

My dear Mamma:-

I have scarcely been able to put in any time this week because of an accident to my wheel and clothes and the delivery I made this week. I came out just about even on the delivery or rather would have done so if two people hadn't backed out. I have then 2 books of best binding on hand and besides my old bill of 12.90 by the Co. a new one of 6.20. I hope to be able to sell these two books before my 20 days credit is out.

You ought to see some of the sewing I have done on my clothes. Pretty good for me I think. My clothes are in desperate condition at least as far as my suit goes. I have bought a new pair of

shoes that will last me till
Thanksgiving all right, but my
suit looks so shabby that I am
ashamed to go to church or any
decent place. It don't bother me
very much when I am coun-
sing in the country but I am
ashamed to be seen in town. I have
thought the matter over very care-
fully and think I'll have to get
you to help me out though
not with cash I would have asked
before but I had an idea that I
owed a bill at Whitney's but
I find that I was mistaken
Well what I want you to do
is to get a suit at Whitney's
and charge it up to me. Of course
the express will be something but
then I can't get the cash any way,
while the express charges I can
pay. Now in regard to the suit
I wear a thirty seven [37] inch
coat and vest. Please remember
to tell the man to give a com-

fortably sized sleeve as I have a rather
large arm and shoulder. I her
in regard to the trousers, I will
send an old pair which have entirely
gone up the spout and one leg of
which I have about used up for
padding, a new concealing bag etc.
However they fit me to a "t." I don't
want any thing very much tighter
though I am somewhat narrower
than I was when I left home, don't
get any looser waist at all, indeed
I could stand it several inches less
with out any inconvenience. Also
you needn't get any longer than
the ones I send. You can take the
measurements and take down to
the store. However you want to
watch out about getting the legs
too small as I can fill pretty well
a moderately sized leg. Also

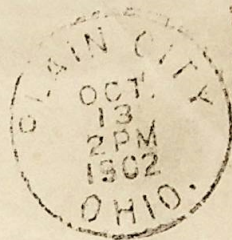
remember the arms. Those are
the points that you will be most
likely to overlook, but of course
I don't want any baggy looking
things. Ten dollars is about the
limit that I want to pay although
if you can do especially well at
\$5 or \$15 why do it. Please
don't get any thing very heavy
as I can stand the cold a great
deal better than the heat and we
may have some warm days com-
ing yet. I need something that
will stand the work as I may
have to hide in my new clothes
though I plan to save them as
much as possible. I also need
something that won't soil easily.
On that account I am rather
opposed to serge. Above all
I must have something that
looks well as my business depends
on it. I can afford to pay a few
extra dollars in order to get

all qualities combined. Adams Express Company is the only one here. If you do get a serge I prefer a "double" nested coat and a dark blue or black not too heavy. Ask the girls' advice. If I had a good looking suit I would ask for that. Well the evening suit when I think I could do a little better business. Please don't answer this letter on a postal as I don't know but sometimes they get read at the P.O. In regard to measuring the length of the trousers you measure the length of the inside seam.

I guess all these directions will be enough for you to remember without any thing else and as I haven't any news I'll close
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