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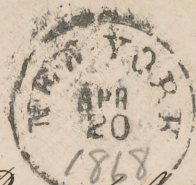
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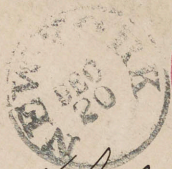


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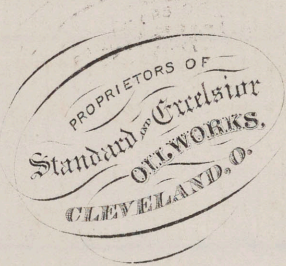
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To *Mrs. John D Rockefeller*
29 Cheshire St

Thank God I am unharmed=
The six forty(640) train I
missed had bad accident

John D. Rockefeller

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Office of Rockefeller & Co.

NO 181 PEARL STREET.

The Market full
& declining -
Our Money market
every uncomfortable
Can't tell about
Our Canal market

York Dec 20th - 1867

My Dear Wife

I arrived last eve at four O'C and after doing some shopping to replace my stock clothing and Toilet articles, called on Will & Minnie & spent the night very pleasantly. The Christmas presents were burned with the Valise and Umbrella, Our friends appreciate them as though rec^d and join in expressions of gratitude that I did not remain in the car with the Baggage, ~~I~~ do (and did when I learned that the first train left) regard the thing as the Providence of God. I will not by letter, rehearse particulars of the accident, but hope to Singapore, as early, as Wednesday next. Your folks all well, I expect to spend the night with them. You no doubt rec^d my telegram sent at 6 P.M 18th from Angola. I was well that a good work kept you and Bessie at home. We certainly should have been in the burned car as it was the only one that went that we could have entered at the time we would have arrived at the Station. I am thankful, thankful thankful.
Kiss the darling Baby.
Daddy Dug

Photostats and typed copies of three letters:

- Written by Mr. Rockefeller, Sr. to Mrs. Rockefeller, Sr.
Dated November 30, 1871, with envelope.
- Written by Mrs. Rockefeller, Sr. to Mr. Rockefeller, Sr.
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Clevd Tues. Jan. 16th

My Dear,

I was happy in receiving two letters from you yesterday, but I shall feel much better when I know you have letters from me. I think it rather worse to be away from home without letters, than at home without.

It snowed all day long yesterday, so we did not get out at all. This morning it is still falling, and the sleighs are plenty. Mother fears the storm may prevent her getting home this week, and I hope it will, unless she has an escort. I tell her she might be left in a worse place. She is happy and very well, and enjoys her food exceedingly. Last evening after ten we took a walking exercise in the hall. Bessie's cold is better, but baby seems somehow to have taken fresh cold. She was so restless last night, that I feel only half myself this morning, but after I finish writing I shall lie down. Baby has learned to kiss so pretty. Bessie sends her papa many thanks, for the Music Box he wrote of - she don't care how soon he comes home with it.

We are invited to your mother's this afternoon. I do not think we will take the sleigh unless it stops snowing.

It was so stormy yesterday there were only two applicants for nurse-girl, and I did not like them. I have not yet seen anyone I want. I hope the right one may be sent. I shall let Mary go Thurs. morning whether the place is supplied or not. You would be surprised

what a difference it has made with
Mollie since she found out that I was
"Mrs. Rockefeller". I have seen nor heard
nothing from Sylvester - Bessie says she
dreamed of him last night. She also
says she loves Sam as well as she does
Sallie, and she loves Sallie with all her
heart.

Ever yours,
Laura.

St. Nicholas Nov. 30/71

My Dear Wife

Yours of last Saturday
thankfully received - I telegraphed
you today at Cheshire and sorry
sorry sorry we could not
all have been together - I have
been more than busy, all the
time - though am feeling
well and hopeful, yet of
course there are many matters
to harmonize requiring patient
labor and effort.

Stayed with your people last
night - & came to St. N.
this morn then to dinner
with Will and now
back again to spend
the evening on business.
I cannot enter into
details before my return,
and cannot at the
moment tell when
can return but probably
in very few days, though
may then have to come
back quite soon -
will telegraph you when
I leave - I think it
not unlikely we will
spend more time here
than formerly -
Your folks are making
themselves Martyrs to Sarah
and Baby and I incline
to think they will
decide that Charity begins
at home by & by -

Mr. Flagler promised to
see you and explain
fully why I did neither
write or return - for
the first 8 nights I
averaged up until
about midnight and
the days were full
of meetings - I
I feel more and more
like arranging to have
my family move around
with me - Will is
anxious to have a house
here together -
Mira & Children well
I can understand how
you must be very lonely
and feel myself as I just
told Mr. Devereux like a
wandering Jew -
It makes me cross to think
of Sylvester and we will
try and improve our condition
soon as I can give it attention.
I ran down from Mr. Watson
room to write this and
now go to him
and then home - A
man who succeeds
in life must sometimes
go against the current
and in hearing of Mrs.
Dr. Treadwell whose
husband went West
without seeing her
in employ of the Govt

expecting to stay all
winter - I think my
family have a home and
a protector - in their head
and to a man it is
worth working for -
Many kisses to you and
our children -

Truly
Jno.

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Cher. Tues. Jan. 10th

My Dear,

I was happy in receiving
your letter from you yesterday, but I shall
feel much better when I know you have
letters from me. I think it rather worse
to be away from home without letters,
than at home without.

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are plenty. Mother fears the storm may
prevent her getting home this week, and
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I tell her she might be left in a worse
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after tea we took a walking exercise in
the hall. Bessie's cold is better, but she
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She was so restless last night, that - I
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noon. I do not think we will take the
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nothing from Sylvester. Bessie says she
dreamed of him last night. She also
says she loves Sam as well as she does
Sallie, and she loves Sallie with all her
heart.

Love yours, Laura.

Tues. Jan. 18th 1872

My dear husband,

It is rather doubtful
just if they find you in New York, but
there is a fair possibility, I write.

I have not yet heard how Mrs. Hayler
enjoyed the journey. Mother went yesterday
in the four-ten train. She took a lower berth
in a section of the sleeping car, and I think
will be very comfortably found. Sam bought
the tickets and checked the trunk in the
morning. He stopped to say good bye to your
mother on the way down. Mr. Edwin Bell
was in the same car going to Boston. I
asked him to see if mother had no trunk

in changing cars at Albany.

I felt quite lonely after leaving
and if it had not been for the ^{mother} children,
should not have wanted to come home.

I called on Mrs. George - found her well
and enjoying living without any girls at
all - her husband and children taking the
meals out, and she cooking for herself and
the man, who is nurse for the baby as well
as housekeeper. I then stopped at Mrs. Chute's
and saw Nellie and the Dr. ^{and} ~~and~~ as
he was coming out. He said she was out
of danger, but the move was all made
down and the poor bones broken. I feel
very much relieved that she will not die,
but how terribly her face must be disfig-
ured!

Just after I had finished reading the
evening paper at half past eight o'clock,
Mr. & Mrs. Andrews came in, and

stayed an hour. I told them I thought
they were sent to relieve my loneliness.

Mr. A. said he was sent by you, to tell me
how well you were feeling over the signing
of the contract.

I shall attend this afternoon the
funeral of Dr. Lyman and take Mrs.
Duncan and Mrs. Strong in the carriage.
All the pastors of the city will go in a
body. Tomorrow afternoon, Maria's ~~brother~~
brother, the City Collector, will be buried
from his house, where he has been sick
two weeks of heart disease.

I am feeling well, very tired, and now
I shall lie down. I hope you keep well.
Don't forget to take plenty of exercise.
With love,

I am your wife,
L. C. R.

where to find our office + later
in the day, at the St Nicholas
saw the card in the hand of A. Stone
Jr, who is figuring with Van for the
business. I made a proposition to draw
100,000 barrels + Mr Stone desired a meeting
with Van last eve at Manhattan Club room
+ Will engaged to meet them at 9 O'Clock.
We talked business to "Amasa" + guess
they think we are rather pomp young
men.

Monday morn 12 O'Clock

your 17th at hand. We cannot decide on
the Gas fixtures until my return. I fear
they are not good enough. If we can
afford it I want our house well
furnished - You better engage the man to whitewash
the walls (select the best man + make best bargain)
you can, I want you a splendid business
Woman + this may be more experience than
you need -

This Bachelor life I am disgusted with +
want to return to your bed + board + will
at earliest moment - I have Mr Chisholm
letter + if I happen to see Stephens will
figure on the Euclid St lot -
your loving husband
Jno

82 Adams St Brooklyn

Apr 19th /68

Dear Laura

This is the first attempt at Sunday
letter writing I have any recollection of
for many years. Your Mother loaned
me the pen, with which I am writing
+ she is rocking in her little chair, while
your Father on the lounge + Lute in her
room are enjoying their Sunday afternoon
sleep.

Your Father secured very desirable rooms
yesterday + with Mother + Lute is rejoicing
in prospect, of a change, he is unsettled
as to future business but not nearly
as despondent as when with us. The
remainder of the trio are well and cheerful.
We attended the Rev Bartlett's Church
this A.M. + afterwards made an examination
of the building + lecture room, also Sunday
school room + Pastor's Study. The whole

cost of which was \$35 or \$40.000 + built
in the time of high prices from
62 to 65, it has a stone front + will
seat one thousand persons. I am decided
we want our Lecture room + Sunday School
room above ground, + if our means
are not sufficient to build elegantly and
accomplish this, then let it be plain, as
the comforts + conveniences are worth
more to our Church than the elegance,
though I would like this also.

I expected a letter from Mr. Chisholm
advising me where I could meet
Mr. Stephens, the owner of the Euclid
St. lot, + am disappointed in not receiving
a word from him. I wish he would
telegraph me immediately + I will try +
see the party + make the purchase at once.
My preference is decidedly in favor this
lot. I forgot to mention, that the
Organ + Choir are back of the Pulpit and
elevated about, say ten or twelve feet,
and this suite me exactly,

I expect to go with Will ^{and} Mira tomorrow
eve to Fairfield + Bridgeport. that is
if they can "go", + on my return
will spend some time examining Churches
in N.Y. + Brooklyn, as I may not have
another opportunity before we must decide
on our plans.

We expect to hear Rev. H.M. Storrs this
eve + will examine the building after
the service.

Mother says send "lots of love" to Laura
+ Bessie, she can't give up the idea
of your bringing the baby, and making
a visit this Summer + I do not discourage
it, as it is not impossible, but that we
may + the hope she feasts on every day.
as her love for her daughter + grand daughter
are very strong. We were sent for by
Mr. Vanderbilt yesterday, at twelve O'Clock +
did not go, he is anxious to get our
business + said thought he could meet
us on the terms, We sent our Card
by the Messenger, that you might know

Tues Jan 23, 1872

My dear Husband,

It is rather doubtful if this finds you in New York but I think it a bare possibility, I write.

I have not yet heard how Mrs. Sledge endured the journey. Mother went yesterday in the four-ten train. She took a lower berth in a section of the sleeping car and I think she will be very comfortably fixed. Sam bought the ticket and checked the ~~trunk~~ trunk in in the morning. We stopped to say goodbye to your mother on the way down. Mr. Eddie [Clark?] was in the same car going to Boston. I asked him to see if ~~the~~ mother had no trouble in changing cars at Albany.

I felt quite lonely after leaving mother, and if it had not been for the children, should not have wanted to come home. I called on

Mrs. Egears - found her well and enjoying living without any girls at all. Her husband and children taking their meals out, and she cooking for herself and the ~~man~~ man who is more for the baby as well as butler. I then

stopped at Mr. Christolm's and saw
Nettie and the Dr. Cushing as he was coming out.
He said she was out of danger, but the nose
was all ~~broken down~~ mashed down and
the jaw bone broken. I feel very much
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Tomorrow afternoon, Mr. --- Chancelis(?)
brother, the Deputy Collector, will be
buried from his house, where he has
been sick ~~two~~ weeks of heart disease.

I am feeling well, only tired, and
now I shall lie down. I hope you
keep well. Don't forget to take plenty of
exercise.

With Love
I am your wife
L. C. R.

~~Charlotte, Jan~~

Cleveland, Tues. Jan 16th

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family have a home and
a protector - in their land
and to a man it is
worth working for -
Many kisses to you and
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Truly
Yours

St Nicholas Nov 30/71

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and 181 Pearl Street,
New York Dec 1 1871

Dear Laura

I wrote last night from St Nicholas and after writing saw Mr Watson with Will arriving home about 11³⁰ — There is a new view of the question just introduced & I don't know how it may turn though am hopeful — indeed the project grows on me — I dreamed last night of the girl Celestia Seelman and awoke to realize she was my "Laura" —

I think some to go home tomorrow morn but cant tell until the further development the P.M. — With much love

Yours Truly
J. D.

December 1st 1871-

Dec 15/71 J^EW

Dear Wife .

Your 12th rec^d, thankful to hear
again. I wrote yesterday - just - one
telegram from Flagler saying he would
come tonight or tomorrow morn if wanted,
I am^t not before Monday or Tuesday -
If you will take as good care your
self as I do at present (specially) of myself
I shall be only so thankful - am taking
two meals daily + not overworking - per
negotiations are chiefly through Watson and
there is much waiting and consequently a
good chance for rest - he saw Com Vanderbilt
last night + succed admirably - so that now
we count surely on Clark, him + W.H. Vanderbilt
I really fear, from your letter, you are doing
so much work + taking so much anxiety. I
am not going to scold, nor continue
complaining least I loose my influence.
I would give anything to be quietly at
home, and Monday next without a soul
outside knowing it - Oh for a home dinner
good cream + the quiet + peace at our own
table - I bought Bessie a big stick candy
last night + will try + get it home without
breaking - gave Emma one and she

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MESSAGES SENT TO ALL POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dated, 787

To

Dec 13th 1871

was delighted - She thinks a great deal
of her Uncle Geo -

I am exceedingly anxious to hear about
the church suit - dont wonder that
Mr Chisholm is cross, that carpenter is
not a good man - I shall be disappointed
not to be present at next social - but
am resolved to take a philosophical
view and save my flesh - Mother & Mary
are cheerful and enjoying the visit - it
will do them good - I will pay expenses
your folks put & back if they will go,
& will try & see them soon - it will
be very pleasant to have them there -
Now be a good girl, dont eat too much
Oat meal, Keep your face clean and I
will be with you by & by -

Soon as I get time we will get the
best man in Sylvester place that can
be found - meanwhile hold a stiff rain
over him -

Yours lovingly
John

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117 West 47th St N.Y.

Sunday eve Jan 13/72

My Beloved Wife

Last eve I rec^d yours of
6th 8th 9th 10th and they afforded
me much pleasure - it is now nearly
ten O'P I am just in from Church and
to be up for a 6³⁰ breakfast in the morn
and off to Philad - where I will remain
say two or three days - If your husband
does show any evidence of improvement or
growth he is indebted to his wife, whose
influence would uniformly aid in improving
elevating & enabling ~~elevating~~ - how much
I am indebted, but how can I ^{duly} estimate a
silent steady influence for good in the
midst of so many evil - How happy I
should have been to be at ^{home} today - but
I seem to shrink from the responsibility of
the Superintency, I feel unworthy and
fear least with the many other things
upon me I may not be the best one
for the place -

I stayed in Brooklyn last night and this

Jan 13th 1872 -

morn heard Reverend Pentecost on
"Revival" it was an extemporaneous
effort, and good - He is
pastor of Hanson Place B. Church
and I think a promising young man -
This eve Dr Armitage gave us a sermon
to Young Women -

You write long letters, I fear you
weary yourself thereby, don't do so.
a short letter from you is worth
much more than a long one from
me

Old Mrs Gribble remarked on New Years
day how much comfort Harriet had been
to her, and also that she didn't want
her when she came into the world
thought she had enough before, - how
do we know, but in old age we may be
left to lean on the one, we hopes would
delay in coming for some time yet -
Don't allow any misgivings - we will
together make the most of our experiences
and try for all the good and happiness
that can come from our united life

and never hug a Ghost while we
are spared to see it -
Many not very well tonight - all the
rest well and join me in love
Affectionately Yours
Jane

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Dear Miss Jane

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We are invited to your morning tea this
noon. I do not think we will take the
slight unless it stops snowing.

It was so stormy yesterday there were
only two applicants for nurse-girl, and
I did not like them. I have not yet
seen anyone I want - I hope the right
one may be sent. I shall let Mary go
Thurs. morning whether the place is im-
proved or not. You would be surprised
what a difference it has made with
Katie's since she found out that Dr.
"Mrs. Rockefeller" - I have seen her - heard
nothing from Sylvester. Bessie says she
dreamed of him last night. She also
says she loves Sam as well as she does
Sallie, and she loves Sallie with all her
heart.

Dear young Sam.

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My Tried ^{and} True

Four beautiful letters from you awaited me at 147 West 47th last eve - I meant in a former letter to be understood - I did not want you tired out writing long letters every day to me - I am aware it is no small labor to write so much - could you write as easy as think, and as rapid I would ^{say} 10 pages short hand daily - We got our contract from Scott O.K. 19th yesterday and feel well over it - are hopeful will soon have balance the signatures - and may leave for Pitts next Tuesday eve ^{and} if so will stop two or three days on way home - In all human probability I will return to you on or before 27th - how much I

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would give for wings to reach you tonight.
tell Bessie I would fly down chimney and
also that Emma slept with me last night and
didn't she kick¹ Mira out of bed today but
Mary not, when we left in morn—
I feel more than ever thankful for a true and
loving wife, why shouldnt a man be
stimulated to efforts². The world is full
of sham, Flattery, no Deception, the home
is a haven of rest and freedom — I am
trying for a ride this P.M. + in eve come down
to St Nicholas —

Yours Truly

Jno.

January 20th 1872.

Tues. Jan. 23rd 1872

My dear Husband,

It is rather doubtful if this finds you in New York, but as this is a bare possibility, I write.

I have not yet heard how Mrs. Flagler endured the journey. Mother went yesterday on the four-ten, train. She took a lower berth in a section of the sleeping car, and I think will be very comfortably fixed. Sam brought the tickets and checked the trunk in the morning. We stopped to say good bye to your mother on the way down. Mr. Eddie Childs was in the same car going to Boston. I asked him to see if mother had no trouble in changing cars at Albany.

I felt quite lonely after leaving mother and if it had not been for the children, should not have wanted to come home.

I called on Mrs. Eyears - found her well and enjoying living without any girl at all - her husband and children taking their meals out, and she cooking for herself and the man, who is nurse for the baby as well as hostler. I then stopped at Mrs. Chisholms and saw Nettie and the Dr. Cushing as he was coming out. He said she was out of danger, but the nose was all mashed down and the jaw bone broken. I feel very much relieved that she will not die, but how terribly her face must be disfigured!

Just after I had finished reading the evening paper at half-past eight o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews came in, and stayed an hour. I told them I thought they were sent to relieve my loneliness.

Mr. A. said he was sent by you, to tell me how well you were feeling over the signing of the contract.

I shall attend this afternoon the funeral of Dr. Lynan and take Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Strong in the carriage. All the pastors of the city will go in a body. Tomorrow afternoon, Minna Chandler's brother, the Deputy Collector, will be buried from her house, where he has been sick two weeks of heart disease.

I am feeling well, only tired, and now I shall lie down. I hope you keep well. Don't forget to take plenty of exercise.

With love,

I am your wife,

L. C. R.

Dear friend

My dear husband,

It is rather late
for of the friends you in the book, but
there is a fine possibility, I write.

I have not yet heard how Mrs. Hayler
enjoyed the journey. Beth went yesterday
in the four o'clock train. She took a berth with
a view of the sleeping car, and I think
with a very comfortable friend. I have bought
the ticket and checked the trunk in the
morning. The stopped is very good eye to your
mother on the way down. Mr. Edwin Hall
was in the same car going to Boston. I
asked him to see if mother had not been

in changing cars at Albany.

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I called on Mrs. George - found her well and enjoying living without any girls at all - her husband and children taking their meals out, and she cooking for herself and the man, who is nurse for the baby as well as housekeeper. I then stopped at Mrs. Stucholm and saw Lillian and the Dr. Cushing as he was coming out. He said she was out of danger, but the more we all marched down and the fun bone broken. I feel very much relieved that she will not die, but how terribly her face must be disfigured!

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I am feeling well, only tired, and now I shall lie down. - Hope you kept well. Don't forget to take plenty of exercise.

With love,

I am your wife,
L. C. R.

St Nicholas Jan 24/92

Dear Wife

No letter from you - I hope all
is well though - We are progressing and
contracts are being drawn - Weather
beautiful - At this writing it looks as
though I might get home Saturday
night but possibly go to Pitt Monday
noon for say two or three days -
(rather than hold meeting in Philad and stay away)
I shall go off the handle if I ^{over Sunday} do not
reach home Saturday night but
if I do I wish could be
relieved of duties and responsibilities
Sunday and get a good rest
and a quiet day with you
and the children - Am feeling
better today and taking the best of
care of myself. Allow me to inform
you now, that when I come here again
to stay two with you are coming
to -

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Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

To

Heath came here from Cleveland
this morn (arrived last night)
seems very anxious but I could
not give him information —

Devereux returned home last night —

Mrs F. feels this morn, poor
woman and poor husband —

Try and take the open air every
day, "there is nothing like it"

I hear of Mr Chisholms accident and
am anxious to know his present
condition — hope it no serious

Please excuse me for writing on this
telegraph paper with pencil —
but it is much easier for I
am fixed — Lovingly Yours

Dug

Jan. 24th 1872.

117 West 44th N. Y.

Jan 25/92

Dear Wife

I am just in rec^t
your telegram ^{6³⁰} and am so sorry
you cant come - I telegraphed Seefeld
to come at time I telegraphed you
as it seemed quite evident I could
not get away this week - I had
insisted on going tonight or tomorrow
but our men would not hear
to it, they are nervous, and lean
on me - It requires the patience
of Job - I am very much disappointed that
my hands seem tied & I can neither go or
bring you - If there is any such thing
I will yet break away tomorrow night
or Saturday morn - I am provoked
that your mother should go and leave
you alone, I think it is too bad -
Your visit was welcomed this morn.
I did not write until this eve expecting
surely to see you - I feel like a caged

Jan 25th 1892

Lion and would roar if it would
do any good —

I do hope baby will soon be better,
+ that you + Jessie are well and
that you have secured a competent
Nurse — Send for Bell or the
Henry Girls —

How very sad is poor Mrs Christolme
case, how thankful should we
be that no such accident has befallen
us —

Would you have come if weather
had been comfortable? it has been
dry and very comfortable here, though
for two days quite cold, but Will
says after one more cold it will
moderate again —

We have fully agreed with Mr Vanderbilt
to come into the Standard, as also
Mr Bostwick, some progress every

day but these men ^(Could Harky + others) are Selfish and
cant ask enough, and it is very very
trying, but if you were here I could
battle with them to their hearts content
and grow fat — I believe it will
all come by by ^{me} wouldnt wonder
if better, because of all the ^{developments}
being made —

How sad the death of young Thompson,
I remember well our meeting him
at the wedding —

It is a pleasant thought to me
that my family have all the comforts
of home, and that we have been
so prospered, and placed in independent
circumstances, it seems a fabulous
dream but I, assure you it is
a solid and very comforting fact —
how different our condition from
the multitudes, let us be thankful —

Yours Truly
Jm^m.

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My Dear Wife

Your 11th 9th 12th rec^d readⁿ & reread - what a blessing
that I have such a good & true wife - it is easy to
write Newspaper articles, but we have other business -
We will do right ^{and} not be nervous or troubled about
what the papers say, by & by when all are through possibly
we may briefly respond (though it is not our policy) and
leave future events in the business to demonstrate our intentions
and plans were just & warranted - I want to act
perfectly conscientiously and fearlessly in the matter and feel
confident of good results - Sorry it seems best not
to go at once to you and our dear children but duty to
this matter seems imperatively to demand my stay here
few days longer and I am hopeful can get at least
a good fraction of the N. Y. Refiner to join at an

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early day — Saw your Father a few moments, and day
or two since and hope to go to Brooklyn Sunday —
Sorry Sam troubles you about going away but he
is not the only good man, and we cant afford
to baby him to sepsiling —

Tell Bessie I love Mamma Baby and her "more than
tongue can tell"

Mary is brighter this morn — been in bed several
days but now up and full of cheer — Please remember
me to all enquiring friends — it is a good thing
to have friends —

Please dont overwork — here is a kiss — the hugging
when we meet —

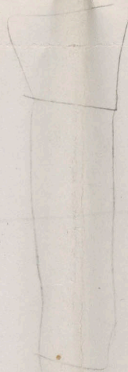
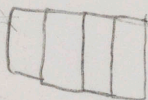
Yours Truly
Jas.

Canal

March 15th 1872-

Dear

9th AL





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Sunday Eve March 17/72

My Dear Laura

I came over to dinner -
it has been snowing a March
Storm - Mother in good health
you I not very well + Lute quite
poorly, is to take treatment beginning
tomorrow for her Lung -

We (4) have had a quiet evening
visit and only wish you and
the children were here - How
have you spent the day, how
much I regret to leave you so
much alone, tomorrow morn
I go early to St. Nicholas and
during the day + Tuesday hope can
decide when can return - be
assured no small matter
will prevent my returning

March 17th 1872.

but cannot at the moment
hope to start until the last
of the week - All here want
to be affectionately remembered
to you and so much wish
you were here tonight - they
fear you are overworking
for Society matters, I told
them I did so -
We don't allow the News paper
articles to trouble us, knowing
by whom written and the
influence that induce
them, Your F. thinks we
are quite right in making
no answer. My health has
been splendid - and I am yet
decided to persevere - it may
take weeks and months yet
to succeed but the Union of
our American Refiner is
worth much labor and patient
effort - and that I will

give and at some
time not let it chafe
and annoy me - I now
was more thankful for
good health and more
desirous to preserve
it - money won't buy
it - for you or I, let us both
be temperate in all things -
I desire to be remembered to
all inquiring friends - and
at the earliest moment to
return to the bosom of my
beloved family - May you all
be kept in health and
safety - I hope matters are
looking hopeful in the Church
and School - and that today
was a good day with you
all - Lovingly Yours
John

117 West 47th St N. Y.

March 21/92

My Dear Laura

Your letter 16th came to
shew & bless me last night, I have read
it again this morn with much pleasure
and satisfaction, I am still pursuing
and hopeful, remember our side have
not yet been in the paper, we know
a few things the people generally may
not, at all events we know our own
intention, ^{and} that they are right and
only so - but please say nothing only you
know your husband will stand by and
stick to the right, (It may be the best
thing to have the public feel we are
defeated in order to allay the excitement
but we will not decide that yet) I have
hopeful indications (this is a game of
Chess not Chequer) - I desire to be
remembered to my friends who inquire
after me - I told you once in our
bed chamber 29 Christie when I did
have fear about my business - you

March 21st 1892.

and now fear but that
you will be the first
to know if any thing
goes wrong in my business,
You know we are independently
rich outside investments in oil.
but I believe my Oil Stock the very best -

Since writing above have received
your good letter of 18th and talked
over an hour with a N.Y. Refiner
and will put this in my pocket
and go down street -

Since above have put in the
day with work in the regular
way, and am feeling tip top,
in health, though there is nothing
specially encouraging (nor otherwise)
in the business news of the
day - So much I want to see
my beloved wife & children - All
join in love - Yours Truly

Geo

Mr Flagler stood the journey
pretty well, though at the
last - Frank got a head ache

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My Dear Ettie

We had meeting in our office with three Producers
(part of the R.R. Committee) and these meetings bring us
into better relations all the time, I go with Will,
Bostwick & others to Continental Phil^a & expect to return
here next day (tomorrow) late at night - I assure you
it is not my pleasure to remain all this time but
a stern sense of duty to this cause - I haven't any idea
giving up ship or letting go my hold, though I feel pleasantly
even towards those who have misused me, and will try
and not allow all this noise & bluster to cause me to yield
any vital point - Already we could compromise, by giving
up our freight contracts, the Producers recognizing we
ought to unite, as Refiners for protection, but the fact is
we did not contemplate swindling the public in it and

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it is not the business of the public to change our private
contracts -

I cannot write you in detail, I am now harrying
to go - I love you & our sweet children and will
cheerfully work night and day for all time for your
protection and affection -

Truly
Yours
J. D.

March 22nd 1872.