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Jacksonville, Ill.

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My dear:

I rec'd yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> this morning and suppose you got my telegram of last night. I don't know what to say about the commissions. I take it you had not rec'd the \$150. I sent on the 4<sup>th</sup> from Chicago. If so that will give you

From Chicago on 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.
" Jacksonville 7	100.
" Sions Falls Dec. 13. (possibly)	100. — \$300.

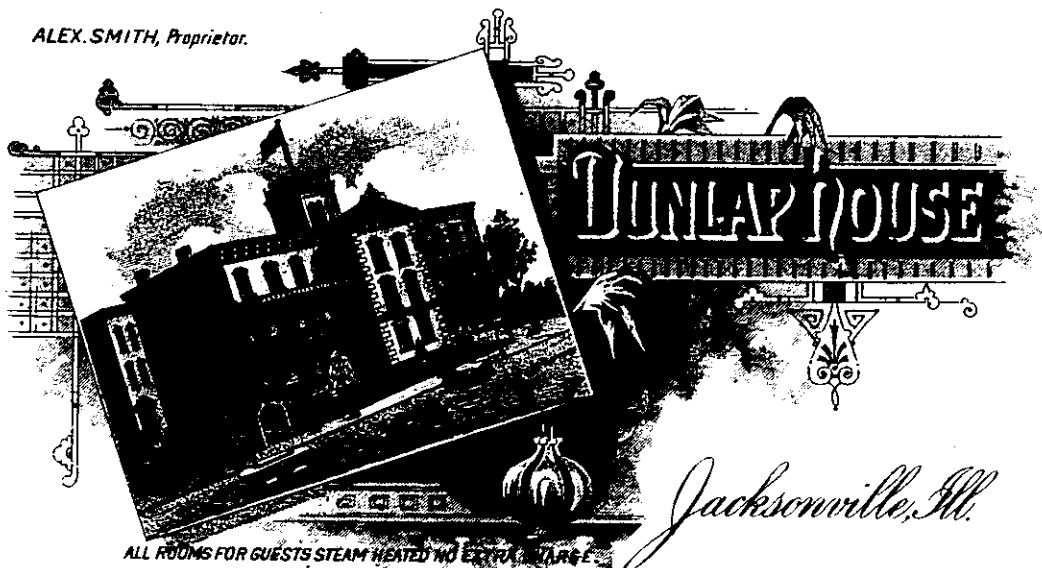
This will nearly pay note and interest commissions but leave nothing over and I have but 4 more lectures before Xmas, aggregating \$240. There is a good deal of travel in them and \$150. is all we can expect out of them. Would it not be better to send Clayton \$80 and pay the bank \$150? Or Clayton \$107.

and the bank \$100, <sup>giving a new</sup> ~~renewing~~ the note for  
\$100. for 60. days? We don't know what  
January may bring and it is not well to  
pay out all that we have. Instead of putting  
all the green in one apple I think it would  
be better to give each of them a touch.  
I guess I will not send the draft today,  
but will get it and hold it until I reach  
Bethany. I hardly like to be so far from  
home with so little money. If I missed I  
might be bad off.

Do as you think best, but I do not think  
your way of paying all you have in one  
place just to "have that out of the way any-  
how" and leaving your hands empty, is al-  
ways good policy. I only say just how-  
ever, it is for you to decide - always.

I am sorry to hear that Willie is so  
bad. If I can possibly squeeze it out I must get  
her some silk underclothing at Chicago.

Send me her size - I forget what it is. I  
think if she wore silk undershirts she would



except these colds. Don't you?

I had a big audience last night. I should think 1200 perhaps more. There was not a vacant seat in the house and half the circles were seated. I send you a paper. How is mother getting along?

Poor Ed! The coughing up must have been a trial to him. If I had been there he would have been quiet enough in the office. Probably would have staid there all night anyhow.

Why should any one think of putting him in the sun? I can't see.

You know he don't like it. If put there he should always be shinned up. Good bye - Albion.