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"Brinna" Feb 20th
1903

Dear Johnnie

It has rained & rained here until we can scarcely find our selves for thy mud, & thy worst of it is, from thy looks of the sky there seems to be no prospect of a clear off soon, I expect Cedar Bayou is on a boom, & can imagine what kind of a time you all are having -

Boyles has been to school only one day since Annie was up here, he hardly goes a fourth of thy time.

My calf came near dying last week, we doctored ~~him~~ all we knew how, & he managed

to pull through, but has a swelling as large as an apple on its side yet. Mr Jones says it had Charbon, but I think a horse kicked it - they are such mean horses around here one kicked the dog & broke his leg & he is just getting so he can use it a little.

I enclose a few Household needles for your Mama - I only got a few as I did'nt know what size she uses - they are for 40 & 50 thread - tell her I can get them for her any time she wants them, & send in a letter - as Boyles passes right by the office nearly every day.

I don't see what farmers will do if this weathy continues any longer, it is too wet to plow All of my vegetables that were up were killed & I expect thy potatoes we had planted were frozy

Did you ever read "The Scottish Chiefs" Boyles is reading it & is very much interested in it, He likes "In Freedom's Cause" too by Henty that is about Wallace & Bruce also.

I don't suppose you are able to do much carpenter work this kind of weathy - thre or four carpenters have been trying to build a litly thre room cottage next door to us for thy past thre weeks I have

not finished it yet by any means, can't paint on paper with rains, & freezes every day -

I saw an account of Mr Massey's death in the Post, what an easy way to die! no suffering or sickness beforehand - I didn't think he was 70 years old, the paper said that Charlie was not expected to live, I do hope, he didn't die, on account of his poor mother to lose two would be more than thy poor soul could stand -

I don't suppose you've had much time for hunting this winter - I have'nt tasted a duck this winter - Boyles never goes hunting

now, as they are no birds to hunt - last year thy larks were all around our yard, & this year I have never seen one = I wonder what could have become of them -

I hope Annie's teeth have not given her any trouble - a few days after she was here, Boyles had to go down & have a big old molar extracted - Dr Bell pulled it, & I expected to have a pic-nic with Boyles, but he never grunted, tho' I never saw worse roots - he says Dr Bell - did'nt hurt him a bit - & thinks him thy best Dentist he ever struck.

Aunt Jennie was'nt

along in having his pocket picked. Monday night a Mr Whitty who lives in Brunner had $25.00 taken out of his pants pocket on a crowded Brunner car, as he was coming home. Houston is full of thieves & pick pockets.

Please give this receipt to your Mama, I forgot to give it to Jennie & fear I'll lose it.

Did you get any valentines?

I mined clean & hoe some of the mud out of the house as I see the sun trying to show its bashful face.

With love to all & a wee drap extra for your self.

Your loving aunt,

Katie.

San Antonio Tex
May 10 1907.

Mr John Schilling:

Dear Friend:- John we
P.S. B's made the best show
at the battle of Flowers.
the Peacocks had the best
drilled company on the ground
we beat the Sealy rifles from
Austin. and the San Antonio
Militia. the west Texas made
a very bad show they didnt
handle their guns worth a
cent. I was glad to get to be a
member of the crack squad
that drilled that day

I've been to several
Thomas & Harrisons receptions

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I've got me a mexican bridle & am very proud of it. I'll soon be home & am coming to see you. Lets go a fishing in the bay some night

How is everybody on the Bayou? Has there been many prairie fires this spring? I am sorry that there is to be no sunday school at our schoolhouse this year.

Well Adios till we meet a gain

Your Friend
Lee Lawrence

PEACOCK'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
WEST END.
A MILITARY SCHOOL.
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(UNIVERSITY OF GA.)
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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ONE HUNDRED BOARDERS

Mr. John Schilling,
Cedar Bayou,
Harris Co. Tex.

Georgetown, Texas
Feb, 11, 1904.

Mr. John Schilling.

Dear cousin,

I wrote to Mother today to get Fred to meet me at the Point Wednesday and afterwards I decided I wanted him to meet me Tuesday. I wrote Mother another letter telling her that I wished him to meet me Tuesday, but in case my letter should be lost I write you this now and ask you please to let them know that I want him to meet me Tuesday, Now please be sure that they know this before Monday night.

Your loving cousin
[redacted]

P. S. I will be on the 10.30 Train.

Morgan City La
April 19 1904

To Mr John Shillin
Cedar Bayou Texas

Well Friend John I want to answer your letter that has been at hand for Ever So long, but I have no paper thats gat Marks on. So if I get this all tangled up dont blame my will first blame my memory for not thinking to get some paper when I had a chance. And a bout my not riting sooner I can only say that I have been Sorter busy of late My wife is no better as yet, and I am a trying to Bild a House So as to get out of rent.
I and my Brother has a floor between us but the Haure was not hardly large a nuff for both of our familys and I dident think of Stoping here very long and dont Intend to as yet. But I Cant say just when I will find. Byers a nuff to let me go free all tho it wouldent take So awful many
Still I am fetching some around a while
I think that I will Send you one of my Porters and maby so you will send me a few Lads with Cash in their Pockets. But I shant look for over a Car Load from that quarter. How is our nice Cannall how far South has it sat. John If that Black Land

In If that Cuntry was Plowed like tha Plow
this Cuntry, I feele Shure that it wold produce Equely
as well as this clus, and this is Called the Gardin of
the South, where Ever I see any body, a farming Lee like
wee all did over thar, I take notice that tha hav no
Crop to harvist; But the Carpinter work here is Easy
wee Cant get anything But Cypress lumber to work here
oyes there is some Pine flaring ~~tha~~ here But it is too
rich for my Stamps from 3750 to to 60 for thousand
Nerter has jest gon to his work, he is night
Apperator in the Hellow office and Allie is Second
Bass on our new manshion. Old Charly is still in
Crowly. How is Annies flower gardin. dos you all hav
lots of Cool Butta milk now days. Oyes John I traded
for a Cow & Calf, the other day Sight unseen, allso many
miles a way. But I am Expect her anuel now any day
then I Expect to drink some Coffee like Coffee
and maby so Churn in a Bottle. then wont I think of
deran old Cedar Bayou and of the days of yeare
Well I must Stop this nonsise or I will get home Sick.
the Boys met Henry Killgore but he dident Call on us
How is old Baick and friend rover. Dos rover Infore
Annies flowers. Tell Annie that Helen will answer her
Letter before long she is wating to gain more Strentth
and you pleas to give my kindes regards to
Dadar & mas Shillin. and I will saw off by
Sending you a diagram of my Cypress Home
Located a way over here in Dayfa and negro
town. But wee Call it Morgan City
from your Old friend
[redacted]

Office of

N. Schilling, M. D.

Mr Alvin Smith
Mr Alvin Morgan City

Cedar Bayou, Texas, May 26th 1904

Mr Alvin Smith
Mr Alvin Smith
Morgan City La

Dear Friend

I feel ashamed of my self for not answering your Letter Before now

Office of

N. Schilling, M. D.

Mr Alvin Smith Morgan City
Mr J M Malyrn

Cedar Bayou, Texas, May 28th 1904

Mr Alvin Smith
~~Chicago~~ Morgan City, La.

Dear Friend

I feel ashamed of my self for not answering your letter sooner but as usual there hasn't been much to write about. How is Mrs Smith getting along now?

When are you all coming out to see us?

Is Vester still in the Hello office

How long do you think it will take you to finish your house or have you already finished it?

Mr Franklin Cary finished painting our house last week

I am still painting in our shanty,

Morgan City La
August 6 th 1904

To mr John Shilin

Friend John I want to
Rite you a ward or so. Simply Saying
that if you want a Better affinion of Cedar Bayou
than you now hav. Jest Come over here and Stay
a few days. And I will garintee that you will be
willing to hurry back, Jest to get out of the mud
We ar hawin Some Shure wet weather this Summer
It Comenst to rain on the 23 day of June and we
hav had from one to five Showers a day
and rite now it is Comming down to Beat the Band
And Cedar Bayou Simply ant in it for mud
And I believe that our dayfoes ar Still Coming in
now John you needent Smile and Say that friend
Smith was Sorta funny. for those ar moral facts
the Gass Boat was Sold the other day to So allie
is working on Shore. But I think that he is a trying
to get a ~~fob~~ on a larger one that is Jest Bilding
I had to Call a Doctar to my wife yesterday but she is
Better to day, the mud is too deep for me to Call on a
Boat now unless I wer Shure that he Wold Show up
which I dont think he Ever will! from your old friend
Alvin Smith

MORGAN CITY
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAGE
TWO CENTS
Mr. John G. Schilli
Cedar Bayou,
Texas.

Mr. & Mrs. S. F. Lawrence
requests the pleasure of
Mr. John Shilling & Sister
company to celebrate their
daughter Joe's birthday
on Monday eve
Aug 22. 1904
7 to 12.

Mr. John Stilling
Cedar Bayou
Tex

Morgan City La
Jan 8th 1905

To Mr John T. Shilin
Cedar Bayou, Texas

Dear Friend

your Kind letter Has been at hand for some time, but I have Actuly been Busy. I am at work for the Higgins Oil and fuel Co. Near prophty joins mine So I dont have to go but 150 feet to be at my work I made a nother Sale of Lots latly which Put me out of all Debt here and Some to Spare for Hard times. and I value my ~~romanda~~ Home as I call it at $1200. But at last, texas is my Home. How is on your ranch this year Is my old Barn Standing yet. How is the fencing Mat and Henry Fisher Pramut to attend to the fence. So as to let the Cattell get water at the ditch. How far up has the sulty washed you dident say in your last wherther you wold attend to my taxes or not But I suppose you will in your next I haunt been out on that money hunt yet there seems to be something lost in the

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seem to think that. It then waything
to be dugup and if I dwo Dig and find
any. then will be nun left be hind. So you
meant. Dream of Coming ower and picking up
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and wee a a going after it in full force as soon
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mouth of Carges Bayau, you See, distants
nor nothing els, want be any Plasticel to us
When wee all get ready
But from all probilitys the Oil Co. will need me
for Sometime, at least I hope so
How is your father and moth Helth
Pleas give my kindes regards
and how is Ames flower gardin, dwo frend Rover
Bather it very much, I allmost hear Rover Bark
Bark at times

from your lonley and far away
friend [redacted]

From A. Smith
Morgan City, La.

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Mr John G. Schilling
Cedar Bayou
Harris Co.
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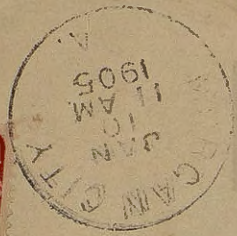

Morgan City, La.
Feb. 13 - 1905

To Miss Annie Schilling
Cedar Bayou, Texas.

No doubt you wonder what has become of me and why I never write. how to tell the truth I've not written to any one on Cedar Bayou for about or over a year I feel blue when I think of writing, and in fact I dont write much to any one except Mrs. Ed Davis not very often to her and occasionally to my Brother and my other Sisters. so we dont hear often from our old home, We got a letter yesterday from Mrs. Mat Fisher and one from Johnnie last week. My health is still bad. and the Dr. here advises me to go to Ala. and drink Mineral water but I dont want to go. I'd rather stay at home.

Johnnie said your Mama wished to know how the boys & I are getting tell her I do most of my house-work except washing. but I dont get out much have n't been to Church in over

a year. sometimes I go to my near neighbors for a little while. nearly all my near neighbors are French people so can scarcely speak english.

The boys are both at work for Telephone Co. Vester is lineman but only gets $45. per Mo. now. and Allie is night opperator & Collector he only gets $30. now he has not been with the Co. as long as Vester Vester has been promoted once. he has gone down towards New Orleans to day to attend to some trouble. and its very cold he said to day he'd have some wire to put up on a 90 ft pole and he did not like to climb a pole so high today and it so cold. Their health is very good except colds.

Charlie is in Crowley working for the Electric light Co. he has been sick lately with cold. I was talking to him yesterday.

Mr. Smith works for Higgins oil & fuel Co. when he works. but he is only keeping a fire and trying to keep warm I think this is our worst spell of cold weather

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we had ice on the 22.-23, & 24 of Jan.
and have some today. I think now we'll
try to be cheerful it is n't long till
Spring.

Now permit one to ask you how you are
all getting along. Who is your teacher &
who is the teacher on the opposite side?
and how are you getting along at School?
and how does your Mama stand this
cold weather? [redacted] and How is
Johnnie & your Papa? I'd be so glad if
I could be with you all sometime again
Mr. Smith and the boys wanted me to
take a trip over there Xmas. but I said
no, not unless we all could go and stay
Charlie was home for dinner Xmas but only
for dinner.

Annie I have a few chickens but you cant
get a chicken here for less than 50 & 75 ¢.

eggs 30¢. every thing is so high here.
we sold our cow and certainly miss her
but she did not give much milk when
we sold her. How is your aunt Annie!
and where is your Aunt Minnie?
Give my best regards to your papa &
Johnnie. with a whole lot of love for
your Mama & your own dear little self
and write to me some time
from your loving friend
[redacted]

Miss Annie Schilling

Morgan City La
Febuary 12th

To Mr J. G. Shelin
Cedar Bayou Texas

Dear Friend. Your Welcom letter
Came to hand a few days a go. with. the
~~receipt~~ for which I am much obligd
And also I wish to let you know that
we a having some fine Cold rains of 24
to 48 hours durations. the Publick road ~~to~~
that passes near our claw. So a Sight to behold
that is when you can See it for water
and as for mud. Well fest let me Say nite here
that clear old Cedar Bayou. ant in it for mud
But as for the Cow hides. Well I want be able to
Get any. the Butcher Came a round and bought
our Cow a few days a go, and I am realy
glad that I dont own a Dry Cow in this weather
Mrs Smith has a few Chickens. and I believe
that tha a wishing for Longer legs. from the
way the Cook. and by the way John. Tell Mrs Shelin
that Mrs Smith is a Complaining of Feeth aching
that She had Pulled out and thrown a way two years a go

Say John is Fred Petty married
I never herd of it: How is Fred Gilletts girl
I Expect that She will be a Stiff-Chap. the first-
born child generly is you know
If you wer accuainted here like I am there
I might Interest you more than I know
you as the only person that rites to me now
from my old home. Miss Leolar Fisher did rite
for a long time But the finley gave me the Cold
Cold Shalder, or maby She is married
as the a Boring for oil at Cedar Point yet
The Semer Weekly Post, dont hav much to
Say a bout that neck of the woods
How is Mrs Stanly Brown, and Mrs. Davis
Well John it is still raining in this Doggo town
and it is a way in the night So I will go to bed
I allways think that this a good time to Sleep
when the rain is pattin on the roof
Well here it is next day & the rain Still coming
down, But a gally here came a Letter from
J m Fisher. It was jest like getting a notter
from Home. Well dont you wish that I would Stop
Well by by for this time. your Friend
[redacted]

PS Mrs Smith promust me. to rite to
Mrs. Shillin and annie

After 5 days return to Alvin Smith

~~HIGGINS OIL & FUEL CO.~~,

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Mr. John G. Schilling,

Cedar Bayou,

Texas.

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Morgan City La
May 28th 1905
To Mr John Shilin
Cedar Bayou tex
Dear Friend
I will start a line
Today. But unless I am in better
luck than I was last time I rote
I dont know jest when I will
get it in the mail
Now I am allways glad to get
a letter from home and you are
at the present my only Corspondent
And Miss Smith has none at all
But that I think is her falt
Altho She is Shure glad to read
anything from ~~Texas~~ Texas
And She talks a bout going back

on a visit. But She is rite
grunty at times and I believe
allmost fines it out
But I think She wold like to be
there on the 24th of June
when you rite let us know if
you all ar going to have a big
day as youshel
I know I wold. But when you ~~So~~
see me over there. It want be on a visit
I am glad to know all the Brick
yards ar at work. and what
a bout the Oil fields at the Hill
and let me know all of the old
folks is ar as many of them as you
can. I am a bout to offer my
last Chunk of Dirt for Sale here
which ant very much only 5 lots
and one Shack. Oh I want
to tell you how my friends
Designates me from the rest

of the Smiths. the Call me
Telephone Smith.
now that ant mutch better than
Graveyard Smith is it
and I am shure I dant look like
an old phone. But my boys
Has all worked for the phone Co
But I work for the Higgins oil &
fruit Co. which is my next door
neighbor. Wee haven't went after
that Pot of Cash yet
Wee may be saving it for hard
times for all I know. But I mean not
Well It is a gettin dark now and
I will Lapt Stop
Pleas to give my kindest regards
to Mr and Mrs Shillin
and tell Miss Annie that I wald
jest like to hav a swig of that good
Butter Milk. once a yard
your offect friend, Alvin Smith

Morgan City, La.
May 31. 1903

To Mr. J. G. Schilling
Cedar Bayou Tex.

Dear friend. —

Mr. Smith left his letter for me to send to the office and I thought he was going to write more. so I'll send it on now. The boys are still at their same job. I was talking to Charlie last night. he wants me to make a visit to Tex. and stop off in Crowley with him a while. if I do I'll have to start ahead of Vester and some young ladies that are going as far as Houston with us. I don't know for certain as I'll go for I hate to travel on the cars. Vester will start about the 15 of June. and we appreciate your invitation and shall surely

go to see you all if we go to the Bayou. Allie can't go but he will get a week vacation when Vester comes back. he said he didnt know how to spend it.
How are Annie and your Mama? give them my love with kindest regards to your Papa and yourself
Mr. Smith is at work today delivering oil. O, yes, how is your garden? we have a very nice one, get plenty of snap beans and some butter beans. and plenty okra &c.
I've got 15 frying size chickens
my! I thought I was writing to Annie when I got off on the chicken subject. now I'll close hoping to hear or see you all soon then I'll tell you we have mosquitoes
I am ever your friend
Mrs. Helen Smith
P.S. Did you hear my brother was dead?

After 5 days, return to Alvin Smith

Samuel B. McCloy,

~~Blacksmith and Pipe-fitter,~~

MORGAN - CITY, - LA.

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Mr. John G. Schilling

Cedar Bayou

Texas.

Harris Co.

Morgan City La
July 28 1905

To Mr John Shilin, Cedar Bayou Texas

Friend John I am laying to day, and so I hav ample time to think of home and bygeen time, yes I can even Remember old rover today. I am Compelled to be quiet for a day or so, I hav just had a Severe Spell of Bowel trubel, now dont think that I had the yallow fever, John, altho it is Clost a nuff by to be our Seccound Cousin, and they Say that it is the real old kind that means biz, whereever it Calls on a fellow, the nearest is over forty miles a way yet, and Shold it git rite near, that is I mean in Sight neither you nor none of my friends will get any letters from me, For I am Shure that my Cook pots, wont Stay Clost a nuff to the postoffice to mail a letter

Now if I ever on Cedar Bayou, where

I Cold get a Swig of good Butter Milk
and and a whidel. I wold feele
Safer from Lousina yallow Jack
Because wee ar likely to Have Sevel warm days
before wee Can Expect our Jack frosts
assistents. to help knock. yallow Jack out
of Business. now dont think that
I am a gurroing in my Boots, John
for I ant. I havent got any boots, the weather
Is too warm to weare them, but the mud is
deep a nuff to need them. wee ar having
Good respectible Showrs of rain every day
from what I Can hear you all must have
Oil to burn in texas. have a hart the
Smoke from Humble. dus it Come near a
nuff to Smell it. Well friend John
this leaves me on the mend, and the rest all
all a bout. Pleas give my kindest regards
to your Father and mather
and be shure to tell anna howdy
for me. your old La friend
[redacted]

From A. Smith
Box 3
Morgan City, La.

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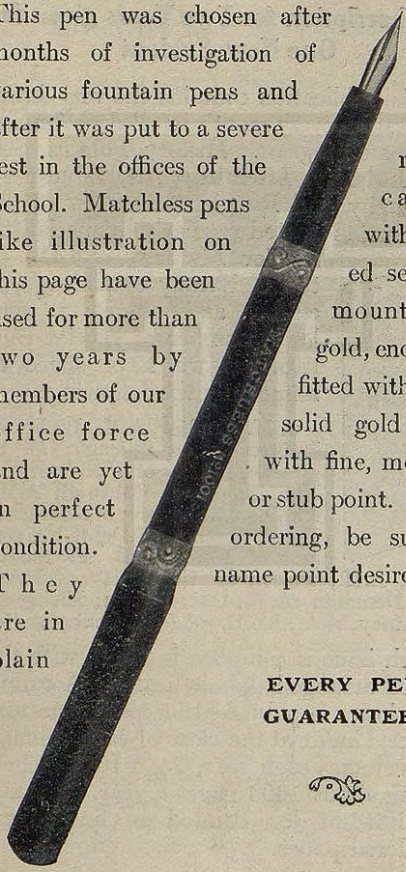

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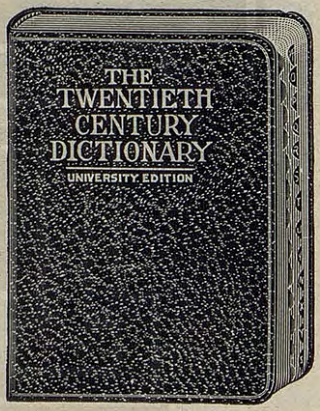

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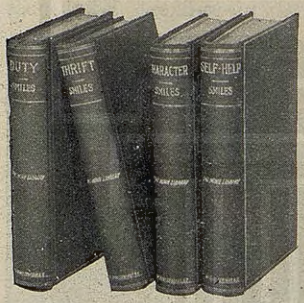

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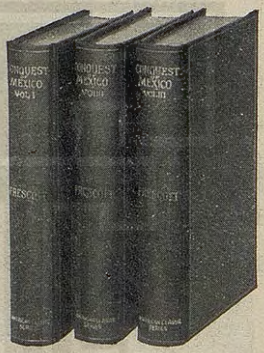

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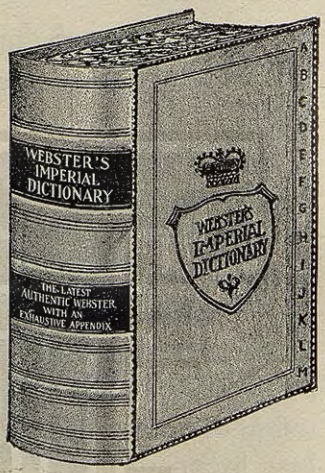

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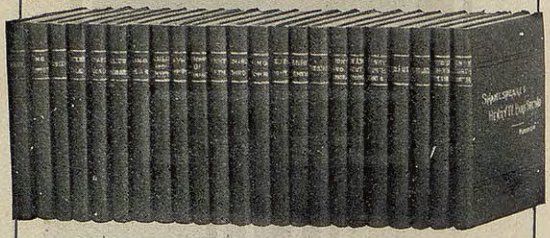

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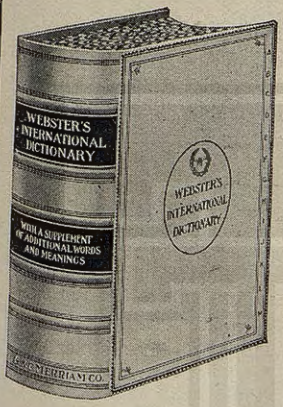

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Trusting that we may have the pleasure of meeting you soon, I am

Very Sincerely,

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Office of
N. Schilling, M. D.
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Cedar Bayou, Texas, May 4th 1906

Dear Son

Your last letter came to hand this evening and I inclose the Receipts for Mr Fayle and for Mr Fred Petty I thought that you could Receipt the Bills which would answered all purposes - Thank them for me. I think it will be a good plan for you to get your trunk and pack it so you can send it up with Capt. Effrey about the 23rd and you can then be ready to come home when you have a chance on a boat or by rail Aunt Nimie and Lis got som berries to day Lis wanted to send you som next week but we thought it would be best not to do it as it might be to much trouble to handle them I will close - with love and affection your Father

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO
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Mrs John G. Schilling
1028 Market Street

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Receipt

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To Mr John F Shillin
Cedar Bayou Tex

Dear friend

I Suppose you are at home and feel a lout threw Howdying with Everybody. and now I will attempt to say Howdy John, allso

And how how you liv to soon I am owing your father a Letter, but as you hav a few Holydays yet now I wold like to chat some with you I feel Shure that you hav got on at School all right but how a lout your Muskles, haven't tha

grown Same what soft-
If the hen, maby Anna
Will let you too Some in
her flour gardin
or maby two Shilin. wold let
you help her Churn, and make
Some good butter milk
I wold like to be there, to ~~help~~
Help drink a lot-
But as it is I am here
a white washing my fence
But I am a dreaming of
Going over there on an Ice
in july
But I am not Shure
of that as yet. you See ~~I Lum~~
Lamont found that. Big
Bered trasher yet-
It allways seams to be just-
a head

Mrs Smitt was rite
Sick Last week, but She is
a bout the house a Same
Charly is fat and Lazy
Here ~~off with a burgin party~~
Allie Has a Lazy Job
With the Standard Oil Co
But Old Nater he is
a putting in a Boat 14 horse
a day in the Light plant
and he keeps our Shack
a boat half full of Books
Consuming Light making
and Car running
But I am a fraid of that
kind of work my Self
and I tell them that I am
allmost a fraid of the Books
Well by by from your ~~friend~~
friend Alvin Leritt

From A. Smith
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Dear Friend:

I suppose that you think am a very long time answering your letter and invitation but I hav'nt had m much time for any thing but work of late for the plant has been under repairs so I had to be on the move all day and when night came I was glad to get tobed.

I have been sick the last two weeks so I am going to take good lay off now and will be over in a few daysif nothing happen then I will see all the folks for awhile ,come back feeling more like work.

Charlie left Tuesday for Sabine on the''Higgins''I don t know just what he is going to do ,wether he will stay on the boat or go on to Galveston.

I will leave Monday so I will get over on the Bayou about Friday for I will stop over in Seabrook for a few days

Well I will finish this when I get there,

Your Friend S.Smith.

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Well this old year
is fast travelling away
And where will we go
Where will we be I say
When 1910 nears her dawn
Good cheer
For Christmas so near here
Newfound joys the new
yr. attend. All looking for
a glimpse of a tall M. D.
To step in & surprise us at
Tea.

M. G.

Dr. J. G. Schilling
Sealy Hospital
Galveston,
Texas

909 Thompson St
Houston Tex
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Dear Johnnie

Aftr all this time I'm going to write you a littly littly - as you are at home again, & have more time to bother with othr things than books - I know you enjoy being at home again as much as thy home folks enjoy having you & that is a whole lot -

Do you have showers as oftn as we do I wonder? though even yet thy cracks are not filled up - we have one in our yard that would hold 100 barrels yet I believe our calf used to get down

in it & play by the hour
sticking his nose as far
down as he could - We never
had a worse drouth I don't
believe -
We are having some nice
peaches now wish you had
some of them, on one tree
some are as large as a tea
cup in spite of dry weather.
Boyles has the Jack rabbit
craze now - he, & a little
boy next door get up
at 4 o'clock in the morn-
ing & go out about two
miles on the prairie & cook
their breakfast so as to be
there to hunt rabbits by

run up - Billy caught one the othey day & Boyles said he was going so fast he just slided along some distance holding to the rabbit - then turned a "flip" as they call it - still holding on to the rabbit - it was about half grown but as big two ordinary cottony tails - I cooked it for the boys & it was as nice as chicken -

I hope you'll be able to come & see us before you go back to school - have been looking for "sis" to come up but reckon she wanted to see you some before she

Mrs J. E. Jones

left - Tell her if I'm not able to get around, Boyles can go with her to have her teeth attended to - but I'm feeling so much better I'd enjoy going my self - Boyles is lost for something to do all the morning. I don't know what he'd do if he did'nt have his paper route in the afternoons - I tell him I'll be glad when school opens just so he can find some thing to occupy his time - are you that restless?

If you have time write to me

With love to all, & a good old shake for your self Your loving old aunt Katie N. Jones

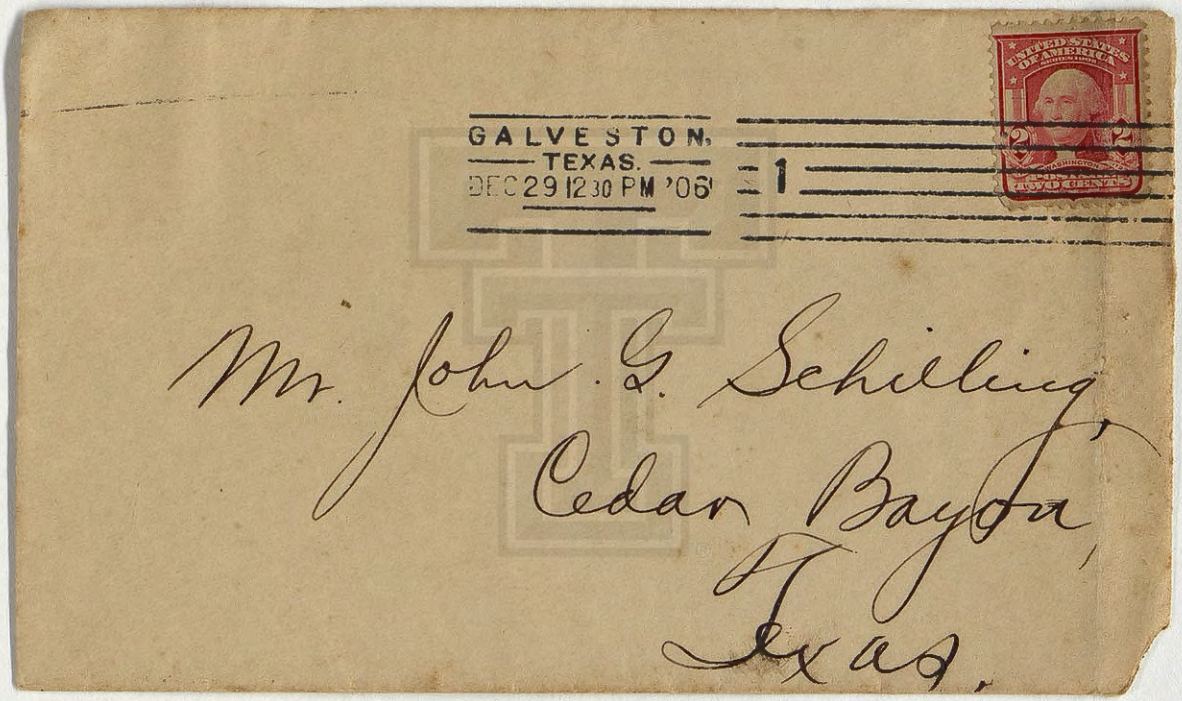
1028 Market St.,
Galveston, Texas,
12-29-'06.

Mr. John G. Schilling,
Cedar Bayou, Texas,

Dear John:-

I intended coming up on the boat this morning but the weather looked too bad. I will come up in the summer perhaps. You made 76 in Pathology. Fifteen failed. Callaway & I tied for 3rd place with 88 each. Boerner led with 92, Richards 2nd with 90.

Hope you are having a good time. Your friend, W. A. Wupree.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Dear friend I am
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not write when I taught
in class or drill we
dont have but two hours
in the whole day to ourselves.
how are you and all
the folks do you go to
school this winter Schillings
staying at home or are you
working at home and
by the way that house out
must be nearly finished

Dear Mother

Don't forget the bench
that we are to take with
us. I don't believe I can
hand a cow there as I
have in my room. I saw
eight or nine days and one
night I saw some of
the finest cattle & horses
you will ever meet
Close before this
and get onto trail
your friend
Cecil Lawrence

P.S. Write real
soon and tell every
thing I write this greasy
paper but can't get any other.

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Dear Friend

One letter of little friend Amérique.
What Joy? for me.
I to come from to receive your letter rest post Restante since the 13 Juillet, on account of feast 14 Juillet and also this morning to respond a your welcome missive.

Very happy of to know you discharge armie and near to your family.

III the voyage to effecti for tramway
electric, me wante you to-
come with me the seaside
~~Thanks~~ thanks you friend not to much
progres with anglish, because
not to much times for study
now - sufficient for me
to make comprehend a my
little friend — wanted still
study with you anglish, very
good for me ? —

Now, to much study piano
three lesson by week and
to work bureau of father, impossible
for me to go promenade.

Here I dont not garden
very dull for me — because

IV I have wanted voyage with you
in your excursion a Philadelphie
Baltimore, Washington and New. Orleans
these City to be very pretty a visit

Not good times rain for you
all the days, very good for me :-
but I wish good times for your crops

Here in France good times
to be generally except whatever.
storm partial that have to
Domage the crops vineyard.

It is warm Perpignan
very, to day it is to much
from wind frightful to call
the North-west and the Mediter-
ranean furious.

I am to go a the seaside
to day. We are a twelve Kilometre

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to much to love the flaoers? —

Very happy to receive post-cartes from your contris and me want to much send a me from pictures of you civil and your garden home.

Hope to receive soon from you one letter. to much pleasure your moi.

Your little friend that sending you one to kiss from France.

Friendship

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POSTES
Monsieur John G. Schilling
Doctor
Cédar Bayou
Amérique

Monday Morning.

Dr J. G. Schilling:

My dear Doctor:

Am very glad to tell you that mama rested well last night, and is quiet this morning.

From Saturday night to Sunday night, her limb pained quite a lot - a sort of deep pain and felt numb.

I have used the liniment but can't tell yet if it makes any difference or not. Will let you know in a

Day or two how Mamie
is.

Very sincerely
[redacted]

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them up with the understanding that they make them fit. You can let me know and I will send the money down next week by one of the boats if to you it will be by Capt. George. In regard to the new Microscope You might find out more about them but it will be time to do that later on as I will not use it no now.

I got a letter from ~~Mrs~~ & Miss Alwin Smith they are both in bad health they send regards to you. The Alaska Co. sent notice that they are not able to pay anything yet but hope to be able to pay interest ~~then~~ on the bonds soon.

We have not got much to do at present but I am looking for a call at anytime but hope it will not be tonight. Mr Long did not have your horse up yet last week

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and probably has not got him yet he is not much hurried about getting him as it will save feed.

I hope you will be able to learn much about Gynicology while in that department of service.

Fred Gillette has his boat at home now she looks the worse for wear -

That George will will probably take his new boat the Viola to town next week she looks well -

I will bring this to a close for this time but will suggest that if you can finde out about the clothes and let me know in time say by next Saturday it help much -

Your Father

Drs. N. & J. G. Schilling
Cedar Bayou, Texas

5. 4. 19

Dear Son

I will write a few lines to let you know we are all well and this will finde you in the best of health and doing well. I cant say that we have much news but we will give about all that there is. So here it goes I understand that Mr Rucker has bought in a well at the Hoskins place cant say how good or what but it will extend the oil field quite a distance in that direction, if oil. I dont know what is doing at Goose Lake. Mr Belcher I understand has his place under lease requiring drilling in a short time. I was at the Lodge last night and saw W. Daniel he told me to tell you that he had a bath in the Bayou the other day he went under car and self he went well to the end of the boat the brakes would not work and he was going to revers but hit the wrong pedel and went overboard but got the car out again in a short while. I had a talk with Mr John Sjolander last night and he gave me the adress of Jim. E. O. Sjolander
90 Minneapolis Hotel Aberdeen Wash.

Drs. N. & J. G. Schilling
Cedar Bayou, Texas

I will try to go to Houston this week and attend to som matters and get a few things that should have been done som time ago.
You ask about collections well we make more the old hens are doing very well yet we get over 2 doz. eggs a day and have pleanty to eat once or twice a day and any quantity of little chicks.
We had a mess of dewberries Mr Bayliss brought them they were good I think we will have blackberries soon if showers com we had a fine shower this morning and may get more. I got your letter with pat picture cards from Troyes they are good. We are always glad to hear from but would rather hear of you being on the way home. Dr Brooks is well and taking it easy to day
I will bring this to a close without telling about the show that was here on the second they say it was good.

With love and best wishes
Father

Dear Dr. Schilling: Just a few lines to thank you for the kind thoughtfulness which prompted you to send me those interesting views of France.

And also to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated them.

I get the "Arrowhead" each week and enjoy seeing what you boys of the 36th Division are doing.

The country around here is beautiful but I won't make you homesick

by going into detail.

I have bought a canoe and have great times paddling on the bayou.

April 21st we spent at Lynchburg & had loads of fun with the canoe and crabbing.

Have you heard of Mary Mitchell's marriage? She married an old friend of mine and a fine fellow.

Thanking you again and hoping to see you when you return to "Dad's Country".

Sincerely yours.

[redacted]

Harrisburg, Texas.

May 2, 1919.

6—DeForrest Wireless Telegraph Station. This Station caught many messages from "Fighting Bob" on his famous Pacific Voyage.

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Cedar Bayou
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Dec 4th

Well John I told you that I wold finish this month, So I had better be at it
Well It rained all morning and now wee hav mud & lots of it, with same prospects of a norther, I wonder how it is over there to day
How is Mrs Davis, and Mr Stanly Brown
~~Give~~ Give my kindest regards to your father and mother. tell Annie Hawley for me
and when you hav time, talk to old Rover
Same for a faraway friend. How is Annies Cats dwo you teas them as much as Ever
How as the Bayou folks a fixing up for Christmas
all a gain in for a fine time I hope
and by the way it is a bout tax paying time a gane dont them times came a round fast
And Cold I get you to see to mine a gane
Well ~~It~~ its near milking time now and the Old Cow is a bellow for her Supper
So by by for this time
your friend Alvira Smith

PS give my kindes regards to
friend, Fred Gillett

a man made me the other day
He wanted me to go with him to help
Dig up a large Pot of Pirets Layfeets
Bered money He Claims to know ~~allmost~~
allmost, rite where it is, and has a
never failing mexerl rod that will Shure
Point it out. But one truble is we must
not talk or laugh whild at work ~~and~~
a fitting it out of the Hole
But the Bigest truble is I am at work now
and hope to be so for sometime
and if I should go an sitch a trip
I wod be so proud of meeting up with, my
Fool Killer, that I know I wouldent hav
any luck, But If I dwo so I will rite
you all a bout it
Allie & Vester is working for the
Cumberling telephone Co. and I am
Working for the Higgins oile & fuel Co
How a bout the oil men at the Hill
hav they flooded the Bayou yet with oil.
And how is the well at mr Harkins
I allso herd that they might be one
Bored at Cedar Point; well I will finish
this next month

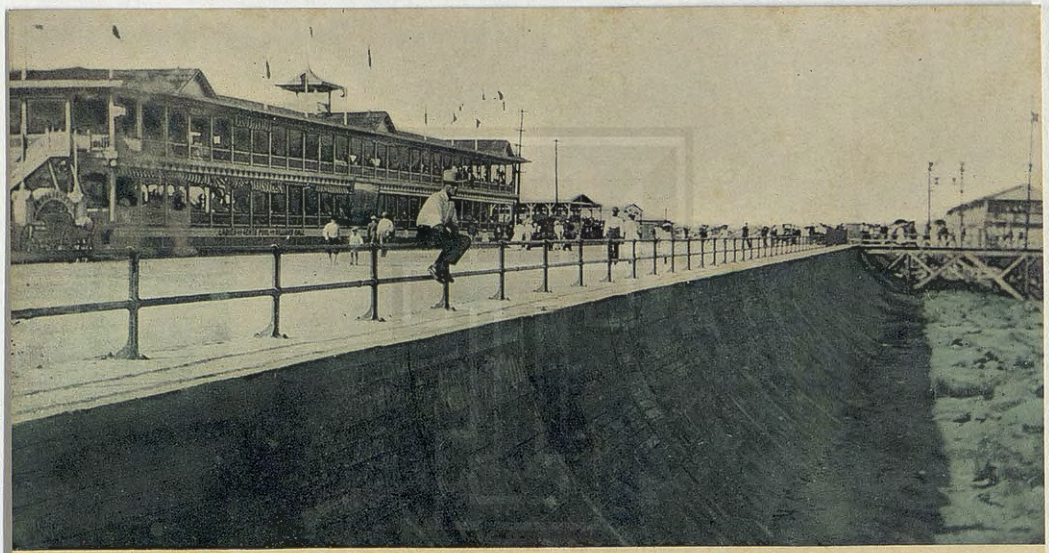
Morgan City La
Nov 30th 1904

Mr John Shilin
Cedar Bayou Tex

Dear Friend

I am Still in this Daggo & negro town
But wee haven't any mud now, nor haven't
had for Some time, But I am Still a
praying for Someone to Come a long
and lye the rest of my lots
But it Seems as to the prayers of a poor
fellow in this City, dont amount to much
this Country has a fine Crop of Cane
and the weather is fine for grind & settin
it to the mills. In fact Every thing is
Bing now Some at Sugar Some at ~~any~~
oysters Some at fish, and a good many
at Swamping and Saw milling
So you See wee are all after, Ans $
But to me he is a good deal like me dont
allways get a head, or at least wont
appear in, Satisfying quantities
and that reminides me of a Prefashel

Mr. John G. Schilling
Cedar Bayou
Tex.



Galveston Sea Wall

L. L. Cretin & Co., Publishers, Galveston, Tex.

I have just been to town and have just been back a few minutes

Post Card

FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Morgan City
June 27th

To mr John Shelin

Dear friend
I was glad to hear from the old
Bayou a gane. and wish that
I had some news to rite you that
you would be glad to here. But there is
nothing to rite a bout at the present. to
the old Inhabilents say that it is verydull
and that times ar harder than para lang
time in fact for Sevel years
Well be that as it may. I am still
In the race. and my grunter is still
grunting but not as loud as when I rote to you
last. I hav a bout sold all of my Lots
and in regards to that part of the affair
I am all right. I came out with a
neat littell Home of Seven lots
On the best part and now I am a fixing
up and watching for a sucker to sell out to
Allie is runing a gas boat on Shears
Nester is Chief Hellow Boy at night in the phone
office. He is a going to take a trip back there this Sumer
He wants a mother Swim in Cedar Bayou

Pleas give my kindest Regard to
your father and mother.
And sometime when Sister has jest finished
Churning on the back faling. Drink a bucket
of that good Buther milk for me
and if Sister scolds jest tell her hait is far
and that I dont hav sitch good things in
this Dargo and neegro town
all tho I hav one runt of a milk cow
I am a living in my own house, but it is not
finished yet
I hav jest herd of a mr Joast that walks
on the Rail road track Every night
I am going down to form his acquaintance
before long, if he will only show up
for my Pleasure I will Chat with him
and let you know what I seen & herd in my next
We hav had a good drouth, but to day we had
a fine Shower, Pleas to give my kindest
Regards to friend, Fred Sellett, and tell him that
I did not get any reply to my last to him
and if anybody over there Ever speaks of old Smith
Pleas to tell them that he is still kicking at his
old trade, you or about my only Corspondent. So
Pleas to let me hear from Sods County when you may
I fear that some other Smiths here has got my Letters
from your old friend Alvin Smith

Greeting from Galveston.

Sea Wall-East End.

Houston, Tex.

June 4, 1917

Dear John

Received your card yesterday. Glad to hear from you, and that you are safe in old America once more. Love from all. your cousin

H. W. Gillette

Post Card

HOUSTON JUN 6 1917 TEX

John G. Schilling
1st Lt. M.C.
142nd Ambulance Co.
111th San. Tr.
Camp Mills
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Your kindness is only exceeded
by your good looks, so
please grant me the pleasure
of expressing my grateful
thanks for the loan of
your "Watch"

[redacted]

Date .....

Name ..... *Ward* ..... *Bed* .....

Specimen .....

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To be examined for:

Widal Reaction .....

Gonococci .....

Tubercle Bacilli .....

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.....

Requested by ..... *M. D.*

Reported by ..... *M. D.*

Dr. Gilmore
Dr. Bradley

Morgan City, La
March 18th

Howdy John,
how ar you to day, and how did you spend the 15 your birth day. Let me gess I will say that you wer cutting up your new yard fence. So, annie can plant her flowrs, and I will venchuer to gess that mr West has not finished painting the house yet. for I hav herd that you still hav wet weather and of cose some littell mud we hav had some rain but the mud dus not bother here so much. But rite now we ar all on a grand quiver

or in other words, nearly
Skered out of our Boots.
The Missiffi river is very high
and. Some of the levees are
a begining to Brake
But none as yet that will
let the Water amechietty on
us, and of Course we are all
Busy praylin that our leavees
as we Call them wont Brake
your father Knows what a fix
we would all be in, if they
should give in. So pray - think
of us all over here if Gitch
does happen. well good night I will
rite some more tomorrow night

Well John, to night I will tell
and tell you what I have been
a bout lately, first you see
I didnot get tumbler rite into the
Land of milk and honey when I got
here, oh no, I find that I hafto
Pick up my old saw and hamer
them same old tools and get out
to work I am busy now, making
what we call Swamp Boats
the ar made with three planks
and a few smaller peces
I have helped to make 113 of them
and 2 skiffs, and the shop has
orders for 80 more, 3 men can
make 12 a day, Well John I expect
that I have wearied you a ruff time
yours resp Alvin Smith