at Miss
Kuty's. I am unexpectedly called to Newark
this afternoon on business and do not know
how long I may be detained, it is therefore
impossible to say whether I shall be able
to call for you, if you intend coming home
to day do not wait for me but take day
light for it, my respects to Miss Kuty

Truly Yours
Richard

July 21st

Miss Margaret M. Sandy

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