



HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER  
GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS

F. W. REED, PROPRIETOR



CLARKE & CO., SALVADOR

CAMERON, TEXAS, NOV 14 1916<sup>2</sup>

My Sweetkins!

The Sun has not been  
shining for me since 24  
hours after I left - you & I went  
to Waco fully believing that  
I could make an honest  
living for you in spite  
of the missteps of this year &

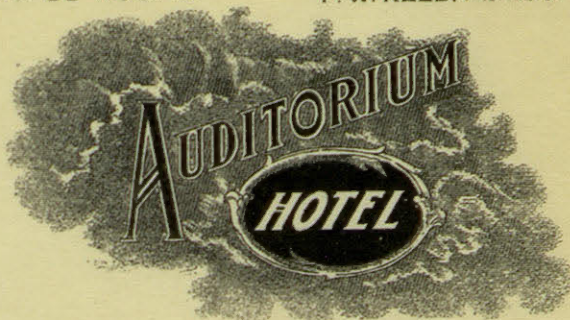
When I reached Waco I found  
that Stanley J. Clarke had  
just been arrested in  
Rose Texas altho he had  
not made a speech in  
favor of the War or against  
it; he was soberly, patiently  
sending many letters to  
farmers to organize in  
the Non-Partisan League





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The managers from the north  
feared that hysteria  
was on and hence inasmuch  
as the league was new in  
Texas and I was figured to be  
a worse man than Stanley  
therefore I should not go to  
work but wait for Stanley's  
return from the pond and 10  
days later x  
This put me in the air ~~because~~  
because I never dreamed of the  
Camelons going so far with  
such a clean organization x  
I then went without waiting  
to Hallsville and got  
one of the Breckinridge  
advising for Hecker's Mayhew





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1911

I got ~~400~~ 800 circulars, 500  
envelopes, came to Waco,  
mailed 100 letters to the Cream  
by the (500) x I went daily for  
18 days and did not get even  
a positive cond which causes me  
to believe that every thing is  
held up in Waco. Incidentally I  
want to warn you that a law  
has just been passed by Congress  
that if an individual uses the  
express or even hands out  
a copy of a suppressed  
paper he or she is guilty of  
felony. Keep your hands  
off mailings, distribution in any  
form. Strictly obey the law.

So you wonder why I have  
signed blood in not writing to you





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AUDITORIUM  
HOTEL

CAMERON, TEXAS.

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Now I have gone to work for the  
N. P. League on a Commission  
to be in Falls, Co. x My first  
work was today in Falls x I will  
speak there Saturday x If the storm  
here comes down Saturday I will  
not see me on de ~~evening~~  
2/x otherwise I will be home  
for at least 10 days filled  
with news for you and all the  
folks and I believe it will  
be good news for all the folks.  
E. R. S. girl has put off her wedding  
engagement for one year  
(More so) I am in good  
health, working hard, having my  
nerve and democracy will triumph  
over first to you and everywhere the  
Secrets More and More (over) ✓



your own hubbins —  
Tom

X X X X X X

P.S. Optisism tell me  
that I will see Xmas  
dinner with you all  
Tom

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P.S. — did you hear of the  
Whiffeney of my friend  
Herbert S. — my cousin —  
What conundrums —  
Tom  
How much I love  
to tell you —  
Tom



T. H. Miller

COUNTY JUDGE AND EX-OFFICIO SCHOOL  
SUPERINTENDENT LIVE OAK COUNTY  
GEORGE WEST, TEXAS

9-20-22.

Dear Tom:

Your letter reached me several days since; have been too busy to answer until now. Am attending to school work of the county; also acting as receiver for the Water and Light Company, but on the first of the year the K.K.K.'s take charge of everything; They swept the county, so you see I will be looking for new fields in which to spend my surplus energy.

I don't believe there is anything we could develop in the oil game here; everything is shot to pieces. If you happen to find anything you think I could hold down write me at once. I tell you, Tom, things went to hell right in this county; Uriah Heap House defeated our friend Casey by 15 votes for commissioner in my home precinct. Do you blame me for wanting to skidoo?

By the way, what kind of an animal is the "Kosse Clyclone"? Is it in any way related to the Rebel?

Bro. Buck and I fought the KuKoo Krowd to a finish but they swamped us at the polls. Do you think an Anti-sheet could be made to pay if it was run on a large scale? I want to get into something there is some fight to---damn this dignified school room stuff.

Glad to hear that you have regained your health  
hope you stay well;

Yours in crime,

J.R.Secret.



Rule, Texas.

November, 17, 1915.

Mrs. T.A. Hickey,  
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sister:-

Well I am back home again come in yesterday morning left Waco Monday night with the other boys

On Sunday it rained nearly all day in Waco and pretty cool I went to the Park in the morning but there was nothing doing so I went back to town and went to see the movies at three oclock I met the other boys again for the first time and then we walked all over the City as it was clear and Sun shining

again Monday I went to the Palace again in the afternoon but it was almost the same like two years ago except different shows areoplene flight,

at night I had my grip filled that I hardly was able to handle it.

And when I got home it was dry likesan hill and I toke the bale of cotton to the gin this morning I picked cotton and now we have a sand storm blowing like der dickens from der N.W. and fine dry.

Well I hope you all got home O.K. so good by regards to Mr. T.A. Fred.



The Labaca County Nachrichten

R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

Swifty Letter III 3

HALLETTVILLE, TEXAS, June 16 1917

my wife: I send you herewith  
the suppressed copy of the  
Ref-x

Nothing doing from Washington x  
It looks as if we were well  
We sold at a good price x

Everything is at 6<sup>5</sup> and 7<sup>8</sup>  
[Kuddel muddel] However

My health is perfect - and every  
one is keeping his head x

I am pretty certain to leave



The Labaca County Nachrichten

R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

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here not lots them money x

If the Reb is independently

depressed - or at least for

the war I can go to Nebraska

or Dakota or Minnesota

for 3 mos x

I will not promise but it is

possible you can come along

as we talked about some

money x



The Labaca County Nachrichten

R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

(3)

HALLETTVILLE, TEXAS.

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The pay is \$1.50 <sup>per</sup> month

R R and Hotel ex'or

I will speak, if at all

only on the law question

you are right about the  
evidence note you spoke

so much about - I was

right about - James

Meyers, he wrote the articles

Kess Muttchen and



The Labaca County Nachrichten

R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

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HALLETTVILLE, TEXAS.

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Best for me and best-  
regards to Dad, Cork and  
all friends x

Your loving husband who  
wants to know you in the  
next - week

Tom,  
x x x x x



(1) Hopesh-Tx  
June 8-15

Dear Mr. Kins: you  
will be surprised to learn  
that Sam here x Noble  
telegraphed me from  
Indiana where he went  
to settle his ~~husband's~~  
Uncles Estate x so I  
had to go to this place  
and whip a preacher x



(2)

Then I go to Dallas  
tomorrow to look after  
advertising & I will be  
in a Brein on July 8-9  
at the Encampment &  
I hope to meet the  
Mittlerchen and all the  
good people there &  
I sure want to see you



(3)

I will have a delightful  
present for you, you  
would never guess what  
it is x Consider your  
self kissed and kiss the  
girls for me

Your own best one  
Jeth x

x x x x x x x x



Stilene  
July 13

Good me; we are  
were on our way to  
Big Springs x we  
will be in Stamford  
next Saturday x  
Le Seuer's speaks  
in the afternoon x Tom  
writing Mark to come



dawn and gre-  
myself, Ernest and  
Cecilia and I spend  
Sunday with Hank and  
the Mutterchen x

Can you come to Stanford  
It does not matter if  
you don't because I  
will be home on ~~Monday~~  
Saturday Evening



Consider yourself  
Kissed until then  
Kiss Mütterchen & the  
girls for me x best  
regards to Ed.

Jim

X X X X



ALL OUTSIDE ROOMS  
NEW FURNISHINGS

LARGE SAMPLE ROOM  
IN CONNECTION

# NEW GRAHAM HOTEL

AND CAFE

EUROPEAN PLAN

IN CENTER OF CITY

WILLIAM GRAHAM, MGR.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS,

Aug 25 1915

Sweetheart:

I will be in  
Loggertown on Saturday A  
M from 11 to 12 o'clock

E R A Hall on Sunday

Have written to you at  
greater length before

Carl X Consider yourself  
kissed by your ever  
loving husband

Dem

X X X X X



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May 25, 1915

My Beauty: Can't leave x  
Jull 12 in Sangerston Friday  
and will make two speeches  
that day so I can take the  
midnight train and will be  
in Sangerston at 2 or 3 am  
Saturday morning x  
E R A Hall have 2 days  
off and will arrive at Sangerston  
at the same hour on Sunday



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Morning x E R Says that this  
will be his only chance this

year to see the Mutterchen  
Hofers x He says he  
will work for them later  
for hours x

So long until Saturday

#m

Joan Ann Gay  
JAG



ROBT. E. SPARKMAN, Proprietor

J. H. GIBSON, Manager

## The TERMINAL HOTEL

RIGHT BY THE UNION STATION

A Room with Private Bath \$1.00

Waco, Texas, May 2 1918

My Darling: I have been called  
in here on "important" business  
presently and am going out in  
(20) minutes back to El  
Campo x There has been been  
popping here and in other  
parts of the State x I take E R  
to mail you my check for  
\$1.50 ~~or~~ I may have to  
draw \$2.50 of that leaving



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Waco, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_

Jan \$12.50 for April x Full  
particulars Sunday

Your lover Husband  
Tom  
X X X X X X

Love to Mother and all

Tom



El Campo, Tex  
June 11-'18

My darling: The enclosed  
letter from Lesser in the light  
of correspondence sent to you  
last. MRS speaks for itself x  
"Lesser's word is law, therefore,  
the accounting dept. will  
send you check for \$150<sup>00</sup> or will  
pay Heyerman through you in  
which case your check will be  
\$167. and some odd cents ~~that~~  
in which case



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you remit the difference to Henry  
Hegeman and keep \$150<sup>00</sup>

Also you may expect a  
check out of your Hubby's  
Commission on or above the  
first of July x all of which shows  
you that there is no use of a  
damn fool Englishman trying  
to fire on Graham - he simply  
will be fired or conscripted



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he makes his own laws  
When he knows he is right

"Lesse" came to my terms not  
only because he is a good fellow  
and a deep thinker but because he  
knows that genuine NOT quite!

the fact is that I have never  
gone to report & I have  
never had an opposition



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anyone got to love if they  
continued to show the Gilbert  
like inefficiency & of Gilbert  
interposed any more they will  
have it out twice more x

I am still receiving

Congratulations for my loyalty

stand before the word, loyalty

to the Vose-masses of the H.S. and  
to Hell with the perfidy x



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The Minnesota primary  
takes place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June  
my manager and the <sup>former</sup> MP  
candidate for G or have been  
arrested x Mitch results

About the 20<sup>th</sup> June x

The black man is my only  
in Whitman Co

opponent and he want say so x

There is only one thing  
worrying me now and



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That is I can not take  
my own sweet wife  
in my arms, but as I said  
to Bertha [Clint Smith's wife]:

The greatest men in the  
world are far away from their  
wives now<sup>!!</sup> And he agrees  
with me.

Loving you as always  
and hoping soon to see you  
Your own boy  
Kisses to the mother x Tam x x x x



P.S. If within (248)

hours after receiving this  
letter you did not get  
you & I do write me  
instantly x

Your lover Hubby  
Tom x



RATES \$2.25 AND UP PER DAY  
HOT AND COLD WATER, STEAM HEAT  
BEST OF ROOMS AND BEST OF MEALS

ALL NICELY FURNISHED  
OUTSIDE FIRE PROOF ROOMS  
SAMPLE ROOM

## COMMERCIAL HOTEL

D. M. RICHARDSON, Prop.

ALTUS, OKLA., July 12 1918

Dear Mother; Arrived here OK  
Had good nights sleep &  
Gaps are burned up all along  
the road & will be in Mitchell  
at 540 this evening and  
leave at 12 <sup>30</sup> and will be in  
K @ 8 AM Saturday & I'll come  
about you last night & supper  
and had lunch & car is here

Miss Spol & will write from  
Mitchell. Kiss Mother & all  
from me & your love 11-11-18  
D.M.R.



# New Windsor Hotel

C. E. MORAN, Prop.



ELECTRIC LIGHTS, STEAM HEAT  
SAMPLE ROOMS, BATHS

Seward, Nebraska, Oct 9 1918

Sweet: over in here last night  
from Lincoln x Am to drive 175  
miles today x I had a beautiful  
meeting last night, breakfasted  
with Republican candidate for Governor  
Venelle is his name x just involve you  
to let you know I am feeling good  
Kiss mother & tell for me  
He who adores you  
Tom  
x x x x x





HOTEL SHERMAN

4TH AND SIDLEY STS.

ALSO OPERATING  
Hotel Annex  
4TH AND JACKSON

ANGUS J. CAMERON

ST. PAUL, MINN. July 15 1918

Sweetheart: arrived here  
yesterday x

I go to work tomorrow x

Gilbert has been hired x

The fish is again x

I met him this morning  
and he sure looked sick

I went to the big depe stores  
to try to call for "Bill" et al  
and they will be shipped tomorrow

tomorrow x

Very  
I am in fine health and spirits  
your own boy

Tom

P. S. June Smith has written me  
the letter will explain  
Look for real news tomorrow  
TA



FARMS  
RANCHES  
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# J. T. WILLIAMS

REAL ESTATE  
MY TERRITORY IS BOUNDED BY THE OCEANS  
TEXAS REALTY A SPECIALTY  
PHONE BELL 807

LOANS  
SELLING  
LEASING  
RENTING  
EXCHANGES  
INSURANCE

Kosse TEXAS,

Oct 14th 1922.

My Darling Wife,

Enclosed find cashiers check for \$15.00. (B) Your oil stock letter that you sent me, (C) A write-up that I have just made for this weeks issue of the Cyclone for F Z Bishop. (D) a personal letter from my old stenographer J.R. Secrest,

As to the first, use that fifteen dollars for gas and oil and expenses to drive down to the Bishop properties, or at least to his office in the St Anthony hotel in San Antonio, where you will be recognized as acting as agent for me. I hope you can take Carl or Bertha along with you. I should have put (E) above because I am also sending you carbon of a letter that I am sending Secrest that explains itself. I believe he could come to Sagerton and Brandenburg and make speeches at the School houses that will start a number of buyers down to the Bishop lands, and for every thousand dollars worth of land sold you get one hundred. And remember that Bishop and his agents do all the selling. All you got to do is to dump them out of your car into his office. You ought to make a big clean-up out of this, because the Mexican border is the ideal place for a German.

As to the oil stock, it looks fine. I am advised by experts that it will have a trading value on about twenty five cents a share after while.

I am making some money here and would have sent you a really good size check were it not for the fact that, with Mr Robison and



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TEXAS,

another big local man, I am putting over a three hundred thousand dollar oil company of which I will be vice-president, and I have to kick in heavily for lawyers fees, stationery, & etc. ~~xxx~~ We will have acreage close in to the Jones well but will need some wildcat acreage for advertising purposes. We will have a meeting at 2 O'clock this afternoon and I will make them a proposition to put in a thousand acres of yours and Carls and Miltons land on a six months lease. The company contracting to drill on one of the farms inside of six months or forfeit one thousand dollars. I think you can see how fair and square that this proposition will be inasmuch as it will not tie your land up for five years like in the Rosenthal deal. Read this letter to Mutterchen, Carl Louise, Alma and Bertha, and be prepared to send down the field notes on receipt of a lease contract on the terms stated above. For the like of me I cannot any reason in the world why you shouldnt immediately jump at this six months proposition. If it was humanly possible for me to think out a better deal I would have done so.

Your Hubby is in glorious health, working sixteen hours a ~~in~~ day, ~~under~~ a severe but enjoyable strain, and I am thoroughly confident that before very long I will make a hundred thousand dollars in the oil game. You can drive to San Antonio by way of Brownwood and Austin. If you want to go fifty miles out of the way to gaze on your handsome Hubby come by Waco and I will run over in a car. Kiss the Mother, Louise and the Girls for me,

Your loving Irish Hubby

Tom X X X X X X X X X



Fort Worth  
Jan - 25 - 1922

my Clara: I promised you a letter day by

day; so here is one, and I got out of  
Lw to send it, and keep my word x

I was photographed today x

I will not send you one for you  
will see it in the S Telegram next  
Sunday and if you like it the artist  
will duplicate it for you and mother x

I will send you your R R for  
next Saturday to come to Fort



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worth and PE handled properly

by the handsome writer!

I have written a lot of high power

stuff this week x

I will write no more tonight

but will go to bed to dream of  
my lovely wife

Tom

P.S. Watch for tomorrow's letter and  
prepare to pack your suitcase x  
TA



Hotel Grace

Abilene, Texas, July 10th, 1916

Mrs C B Hickey,  
Rule, Texas.

My darling Wife:

I reached Ovala on schedule time. Everything is fine.  
Send my stuff by parcel post to Sweetwater where I will speak next  
Saturday in the afternoon. I would be delighted if you could run  
over Friday night. I will stop at the Grogan Hote.

I enclose you an editorial dealing with your magnificent  
husband published in the Ft Worth Record of last Saturday. Send to  
them for a couple of extra copies and keep them for me.

With best love to the Mutterchen and all the folks,

Your loving husband

Love

X X X X X X



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Kosse TEXAS, Oct 14th 1922.

Mr J. R. Secrest,

Simmons City, Live Oak County, Texas.

Mr Dear Jay,

Yours of 20th received. I am tickled to death to hear ~~from~~ of your misfortune. I wish it was worse, and the pity of it is that you didnt get wrecked a year ago. I say that for this reason- why in blazes should a big two fisted, upstanding, he-man like you, potter away your time around the skirts and ragged bretches of little school girls and boys? And why should a man that faced the bullets in France and Possesses an imagination like yours stic himself down in a snake infested, rat eaten, drough-stricken, rotten hole of perversity like Simmon City, that has intellectual leaders like Uriah Heap House, the jitney driver, and the Arkansas miserly Midas?

I have two jobs open for you just because I know you are one of the finest cleanest fellows God ever let live. The first one can be best understood by reading some advertisements I will send you under separate cover from F. Z. Bishop. I know him personally and write his copy, not the ad copy. And it is a hundred percent all right. Through this connection I have secured the exclu- sive right to sell his land in Jones, Haskell, Stonewall and Fisher counties on the basis of ten percent, I to land the prospective purchasers in the StAnthony hotel at SanAntonio, then Bishop to do the rest. I have presented this matter to my Lovely Wife and Carl Wolf, and I believe they will take the agency off ~~their~~ my shoulders. I am sending them a carbon copy of this letter, and if they should take up the proposition which I believe they will because it is an immense money maker, they might need your assistance because you know the southwest Texas territory so thoroughly. They may write you or telegraph you to meet them in Sanantonio, and if they should make a deal with you and run you out to West Texas, they ~~makex~~ may founier you at the most wonderful chicken, country ham, and cream that a South Texan ever handled. Thats job No. 1.

Now for Job No. 2. The Jones well blew in in Kosse on Aug. 18 and registered twenty thousand barrels a day. It took a year and a day to drill. Immediately, the usual temporary boom started. And now fifteen wells are reaching the sand. Half the population are starving to death until the second well comes in and when that happens there will be a bigger boom here than Burk or Ranger in their wildest days. And this is the reason why. When the Ranger boom was on, Deademona, Eastland, Breckenridge and Burk were all booming together. Now there isnt one boom town in America. Hence they will all flock to Kosse in about twenty five days. If you come here I can guarantee you a place to sleep and a meal ticket until you catch on. It will be a real fight, a rough, redneck, knock down drag out battle for the coin. I can help you in stenography and newspaper work, promotion and every other angle of the game, at which I am a past master. I have a real scout named Ward working with me now and we will quickly put you next the inside stuff. My advice however is that you associate yourself with Carl and my Wife first and then come on here when the big crash comes, when I will at once wire you. Now you dm big rough neck you understand why I am glad you lost. Your pal,

*Tom Henry*



Sunday morning  
August 20. 1942  
Dallas, Texas.

My own darling wife:

I have been in fine health  
and spirits since leaving you & I have  
just been able to meet expenses and no  
more as the Small commission and the fact  
that the price is so low makes financial  
returns small. ~~For~~ For instance meet an  
Auto Sales man yesterday who only makes  
10% commission but he gets \$200<sup>00</sup> every  
time he makes a sale & the difference between  
a \$2000<sup>00</sup> sale and a \$150 is enormous &  
and our expenses are the same! Savvy?

I had a long talk with Honey lost  
Friday & He says Cotton is going to  
30¢ and it can not go lower than 20¢  
He went home Friday and will be back  
Wednesday at which time we will go  
and see the insurance man &



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Cotton went up \$4 ~~or~~ a bale here  
yesterday which makes a gain of \$10.00 for  
the week. I don't know but it might be  
a good thing to sell half the cotton at 21¢  
and gamble on the balance. I met the  
Stamford Cotton Buyer that offered 17¢ <sup>(and to)</sup>  
in the Oriental Hotel yesterday. He  
wants me to speak to Honey for a job  
as cotton classifier.

I do not think I will have to go to  
Milwaukee. I expect to make a good  
living here. I am through with West-  
Texas for ever! Here I am in the heart of  
population and the center of the newspaper  
game. Why then should I lose a day in  
the sand and shinnery of West-Texas?  
Dallas is a beautifully clean city of 200,000  
population. It is immediately surrounded  
by Tarrant, Ellis, Kaufman, Collin,  
Denton and Johnson and has over 1,000,000  
within a 100 mile radius. The roads  
are fine and the people friendly.



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Here are the prices my restaurant man  
tells me he paid this week for farm  
products x eggs \$25<sup>00</sup> a case; Creamery  
butter 40¢ a lb; then 23¢ a lb and  
Spring chickens 28¢

private families pay 15¢ a quart for  
Sweet-milk and for good Country  
butter 50¢ a lb x Ed Cassiter of California  
the big Jersey breeder has an immense  
number of select customers who pay  
him 70¢ a lb for his butter shipped from  
his S W Texas Ranch x

I have been told in good authority that  
one red woman here makes \$40<sup>00</sup> a month  
on one Jersey cow and she has only  
400 feet of space and of course buys  
all the feed x

I have been day dreaming at night  
and here is my practical ideal to which  
I am working:



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I want to buy you 10 acres of ground,  
on a pike, within 10 miles of Dallas &  
In the Centre a bungalow surrounded  
by trees and a Garage for a Ford car & a  
seeds system and all labor saving house  
hold devices. I want not more than one  
Jersey cow or two at the extreme limit; if  
a third one approved I would share it; There  
is too much damn sloven attached to the  
milk biz & Lots of Wyandotte chickens, with  
a real piano and a fine den for myself  
and then we would have the real life & x

While I know nothing about farming  
I know a good deal about farming  
prices and I conclude that ~~even~~ <sup>farming</sup>  
farming is sloveny as farmers can not  
successfully organize while there are  
300,000 renters there for a small  
place within 30 minutes of all the  
advantages of a high civilization



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that can only come with a great city is the  
ideal thing x I hope to see the day when  
Karl & Louise will settle down to enjoy  
life on 10 or 20 acres and the mother  
with Fred & the girls will have 10 or 20  
more - then we are in our separate  
establishments will begin to live !!

I was with the Governor last Thursday  
in his hotel x He gave me a letter to  
the biggest man in his line in Texas x  
Particulars later x "Jim" spoke in the  
fair grounds to the biggest audience  
that ever assembled in Dallas x He told  
me he would win by 75,000 x See that  
all hands vote x If he wins I am sure  
to win my post office fight  
I had a shake hands with Joe Bailey  
last week and there made an



✓  
appointment with him to discuss my case  
after the primary x

The sales fair opens the first week  
in October and I must have you down here  
then - just 6 weeks off x

I am working for you

I am longing to see you

I love you and you only

your beautiful sweetheart mine

Tom Hickey

P.S: I have desk room here with  
an old lawyer friend - Judge  
Houston Wood, Room ~~132~~ 211  
Andrews Building, Dallas, Texas x  
Forward all mail here to me x I will see if  
only a postcard x write to Arnold x I got a  
fine letter from him in another surprise  
yesterday - Love to all Tom



Kosse, TEX

Sept 11 - 22

My own since-wife:

Yours received;  
I also received the one with the  
enclosures x This is the kind of letter  
to write, cheerful, happy and leaves me  
it made me feel good x

Enclose find letter from my boss  
that is very explanatory x you see  
I come down here to see advertising  
for \$300.00 a page - 25% Commission  
The rush stopped so I went to work  
for the Kosse Cyclone on Commission  
So as to keep my head above water  
until the second wheel comes in 60 days  
or may be 50 days from now x then  
I will be in the big money x I am



(2)  
Now partners with Mr Rabson the  
owner of the Cyclone in leases and  
royalties x We have not turned any  
yet x Commissions on such stuff  
runs into hundreds of dollars on  
a deal x I am also a partner  
with Gifford Crawford as the  
second paragraph of the letter  
shows x Send me back the yellow  
letter x Gifford is a good fellow x  
I have nothing to do with Elliot x

I don't think I will go to Lincoln x  
Calton is going to 30¢

Fitz Currier does well here; only one shop  
and he is a bloomer x

Joan handsome hubby too in fine health



(3)

and spirits and is confident that  
He will do better than ~~as~~ ~~dem~~ ~~one~~ x  
I am sure to make a bunch of money  
here when the big play is on & then you  
will have the home in the big city x

I will write to Baldwin this week for  
10,000 acres on a drilling contract x  
I have a big operator here whom I  
interested x I presented him  
that I got one thousand acres near  
the duck for my work x He agreed x  
If Baldwin does not come across I can  
block out 10,000 acres towards Owens x  
There is nothing certain about this only  
one of same was I have in the fire

I am making for that big show and a  
big competence x Love to the Muller's  
and all yours and yours only  
- The Fisher-



My dear Sirs - one;

Russe Tex

Sept - 17 - 22

I am making good here x  
I am outside man for the cyclone x I solicit  
Advt's, Circulation and in the case news x In  
this issue I wrote the Mayors proclamation  
and the fire story and the prize money x I  
mailed you a copy last night x

I am working on a 25%  
Commission basis for Advt's and Subs  
and am making \$2500 a week on average  
per week x However I am only paid  
when the bills are paid so I am not  
flush with cash like the 1st when  
bills are paid but I am not needing  
any thing x

I have formed a partnership with the  
owner of the cyclone handling leases  
and royalties and City Real Estate x  
We go 50-50 - And thereby  
hangs a tale !



(2)

I have the exclusive right to sell 88  
acres of land in the Rio Grande Valley  
that is owned by a local business man.  
It is in (3) separate tracts & one tract  
of (33) acres is adjoining the town of  
Los Indios 6 miles from San Benito  
on the R.R. towards Brownsville and is  
500 miles from here & it is as clean  
of timber as a kitchen table;  
abundance of water; is next to  
irrigation pumps; crosses a hole and  
a half of cotton to the acre but can be  
put in a grape fruit farm & the grape  
fruit takes (5) years to grow into the  
finished form but it pays expenses  
after the second year & then it is worth  
\$5.00 <sup>per</sup> an acre & all this land with  
water sells for from \$400 <sup>per</sup> to \$450 <sup>per</sup> an  
acre & myself and partner can sell it for



(3)

Any thing we like over \$200 an acre  
That is if we can get \$400 an acre  
we keep \$200 an acre

Waw I see it in my bones that I am  
going to do as well here as I did in  
Desdemna with this difference that  
I will sell out when I get the chance  
and thus come out with money instead of  
losing as in Desdemna x

If I make the money I expect I am going  
to take 10 or 20 acres at \$200 an acre  
I will only have to put \$500 up and make  
you a present of it x

I will only do that for speculation  
purposes because I don't want you  
to work any more on a farm if I  
can keep a and 2 or less I can x  
I am in good health and



(4)

I'm working like a trojan, if the  
boom was on I would be making \$100<sup>00</sup>  
a week on this job & I fear that my  
boss will see the paper & I will  
be all over people and then I will have  
to go out of the cyclone but I still  
have the old journal but there is  
nothing doing until the  
second will come in

Enclosed find and carefully keep  
a letter I got from Jim Bryan  
Don't show it outside the family

I am as close to Martin as Stanford  
is to Sagerton & when the money breaks  
my way I am going to have you down  
here & kiss the blunders & all for me

Your own boy  
Jim



Kosse, Tex

1922

Dearest:

I am here safe and sound

Harry Elmer is here

I wrote my first story today and have  
just mailed it

I am working in commission and am to  
be paid \$3.00 a column for all they  
publish  
of this town. I will make big  
money

I am in fine health and I spend but am  
lonesome for you & we just simply  
have to get together & I can't  
stand the separation & so you may  
know I am working like a Turk

He who loves you

Tom

P.S. Keep in good spirits by all  
means. Love & best  
for all  
Tom



Kosse i Tex

Sunday, Sept 2  
1922

My Darling: Enclosed find a letter  
from my boss x I am getting in  
my feet x things are quiet here  
and will be for 60 days until the  
second big well comes in x  
Look up Kosse on the map x I am  
on the H A T C R R in Limestone Co x  
11 miles from Bremond and 46 miles  
from Waco x I am also near Morlin x  
I wonder if we could meet at the  
Cotton Palace x if not I will take  
a few days off and run home if  
only for a week end x I want to see  
you so bad and also the lovely  
Mutterchen x Cook for me.  
Letters x Address me c/o The  
Kosse Cyclone  
Your Loving Hubby  
Tom