

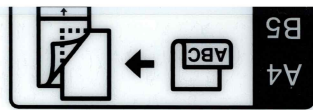
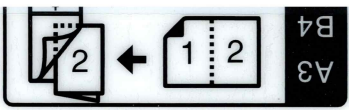
Chinook Alta,
April 26, 1911.

Dearest Mother:—

I suppose you are beginning to worry because you have not heard from either of us lately, but don't worry, we are all well and busy.

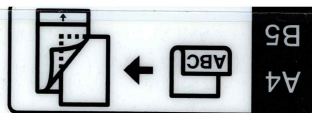
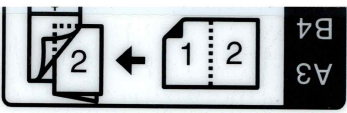
I made a trip to Alask last week to get a load of seed oats & some other stuff. Will is away getting a disc and a drag & seed oats now. We haven't got the money from the H.^s yet so we can not get things done as well and as fast as we ought to but we are getting along fairly. The lack of the money has set us back a month already, but I sort of expect it might maybe come this week perhaps!

Mother couldn't you possibly arrange things so as to come in June just as soon as school is over? Will is going to go down to his scrip as soon as he gets back



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from Alaska and I will have to be here alone and work all the horses & get my meals besides. If I only had someone to cook for me I could get a heap of work done but it is awfully hard for a man to get in a whole day's work with a four horse team & cook his own meals besides. As soon as the money comes we are going to get four more parties and then I will be busy for sure because we want to do all our teams work here so that all the horses will be used here & that means that I will have to work all eight of them alone because Will can't be here except a small part of the time until August. I guess I can get along all right until you get here but I do wish you could come in June. Please let me know if you can. I am awfully anxious to see you. It isn't just because I want you to cook for me either. It sounds that way doesn't it? I don't think you will get away



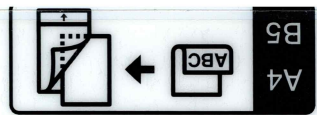
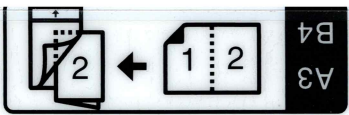
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lonesome. Mrs. Neff has a scrip which covers
on our section & she is going to be there this
summer so you will be visiting each other
often. Her shack ~~is~~^{will be} only a little over a mile
away.

Moreover you know it is somewhat
colder here in the summer than in Oberlin
so you want to bring clothes & under-clothes
in accordance. I mean that you probably won't
need your lightest clothes here. It may be hot
here at times, too, but not like Oberlin heat &
it is always cool at night.

If you have not written to Mr. H. M. Williams
of Toledo about rates you had better do it now. It
takes several exchanges of correspondence. You
will probably get cent a mile rates coming as
"a settler's family" but you may not be able to
get rates at all in which case you will get the
Homeseeker's Excursion which goes every other Tuesday
on a special train, but I hope you don't have
to go on the Homeseeker's Excursion train but it
is awful & you couldn't get a berth probably, and



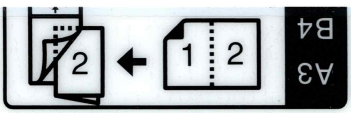
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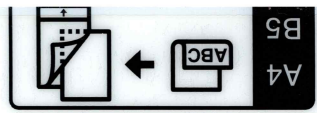
wouldn't get any pleasure out of that trip. You want to plan so that if you stay a week at the Dowsley's, that you can leave there by the twenty-fifth of June which would get you here the first of July. It takes less than a day to go to Toronto you know, but you will have to go by way of Toledo, Detroit and Windsor, if you take the excursion on the cent-a-mile rate.

Well, I must get to work again so goodbye for now. Your most loving "Daddy".

Charles Selden Belden
Chinook, Alta.



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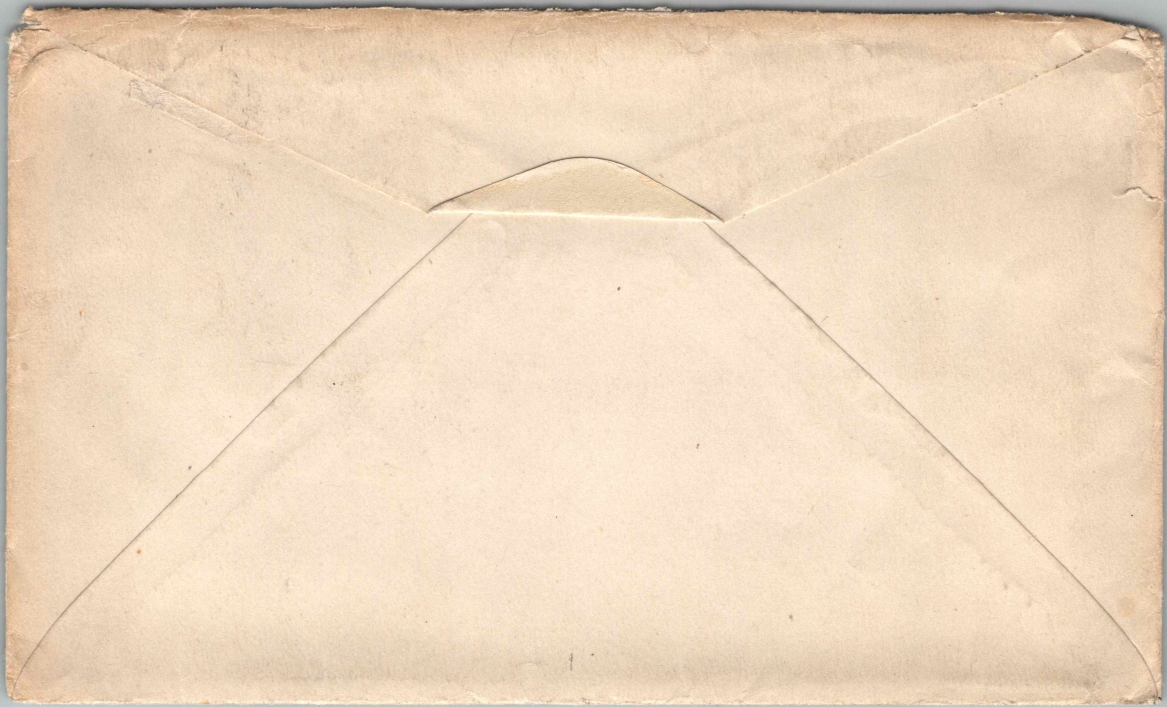


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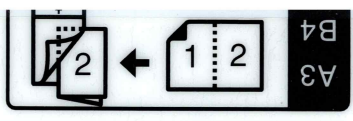
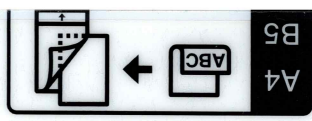
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