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My dear "old sweetness",

I thought this morning I would drop you a few lines so that you might know, I thought of you constantly and wanted you to hear from me on Sunday as usual. I will make it a point to mail Thursday so it will leave here and you receive it Sunday. How will that please my dear boy. I tell you, I have just been rushing round pretty lively these last two days and people think I mean business I guess.

Father and I went down to see about our cards to. and have made arrangements about them and will have a specimen the first of the week and a chance to make a change if necessary. Think to have 125 struck off.

Father and mother got their photos last night and I will send one of each in this. Mother is not very well pleased with hers and I do not think they do her justice but am delighted with fathers. Please take care of the picture for father says he will not sit again and Hickox broke the negative and so cannot have any more struck off. I feel real sorry but you keep fathers any way. I received the letter you sent with out stamp yesterday and had a good laugh. I would not have understood the meaning of our sentense if I had received it before you came up. It was this in regard to your "retiring to your "virtuous couch". I now know what you mean.

It is quite amusing to see & hear what people have to offer in regard to you & myself. Our dear friend Mrs. Gilbert is in a terrible "stew" but I hope she will survive. Father is just finding her out and I'm glad of it.

But my dear Lum, I'm just as happy as can be with you so far away from me. You don't know how I miss my dear boy's kind care and attention. I miss my rocks and good night & good morning kisses but never mind it wont be long before I'll have them all the time, it? We shall hurry just as fast as possible but my dear, don't set your mind to strong on the first or second day of Jan It will come off just as soon as possible you know it will, don't you?

Our friend Harry Norten & wife are talking of coming up here this evening if they possibly can. Must now close for this time. Mother and father send love and say it seems very lonesome here without their boy Lum. Now be a good boy and take good care of yourself and remember me to father and mother S\_. I will stop short.

Your devoted and loving girl,

(dont that look nice)

Carrie Slaughter

My dear precious Lum,

I was surprised enough-when I read your letter which I received last night, to learn that you had gone out in the country. I hope the cold snap we had here Friday and Saturday did not reach as far south as Texas, for if you were out in it am fearful you suffered, for it was fearfully cold here. Friday morn it seemed quite pleasant and as I had shopping to do and had to have my tooth attended I started for town and just got there and it turned cold and the wind blew high from the north. I did my shopping and started for home and had just as much as I could do to get across the prairie. Thought once I would have to give it up, the wind blew so hard and cold and I had to face it but I never give up, you know, and so got home pretty well tired out. We were all invited to our neighbor Welsh Thomas's to dinner and we went and it pleased them amazingly and gave our friend Old Lady Gilbert something more to talk about. You would laugh to hear Father bless the old lady, he is so completely down on her now. He did not go over to see her now, before he went to Scott.

Mother and I are here all alone, father went back to Scott yesterday morning as planned before you left, but the last of his visit was not as pleasant as yours. It is quite a story so I will tell it as short as possible and you can imagine how terribly frightened we must have been.

Friday night was a bitter, cold night, a night that makes a person want to huddle around a fire and keep warm. We retired early for father had to take an early start in the morning. About three o clock in the morning, we were aroused from sound sleep by a terrible thumping at our front door and a man begging to get in. At first we thought it just an excuse to get in but father went round to the front door and found the man was nearly frozen to death. His tongue was getting stiff and he could hardly walk, Father had to help him round to the kitchen. We made fires and Mother made hot drinks and made a bed on the floor by the stove and worked with him about three hours. In the mean time the man got so he could use his tongue and told his story.

He is a Welsh man, lives 18 miles from here by Americus, came to town Friday morning while it was pleasant to trade, the storm came up and he got some liquor to warm himself and started for home. He does not think but the cold weather came on and took to liquor to keep him warm and it make him crazy and he got cold and got off his team and that is the last he can remember

about his team. He wandered around and ran up against our fence and then into the hedge and he laid down and when he woke up he found he was freezing to death. He crawled to the house on hands and knees and could have frozen to death in less than half hour. It was the most awful sight to see that poor man take on, for he realized his own condition and how surprised we were of him at first and then the thoughts of his poor wife and five children. We could see at once he was not a drinking man and his story was very straight and heart sending too. Father of course would not go away and leave him here so he went over and got Thomas to come and take him to his house. After a while he got so he could walk a little, though his legs were swollen and commenced to turn black but he had Thomas help him to town and that is the last we know of him but he will never forget us to his dying day. My dear Lum do you blame us for being frightened? What would mother and I have done if we had been here alone. He would not go away and had fallen down on the floor to die if we did not open the door to him. Want it lucky all around that father was here with us? I don't know why it is but I have felt so uneasy about mother and me being here all alone and we had talked about it just the day before. It is known that I have a very valuable ring and that father is not home with us and I must say I do not think it just right for us to be here without a man to protect us in case anything should happen. Our neighbors are so far away they could not help us if we got into trouble. I don't know that there is any danger still I can t say it is a very pleasant feeling to know we are alone and think we could sleep as well if there was a man in the house but mother says she don t think there is any danger and is not afraid. I have fixed it all right with mother for letting me off from washing dishes etc. while you here by making her a present of a pair of nice black high gloves. What fun we did have and how we enjoyed each other's company. "Congeniality" is all right don't you say so. Excuse me but I commenced on the wrong side of this sheet of paper and must get out of it the best way I can. Father told me to write you, we did not play dominoes to see who should go to bed now. My dear boy, I must tell you of my calls I has last Thursday We were just sitting down to dinner about 1 2 c clock when who should come but Finley and Sedgwick to call on me. Father started a fire in the front room and they made a call of an hour and half or more. They came to find out when the wedding was coming off to but all they found out they were welcome to. Finley has sort of apologized for which he had said. I find my friends

all feel sad at the thought of my leaving here but glad for my good luck. The <u>returns</u> are in from most quarters excepting Bruner. Have not seen him or heard from him. My <u>friend Terry</u> spoke very highly of me to a friend and was glad for me. How's that I could keep on writing to you all night but what I know but I must stop for I have some more letters to write tonight. Expect my sewing girl tomorrow. Will write in regard to what Mrs. H. says about me in my next if I don't forget it. Now my precious Lum be real good to yourself and don't expose yourself. How are your eyes? What did you friends say of your looks? Mother sends love to her son Lum. With more love and good wishes than tongue can tell I must stop right away--

Your own dear and loving girl and soon wife in reality,

Carrie S

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My dearest Lum,

I'm afraid you will be disappointed in not hearing from me more this week but you know I think of you constantly but I'm so very, very, very busy, I have not had a moment to spare. Yesterday I thought to take the time but as today was the day I promised to write any way thought I had better let it go till this morning. I was so glad to get your letter last night and learn you were back to the city again and that I should hear more frequently from you. You know I told you I could not write as often as I would like for am so hurried. This morning my express box came from N. Y. and Oh, my dear Lum you don't know what a dear good brother and sister I have. Nellie has just done her level best for me and I don t know how I ever shall repay her for her kindness. She has sent most of the under clothes and they are beautiful. An elegant skirt of her own work and to cap the climax has sent me a most lovely lavender silk as a present.

The other things are what I ordered. The goods for my traveling suit and all the trimmings to match, gloves and all also some of my prime silk to have my hat made of and I'm prefectly delighted with my choice. Will send a piece of travelling suit so you can get gloves to match. Now comes the part - I expect you'll not like very much but my dear, precious boy you know I want to be with you just as soon as possible but its of not use talking I can't possibly be ready till the second week in Jan. In the first place it is doubtful about my things getting here from N. Y. and Nellie is trying to do her best and then if I work night and day I can't get done with my things here at home. I have a girl here this week all the time and am working as hard as possible my self and so is Mother but I can t stand it to keep on so I've been doing and there is no use talking. My dear I have to send away for a great many things and help is almost impossible to get just now for everybody is very busy getting ready for the holidays and there is but little help to be had here. I have engaged another woman to do some stitching for me but my help that I have this week is fearful she cannot come next week but if she can get off will stay with me right along. You know Lum while you were here I never did a thing and could not be away from you and you are giving me but little time anyway to get ready in and you know my folks have considerable pride to have me go to you all right. Mother says you must not think of coming up till a few days before that joyful time for we can't any of us do anything and there is so much to do. Oh Lum,

my dear, I'm going to have such a nice outfit and I know you won t be ashamed of me. You would laugh were you here to see the big stroke of business that is going on. This morning the machine commenced to act bad and I had to foot it down town and get a man to come up and doctor the machine and he has been working on that for about a couple of hours, but it will be all right when he get through for he understands his work. In regard to that english girl. I have concluded not to trouble her for I don't think she is what we want and then I don't want a girl under me who has lived in the place where I have and know any thing of my past circumstances for I have an idea it would not be so pleasant in the long run. But we can let that go till you come up and then if you think best you can see her and talk with her yourself as you are more acquainted with such work than I am.

Now as to the reception in Dallas, I think Mrs. H. about right. You know dearest, I have so much to do and am so hurried shall be very tired and then having company here the night before we leave and then the journey I'm afraid I could not stand having another reception at the other end of the trip. I think it would be real pleasant to have a nice supper and have Col. Hughes and wife and your other friends in the bank up to supper with us and then they would excuse themselves early seeing I was so tired and it would relieve me of anxiety and excitement of company. What say you. I would like to have you decide about it for if we have a reception in D- Mother wants to make arrangements for a nice cake if not shall have only one large one for here. I know, my dear, you are going to be disappointed about the time and about spending the holidays with me but I just as disappointed and my holidays will be spent in hard work, in fact no holiday at all but we will have our holidays at another time. Now Lum don t think I'm trying to put you off and not trying to do my part for its not so but you know there are some things impossible to be done. I shall be ready just as soon as I can possibly-- This morning I went to see again about our cards and happened just in time for there came in a runner and had samples and I have sent an order and that part will be all right. In the invitations had to have a change as I did not like the sample, will send the card and want to know if you like it. Shall have it printed on different cards but want to know if you like the writing type and the way printed. Mother says she is glad you are of the same opinion as she is, in regard to her photos. She does not like them neither do I think them the best that ever was but still I do not think they make her look silly as she says do you? How about yours, have you and any struck off? I'm waiting for them to send to our relatives east. One of yours you left me I can't account for but I think Mrs. McKinnie stole it at the time she took mine. Mother and I staid at Mrs. Henson 's last night as Mr. H- was away and we attend the Episcopal fair

and had a grand, good time. I did not go the the theatre Friday night as it was the last night father was going to be at home. Bruner told me last night he thought to invite me to go but could not get away from the store. I told him it was just as well for I would not have been able to have gone.

O Lum, you would laugh to see how every body is going for me. I suppose they had it all settled that I could not get married if I wanted to, and you see they are mightily fooled, ain t they? O didn't I laugh when I read your letter telling me Mrs. H\_idea of me, from my picture.

That is about all you can tell from a picture when not not acquainted with the parties. But I must now leave you for now and take my kisses and you know I give as many as I take. Bless you how I wish you were here with me, we would take a grand, good rock wouldn't we?

Now be a real good boy and don't feel hard toward me because I have had to disappoint you as well as myself\_ Mother sends love and you will probably hear from father soon\_With lots of love and piles of kiss I must stop\_\_ Your devoted and loving girl

Carrie

Have made arrangements to have my mail brought every morning

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My dear devoted and darling boy,

Your dear precious letters come as regular as the day and are read and reread with a great deal of pleasure by me. I should be so disappointed if a morning came and no letter from my old sweetness. You know I want to write as often but I have to devote all my time to work and you would laugh should you see the work that has been accomplished at this house this past week Frankie (the girl who helps me) has staid a number of nights and we have all worked day and night as hard as possible. Last night mother and I worked till 12 o clock and today we are both feeling pretty tired. You can see from that, dear Lum, we are trying to hurry things up as fast as possible but I fear Frankie will not be able to come here this week but if whe can possibly get off she will and remain with me right along Mother says its no use talking I can not be ready till second week in Jan. I can't stand it to hurry as I have this last week for I shall be sick and then it may have to be put off for months. Nellie can't get my dress and other things here I'm afraid as soon as she thought of but I will do the best I can and you won t ask more of me will you? I haven't my white clothes done yet and my dresses are not touched. it just utterly impossible for me to do differently Now please dear Lum don't feel hard toward me for you know I love you to dearly to disappoint you if I could possibly help it you are to good to me, for me to do otherwise than try to please you I shall have my help Holiday week and shall work like an old Trojan all the time so my holidays will be saved till I'm with you and then we will make up for lost time. Carrie Henson has been up two afternoons and helped me and will be up more this coming week so I believe I have fully convinced you I'm doing my best. Last nights express brought me a box from Ft. Louis from brother and wife containing three pieces of silver as my presents from them. They are perfectly elegant a beautiful cake basket engraved "Carrie from Alex", a handsome butter dish with cows heads on it (quite appropriate) engraved "Carrie from Lou" and a lovely pickle dish engraved "From Allie" that is my little nephew 6 months old. Don't you think him a very forward child for one so young? This is Lou's doings, just like her. The pieces are plain but elegant and rich. Don t you think my folks are well pleased and haven't I got good brother and sisters? O Lum what have I ever done to have so much kindness heeped on me. My prayer is, that I may always be worthy of such goodness. It has always been my lot to receive

kindness and I feel that I never have given any thing in return. This morning we received a letter from Walter in N. Y. telling me he and Nellie had got solid silver salt cellars and spoons, a pie and fish knife also fork as their presents in silver to me besides all the other things Nellie has sent me. I forgot to tell you Al has given me \$30. besides. What do you think of all that. I'm completely surprised for I did not have any idea my brother could afford to do so much Father is giving me an elegant outfit and is anxious I should have just what I want. O Lum this of course is very pleasing to me but nothing to be compared to my happiness to know I have such a dear good, kind, loving husband, who thinks so much of me and who I fully know I love as dearly and truly as ever a woman loved a man. My dear boy I never knew before what it was to love and be loved and isn't it strange how our feelings change. I once thought if ever I did find a man that I loved enough to marry, I didn't think I'd be as foolish as most are and quit society and running around but I've not desire to go to entertainments now or even dances as much as I love to dance If you were here with me I might like to go a little while There are a number of dances in prospect but I haven't the least desire to attend them Don't that convince you, that you are all in all to me?

Mother says tell Lum she could not have heard better news from you than that you were seeking your souls salvation. God bless you and may you find that 'pearl of great price' is her prayer daily\_\_\_ This Lum is very pleasing to me for although I never have professed religion still I have good true christian father and mother and they have tried to bring me up in a christianly manner and now as I soon start in a new life I pray my thoughts may be turned in that direction and I may be a good true christian wife and mother.

O Lum my dear boy what an elegant place you are fixing up for my comfort but I'm so afraid you'll do too much for me, I'm afraid I'm not worthy of much love and goodness! I expect you will have an elegant suit and your taylors will take considerable pride to have it just O. K. I must close for this time as I must write to father and it is nearly time for my boy to come for the mail. I have the music Sweet By and By and have got it so I can play and sing it all right. I thought of you and sent for it and we will have some gay old sings when I get home

Your devoted and loving old sweetness,

Carrie

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W DEC 7 Mar C. C. Slanghter Cili Bank Dallas Lexas My dearest boy Lum,

I take a few moments to drop you a few lines but this will only be a little note to let you know I still think of you all the time. Was disappointed enough this morning in not receiving a letter from you as I did not get a letter yesterday. O Lum I'm so tired I hardly know what I'm about and you must excuse all errors in this for I've only a few moments to write. We have a house full of company, four ladies came to spend the day and I have tried to do most of the housework so mother could entertain her company. My sewing girl disappointed me this week so you see things rather go wrong. Today cannot do much at sewing and yesterday had a large wash to attend to also shopping. My mapper goods came yesterday and when I get it done I think it will be very pretty. I'm to work on my last white articles and am having them done up as fast as possible. All my dresses are yet to be made and if I don't get more done than today think it will take a year or two to be ready. I'm getting rather discouraged but will hurry as fast as I possibly can My mail boy is coming for this letter so I must quit. With lots and lots of love and many, many sweet kisses I must stop

Yours forever

Carrie

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My dearest, darling boy,

I was feeling just sick for was so disappointed at not receiving a letter from you since Sunday morning. I was just sure yesterday morning would have a letter from you but none came and I had fully made up my mind I should dispatch you today if I did not get a letter this morning but my mind was so relieved by getting four of your splendid letters and now I see your letters were delayed somewhere but where I don t see. O my dear Lum, I knew you were going to be terribly disappointed but I have done just the very best I could to please you and it has worried me so much for I knew it was just an impossibility for me to be ready by 1st of Jan. Mother and I both have worried a great deal about it and mother says tell Lum he is a dear good boy to take his disappointment so well and she will sleep a little better tonight than she has of late, since she has heard his letter in regard to the disappointment day before yesterday and yesterday morning I was nearly wild about my work but have succeeded in getting someone to take one of my dresses to do next week. Mrs. Johnson and Nellie Jones are coming up today and shall set them to work to help me. Next week my girl is coming and will stay right with me till I get through

I am now writing with the Christmas gift I have got for my dear precious boy and today shall express it to you and hope it will please you and that I shall have many more nice letters written with this my first gift to my soon to be husband.

Please accept will love, good wishes and piles of sweet sweet kisses from your ever and always true girl Carrie Slaughter\_\_\_

Please excuse me for not speaking of the beautiful and lovely home you are taking so much pleasure in preparing for me, for I really can't find words to express my happiness and delight to know there is one on earth who takes so much pleasure in looking after my welfare.

May I  $\underline{\text{never}}$   $\underline{\text{never}}$  say or do any thing that will ever cause you to change your good opinion of me\_\_\_\_

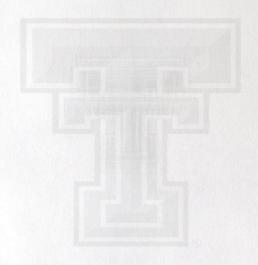
Must now close. I know tis mockery to wish you a Merry Christmas but please enjoy yourself as much as you possibly can under the circumstances\_\_\_\_

Your own dear and devoted Carrie

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I'm in hopes I shall get along with my work so you can come up and be here Sat night Jan 6 and the glorious event to come off the 9th or 10th. I'm working for that day and night and if I don't get sick think it will come off about that time. How does that please my good boy.

Good bye Carrie



O My dearest one,

I take a few moments now to write a little for mother is basting and I could not do any thing for a few moments so you know where my mind is and with what pleasure I take every moment to devote to you You ask me to try and write every other day this has been my plan for a long time but the week my sewing girl was here really could not find a moment to write. O Lum you are so good and are trying to be contented till I can get ready and I know it seems a long long time to you but I'm hurrying as fast as possible and my friends tell me that I'm working altogether to hard and that I show it for am getting rather thin for me at this time of the year I'm so glad your suit has come and that it pleases you so much. I know you will look so nice no matter what the cloth is. I commence on my dresses as soon as I finish the article I'm doing now and then it will seem as though I was getting along some. Mrs. Kidder is doing my millinery and has one hat nearly completed and it is lovely and will be very becoming indeed to O I'm feeling so much better about her for she is now more like her old self and think she feels all right about it now. I don't care a snap what any one thinks of it but did feel a little disappointed that my best friend should go back on me.

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It is a dull gloomy cold winter day, the ground covered with snow and a regular down east stormy day. How thankful we all ought to be that we have such comfortable shelters from the storm.

O Lum it is so terrible lonely for mother and me here all alone especially Sundays when so stormy. O how I wish my dear boy was here in this big rocking chair and I in his lap as three and four weeks ago today. How I did enjoy being with you and in your lap. Not many more Sundays to pass before I have the same pleasure I trust. O Lum my precious boy, you don't know how I treasure my ring, I admire it more and more, I frequently find my self intently looking and admiring it but don t think half as much of the ring as the giver. O my dear good boy, I'm surprised at myself for did not think myself capable of loving so dearly as I do you. O Lum I hope I shall have a letter from you tomorrow morning. I have written you every day since Thursday and hope the letters reach you all right. Yesterday had a little Christmas package from Lou with little tricks in also two pieces of beautiful embroidery on velvet, from a friend in Eureka. see my friends are showing themselves now. The news I sent down there this last week and expect they had quite a time. Hope you have received my package by this time and that I shall have my usual letters. Think the chandeliers you wrote me about must be beautiful how thoughtful and kind you are, I am so anxious to get to my new home for I know it must be glorious and to be with you all the time, won t it be grand \_\_\_\_ Frankie comes this week, tomorrow morning early and then the work will rush. My travelling suit will be very handsome I think, I am delighted with the goods and think you will.

Must stop now for have so may letters to write must commence and get them up. Now do please try and write me everyday and I will write the days you asked me to\_\_\_\_\_ Mother sends love and you know you have all I have with many, many kisses and good wishes.

Yours till death,
Carrie

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My dear precious boy

I was just postive this morning I should get at least one letter from my dear boy but had just begun to feel a little down in the mouth when my boy with the mail came and brought two letters and the photos and now I'm feeling just splendid and expect to get a lot of work done. It is decidedly Christmas weather, snow on the ground and now is snowing again. Was fearful Frankie would not be able to get up here this morning, and then it being Christmas was fearful she would conclude to have a holiday but she was up bright and early and is now working as fast as possible. O Lum I do thank you for your splendid letters and for your kind consideration of me and my work I know just as well as you that you are very impatient to have me with you and I want to come to you so bad but it takes time for all these things and you know dear, you gave me but little time to start with I think all things taken into consideration I have got along just splendid with my work and have a very nice wardrobe. My travelling suit (the suit) is just going to be lovely and very becoming indeed.

I am very much pleased with the photos but really think the first ones the best as they were not finished as dark as those you sent but am much pleased with them and send many many thanks. Shall send some of them to our relation east, have been waiting to send them.

Mother says she is pleased to hear such good reports from you on this Christmas morning. Am glad father wrote you such a pleasing letter, he can write pretty nice letters when the <u>fit</u> takes him. There is to be a grand dress party this evening at the hall, given by the Knights of Pythias. Expect it will be quite a gay party but have no desire to go myself. Would like to go down a little while to see the company to but don't care to participate. Isn't it strange for I have always been head and foremost at such times. Must now stop and go to work as "bus" is washing this morning\_\_\_

With lots of love this Christmas morn\_ and many many kisses.

Your true devoted and loving Carrie

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Yours C

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Mr. C. b. Planepler City Bank Jeras My dear darling Lum,

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Your devoted & loving girl Carrie\_

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My dearest, devoted one,

Another morning has come and no letter from my Lum and was a <a href="little-sorry">1</a> not to hear how you spent Christmas and how you liked the little package I sent by express. O it is one of the dullest weeks you ever did see and not being <a href="mailto:at-all-well">at-all-well</a> and having so much to do and unable to get to town to do shopping, all this is a little inclined to make me feel rather "blue"

As I told you I was trying to hurry things up so you might come up by the 6th but Lum I don t see how I going to get through for this weeks sickness and storm will compell me to put it off longer still. We had a letter from father yesterday & he wrote he could not come home till week after next and then should come home for good & close up at Ft Scott. I must have a few days to rest after my work is all done & so must mother for we are all nearly used up and as father is so anxious we should have a little company the night before I leave, will have to make a little preparation for that, so you see for yourself my dear precious boy, I can't possibly have you come till the 10th or 11th. I hate to write this awfully and disappoint you for I know just how anxious you are to be with me but I feel that I shall not be able to go sooner and if I'm down sick why it will be longer yet so in the whole you had better not hurry to much and I will give my word & honor that I will send for you just as soon as I possibly can for I know you don't want to be with me more than I want you to.

By the way did you get the sample of my travelling suit which I sent for you to get gloves for your self, to match. I commence on my black silk this morning hope to have good luck with it, and hope I shall be able to do a little today as did nothing yesterday.

You must bother your friend Mrs. Hughes a little longer and tell her to be good to you just a little longer & I'll hurry and come down and then you shant bother her any more. Now be a good boy think of me often and don't please don't be offended with me for keeping you away from me so long\_\_

Your true & devoted sweetness till death

Carrie

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My dear old boy, Lum,

Another Sunday has come and I trust only one more to pass before I have my dear one with me. O Lum you know, don't you that I wanted so much to have you come this week and have tried so hard to be able to write you to come the last of the week but it seems that it must be a little longer for this past week have been sick most of the time and those days could do nothing myself\_\_

Thursday noon was very sick & had to go to bed and remained there most of the afternoon. Was some better the next day so was up all the time but did nothing. Am feeling much better today, more like myself than I've been for a week, will be all right now Don't feel at all alarmed as nothing dangerous was the matter, only have rather over done and so have suffered more than usual \_ Am all right now and will make up lost time this coming week. I know you will feel terribly disappointed but sickness & stormy weather is some thing we cannot help. Can we?

It does seem so nice to have it warm and pleasant once more as we have had a week of the most disagreeable weather you ever did see, so cold & dull. Some of my friends have waded up through the snow to see me and Thursday afternoon had quite a social as Mrs. Henson Nellie Jones & Johnson all were here together and I had to entertain them for some time in the bedroom as I did not feel as though I could sit up. It is so pleasant today think it likely will have company. I haven't had a letter from you since Friday morning. I'm afraid my Lum, is getting tired of writing to me. I hope it isn't so, for should feel terribly if it was. I know you said I would not hear so often from you this week as you were going out in the country but my dear you did not tell me when you went & I don't know where you are. You haven't told me yet whether you received the pen I sent you or not and you wrote after Christmas. I thought it a pretty present and hoped you would be pleased with it, for it is useful, nice and appropriate for you & you can carry it with you all the time. I received a short note this morning from Jennie and was glad to hear from her and will answer it possibly today but if not will soon. My box from N. Y, has not come yet but look for it any day hope the contents will please me also your own dear self. Mother is not at all well, this last week has been a pretty hard one on her, it has been

so cold  $\S$  stormy and she has had so much to do, today she will get nicely rested for the next week

Today is the last day of the old year, the last of centennial year. What a sad and what a joyous year it has been to us both. Soon we start on another year and 0 my prayer and desire is that I may make it a Happy New Year to my dear and loving Lum. You know Lum I shall endeavor to do my best but you know we all have our ups & downs and none of us are perfect, so please don't expect to much of me, will you?

It is going to be a great change for me and I can't tell what effect it will have on me but it seems now as if every thing would run splendidly don't it to you? I worry some for fear I shall not meet your & your friends expectations by I shall try to do what I think is right & what will please my dearest boy and hope in years to come we shall be as happy as we are now or will be soon.

Do they make New Years calls in D? I shall make no preparation in the way of refreshments but if friends come way out here to see me shall not close the door on them. I understand some are coming out. My sewing girl comes again this week and expect to be through with her then. She has been very faithful to me and feel quite pleased with me work that is done\_\_\_ O Lum, it is now after 5 o'clock p.M. and Johnson & wife & Dr. Young & wife have just gone J. & wife came early this afternoon & we have had a nice time They made me a beautiful Christmas present of a bottle for perfumery in silver standard filled with splendid cologne. Dr. & wife were very agreeable and we had a gay time. Must now stop for its time for the boy. Your loving and ever true girl,

Carrie

Must now close as have a number of letters to write today. Please write as often as you can spare the time for your letters cheer me so much. Now with lots of love and O so many many kisses I will bid you Good bye for today.

Your loving & devoted
Carrie

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O My dearest one,

I just <u>feel</u> so <u>good</u> after reading your two <u>grand</u>
letters of 27th & 29th. I hadn't had a letter since Friday morning
and it did seem so good to hear from my dear boy again.

O Lum you know I dont want to disappoint you if I <u>could possibly</u> help it but I was just obliged to write as I did for have had a pretty sick week and it put me back a little but I guess a week from today or tomorrow you can take the northern bound train and when you arrive at E\_ think you will find a girl who will be as delighted to see you as <u>ever</u> anybody was and more so far you have been so patient with me and have tried to give me all the time I wanted. You know I want you to come this week as bad as you want tobut a few days longer with you wont make as much difference as the few days will to me.

Today Frankie commences on my light silk, the gift from Walter & Nellie and after that is done & my snapper which will not be finished till Saturday my sewing will be mostly done, only a few things to fix up and then wont I be happy. Lum my black silk is beautiful, it was finished yesterday and suits me grandly. My hats are done excepting my travelling one So I begin to feel that I can see through my work and that the time is nearly here and I am so glad for I want to be with you so bad. Its to amusing to see how people are trying to find out when father is coming home, for then they think they will know when the wedding is coming off. I do so hope you will get here before father comes to surprise folks again. My cards & invitations will be ready the last of the week but shall not set the day till you come & then will send the cards out. I thought that about two weeks from tonight we would have our company and the next morning start for our happy beautiful home in the sunny south What do you think of that plan darling. That will give you a week here with me and give me time to make my calls up and get a little rested & make preparations for our company. I really think this is our best plan dont you Lum? I am feeling quite anxious about my box from N. Y. I had a letter from Walter yesterday, written Christmas and he said he had sent the box the Friday before and it has not arrived yet. It is quite a valuable box and should feel terribly if any thing should happen it but

feel a little better about it now I hear you have your package and it was so long on the way\_ I am so glad you like my selection of present to you and that the pen writes to suit you. O my dear, what a beautiful present your friend has given you, wont they be just grand in our parlor, O Lum I am anticipating so much pleasure in our home and O how I long to see it but I'm afraid you are fixing it up to grand for such a girl as I am. I feel now I would give considerable if I had only kept up my music better but I will practice when I get there so that my dear darling can see that I do appreciate his love & goodness to me.

Mother & Frankie are just going for me because they say I plead sick one week and the next I take to write to you so they don't get any work out of me. I laugh at them and ask then what I <a href="https://linear.com/hite/hite/">hited</a> them for if it want to work. We have lots of fun anyway\_\_\_

Mother says if you come this week she shall set you to work sawing wood, and making fires. I tell her you wont have to make fires for we will sit up and keep the fires agoing to save time & labor. That would just suit us won t it.

But I must close for this time for must go to work & quit fooling. Send a sample of my light silk. isn't it handsome

Now please Lum don't feel to bad about your disappointment will you dear? Tell your friend that owing to the <u>cold weather & sickness</u> you will have to wait a few days longer. With love more than I can tell and good wishes for the new year I must bid you farewell this morning

Your dearest girl Carrie

hefore but it may have heen and how terribly Ishall feel if I learn it is lost-not- so much for the Iralne just now, for had ruther have the things as they are creet is most reeded at this lime, Ido feel so anxious about it but hope it smill come all right - shall look every night for it till it comes on Shear for once that it is lost. Odum omy dear boy In having such an eligant-dress of any sill som ample centlest-line I mote, no me horen it-here that-Thered such a present - Will ance I have been Down it of then Mrs Kidder Heavie I came up of I botal Them of it for ones brong to and I could sout put it by-

Obrt it handsome and will be right heroming to one all het ym mill he glad ym wait-ed for one for shall not have & do any thing but rest for a while will &? Oden and on have a mice line. Ido hope you will like any plan for it sines seem to me Shart its the best & can do and I Shinh it first rate dent-you! Please let me know for ence about it - and you and the oright - you will get here. you know how delighered I new other you came the other line but how much more so This. Oden & hum you know I'm sloing my hist to have agen smith one as earn no passe ble, now please be contented pist- a little lenger and them

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My dearest Lum,

A week from today you will surely be with me wont you my dear and loved one. O how I want to see you once more and when you come this time you wont have to go with out me will you? We were so surprised night before last by fathers putting in his appearance about 8 oclock. I was expecting my express box and when we heard some one coming up the walk thought of course the box had come but instead father stood at the door. He was about as surprised to find we were not expecting him as we to see him. He was sure he had written us he thought he had rather a cold reception. I tell you we were glad enough to see him and his services were very much needed as mother is about played out, having so much to do. I'm terribly afraid she will give out before this affair comes off but shall try and take things a little more quietly if possible. What do you think of the plan I wrote you last. I have thought yours over but Lum it really seems to me mine would be a little better for this reason we will not have to keep up this rush & drive up and really I can not do it for am about used up now. My plan is this, for you to be here Wednesday eve on the train, so you will leave D Tuesday, the 9th. After you come will fully decide on the evening for company and send invitations out at once. Then I will have my calls to make up & shall have the carriage & Mother & Mrs. Johnson will go with me & we will make them all up I think, in one afternoon by starting early & making short calls. Then shall have the cooking to to do for the company & fix the house and pack my thins as much as I can, so that the evening of company shall not have to do any thing but entertain them as best I can. The next morning the ceremony will come off and we, (bless your sweet soul) will take our departure from E

We are feeling terrible anxious about my box for it has not come and father telegraphed to Walter to hunt it up and I also wrote to him. It was sent two weeks ago tomorrow and I am so fearful it is lost in that horrible accident which occurred last Friday night on the Lake Shore road. It ought not to have been on that train as it was sent so long before but it may have been and how terribly I shall feel if I learn it

is lost not so much for the value just now, for had rather have the things as they are most needed at this time. I do feel so anxious about it but hope it will come all right, shall look every night for it till it comes or I hear for sure that it is lost. O Lum my dear boy, I'm having such an elegant dress of my silk like sample sent last time I wrote. No one knew it here that I had such a present till since I have been to work on it & then Mrs. Kidder & Carrie H\_ came up & I told them of it for was busy to work & could not put it by. O but it handsome and will be right becoming to me. I'll bet you will be glad you waited for me for shall not have to do anything but rest for a while will I? O Lum wont we have a nice time. I do hope you will like my plan for it does seem to me that its the best I can do and I think it first rate don t you? Please let me know for sure about it wont you and the night you will get here. You know how delighted I was when you came the other time but how much more so this. O Lum I know you know I'm doing my best to have you with me as soon as possible, now please be contented just a little longer and then it will be all right wont it. I will have to stop for this time, this will be my last Thursday letter wont it. Will write again tomorrow so you will get it Monday sure. You must be good to your self and know I think of you all the time. With all the love I ·have I send this with lots of nice kisses.

> Your true & loving Kan. girl Carrie

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My dear precious boy\_

Was pleased enough to hear from you again. Wont this be my last to you before you take the northen bound train for E\_? I do really hope so and that my plan which I have written you, will please you and that every thing will pass off nicely. I have been down town most all day travelling round and getting my work all done. My tooth which I had so much trouble with while you were here, is still bothering me and this morning went down with the determination to have it out and while Dr. was making the gas to give me he thought if possible would try again and see if he couldn't save it. It does not pain me now & if I can want very much to save it for my set is full\_

My millinery is all done and suits me splendidly & know you will like it very much. My box has not come yet and do feel so anxious about it. My hat like the dress is so very becoming shall feel disappointed enough if I loose it. Delia has done her <u>level</u> best for me & am very much pleased.

I am feeling very much better this week than last but feel as though a rest would do me more good than any thing else and O Lum I shall be so glad when it is over and all is quiet again, for so much excitement is very wearing on me.

New Years was rather a busy day for me as I had not been able to get down town for nearly two weeks had considerable to attend to. Expected to have some calls as was informed of that fact, so came home & cracked some nuts & got some apples ready and will you believe it, not a single soul came up. I didn't care two snaps anyway and haven't felt at all bad for I was busy & did not have time to fool with these Emporia chaps. My time is all devoted to the nicest Texas boy you ever did see and was busy getting ready to enjoy my dearest one.

Must not write more this time for have another letter to write and father (who is my mail boy now) is waiting to take this to the office. Good bye my only treasure till I see you Wednesday night. I hope your true & loving girl & wife,

Mrs. Carrie Slaughter
Dallas, Texas