



**Names:**

, Sallie

Snedecor, Lucy P.

Snedecor, Neppie

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

correspondence

**Dates:**

Mar 20, 1884

CK 2C9 Septimus (16) 1884  
Cabaniss, to Neppie [Lucy P. Snedecor] [written by JDC]

generally are very exacting  
and disposed to take advantage  
of any failure to comply  
strictly with all the con-  
ditions & provisions set forth  
in their policies -

I am not without apprehensions  
that your father, in consequence  
of his bad health and pecuniary  
troubles may have failed  
to pay premiums when due,  
or may have lost or mislaid the receipts  
that he may have taken  
showing his payments -

You should be careful  
to get them up - and preserve  
them - The ~~last~~ one taken  
for the last premium that  
was due before his death  
is most important

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Huntsville, Ala Aug 26/84

Dear Neppie -

Recd your letter last night & wrote you this morning, but having sent letter to office by a messenger, have a slight misgiving that the messenger failed to place it in the letter box - Hence I write this hasty note to repeat our suggestions concerning it. It is this -

See if your friends cannot be persuaded to go via Vicksburg to Longview & let them there plan their route via Anderson & Heam to Houston & you go to Dallas, telegraphing if you choose from Shreveport to New Orleans & then to meet you if convenient at Dallas. I think it must be 250 or 300 miles further to go via New Orleans & Houston and I regret for you to take such a detour South at this hot & malarial season -

If you go to Dallas I have some acquaintances there, send your cards or my letter to Mr <sup>John B.</sup> Trotman or his son Thomas, and our friends of mine & Bro Charles - They will take pleasure in rendering you any useful assistance.

Affectionately,  
S. D. Cabaniss

**Names:**

Cabaniss, Charles  
Cabaniss, S. D.

Snedecor, Neppie  
Trotman, John B.

Trotman, Thomas

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Cabaniss to Neppie [Lucy P. Snedecor] [written by SDC]

I am sorry to hear you are going to go to N. A. I am  
very sorry to hear you are going to go to N. A. I am  
going there to Shreveport & Longview  
who can take charge of you -  
Write to me re your arrival at Wash  
-ington or sooner if convenient -  
Tell Sallie to write me how she likes  
Jesse & the Dixons -  
S D C

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Private

Dear Neppie -

In your 2nd & last letter from Wapakatchie, you were pleased to compliment me for my "disinterested defence" of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ of Birmingham, supposing yourself satisfied as to him, but said that you knew who had written to the Dr., and you indulged in some sarcastic remarks in regard to the person not named in your letter, but whom you supposed you knew to be the author -

In the course of a long practice at the bar, not less than 45 years, I have long since observed that nearly all of your sex in giving utterance to what they undoubtedly believe, often (& induce with rare exceptions) in testifying under the solemn sanctions of an oath, fail to discriminate between actual personal knowledge, and their undoubting belief - You meant that you had an undoubting belief as to who wrote to the Dr.

If you had no personal knowledge of the matter you do not know it however confident you may be in regard to your the correctness of your belief - If you will condescend my letter in reply to the private note contained in your first letter from Jones, you will

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absent that I did not say that any one had written  
to him - If any language bears that construc-  
tion, it was not my purpose to assert it is of  
own knowledge nor to say whether or not such a letter  
had been written, or had not been - My object was to  
exonerate the Dr from any purpose to wrong you  
or buy advantage by any other than an earnest  
desire for your welfare -

I am now apprehensive that you may give  
a loose rein to your imagination and under  
unwarranted feeling to some other person who too  
is your sincerely your friend -

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correspondence



CK 209 Septimus (16) 1884  
Cabaniss to Neppie [Lucy P. Snedecor] [written by SDC]

Huntsville Dec 22 1884

Dear Neppie -

You do not mention in your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> when you expected to spend your marriage life.

Very soon after the death of your father you in your first or second letter to me you inform me of your plan to accept the invitation of your relatives at Waxahatchie to make that place your place of abode and if I mistake not, I encourage you to do so supposing a very favorable opinion of Northern Texas and an unfavorable one of the "Black Belt of Ala" - I suppose the same views in the only interview I had with Dr B. and from what he said, tho no allusion was made to you, or his contemplated marriage, I don't think he would be averse to a change of residence. If however he should be displeased with Texas, and on visiting his old home and the country around, or rather the towns, it may be that you and he may be better pleased with N. Alabama - If Sheffield should prove to be a success, a location at Tusculum or

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or Florence, with a view to an ultimate location in Sheffield if it shall be developed into a city, may be worthy of your <sup>and his</sup> consideration. Florence would I think be ~~the~~ more agreeable to you than Tusculum. The two towns are only about 5 miles apart, the separation by the Tennessee River - Sheffield lies between them, but on the Tusculum side of the river - Florence is on higher ground than Tusculum.

I hope you will be ambitious of his attaining eminence in his profession, and not grow jealous of his booster - It may require much close study and considerable time to enable him to get into a lucrative practice - If he should be scant of cash, I hope you will not be too proud nor too indolent to assist him for a year or two, (not by spending your little patrimony, but) by utilizing your musical accomplishments - taking half a dozen or more pupils - It may be very desirable and greatly advantageous to him to spend a winter in one of the great cities to become an accomplished surgeon & leave you at home -

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After this I will not bore you with any more advice-  
solicitation, but will now return to you to  
an unpleasant subject and make a suggestion which  
I think may perhaps be useful & prevent injustice.

In one of your recent letters when expressing your  
satisfaction with my exculpation of Dr. L. you make  
further a good deal of resentment towards some  
persons whose names you did not mention,  
intimating that you knew who have written to  
the Dr. - In one of my letters to you written  
in May or June, I spoke of the proneness of mankind  
to eagerly believe those things which they wish to  
believe - This is another human frailty, much more  
common to women than men - that of imagining  
that they know what they confidently believe to  
be true - Lawyers are often observant of that when  
examining female witnesses - It is fine & necessary  
to cross examine them in order to eliminate hearsay  
evidence from personal knowledge -

I fear that you may give too loose rein to your  
imagination, and do injustice to some persons who  
were your sincere friends - I trust, wrong yourself -

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