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On the St. John's River,  
Florida,  
~~Boston,~~ Christmas 1896  
THEO. G. EGER, TRAFFIC MANAGER,  
5 Bowling Green, New York.

My Dear Deane:

Merry Christmas, old fellow! How are you! You are as mumm as an oyster. I am still living in a grip and jumping hotel bills, and don't know when I shall get down to my saw-back again. But I am crawling along northward, and shall reach Jacksonville sometime if I keep on walking. But I am in no hurry. I have chartered this ship, the "City of Jacksonville" (one of the finest river boats I have seen). At all events, I am the only cabin passenger aboard, and I am fully conscious of the dignity of my position. I shall eat all there is on the boat and sleep in every berth; and when I get to my destination, my dozen coachmen will be there to take me off (or take me in).

I have now seen many of the



unspeakable wonders of Florida, — the  
tropical keys, the everglades, the immac-  
ulate sand, the imperishable mosquito, the  
abounding confidence of the settler in the  
possibilities of the country, the tropical  
luxuriance of the hotel bills, the cypress  
and the palm, the umbrageous nigger,  
the florid Seminole, and the razor-back  
hog. I have still many guileless

days left, and my repertoire of amaze-  
ments will be so full that I can't get  
the lid down before I seriously  
turn my heels to the southward. I can't  
begin to tell you all that I know. We  
will someday have to set down in the  
sand (as these happy people do when they  
have a "norther") and talk it out. Our  
circumstances are very important factors  
in the individuality of ourselves. I am  
now so cut loose from my accustomed  
moorings, that I am obliged to look at my  
name in my note-book to convince  
myself that I am I. Yours, for always,

F. H. Bailey



Bailey, L. H. 1896. "Bailey, Liberty Hyde Dec. 25, 1896." *Walter Deane correspondence*

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