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List of clothes

W inter shirts

Dark blue hat

Shawl pale blue or fawn ^{warm one}

Shoes kid with heels

Boots with plates 4/6 Pats

Oatmeal

Biscuits Osborne

Stockings mit green
dressing gown & bedroom

slippers we have oil
cake in the bedroom as
is very cold here.

The head nurse brought one down
there to try on but they were too
thin. references made by things are
so expensive in Wash.

Kind regards to
father.

"The Retreat" 4th Gallery.
Yorks.

January 12th 1886.
— " —

My own dear sister

You can't think how pleased
I was to receive your card last Sunday.
I thought you could not know where
I was you might have put a letter
inside I am dying to hear from
you did G. and like her card
I hope she is well & all the rest
of friends & relations. I hope this
letter will find ^{you} I had forgotten
your address write to me as
often as you can I had a letter

from Father this morning enclosed
with Dr. Baker's he expects I am
going home to them again when
I am better but I would rather
stay here for the rest of my life
you have no idea what I went
through with him I would not
with him on any account did
go home last summer tell me
everything I wish you could
& nurse me, the nurse I have is
very nice she tries her best to make
me comfortable her name is
Ada Dixon her home is in York
she has gone out this afternoon
is going to a ball to night at another
Crest hum it is the attendants ball

here on Friday the ladies
was a very serious case. I was
bed for several days. I have been
in bed for more than a month.
I think Dr. Baker will let me
get up soon. He is very nice.
I am reading every morning
books to read so it is not
bad. Ada has a new
album. I have a sweet
house. I have a very nice
I had two lady friends to
me this morning. I was
William B. G. Luke. I
the lives of the saints.
was married last summer.

[illegible]

Evening Afternoon

PROGRAM

1. PIANOFORTE DUET—OVERTURE ...
REV. F. PEEL
 2. SONG ...
REV. F.
 3. SONG ... "Where e"
MRS. ST
 4. PIANOFORTE SOLO ... "Nov"
Miss H
 5. SONG ... "The King"
MR. H.
 6. PIANOFORTE DUET ... "Gavotte de"
THE MIS
 7. SONG ... "When the h"
Miss
 8. PIANOFORTE SOLO ... "Fantaisie"
MRS. V
 9. SONG ... "Rose sweet"
MRS. ST
 10. SONG ... "The L"
MR. H.
 11. PIANOFORTE DUET... Qua
THE MIS
 12. SONG ... "Ask not"
MRS. ST
- "GOD SAVE"

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Handwritten notes in the left margin, including names like "Sara", "Cape", "Sampson", and "York".

The Ladies

York Retreat

COME ART

APRIL 6TH, 1885

October

*Come Come
Oh Come!*

xxxxxx



October 9th 1885.

went to her friends to get well, & during
her absence my friends could not have done the
same saved expenses, & otherwise I
had nearly all my twin brother
by burial, & they are a waste
for you and I are married & I
hold of a son, & I am not
then day & night, I had to
do it at once, & I thought I should
be better together, and I am
happy to see you, & I am
after all, I have a lot of good friends

wearing the green dress I got for
 to Boston with every day my
 grey eyes done wonderfully
 I told him I to show you the
 latter I leave you. I thought I
 to see my thought I thought I
 would have been to death
 I am sure the nurse says
 it is fine my friends took me
 away & Dr. B. seems anxious
 should go somewhere he would
 like me to go to London I wrote
 him I. I have heard nothing
 from him since. I am sure
 his wife enough to say I am

This letter in bed Dr. Fisher ordered
me for excitement I have to thank
you for that I wonder what he would
have said could he have seen you
told that I was up to me in the
nursery I hope I have seen you
last time Dr. B. has given up
mentioned your name to me
he was at Antwerp & on Saturday
his holiday he came down to
see Do you right to the point Dr.
in. The business he is a
father to us all he says he will
be sure if you were only had
good you would do he is very
strict though in some things
I had thought he was
more

Jan 21st 1840. He nearly always
me. & I order when he has
might have sent me some roses
You know how good I am of them
a great many patients have them
sent them. I am glad to say there
is a better time coming the dances
have begun there was even the other
night Dr. B. came down in full dress
he is a splendid dancer they say I have
seen several friends since I came
Mrs. Richardson, Cherry, Lill, wants
me to go to sea when I am better. I
am very glad Rachel brought me
here though I wish I had come in
Jan. Dr. B. would have seen you
he was in London when I was
never comes now I wish Dr. & F. G.
Clark would come or Bertha the

"The Retreat"

Yorks.

October 30th 1880.

Please put Dr. Parker's
name on envelope when
you write.
+++++

My dear Mrs. Bidham

I have been anxiously
waiting to know how you are
for some time. I expect you
are able to get about again
once more. No doubt you have
heard of my illness & where
I have got to a Quatic
Asylum I am thankful to
say I have always had my

senses which is a wonder ~~and~~
considering what I had to go
through if only I had stayed
with you what pain & suffering
I should have escaped except
the worry & unpleasantness I
had to put up with from
Mrs. Gregory she shall ~~enjoy~~
for it the first opportunity
I have of seeing her. I wish
you could come here you
would have every attention
& comfort it is a beautiful
place I have an attendant
night & day always with

me tell Mrs. Gregory I am
having the care & attention of
said I required she will be
treating me in the way she
did. How is dear Eddie
I often think about him poor
little boy I have his photo
on my sitting room mantle
piece I should like to see him
how does he get on with family
now I hope better please give
my dear love to him. Hoping
to write to you and bother I
suppose. I hope Mr. Gregory

is quite well also Mr. Prichard
I am getting quite strong
& hope to go away from here
before very long. I have been here
ever since 4th June last
I had come years ago & I
have had my own
own but have this I am a
general practitioner here & they
all are well most of the
patients & I like the
very well. I hope the
as yet very well & I shall
please give my best
to them

Jonathan Grubb
Sudbury
Suffolk





The Retreat
York.

September 26th 1880.

You will wonder
never came to have one green
dress tried on, the fact is I
have been here ever since
the 1st of June & I don't care
how cold I have endured
again, hats brought here to

be out of my Father's way I hope I may never
see him again. If you have sell my dress
to Galby will you please for it ~~to~~ ^{three times}
it here also bought more things
brought here in a hurry ~~therefore had in~~
time to pack ~~it~~ I ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~father~~
will pay your fare you said show
him my letter I told you ^{where we}
bought the last house in Galby going
on to Edlington Wood. I have been very

win my letter. I told you where we
lived the last house in the valley joins
us to Goddington Wood. I have been very
ill I never thought to have to spend my
summer at Bath my step-mother gave
me to understand I was going to the
sea-side. It is the first summer for
years I have missed receipt. I am
very wretched & unhappy having never
heard or seen my friends since I came.
Please come as soon as ever you can. I am

sadly in need of some more
clothes, will you please tell
brother I shall be glad
if he will send dressing
gown, bedroom slippers,
shirts, shoes the same as
I got to go to Bristol at Mr
Scott's with heels ^{no. 5.} $4\frac{1}{6}$ if I
cant have them boots &
my ^{old} boots with plates
on heels & a shawl pretty
thick it is very cold here
we are on a hill I hope to
be out before Thomas or John

Lettie's death I was in a low way
at the time so could not take it in
to think I was so near being
laid by her before I was brought home
if it had not been for Dr. Babers
kind care & attention I doubt this
I should ever have lived. I expect
Dr. Briggs would tell you how
shamefully Father treated me the
worst I ever experienced was the
day he came to see me he was
hardly out of the house before
I tried all he could to get me in
my grave I said goodbye to him
for good that night in the morning
shall I ever forget it never to

my dying day. I hope I may
never have to see my home again
I know Dr. Baker will expect
me to ^{so} when I leave here, do come
& persuade him not, he thinks a
deal about you, & you have a cousin
here Miss Woodhead she is a
caution her tongue never ceases,
she is in the worst of all there is.
I obtained a deal of information
from her she had a room opposite
me when I first came I have been
locked up several times on her
account she made me laugh so.
The new meeting house was opened

that I think it is very true, I have not
seen a single one of the several friends
I have not seen. I hope
the children are quite well is it
not a great deal better? Dr. Crocker said
that they must be mistaken.
I am quite well & strong
to recover & was
that is how most of the
I wish you would please
send my brother home. I
and my brother home. I

My address -

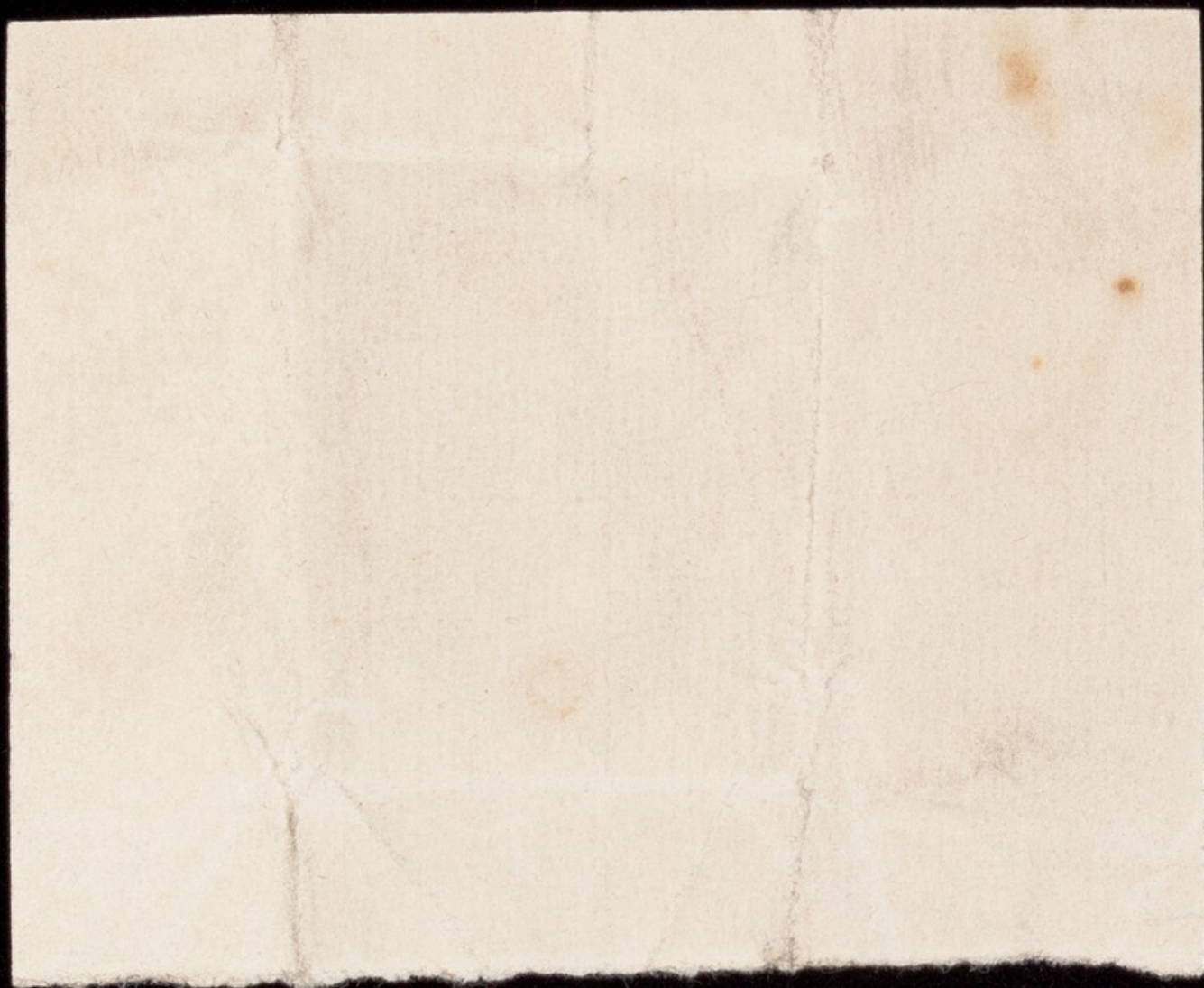
Miss L.

40 Dr. Parker

The Retreat

York.

— 411 —



"York Retreat."

September 26th 1800.

Dear Roberts,

I think you might
have come to enquire after
me I suppose you have
heard here & how I am
situated & far & when
would not I go to see

your Bonnie face once
more shall I ever again
I wonder I am better
& Dr. Parker wants me
to go home but I left it
never to return when I
came here in fact I did not
thought to be in Yorktown
at all this year however
It is useless for me to try
to tell you of the troubles

4 Trials I have four things
since last we met. I have
just 3 of those Lozenges left
You gave me I wish you
would come & bring me
& biscuits
some more sweets butter
I like scotch I am very fond of
also biscuits I am tired
of eating ship here if you don't
eat I shall feed you

it is awful to think of
I have had half my time
pulverized by the business
for nothing at all. They
are brutes. I shall have
it out of me it is so thin.
we have a bunch down
to twenty five. I like the
dog. I very much
tell in love with one
he is not here now









Only wish I were at
the Mount Bell Park
Mrs. Brewster's Mrs.
Richardson has
been to see me.

The Mount School,
York.

September 23rd 1885.
— " —

My dearest Auntie,

"Oh to think of it ever
to dream of it" I am actually
writing from a Lunatic ^{San}
Asylum. I suppose you ^{a lunatic don't lie} ~~are~~ ^{afraid}
have heard ere this the cause
of my being taken in here in-
stead of coming to you I had

restrained so much of seeing you when
all what a speed I must have had on the promenade
to have had on the promenade you
very different to the one I had
last year. Father was the cause
of it & is now I shall never
own him again nor Mother
either as long as I live it is
useless to begin telling you
particulars I should never
have done no doubt. Harry
would tell you a good deal
but he was always out of the
way at Alverley generally.

when Father was at his worst
you wouldn't believe unless
saw what he was capable of doing
at me I never thought to be
able to use pen or pencil again
we are only allowed to write
once a week & then I hear
they are read but I am hoping
to see your dear handsome
face before very long I want
you to get me some things
shoes etc they want for the
girl I want they tell me
Mother has sent one with
nothing but rubbish I wonder

What they would have said could they have
seen my last summer, now that the excitement
is over, our breathing the other sphere of
love as soon as they breathe can stand
in a room & not allowed to set alone,
What does your health think of the summer?

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I thought she would have been to see me
 and since I saw her 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ June I had meant
 to go about with her for a while but for the
 I have away but what can I do now?

you know money is not easily
obtained at our house! I
mean to earn some as soon
as ever I am out of this. ^{which}
I may safely say I have got
a permanently civilisation
^{where is happy now}
if not Mr. Bristol at York.
Bretreat it is a nice place
I like it very well if only
you & dear little ^{xxxxxx}
would come & cheer me ^{xxxxxx}
up a little you must let
me have her for my own
when I get a snug nest

it is not likely to be just (too
yet, oh what would it I tell
give to be free once more for
I have one consolation I am ask
not here for having done like
anything wrong it is even wa
than being in Prison as are
regards the treatment of us exp
if you go against the rules, he
patients are all ladies, I met
like them all some I love from
very much, there are no pre
cul of pianos I wish too

Just 6 foot Uncle would ^{play} ^{come}
tell him I have a 3rd ^{ready}
for him Agnes is her ^{name}
ask him how he would
like a fignery girl she'll
swear him up I can
assure you have had
experience. I hope dear
Grandpa & G. Ma are very
well & all the rest Tell
Frank there are some ^{very}
pretty girls here but they
too often show the ugly side

I should be a hell of a looking out for
not some more of the
collage I believe it will be
it will be a fine one
a fine one
black-brown
I hope to see you
you must be well
school is well

My address -

Miss Harrison
c/o Dr. Fisher
The Retreat
York.

Please write by return & say when

I may expect you I have heard
your address he said he must
write to father he has been
away at Antwerp a month he
is expected home tomorrow
he is one of your old friends
Johnston who is to be married

I should like to see you
to come & talk to me
I think he might do me
good. Dr. G. is a
at the D. M.

The Retreat
York.

January 29th 1886.
" "

Dear Father

You must come yourself
to see me or send someone
else my heart is so bad I don't
think I shall live long in
fact I have serious intentions
of doing away with myself if
I have it at charge for the
letter. If you weren't sure
of coming why did you write

I tell Dr. Fisher you were
he expected to see you at
meeting on Wednesday I
told him I thought you would
not come he felt sure you would
it has quite upset me. ~~Of~~
if only my own Mother had
lived she would not have
reflected me as you have
Now not let me be put in
an asylum either it is awful
to think of I have been here 8 months
now & I am no better than when
I came in it is time I had a change
There is an asylum at Hull
I go there I should be near to my
home

them then. Oh if I had only gone
to them by that 12.20. train what
lay I should have escaped. I have been
in bed 7 weeks to day my room
has no fire in it & I have got a
sore throat & a very bad cold
I can see nothing but bars &
shutters. It must be in the
floor it is nothing but wretchedness
& misery from beginning to end
when must come & get me out
of it as soon as possible.

You said you would send
me anything I required why
cant the good Mage here get
me things so cheap I must have

[illegible]

I have a great deal to say to you
 but I must close for this time
 I am your friend
 J. M.

[illegible]

I have been thinking of you
 very much lately and wondering
 how you are getting on. I hope
 you are well and happy. I
 have been very busy lately
 but I have managed to find
 some time to write to you.
 I am well and hope these few
 lines will find you the same.
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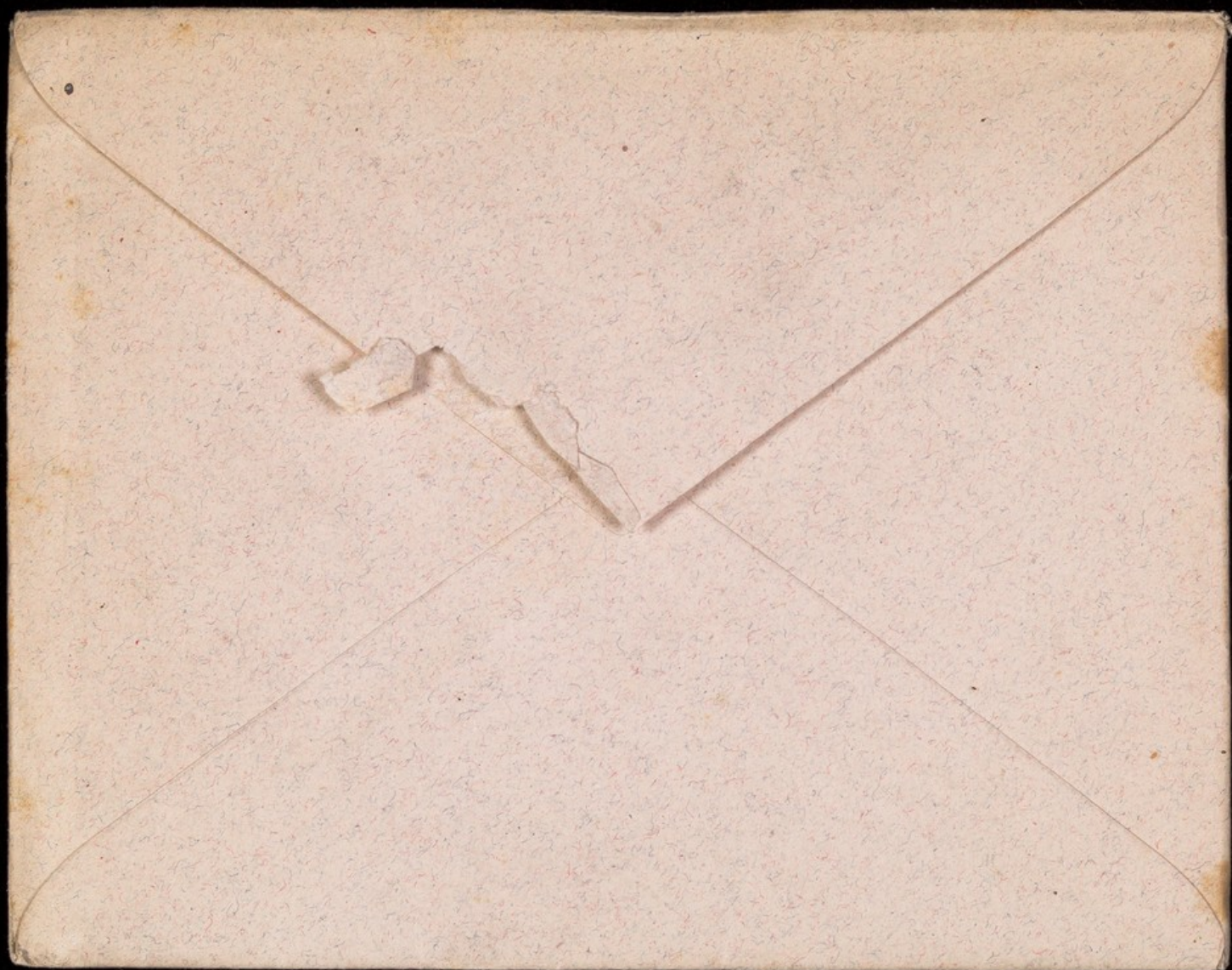
Mrs. J. H. Harrison,
Isabel Hall,
Mr. Doucaster.
— " —



Immediate.

Mrs. Lumley
Claremont House
Prince's Road,
Colchester.
Dr. Grimshy

M.H.



For Heaven's sake
Come. xxx
xxxx

Immediate.

J. St. Harrissan Esq.

The Hall.

Bally.

Mr. Doucater.

M.H.





Mrs. Fritcham,

Mr. Gregory,

North Haven,

Connecticut.

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Miss Harrissow.

W. Harrissow Esq.

Barbate.

Grimsby.

Lincolnshire

M.H.



Don't be afraid I am not a
"Lucy".
F.

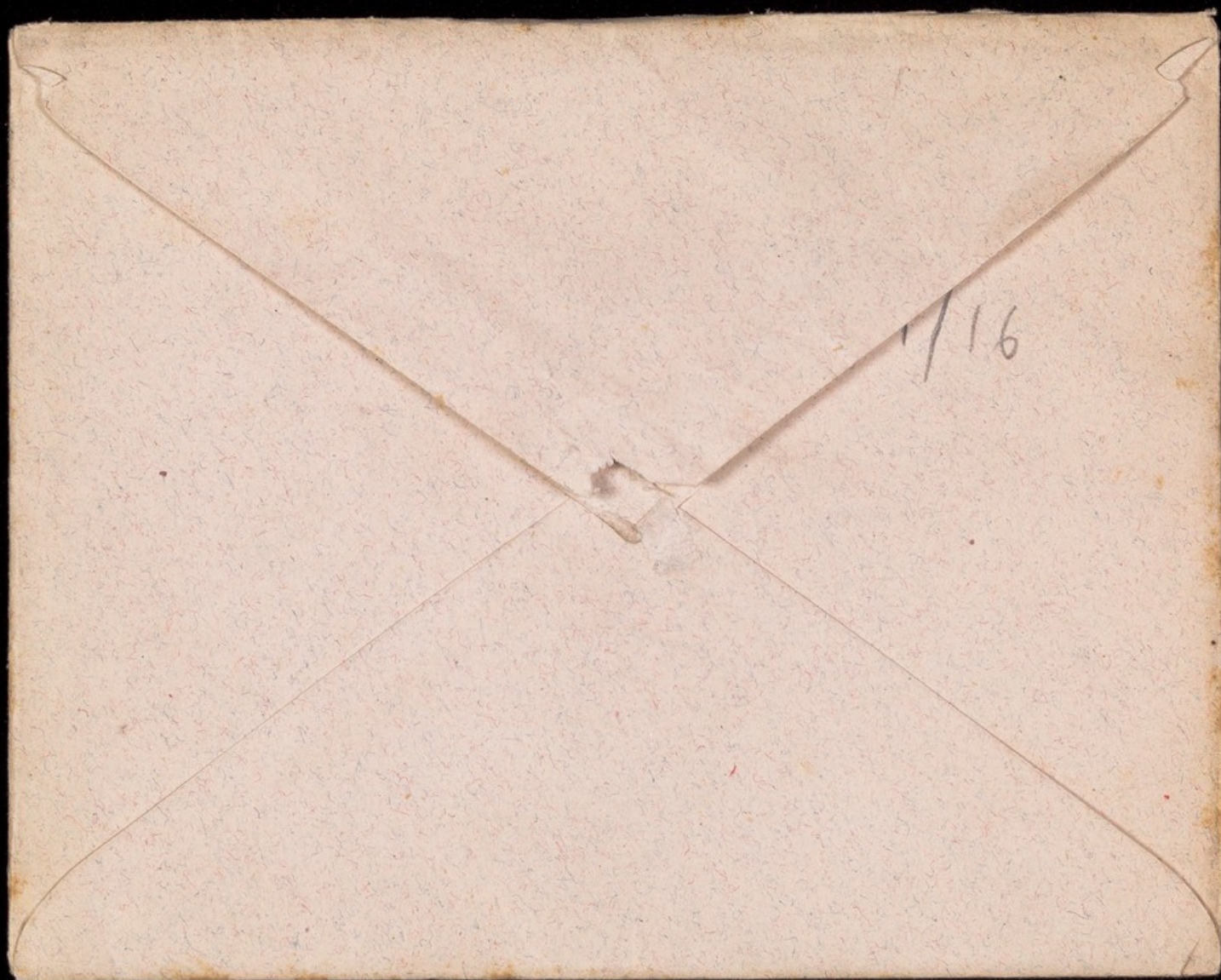
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Regent Square,
Doucester.
— " —



W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK

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Miss Seward,
Dressmaker,
Priory Place,
Doncaster.





COME
TO THE
POINT.

