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[letter, on Saint James letterhead, from Henry Bruce, Jr. to his daughters Lillie and Henrietta, 1875; envelope addressed to Mrs. Richard L. Green, Care Woodside Green & Labaree, #59 Walnut Street, Cincinnati; postmarked Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29]

The
SAINT JAMES HOTEL
Bruce & Alexander Proprietors

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My Dear Daughters

Retta [Henrietta] & Lillie.

Being largely your debtor for your respective and very interesting letters, and feeling that I have already delayd [delayed] this acknowledgment to [too] long, I have seated myself to ask your forgiveness for this procrastination. Lill [Lillie], your letter was written [written] and received first, and it is entitled to my first attention, and I wish I knew what to say. That would interest my precious Baby most, I am very glad to know you are having such a nice time. that you have had many callers. And notwithstanding Cinti + Cov [Cincinnati and Covington] are such dingy + filthy places you are nevertheless enjoying (as I very well know you cannot fail to do) your visit; with such good company and dear friends to your birthplace - But I am glad to know, that you are no longer ashamed [ashamed] of Kansas City [Missouri], your adopted home. Christmas passed off very quietly but pleasantly, new year calling was indulged in to some extent, Pauline made us one of your Ma's good old fashioned egg-nogs. The Lady + Gentlemen boarders enjoyed it "you bet". I don't think there have been many parties, Mr. A. French told me last night, that he wanted me to tell him to night [tonight], what it would cost him to have a dance at the St. James. And furnish a little supper for about twenty five select couple - he says Dora is anxious to to have it so we may

get it up. But how can we do without you, Can't you run over? Mr S. is here and no doubt would like the best in the world to go for you.

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