

take the women folk when we get  
together and they are pretty homesick  
around.

Ann should like to see an Maria  
next time I go down to Maine &  
am going to make a good long visit  
I will stay here or there month  
give my love to Maria and Fred  
and tell her I will write as soon  
as I go to boarding I have been  
pretty busy since I've been here  
God by Dear Mother

Maggie Morrison

(Maggie likes her just rat)

Chicago, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Mother

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season and  
we were very glad to hear from you  
all to know that you were all well.

Maggie and myself are both well, and  
we are getting along nicely. Maggie  
has been a little homesick most of  
the time, but I think she is getting  
over it some. We are having some  
very pleasant weather, just cool enough  
to be comfortable. I have not seen  
any warmer weather than you had.  
Mr. Stoughton when we were down, but  
it was rather warm here the first week.  
Dear Mother, I will tell you how we  
are getting along. In the first place  
we have bought a house, it is on

No. Georgia St. No 47, it is a very pleasant

place, every thing is very quiet and

good neighbors, the house contains

ten rooms, a long partry & three closets, evening; you wanted to know how long you

will expect to let a family in, next things in my new house; things is different

month, and would with them, for it to what they are cook & don't like the rest

is to much work for Maggie, if do the near as well as I do the cook & don't intend

work, for it is quite a little work to make this my home if I was here

from the shop, but I think after in R. By labor it would be pretty hard to

we get too bounding we shall get just my consent to come out here

along fairly. I have missed my quiet house and good

neighborhood that I had there

perhaps that I will like out here but

it, don't seem now as if I ever should

I go to Mr. Mc. quite often they have

thing in full style but for all that

I think that she would rather live

in N. Y. when we first come here she

would hold me for being a homesick

I think now that she is troubled that

things fall as much as I am they will

give work like they have talked in

suicided Mr. Mc. and I no likes first

etc

etc

etc

Dear Mother

How do you this

write any more this time.

We send our love to you all

from your son

A R Morrison

write soon

Direct as before.

Chicago Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Mother

Your letter came  
I hand in the season and was  
very glad to hear from you all and  
more to know that you were well.

Maggie and myself are both well  
and getting <sup>along</sup> finely. business is very  
good. and I am in hope it will be  
untill we get our house paid for.

We have let part of the house to a family  
and they furnish us our meals. so it

makes a very good thing for us. we get  
as good as share a month. beside we have  
the two best rooms. I think that we a good  
trade. I have got five years to pay for the  
house, but I am in hope to do it in two.

Well Mother how do you get along.  
I suppose you feel rather lonesome. to have  
us all so far away. but I am in hope

It is all for the best. If business diminish  
your. I am subsicid. I can make  
more money here than I could east.  
Maggie begins to like better than she did  
at first. She is getting fifteen dollars  
a week. and I am having \$24.00. I  
think that is very good about you.  
Maggie says she will visit Sam.

We are going up our room and getting  
the stove set up. for I expect we shall  
have some cold weather before long.

I hope you have heard from Father or  
Henry. By this time. by the way. let me  
know in your next letter what Henry  
address was the last time you heard  
from him.

Well Mother I believe I have written  
about all I can. Time of this time.

We send love to you all  
Cous

write soon

Direct as before  
Cous

Chicago, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Mother

Your letter  
was received in due season  
and we were very glad to  
hear from you all enclose  
to know that you were well.  
We are both well and getting  
along nicely. The weather has  
been very pleasant for the  
last few days, but we must  
expect cold weather soon. They  
never have much snow here  
they say, but it is rather  
cool here in January when the  
wind blows from the South, there  
is nothing to break it off. So  
we get the full force of it.

And on the other side of us  
is the open prairie, so you see  
there is nothing to prevent us  
from good air, this winter.

Well Mother how do you get  
along. This fall, I suppose  
this weather suits you if it  
is only cold enough.

I have not written to Henry  
yet, but think I shall this  
week. Maggie says she is  
agony to write to you Sunday.  
And give you all the news,  
so I will not write any more  
this time.

We send our love to you  
all. Tell Forrest to be a good  
boy. Tell Maria Maggie is  
agony to write to her soon

Please write soon

Love

48 West Randolph St.

Chicago

M

good night

Mr Anson P. Morrison  
No 61 Michigan Avenue  
Chicago Ill  
care of Rawson & Mr. Ireland

Chicago Jan the 9th(?) 1869

Dear Mother,

I received your letter some time ago I was very glad to hear from you to know that you was all well Anson and I are both well and getting along nicely Anson has worked every day since he came here I have had a real easy time this Winter so far I am going in to work tomorrow morning and I expect to have all I can right along Mr (?) Mc (?) has moved this shop about a half amile further from our place I feel sorry for the family that we board with are going to move out this week and I dont know but that I will have got to keeping house again I hope not while work in the shop

When we get our place plaid for I will not worry if I do not work in the shop Anson can earn real good pay I do not think that (---) feel obliged to work in the shop all the time Has Anson ever told you how much our place cost he paid three thousand five hundred dol he intendes to make another payment the 27th of this month and after that payment fifteen hundred dol will clear our house if we are both well we can pay that in a short time

Mother you wanted to know if I heard from my folkes often I must say that I do not - I wrote to my sister and Mrs (?) Warren? about three month ago and I have never received an answer from either of theme I think that they must have got mislead Mrs. ? Warren has sent to some folkes in this city to find out my address

I must write to them againe soon for I feel confident if they received them that I would have heard from them (---) I like here very well and feel quite content but I long or the time to come when I can go East on a visit -

How I should like to see you and Maria and tell you all about this grate? City of Chicago

Anson joines me in sending love to you Maria and Forest - good by

From your daughter

Maggie Morrison

please write soon

Direct to No 61 Michigan Avenue

Chicago Ill

care of Rawson & McFarland

excuse mistakes



Chicago Feb 14th 1869

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we wer very glad to here from you all once more to know that you wer all well. Maggie and myself are both well and getting along nicely. We have moved since I wrote to you last. we have let our house for \$35.00 per month. and hired three rooms nearer the shop for \$12.00 per month,, And have gone to keeping house again,, But business has been rather dull for the last three weeks on account of the workmen being on a strike. Our shop is all the one that is doing anything in the city. I was only out about a week. -

We are having some very warm weather for this season of the year it seems like spring, but I suppose we shall have some more cold weather yet,,

Well Mother how do you get along this winter. I should like to step in and see you all this evening. and have a good long chat. but I suppose I must wait awhile. Maggie thinks she will go east in about a year on a long visit.


I see by your letter that you get no news from Father or Henry. it does seem strange. but it may be all for the best. We must live in hopes,,

We send our love to all

From your Son AR Morrison

No. 61 Mich Ave  
Chicago  
Ill

Write Soon  
ARM



Chicago March 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season  
and I was very glad to hear  
from you all once more. I am  
sorry you have a lame shoulder.  
I hope it is well by this time.  
My health is very good, and  
Maggie I suppose you have heard  
from her before this. She went down  
just about three weeks ago, to see  
her sister who is very sick  
with the consumption, and they  
think she cannot live through  
the Spring. Maggie was about  
sick when she started, but she  
writes me that the journey has  
improved her health very much.  
I expect her back next Saturday.

Maggie's sister sick of consumption back east. She is traveling to visit her one last time.

I have been keeping bucklers hall  
since she has been gone. I get my  
breakfast and supper and take  
my dinner to a boarding house.  
I have got about six of it. I  
shall be glad when she gets  
back. We are having some very  
nice weather here at present. The  
snow has all gone and it seems  
like Spring. But business is  
very good in our shop. but there  
has not been anything done in  
the other shop for over ten weeks  
on account of the strike. and  
it is hard to tell when they will  
go to work. It makes it rather  
hard for a good many of them  
that have families to support.  
but the workmen say they will not  
go to work until they get their  
spice. they may possibly get it  
but I never saw any good come

out of a strike yet. I am sorry  
you have not heard any thing from  
Father or Henry. I don't know what  
to think about it. but I suppose time  
will tell. I hope it is all for the  
best. at least we must try and  
think so. but it comes rather hard  
sometimes.

Well Mother I believe I  
have written about all I can of  
this time. I send my love  
to you all From your Son  
A. Morrison

Write soon

Ans

Tell Forrest to be a good boy  
and go to school

Chicago June 1st 1869

Dear Mother

I received Maria's letter in sue season and was very glad to hear from you all once more. I was sorry to here that you was sick. I hope you are better now. My health is very good. But Maggie has not been as well this summer as usual. She says she wants to work in the shop this summer. And after that she thinks she can stay at home continued. We are having some very pleasant wether here. I suppose we are a little a head of you on fruit we have had strawberries for three weeks. And the market is full of them at ten cents a quart. Peas and stringbeans and all kinds of vegetables are plenty. Business is thriving. And if I have my health I think I shall make a good years work. I know Mother I had ought to send you something and I mean to before long. We have been saving every cent toput into the house because we want to get it paid for as soon as we can. Although we have got five years to pay for it in but we have to pay ten p cent interest on the mortgage. And that counts up fast. But I guess we shall get it cleared up by another summer if nothing happens.

I suppose you hear nothing from Father or Henry but we must hope for the best.

Well Mother I cannot hink of any more this time. We send our love to you all. Maggie says she will write this week. Hoping the lines will find you in good health and spirits.

From Your Son

AR Morrison

Tell Forrest I will look out for his boots next weinter. He must be a good boy.

Ans

write soon

Dear Mother

I was very happy to have you write to me  
I dislike to write very much I dont see as their was any  
chance for me to escape this time - so I thought I must  
try and write a few lines Anson and I are getting along  
first rate He is very good to me I think we are as happy  
as any one can be I hope the Lord will always grant it so

I should be very happy to have you come and make us a visit  
I am in hopes that we will have a home of our own some time  
and then I shall want you to make us a long visit wont you  
Ans dont think that we can go down east before next Winter  
I shall be glad to go

I have not got any of my pictures at present I will send  
you one as soon as I get a chance to have some taken

cannot think of any thing els this time I would be glad  
to have you write to me (-----) I will try and do better  
next time

your ever faithfull daughter

Maggie Morrison

I send my love and fond  
wishes to all

Chicago August the 30th 1867

Dear Mother

I hope you will excuse  
me for not writing to you before  
this I do dislike to write so bad  
that it is about the hardest work  
that I can do.

Anson and I are both well and  
getting along nicely. We received your  
letter last week stating that you  
had not heard from us for so long  
we was very sorry that you had  
not received our last letter I hope  
that you have received it. ever this  
mother it is so long since I wrote to  
you that I hardly know what  
to write. My health is not quite as  
good as when I live East; but it is better  
than it has been

I still keep the wash in the shop  
I walk about three miles every day  
going back and forth to my work  
it seemed real hard at first but  
I have got used to it so I like to  
work I want to help Aaron all  
I can until he gets his house  
paid for. He has had to pay ten  
per cent on the mortgage that  
reckons up pretty far but we  
are getting along nicely and if we are well  
and have work we can pay for <sup>it</sup> before you  
We do not intend to make it our  
home in Chicago I should not wonder  
if you would see us back East -  
in the course of a year or two  
I never want to settle down either and  
make it my home here  
Now the England was intending to go  
East next month on a visit but has  
given up the idea  
I think they are getting sick of Chicago  
and will go back East. don't think that

They have made a very good move by  
coming here  
Mother I wish that Cora and you  
have a talk with you and tell you  
about my dear sister that I have lost  
oh she was so glad to see last March  
when I went on to see her she  
thought that Aaron was very kind  
to consent to my going on to see her  
I bid her a last farewell but I left  
with the hope that I should see her again  
but never on this earth the fond hopes  
of seeing her in a better land is indeed  
consoling My sister was a kind good woman  
she was liked by every one that knew  
her I have had some very kind letters  
since some of her neighbors after  
her death

Aaron has gone to bed and is fast asleep  
I will bid you good by for the present

Give my love to Annie and Sweet -  
Your Obedient Maggie Garrison

Maggie lost her sister. Not happy in Chicago.

Write Leon

Sent Aug 17 '41  
Blue 3¢

Chicago, Ill Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dear Mother

Your letter  
came to hand in due season  
and we were very glad to  
hear from you all one more  
to know that you were well.  
Maggie and myself are both  
well and getting along ~~very~~  
nicely. business is rather dull  
at present. but we have managed  
to have work so far. but I am  
afraid we shall get a chance  
to rest before long. —  
Ann Morrison was in the shop  
two or three times to see us.  
and I was down to Mr  
Lincoln to see her. I am  
very much obliged for my  
present. I was sorry we was



not keeping house. So that  
we could have her come and  
make us a visit. I am in  
hopes we shall be well long  
for I am about sick of being  
out. I am sorry we could  
not send any thing to you  
by Ann, but I will try and  
do something, after I get my  
house paid for. I am going  
to make a payment this month,  
and then I shall not have but  
one more to make. Then I shall  
feel a little easier. Then I shall  
Ann started for home last  
Monday. She expects to be some  
time on the road. She is going  
to stop in N. York and Boston.  
She thinks she will be quite  
a traveler by the time she  
gets back to Skowhegan  
well. Mother has to go  
get along. I should like to

stop in, and have a chat with  
you this evening, but I suppose  
I must be contented with ~~seeing~~  
at present.  
By the way Mr Dow is out  
here. He has gone in by business.  
And has sent for his wife  
he expects, in about two weeks.  
Joseph Hathaway is here in  
the coal business. I have not  
seen him yet. —  
By the way, about Mr Stevens. I  
found such a man in the streets  
and went to his house. But they  
was not at home. I am going  
again this week. Hope I shall  
have better luck. —  
I cannot think of any more that  
I can. We send our love to you  
all. Tell Forest. I will send  
him something before a great while.  
From your Son  
A. M. Mason

Chicago March the 27th 1890

Dear Mother

I hope you will  
 excuse me for not writing to you  
 before this I am well I have to work  
 more and I will be better well and  
 getting along nicely I want to work  
 the last day of Feb and I have  
 worked every day since then I like  
 our new shop ever so much it is  
 real pleasant they are the shop since  
 we started had so very hard that  
 I had to work by gas light most  
 part of the day we have good light  
 our new shop was a kind of <sup>health</sup> better  
 than it was when I worked in the other  
 I think that we have made a good change

As we are breath well and nothing happen Mother & I wish I could see no hair  
we expect to have one place all paid to think of <sup>you</sup> & of you and wish that I  
had to be with you it will seem real could have a good look each in  
you to be out of debt one day. I am think that we can do better  
I saw real very that it was so long here than we could had it was  
last fall when I am however and some time before he could make  
A bit here they was finishing up. We Frank so but I believe that  
in the shop that it was about impossible I will have to give up and think  
for me to get off she did not even as he does  
see one time I was in paper that was written I cannot think of any  
time she come to a paper that I will thing do this time  
be keeping you as she come and I am join me in sending you  
hope me a long visit I have not seen her for your Museum Forest.  
New Deer but we see she has been  
see she in the school. I believe it  
Painy look the first of May  
so I presume you will see her in  
and she will tell you about Chicago  
I like here much better than  
I thought I can do  
I feel quite contented with my  
life.

Love  
Miss M. M. M.

Plus mille amors

Chicago Sept 11th 1870

Dear Mother,

Your letter came to hand in due season and we were very glad to hear from you all once more to know that you were all well. Maggie and myself are both well and getting along nicely. Business is very good at present. The weather is very pleasant. I am glad the fearful hat weather is past. It seems good to have cool evenings once more. By the way I found Mr. Stevens last Sunday. They seem to be a very nice people. Henry lived with them about four years. They seem to think a good deal of him. Mrs. Stevens said he always seemed like one of the family. They have not seen him for six years. But heard from him about two years ago. Mr Stevens says there is no doubt but what he is alive and all right. He is agoing to write to some friends of his this week in Memphis. And I shall see him next Sunday. They have got two of Henry's pictures. And they say he was the best boy they ever see, good steady habits, and a splendid workman. If they find where he is they will try and get him back to Chicago.

Well Mother You wrote about the preaching. You wanted to know what kind of preaching we have here. We have all kinds here you can imagine. There is a Church at almost every corner. And they all seem to be striving to see who shall have the nicest one. And the highest steeple. I don't attend any one in particular. Sometimes one and sometimes another.

We had a fearfull time here last Sunday night. It was close by our Shop. There were six men buried by the falling walls. Three bodies were taken out yesterday. They expect to find the others today.

I believe I have written about all I can think of today.

you all.

We send our love to

Boy.

Tell Forrest to be a good

From your Son

AR Morrison

47 No Peoria St

Chicago

Ill

Enclosed is \$5.00

write soon