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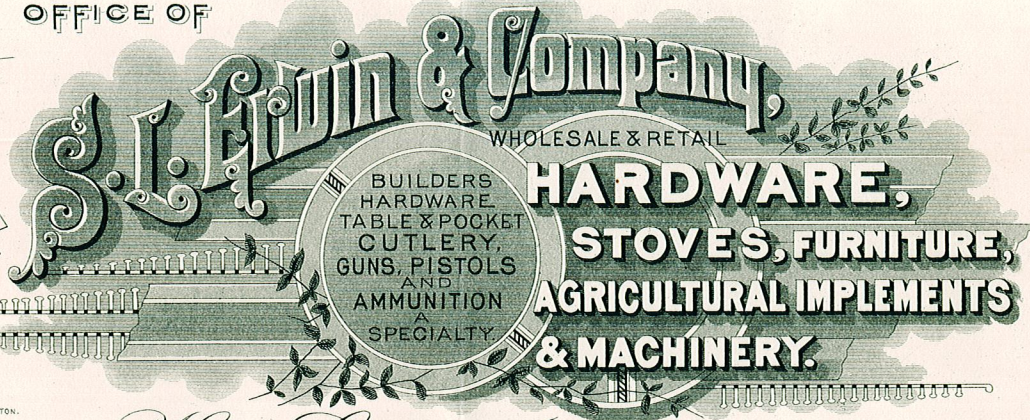
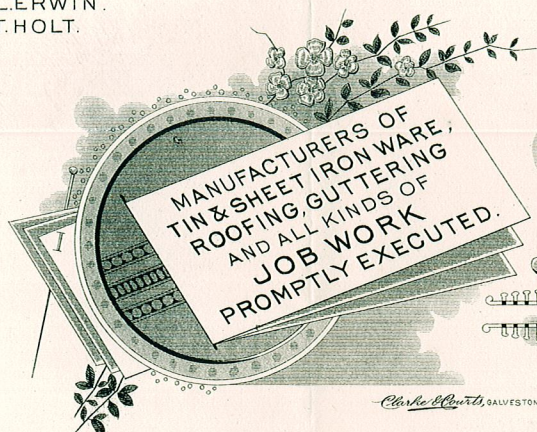
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Honey Grove, Texas Sept. 25th. 1897.

Miss. Wanda Muir.,
Martinez, California.

Dear Wanda:-

We are all grieved beyond words at the sad news just given us by Uncle Bud of poor Auntie's death. To say it was a surprise would hardly be warranted, since we have been constantly advised of her condition, and still it was a great shock to me. I had allowed myself to hope against reason that she might yet recover, and now that it is all over, I can readily understand that that my wishes, not my judgement, have ruled in what I have allowed myself to hope for. As soon as Uncle Bud told me of receiving the telegram, I called up Willie Ryan at Paris to tell Aunt, but found she was up town, and could not be found, so she will not know of her sister's death until she comes home late this afternoon.

I know how sad you all must feel, and can assure you the loss will be sorely felt by me. God alone, knows how I loved your grandmother, for to me, she has been the dearest friend and relative I ever knew.

I loved her as I have never loved any of my relatives, except Cousin Alice, for in addition to my love for thier own sake, I owed them both a debt of gratitude that nothing could ever pay.

Please assure your Mamma of my heartfelt sympathy, and believe me, when I say your grief is shared by your cousin.

S. L. Erwin