

Chicago Oct 11th 1871

Dear Mother

I drop you a few lines to let you know that we are all safe from the fire. our house is all right and we have taken in four families that were burned out. We cannot tell what we shall do yet. I think we shall go East

Our love to you all from you

Dear

ALM
Write soon

Chicago April the 18th? 1872

Dear Mother

I received your letter some time ago I should answer it before this but I was waitting to get my baby's picture taken I was sorry to hear of your health being so poor I hope you will feel better as the weather grows warmer

Anson baby and I are well at present My health is quite good for me it has been very poor a good part of the time since come to the city I do not think that a city life agrees with me and certainly I cannot say that I like the city I do not I never did I have wished myself back East a thousand times over perhaps it is all for the best it is (----) to think on I suppose that Anson has wrote you about changeing his business I do not think that he likes very well it is real hard work he has to be there so many hours and away from home evenings that is the worst part of it I was so lonely evenings it did seem as if never could stand it. the store is one mile from where we live so it is late when he gets home

I am in hopes that will? sell out and go back to his trade againe Well Mother what do you think of my baby he is a real good baby he is all the world to me his picture is pretty good it lookes like him dont think it flatter him in the least I do not feel satisfaction with his dress it was real hard to get a picture he is so busy?

He walk some when he was ten monthes old now he is running around the house as smart as any one he is tying (trying?) to talke he can say some words quite plane I received a letter from Marie today and I will try and answer it soon Anson is busy he dose not have much time write I must try and write you often

I must say that I do not like to write Well Mother I cannot think of any thing els this time Anson joines me in sending our love to you Marie and Forest I want see you and Maria and Forest the worst way I do not think I can go East this summer cant say for certain

Good by from your daughter

Maggie Morrison

please
excuse
mistakes

Chicago June 16th 1872

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we was very glad to hear from you all once more. I have been calculating to write for about a month. But it is the hardest work I can do. And it is about the same with Maggie. We keep talking about writing but that is about all it amounts to. I am agoing to try and write a little oftener in the future. Maggie is getting along very well. Bertie has been quite sick for the last two weeks. He is having a pretty hard time with his teeth. I am in hopes he will get along all right now. He has lost a good deal of flesh but he does not grumble much. He is the best Boy you ever saw.

The present you sent him will be put in the bank for him.

I am in hopes to make you (---) before long.

Business is thriving here this summer. Everybody seems to be in a hurry and can't seem to do half enough. They are putting up some of the nicest buildings in the country, and a good many of them. The people are alive out here and whatever they start on they are bound to see it through.

We expect to get into our new shop next month.

Well Mother I believe I have written about all I can think of this time. Maggie says she is agoing to write soon.

We send our love to you all.

From your Son AR Morrison

write Soon

Tell Forrest to be a good boy.

Maggie says tell Maria that she is agoing to write to her some

Good night

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Chicago Oct 5th 1872

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season. And we wes very glad to hear from you all. To know that you wes all well. My health is first rate. Maggie is getting along very well. But Bertie has had a hard time of it. He has been sick for the last five months. And has been given up by the best Doctors we have. But I think he will beat them all this time, for he seems to be on the gain now every day. He wants every thing to eat that he sees. I think there is no doubt but what he will get along now. He does not seem to flesh up much yet. But is feeling first rate. Maggie says if he comes out all right she will be satisfied for all the trouble she has been through with. And that has been a pretty severe one I can assure you.

Business is thriving and every thing is on the rush. They are building very fast in the burned district. We are agoing to hav nicer buildings. And more of them than we did before.

This is agoing to be the
Banner City of the world
ARM

No more this time

From your Son

A R Morrison

47 North Peoria St.

Chicago

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Chicago Dec 6" 1872

Dear Mother

Your welcome letter came to hand in due season and we wer very glad to hear from you all once more. I have been calculating to write to you for the last five weeks,, but I have just got around to it,, I thought I would waite until everything was all over,, In the first place we have got an addition to our family. We have got a little girl about four weeks old,, and we have named her Charlotte. Maggie is getting along very well. She has been up and around two week.

Bertie is rather on the gain he has had hard time of it. but I think he will get along now if he nothing happens he looks rather white but he seems to feel well,, Our little Lottie is rather cross but I supose that is all natural enough,, at her age,,

Business is getting rather dull we shall get through next week, I am in hopes we shall not be idle long, for I cannot aford to lay still a great while,, this is the (-----) year we have experienced since we wer married,, we never new? much about sickness until this last summer, I think we have our share of it for a while, My health has always been very good, so we have managed to get along very well. _____

We do not rent any of our house at present,, but I think we shall next spring. there is more room than we want, and they are agoing to pave the street next spring and I supose that will cost about \$300.00 so I must make every thing count.

Well Mother I believe
I have written about all this time.

Maggies says she will answer your letter as soon as she can. She thinks she has got her house full at present.

We send our love to you all

From your Son

AR Morrison

Chicago, Feb 23rd 1873

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we was very glad to hear from you all. To know that you were well this awful cold weather. I think this has been the coldest winter that I ever knew.

We are getting along very well. Bertie is quite smart and begins to look like himself. Lottie is getting along pretty well with the exception of a bad (----) on her head and face. They say all children have more or less of it. You can't seem to do much for it. Although we have been doctoring and it don't seem to do much good.

Business is very good although we are not thriving very much at present. But I expect in a few weeks we shall have all we can attend to.

Maria's letter came to hand last Thursday and Maggie says she is agoing to write sure! We are the poorest hands to write that there ever was. I guess you begin to think so. It is about the hardest job I have to do.

Maggie says she will write this week. So I will leave it all to her to write the news.

We send our love to you all

From your Son

A R Morrison

Chicago June 11th 1873

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we were very glad to hear from you all once more. I want to have answered it before, but I have kept putting it off. And now I will try and write you a few lines to let you know that we are all pretty well. Maggie has not been feeling very well for the last three weeks. But she begins to feel better now. Berties is not very rugged, but I think he will be all right this summer. We keep him out of doors all we can. He begins to talk some. I wish you could step inside and see us tonight. Berties is just agoing to bed, he sends a kiss to Grandma, Forrest, and aunt Maria. Lotties is the fattest baby that you ever see. She is on the broad grin all of the time. She is cutting her teeth now and I suppose she will be a little fussy for a while.

Maggie is cleaning house this week and we have had our yard filled up and sewer put in and they are getting ready to pave the street. So you see we are all mixed up at present. But I think we shall get all fixed up this summer. It costs a good deal but then it will be all the better when it is done.

Frank Webb has been to see me several times. He comes in with Stock quite often and generally calls to see me. He is just exactly as his father used to be. He is all old (- -).

We are having some very pleasant weather for a wonder. And I think it is about time. I think last winter was the longest one I ever knew. It lasted up to the first of June. I suppose we shall get hot weather enough by July to make it all up. (with interest)

Well Mother

I believe I have written about all I can think of this time.

We send our love to you
all
write soon

Your Son

AR Morrison

good night

Chicago Oct 26th 1873

Dear Mother

I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. We are all well Bertie has had a p(r)etty hard time of it this summer, but he seems to be on the gain now. Lottie is as fat as she can be and as full of mischief as she can hold. She is into everything and she gets a good many bumps for she is just beginning to climb. I think she will walk soon. She will be a year old the sixth of November.

Maggie is feeling very well this season. We have let our girl go, and she is doing her own work at present. I expect I shall be at home to help her some. For business is very dull. I got through last night and I dont expect to have anything more to do before the first of January. All kinds of business seems to be affected the same way. They are reducing their help about one half. And also the wages. It seems to be the general opinion that this is going to be a hard winter. But if we are only well I guess we can stand it for a while.

Well Mother how do you get along. I suppose about the same as ever. I was in hopes that I should be able to send you a present by this time. But I shall have to waite a while and see how things turn out.

I suppose Maria got Maggie's letter. Tell her she will do better next time.

I believe this is all this time. We send our love to you all.

From Your Son

A. R. Morrison
47 N. Peoria St.

Chicago

Tomorrow is washing day and Maggie says I have got to take care of the babies.

good night

Anson

Write soon and I will do better next time

ARM

Doggett, Basset & Hills,

Wholesale Dealers in

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Nos. 29 & 31 Lake Street.

WM. E. DOGGETT,
D. HOBART HILLS,
CHARLES H. CRAM,
HENRY D. BASSETT, } Chicago.
Boston, (Office, 79 Pearl St.)

Chicago, January 17th 1874

Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand in due season and we was all very glad to hear from you all. To know that you was well. Maggie, myself and the children are all well. Bertie does not seem to grow very fast, but he is feeling well. Lottie is as fat as a ball of butter, and is in to everything that she can get at. Bertie has a good deal to say about his Grandama and the present you sent him. He is sitting at the table with his pencil and says he is writing to you, he has just given it to me to put in mine. Business has been very dull for the last three months, but it begins to start up a little. I commenced work last week, after loafing ten weeks. Maggie says she shall miss me washing days, for I use to take care of the children.

Maggie says tell Maria she will write soon. I do think we are the poorest hands to write than ed in the country. I wish I could write like some folks, but when I get ready I can never think

of anything to write. I think every time I get a letter, that I will answer it right off, and I keep putting it off till the last.

we are much obliged to you for your present for the children, and I am in hopes to be able to return it in some way, before long.

Well I believe I have written about all this time.

We send our love to you all
from your Son *Wm. Morrison*

write soon

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Chicago, March 16th 1874

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season and we were very glad to hear from you all, to know that you were well. We are all well and getting along first rate. Business is rather dull in our branch, the Shoemakers have been on a strike ever since the first of January, and it is pretty hard to tell how long it will last. I have been all the one that has been to work in our room for the last four weeks, but if they don't come to terms soon, I expect I shall have to loaf some a great while. I am in hopes they will go to work by the first of April. Lezzie McCollom and her boy are stopping with us for a few days, her husband is in Kansas, she expect he will send for her this week. Bertie is sitting by the table a writing to his Grandmother he says tells her the babies are pretty well. I wish you could see our babies, Lottie is the smartest and best looking baby in the city. Bertie is a talking about

his Grandma most every day. Maggie was calculating
to have Lottie's picture taken to send this time, but she
has been so busy that she had to put it off until next
week, and then I expect she will write that long
letter she has been promising to for so long.

Maggie says tell Maria that
she is going to write to her soon and tell
her all the news.

I suppose Showegam is all right
now that you ~~have~~ have got the Court house there.

No more this time from your

Son A. Morrison

we send our love to you all.

Write soon

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Chicago July 19th 1874

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season and I have been calculating to write most every week since. but it is the hardest work I can do. We are all well with the exception of Bertie,, this warm weather takes hold of him and he has been pretty sick for the last few weeks, but the doctor says he thinks he will bring him out all right in a few weeks.

Lottie is well and fat as a little pig,, She aets (eats?) everything that comes along, and runs away from home once in a while, just to keep Maggie well worried up. She is just as full of mischief as she can hold. and we think she is the smartest girl in this or any other town,, Enclosed you will find her picture,, -

Maggie says she will answer Maria's letter next week,, and send her one of Lotties picturs.

We had another big fire here last week, and if the wind had not changed just as it did,, our shop would have gone sure. but thank fortune it was on our sid(e?) for once,,

Bertie sends a kiss to Grandma,
and we send our love to you all,

sooner next time

I will try and write

From your Son

AR Morrison

Write soon

47 North Peoria St

Chicago Dec 15th 1874

Dear Mother

Maggie received your letter in due season and we wer very glad to hear from you all. we are all well with the exception of Lottie she has got a bad cold, but it dont trouble her much She is round the house just the same. Bertie is getting along first rate but he does not grow very much yet. Lottie is about as heavy as he is, not quite as tall. but she is growing fast.

The mail man has just come to the door. and brought the paper & books,, the children are very much pleasd with the books they have a good deal to say about down east and their? Grandma. Maggie is making great calculation on going East next summer. and Bertie is talking about it all the time.

Business is rather dull I expect to be idle until the first of January. I supose I shall have a chance to do a little housekeeping, while I am loafing.

The weather has been very mild and pleasant so far this winter. we have had a very little snow.

I believe this is all this time.

We send our Love to all

From your Son

AR Morrison

P.S. Maggie will write soon to both
write soon

Enclosed find five dollars for Christmas

AR Morrison