

half price and not  
any account.

Now please don't write  
of this say a word  
about this as I will  
get around say if  
he don't get well and  
I see I can't get a  
long without one.  
And again, I have  
another secret which  
I will tell you (as  
usual) one that I  
have not told to a  
soul except Jack and  
he was there when the  
accident happened.  
The secret is this:  
the store like to have  
been in danger.  
I had just gotten  
the mail and went  
to that station of

Dear Mr. J. H. McCallister

Dear Mr. J. H. McCallister:

was received and I  
put very highly compli-  
mented to know that  
you want me to write  
and being encouraged  
by Condit I take the  
privilege of composing  
this letter to tell of  
my new dicton.  
I suppose you have  
heard from the  
boys before now and  
in fact if they still  
keep up their mile  
(before they married)

[Feb. 25, 1890 postmark]

They are joining you to stay at home.  
"one before each meal" He went home that  
of that is the case I am and said he  
but jealous as I shall would stay for a  
only received one. few days and if  
I received a letter from any better would come  
Johnie yesterday, telling back and if not  
me of two or three he has little suit,  
chills of shuntins which I got back to help  
he had just purchased me Saturday but  
and requested to be I suppose I will have  
sent immediately, which to act as "Chief Cook  
I suppose were as I and little work" for  
received the bills this the rest of the time  
morning, "Hint that business best for goodness  
We all wish I am safe don't sick of  
getting along all O.K. You write to Johnie  
at the store, for about it,  
Sunday Will see what if you do they will  
to the doctor to see about yuck - through the  
the cough which he has numerous and come  
and doctor advised him back with chestnut,

had on the chest  
and the books which  
I had just finished  
pasting up, were  
mingled with great  
many other things in  
the flames,  
I had presence of mind to grab the books to keep on me,  
and run for a blanket  
with which I covered  
myself and the books  
and had everything  
straight in a few  
moments and to my  
surprise not a thing  
damaged except all  
of the accounts which  
I had so much trouble  
in throwing off.  
The coal oil and glue  
got all over them.

There is another  
month's work for me,  
a large bottle of  
mucilage and another  
of gum and wax on  
top of the chest and  
it seemed that back  
I was under spirit  
and stuck up and  
seemed more than any  
thing else.  
We miss you all  
lots and will be  
glad when you come  
back. Tell Miss Agnes that  
as energetic as ever.  
Kinie, I know you  
are having a gay time

She sends love to all

Bill came to the stop  
and seems better so I sup-  
pose we will get along  
all OK. Hope just written to  
the boys.  
but Mamma says he  
here and not forget  
that you are to stay  
with us some.  
I will not write any  
more as I know you  
heart got mail often  
enough while you  
the hands are away.  
Somebody will tell you  
at night and May get  
a letter from him.

Yours,  
W. H. Lewis

Please remember about  
what I asked you in  
regard to telling John & the

a desk to write a  
receipt for a check  
which I had just gotten  
out of the office when  
all at once, the whole  
desk fell right on  
top of me,  
it had a lamp on  
top (not lit) but full of  
oil, besides the one in  
the rack, which was  
lit, the lighter lamp fell  
and burst (not exploded)  
the oil caught fire  
and quite a blaze as  
well as confusion was  
caused.

The check which I

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Mrs J. W. Evans

B. G. M.

My darling Fannie:-

I took some paper up to my room last night to write to you but after getting up there felt so tired I postponed it till to day and find now it is night again before a second opportunity came.

I enjoyed your sweet letter very much and would have been greatly disap-

pointed had it not been waiting for me when I arrived. You see from this paper that I have changed hotels. The Metropolitan is being run now on the European plan and to get a variety of dishes (which you will know I like) would make board cost us \$4.00 or \$5.00 for day each, consequently as that fare would be entirely "too rich for our blood" we took up our apothecary shop and furnishing goods supply and moved to this hotel - about the same as the other was last Fall. Maj Hilder and Mr Lyle the far.

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ties we met them from Brownsville Tex. are here in NY now. They changed hotels also.

McElrath & Graham are stopping them but are not so well pleased tho they seem to stick to it (I suppose by ordering one or two dishes at a meal.)

Mr Mahan is also here but I havnt met him yet.

It is not so cold here now and I am getting along nicely. Yesterday was a beautiful day. We came to NY this time by the Pennsylvania R.R. which

2-4  
takes us by Johnstown - where we  
saw the surroundings and the  
many evidences of destruction  
which are still left visible  
from its disaster. Across of  
it looks yet like the bed of  
a mighty river, rock, lumber,  
trees torn up by the roots &  
are scattered here & there in  
piles. But still people are  
working and fast replacing  
everything as before. Hun-  
dreds of men are seen build-  
ing bridges, rail roads, houses  
&c. Reading of a full description  
at the time did not impress  
me so much of the sad mis-  
hap as passing through now.



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and seeing the "Remains".

In passing this route also we could be miles up on the sides of Mountains and see clouds below us. a very pretty scenery most of the way.

I might have enjoyed it a great deal more however had my precious little wife been at my side. This is the first <sup>hour</sup> time since our marriage I had occasion to feel the effects of separation. ~~and to~~ This separation also (however short) has made me realize more fully the steady

growth which one's love assumes  
after marriage, and gives one an  
idea of the effect and power of  
love to be attained by a happy  
union and mutual exchange of  
affection and devotion through  
life. Feeling as I now do, that  
you are so essential to the ex-  
istence of my life's happiness  
and all that is sweet to be en-  
joyed, I can not imagine how  
destiny separated us so long  
or how I did without the  
angel influence of my lov-  
ing little wife. For my part  
I can't see why some men  
rest so content away from  
their wives; I shall never

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be satisfied further away, than  
from the memory of a yester-  
days kiss-or the customary and  
essential 2 pr. day "curtain  
lecture." When one becomes ac-  
customed to these things, proper-  
ly given, You know, he can not  
rest content without them and  
the greatest boom imaginable  
would be for me to receive  
either - or both at this or  
any time. Don't be dishearten-  
ed though and think because  
I enjoy those lectures so much  
that they are not "well put"

for nevertheless they tear me  
all up and make me feel  
awfully sorry or glad as the  
case may be.

I am glad you are so much  
"in the swim" at home and  
hope your friends will continue  
to have opportunities of showing  
their appreciation of so dear  
a little woman. Enjoy yourself  
all you can and I hope Charlie  
will not raise protest against  
you going out at any and all  
times you can. Let him re-  
main "in umbra"; it is too  
early yet I suppose to intro-  
duce him into society, How-  
ever I suppose he will have

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5- an introduction to "Aunt"  
Auntie. Grandma & possibly  
Mr. McElroy. I hope he will  
"take well" (?)

We havent bought any thing  
yet but have applied our-  
selves very closely pricing a-  
round. I hope we can  
start home Tuesday or Wednes-  
day, but cant say yet what  
time we will likely leave.

Give my love to all the re-  
lations and respects to any  
enquiring friends &c.

With love and many kisses  
Love Your afft. husb. J. B.

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New York, Sept 4th 1890

My darling little wife:-

This is the first opportunity I have had to write since we left home; so I will spend it in telling you how we are getting along. We came straight on thro' Louisville without stopping and arrived at Cincinnati to find that "special rates" had ceased only a day or two before. We then left Cinti. the same hour and arrived in New York at ten last night went to the Metropolitan Hotel but was informed that no

change to the American plan  
had been made and it  
bring too rich for our blood  
on the European plan, we har-  
nessed up again and dragged  
our selves up to the Grand  
Central where we now are.  
We bought Hosiery, Dressgoods  
and Umbrellas to day and will  
hurry through as fast as possi-  
ble to "take charge" of our fami-  
lies at home.

Several have asked why we  
are so late to market. Of course  
we told them we had been  
in the "baby business."

I suppose Mary Ann will be  
walking by the time we re-  
turn. It will be very nice if  
she can "walk herself" at night  
without having my assistance

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It is very pleasant here now,  
not cool enough for our over  
coats yet, but I am told there  
was a cold spell the first of  
the week.

Tell Mary we havint begun  
thinking of her "diamonds" yet.  
I saw a Swiss peddler have  
some right pretty ones on the  
street but didn't stop to in-  
spect them as we were in  
a hurry. I expect we could  
do better any way at a  
regular dealer's (?)

Tell mamma if Hubert or any  
Young Bloods begin showing too



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much attention to Annie  
May (a la Mary Ann) cut  
them off short as I don't  
want her head turned  
by boys until she finishes  
school.

And if our loving Cousin  
Julia or her husband  
Bradley - sends for the baby  
to use as a pattern, be  
sure to forward her without  
delay - as marked family  
resemblances are always  
desirable. However if Alf.  
should send for her I  
hardly think it would be  
safe to send her so far  
in the country.

You can direct your let-  
ters hereafter to her care

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of this hotel. If none of them seem to have time to write you can get them to write a postals just so I hear of-  
ten how you are getting a-  
long. I forgot to leave you any money - You can send orders to store for what you want. I hope you will get well rapidly and have no fear but that you will if you be cautious - which no doubt you will.

As I have no news and am feeling tired I will close until another time

Love to mamma and  
all. Take good care of  
yourself. I want to see  
you looking plump & well  
when I come home.

Devotly Yours  
W. W. Evans

N.B.

Tell Leslie to watch after  
May(?) while I am gone and  
not to appear "indifferent"  
to her and Sandra's case.

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New York, Sept 9th 1890

Dearest Nellie:-

We received Mary's  
postal to day saying "families  
were all well" which relieved  
our anxiety and gave us bet-  
ter spirits to move on and  
finish our stay away from the  
mothers <sup>and</sup> kids. I never was as  
anxious to get on a train in  
my life as I am now to feel  
that I am hastening home-  
ward to my loved ones.

When we do get through I feel  
like starting home on a bicy-  
cle train (I saw one <sup>day before</sup> yesterday)  
which travels 100 miles an

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Last Sunday we spent the morning in Central Park, taking in the managerial and small people in their various styles of turnouts. In the afternoon we went over to the much heard of Coney Island. The entire town is composed of Beer gardens, Beautiful, queer & wonderful coasters, Flying Jennies (costing thousand of dollars), and all kind of peck-mell amusements you ever heard of, Hundreds of Brass bands, open theaters - open to the street. and every other accompaniment to a big

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circus or any thing else  
You imagination could con-  
ceive. And more ways to gam-  
ble than I ever heard of for  
that really was all it was  
mostly - All along the beach  
was very pretty and hundreds  
of people bathing. We went  
over part the way on a big  
steam boat with about a  
thousand passengers & the  
balance of the way by rail  
in open or summer cars.  
Trains ~~came~~ <sup>and</sup> boats went over  
every 30 minutes during the  
days loaded. Racing was  
going on at the Race grounds

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but we didnt take it in as it was Sunday. It is one of the biggest race courses in the world.

We bought clothing Yesterday and cloaks to day. and will buy dry goods to-morrow. We will make an effort to get home Sunday but cant say that we will succeed. We are always so tired at night we dont care to go right seeing. Though we went to a minstrel one night which was excellent. Not many good shows going on now. We passed close to the statue of Liberty in.

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day but didn't stop & go up  
in it as we would have like  
ed.

I am sure to take good care  
of your self; I wait to see you  
up and all night when I get  
home. Tell Mamma I hope  
the excitement & stimulation  
caused by the two grand-  
daughters will prevent her  
from ever having any more  
spells. I will close now  
and go to supper. Love to  
all

Devotedly Yours  
LW



.....  
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CARPETS,  
FINE SHOES,  
DRESS GOODS,  
CLOAKS, WRAPS,  
EMBROIDERIES,  
HOSIERY, GLOVES, ETC.  
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Russellville, Ky.

June 15 1891

Dearest Fannie:  
I rec'd. your  
letter yesterday and was  
glad to hear you & Annie  
were getting on so  
nicely. I hope you will both  
be much improved by  
the time I come.  
Dad, Annie & the Briggs  
family are spending the  
day at Buena Vista Spg.  
You have an invitation  
to the opening ball to be  
given out there soon. I will  
enclose it with this letter.  
I expect it will be quite  
a large & nice affair.  
Mamma and all the  
family rec'd. an invitation.  
I told her that Cal. Jeffries

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had marked her name off  
the list (to be her escort) and  
Brother Northcross had spoken  
for the first quadrill.  
I am going with some  
fair maiden to Court if  
I can, as I do not wish  
to miss so swell an affair.  
I called on Kennard wife  
& Co yesterday afternoon and  
told him about preaching  
such long sermons. Also called  
on Doctor Winston; he is very  
sick - inflammation of the  
bladder.

Good lumber is coming  
in today and the carpen-  
ters will begin building  
Monday. No earthquake  
has turned out lot up yet,  
and I don't suppose I

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will build before your return  
I was glad your trunk was  
put off at B.L.; it was risky  
sending it that way without  
check.

Will is my bed fellow now  
He was called up early this  
morning to select a coffin for  
a country man.

Leo is expecting Walter all the  
time now. I hope he will be  
sure to come as he & Leo will  
have a fine time together this  
summer. They cant well do  
without Leo at home or he might  
come to stay with Walter. Mamma  
is very anxious for Walter to  
come & stay with him.

I am beginning to miss  
you very much already but  
want you to stay your visit

out this time as you say  
I brought you back each  
time before.

I suppose Anna may recog-  
nized her grandparents &c  
and you have shown all  
her tricks by this time.

Our neighbor Fowler has a  
ten pound kid now - born  
Friday.

Was glad to hear that Doctor  
came out so successfully at  
his Commencement.

All are well & told me to  
send love. I will love now  
write whenever you can.

Lovingly  
Thos W. Merwin