

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH, 23, 1870.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS MARY AND LILLIAN, --- I  
WRITE YOU THIS LETTER ON A TYPE WRITING MA-  
CHINE. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT I WROTE YOU A  
LETTER ON THIS MACHINE EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO  
BUT IT IS NOW GREATLY IMPROVED. THIS IS THE  
EIGHTH MACHINE THAT HAS BEEN MADE AND ALL  
OF THEM ARE DIFFERENT. EACH ONE HAS BEEN AN  
IMPROVEMENT ON ITS PREDECESSOR. THE DIFFI-  
CULTY ABOUT THE USE OF THIS MACHINE IS, THAT  
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE YOU CANT RECTIFY IT.  
BUT WHEN <sup>one</sup> IS USED TO IT THEY WILL KNOW HOW  
TO CORRECT IT EVEN IF ONE MAKES A GRAMMATI-  
CAL MISTAKE, AS I HAVE, IN THIS SENTENCE.  
THE RIBBON IS NOT EQUALLY INKED, AND THE IM-  
PRESSION CONSEQUENTLY, IS UNEVEN. MR. DEN-  
MORE IS HERE WITH THE MACHINE. IT WILL COST  
ABOUT A HUNDRED DOLLARS. I WISH I OWNED ONE.  
MY WIFE INTENDED TO WRITE YOU A LETTER ON  
THIS MACHINE BUT MR. D. WILL TAKE IT AWAY  
THIS MORNING, AND THEREFORE SHE CANNOT. IT IS  
VERY PLEASANT WEATHER THIS MORNING. I SUPPOSE  
YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY LAST LETTER BEFORE THIS  
WE WENT TO A WOMAN,S SUFFRAGE MEETING LAST  
EVENING. I WANT TO GET YOUR SUMMER THINGS AS  
SOON AS IT WILL DO. BUT IT IS TOO EARLY YET  
TO KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE PREVAILING STYLES.

I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND THE THINGS BEFORE  
YOU GRADUATE , AND SHALL IF I CAN, BUT FEAR IT  
WILL NOT BE PRACTICABLE. GOODS ARE QUITE  
CHEAP THIS SPRING. BUT MONEY IS NOT VERY  
PLENTY. I HAVE DONE AS WELL AS I EXPECTED.  
BUT I EXPECT IT WILL BE DULL ENOUGH AFTER  
THE SPRING SEASON IS PAST. I THINK SOME OF  
GOING INTO THE BUSINESS OF PRINTING THE IN-  
SIDES OF COUNTRY PAPERS MYSELF AND IF I DO,  
I SHALL HAVE TO WAIT SOMETIME BEFORE I SHALL  
REALIZE MUCH FROM IT. IT WILL BE MORE PROF-  
TABLE TO ME IN THE END BUT IT WILL TAKE  
SOME TIME TO ESTABLISH THE BUSINESS. I WANT  
TO BE MY OWN EMPLOYER. I DO NOT LIKE WORK-  
ING FOR OTHERS. AND I SHOULD BE WILLING TO  
MAKE CONSIDERABLE SACRIFICE NOW FOR THE SAKE  
OF REAPING A LARGE REWARD HEREAFTER. BUT I DO  
NOT LIKE TO TAKE TOO GREAT RISKS, AND SHALL  
NOT GO INTO IT UNLESS I HAVE PRETTY GOOD  
ASSURANCES THAT I SHALL SUCCEED. I WOULD BE  
WILLING TO DO WITHOUT A GREAT MANY THINGS  
NOW, TO ATTAIN A COMPETENCE HEREAFTER. . . .  
WE COULD GET ALL YOUR THINGS NOW BUT YOUR  
SPRING HATS, WHFE SAYS, BUT THE BETTER STYLES  
COME LATER. AND I DONT WANT THE EXPENSE OF  
TWO EXPRESS PACKAGES. SO I THINK IT BEST TO  
WAIT. I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU THIS WEEK. WRIT  
E THIS WEEK AND EVERY WEEK. I MEANT TO SAY  
OETFN. YOUR LOVING FATHER.

S. M. BOOTH.