My dear Brother,

I don't know whether this will catch
the Wed. if we meet but it won't do any harm to try.

And glad So hear
that you had a good time in W. Uncle Harry's condition is rather pitiful isn't it.
Not all the complaint as things you heard.
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-06)
It is raining, storms & Church + I am going next door to the
Stove to hear the organ of
the Grand Church - thinks he
will play Saturday - then I shall
be content

Wilt write love you always George

It looks now as if I shall stay out
in New York come back in Janu
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115/117 Oxford Street.
London, W.
Oct 9th/97

My dear Mother,

It was rather naughty in you not to tell me you were ill. If you don’t write me all about it until you get well I shall lose all confidence in the Cables. I am feeling a little better today - have just received from Benny Church and Frank Culkin the family off to Southampton. There was another Rock man going also. Named Morgan, the Mayor of the Hills, Court Co. Can that be right? We are going out to Westminster to stay on Sunday - how my eyes slept a little trouble with my throat. Shall we have it treated if it don’t get...
better in a day or so. Dr. Mandell always gives it in a few treatments.
It is nothing more than I have had a
deach time before I don’t worry
about it.

The New Company affairs are yet
along rather slowly this week but there
is such a lot of other work to do that
it is not because anything
our church accomplished nothing
to speak of for the month & I was rather
slow but I think he did all any
could.

I am afraid I shall not get
away from here under two weeks
more. But I shall have to come
back again before New Year’s
with a great deal of love
from your affec

George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-09)
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited.

No. 169, Oxford Street.
London, W.

Oct 13th, 97

My dear Mother,

I went shopping yesterday with Miss Dickson and got the Coaham's gloves
also a silk Persian rug 5 x 6 ft.

for Mr. Burn's sister. It is a beauty, cost $50! I am sending it to Miss Jones who will pay for it.
When it arrives in time I forwarded it. If it arrives in time for the wedding, I will be very
happy. If not, I will keep it and send it to their Rochester address before they return from
the honeymoon.

I received a letter from Mr. Strong today but not from you. Mrs.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-13)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-13)
My dear Mother,

After writing you last Wednesday I went out & dined with Mr. X. I found your letter of the fourth which had come after I left the office. I was glad not to miss it. What a silly lot of gossip is always floating around. I doubt if Miss Turner has anything to do with it. Unless she has grown much worse I have just cabled since to come over here & see the child.
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-16)
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Competition & the director of the company. The exhibition opens the following Monday. That will be press view day. The rest is private view & then it will be open full swing for 3 weeks.

I am glad to know your dear Auntie & Eliza with you. Give them my love.

With much love from your affectionately,

George
Oct 27th 97

My dear Mother,

Last night I gave a dinner to the judges of the Competition and the drinks the M.P. Robinson, Andrew Paton, Dr. Ritchard, Joe Dickinson and Geo. Brown.

All the judges except one, were present. I regretted he could not come over on the day set.
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-22)
My dear Mother,

The big show is open and everybody is astounded at its size and extent as well as beauty. The gallery is a very grand one and our decorations are very effective. All of the West prominent papers have given us excellent notices copies of which I am sending you. and we expect others from about 150 more. In addition to this, the provincial papers are all taking it up.
and give us good notices.
We are advertising the show very
extensively and expect to have
very large attendance. If the duke
of East had not died no doubt we
could have got the Royal
premises
to appoint a day & come and see
the show.
We have music 3-6 & in the
evenings when it is open. The
music consists of a piano & violin
and a clarinet.

I have not received any
letter from you for more than
a week but it was not for
the cable. I should feel worried
if you can find one of those
pictures I had letters made both of
your profile view please send it
by returning mail.

With much love,
Your affection.

George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-27)
My dear Mother,

We returned from Paris on Wed. Reached Charing Cross at about 9 PM. Dickman had sent telegrams for a taxi but it did not connect, so we took a hansom. We had not got far before it began to rain hard. The cabby was drunk & saw us into a taxi & then into one of those rents in the middle of the street. I finally made him run us into a train car. Dr. Trensch up our reminder that he would
Kill us if we went on so we transferred to a Carlisle in the pouring rain, our luggage on top of the human had got soaked, and we got pretty wet in transferring it to the Wheeler. However, we got to the house changed our clothes flat down to dinner at 9 o'clock. No dinner was done, so we had a good laugh over our experiences. The next day evening my things, the Carl Church had sent the day before. He thinks he will say Wested. I may not leave even on the 16th as it may be necessary to stay until the exhibit opens. To write every word until you.
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited

1152 W. Oxford Street
London, W.

Dear Maria,

I am going to sail -

Mr. Dickinson wants some
wheat. Can't you get some
for her & give it to Charlie
Johnson to put with rest of
Boy's wheat to take this to
the post office to TCU not
Close.

Everything is going as well
with much love

Your affectionate, George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-02?)
Oct 29th, 1897

My dear Mother,

Your letter of the 18th came this morning and you may be sure I was glad to hear from you again. It seems a long time when one could cancel without a letter. We are not sorry to hear that Rover has been ousted from Uncle Horace’s. He will be better taken care of if I have no doubt by new people who can be controlled by Almir or whoever has his affairs in charge. What a pitiful condition to be in to have...
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-29)
bicycling ride, if it is pleasant. The last night it was so foggy that I was afraid the cyclists
had to give it up in going out to Dickmans.
He did turn back once, when he tried a
short cut. In some places it was much
thicker than others.

My health is pretty good. Very little snow.
You must have lots of snow at the Allegheny
Mountains. They believe there is about $60,000
in the trust. Don't see how your figures that
your income is going to be reduced will you
with cost of coal.

Send you off soon.

The show is a great
success. The printing
was in the country and
we splendid notices.

George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-29)
London, Oct 31, 1897

My dear Mother,

I fancy seeing this at the Dickens dinner come out here to dinner. They have gone to church this evening, and left me behind so that I could write some letters.

After dinner we went out to ride.
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-10-31)
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day and I hope to get another letter from you. You are about the only one I have to write about and it does seem altogether wrong that you should be living all alone by yourself with nobody confident to take care of you if you should be ill. If you only had a companion that had confidence in it would relieve very much a great deal. I will enclose your affection, George.
The Wheatle came in close contact but Charlie Johnson padded it with the glue and it looks of course correct. Please try it again and convince him not to put elastic in with the glue again.

I have ordered a sample pair of silk socks and if the proof all right will order a dozen more. They are to be silk & cotton, cost about .£0.50 if they come will order all silk at .£0.

Think you better buy a pair of horset. It is no rare to wait for such. If you hear of any that you think are little...
to suit take the chances & try them.

James came last night. Had a very nice voyage. Will go to Paris landing for 3 days. He will return the 13th to begin preparations for the show in New York. To open Nov 1st. Last two weeks the attendance at the show has averaged 950. One day it was 1900.

The other photo show here has averaged over 100.

I don't suppose you will be disappointed if I don't come home with James. Nothing is going wrong only slow. There's lots to keep me busy. Every minute.

It doesn't seem possible that there is anything wrong but you three. I am going to ask her. She always asks after you and how you are. I forget to say anything about it. Every task after you and how you are. You don't believe you are very in your summer but will find out until you perform. Love you always George.
HOTEL CECIL, STRAND. W.C.

Nov. 9th 1897

My dear Mother,

I went out to the A's to dinner Sunday & had the X supper but had no chance to ask Maud about the "alleged" estrangement because she was away staying there while the W's were leaving and I did not see her alone. I can put no strength on the opinion that there is nothing in it as before. She asked if I had heard from you and has repeatedly said she wished you were here and that if you came later on would take good care of you if you would.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-09)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-09)
If Walter asked you, you may probably believe that I am having a very hard time of it but (having the hotel part of it) not at all as we are as busy as a bee all day long and have not been waiting on anybody's doorways. The new wholesale place is well underway and will probably be habitable by Dec 10th. I want to get home by Dec 1st. Stay until the opening of the exhibit at the Academy of Design to see it and then come back here. The attendance at the new gallery has averaged over a thousand per day not including the employees and friends who turned out Friday night to the number of 657. It will be open one more week. It is creating a lot of talk and is acknowledged to be one of the boldest and best advertising schemes ever gotten up. It will cost about 2,000 to 3,000.

No letter from you Saturday. HEADS UP - Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-09)
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited,

1391, Oxford Street,
London, W.

Nov 12th 97

My dear Mother:

I thought you would like to have a copy of the enclosed. It is not at all likely that the capital will be as much as stated, but aside from that it sets out the scheme put well. The only other one that has been sent to America is in W.N.5 Lands.

The attendance at the show yesterday was nearly 2000.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-12)
Dear Mother,

On re-reading your letter, I see that it says the hedge does belong to me. So I have ordered Gray the Surveyor to go up and make sure. If it does I shall speak to Mr. Hay to about it, and cut it down.

I find the silk and cotton stockings very good. I have ordered 6 pairs in all.

My throat was disagreeable for about a week, but nothing more. It took cold every day because the windows of the office were open. I finally kicked. The windows being left

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-12)
closed my throat got well

with love

yourself

George

I was up to the Dr Sunday night

told she was going to write you. So

I said she had better because she

was in a flare already. Then

is nothing in her fancied coolers.

She don't like to write letters yours

everybody else I view

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-12)
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited.
115, 117 Oxford Street, London, W.
Nov 17th 1897

My dear Mother,

I send you herewith some views of the new gallery.

The show closed last night at 9 o'clock. The attendance for the day was over 1900. The day evening before 3181. Total for the 19 days over 34,700. This is nearly 10 times as many as the Royal Photographic Salon Exhibits together have in their whole 30 days.

So everybody is well satisfied.

I hope we shall be able to have as many in two weeks in New York as we have had here in Berne.
Monday night next I am going to have another dinner party at the theatre after. Her Majesty's theatre. Mr. Albert De Voe is playing in the Silver Key & a condensation of Lear. The three after Mums Bright pitchfork Dickman, Clark & Rowe are expected and your truly with a Miss Caldwell a friend of the Dickman's.

Yesterday the Capitalization was decided upon $200,000 100,000 10% pay 10,000 ordinary the earnings for the year being $20,000 would pay 10% on the ordinary x leaves $5,000 for reserve. There will be no further writing. The prospectus will be completed before I come home and the Co. will be floated. Fancy 23d to 25? I don't think these figures will be altered. I hope you to get them in two weeks.

With much love from,

George
No time to write with Xmas tonight but your.
way show better this letter. Go.

Eastman, Photographic Materials Company Limited.

335, 347 Oxford Street.
London. W.
Nov. 24th. 97.

DEAR Mother,

I have delayed writing you today because I thought
I might be able to say something encouraging about the
situation after I came back from
the city. It is now 6.30 and
the mail closes at 600 so
I can only write a line.

I have had a proposition from
Colors Inc. & Co. that I intend
to accept tomorrow. It involves
getting the present shareholders

to underwrite $200,000 of the capital.
or in other words to agree that
if the subscriptions fall short of
65,000 that they will take part
of the cash they are entitled to in
shares. I think it can be done
and if done the scheme is a
dead sure certainty because
Coote & Co who will procure
underwriting of $100,000 and probably
the very best firm in London to
have engineered the scheme. They
are the only ones I have made
any definite offers to and I have not
approached any other party. So you
see I have not been wasting it
about. I was recommended to see
by the head manager of one bank, the Londen
Westminster & I got the introduction
through him. The next thing will be to
get 3 good new directors. They will not be
of the Allist & Griffin Stamps. I can assure you
I am so glad to know you are so
well I hope to come home (sail) the 17th
with lots of love Your affec George
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-27)

My dear Mother,
The affair is now waiting the decision of the bank to see if they will approve the prospectus. If they can't see the thing work go to far Mr. Swift has resisted his current but I am to see him Monday 9th of Dec. Convince him it is not over capitalized. If he says he won't allow the bank to receive
subscriptions I don't think anything can be done. I have done all I could and shall not be very much convinced because I really don't think I have made any mistake in handling it.

My time here has been employed to just as good advantage as it could be at home. So only a few thousand is the loss.

The shareholders will get their dividends larger than ever and I shall not have shouldered a big responsibility.

With lots of love from, George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-11-27)
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited.

Telegraphic Address.

KODAK, LONDON
PARIS, 5, Boulevard Duroc.
5, Avenue de l'Opéra.

PHOTOFOAM, PARIS
BERLIN, 91, Markgrafenstrasse.

London, W.
Dec 1st, 1897

My dear Mother,

Here comes another week day and still I have not engaged my passage. I do hope it won't be more than another week. There is no discouraging hitch or delay. I am not uneasy except I want to get home. Edmatrond is to leave you all alone so much sooner. He is taking the 8 o'clock train. Dumas to the theatre to see the play in "A Truce to Shadows".

Have had no trouble with my health for some weeks.
very well indeed.

Their were the last 800 still in
Cotton stocks and like them very
well of course they are not as
good as yours but they answer
very well.

I expect Strong will be
impatient for I have not written
to him much for several weeks.
It is very hard work to write
correspondence.

I shall write a few words
Walter that is all this week.

With love,

George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1897-12-01)
My dear Mabel:

Everything is going on all right, and I have cabled that I shall arrive in Paris on the 8th. This will enable me to spend one day in New York and arrive here the 23d or 25th.

You must arrange in some way to get some decent horses. I could buy a good pair here any day, but shall have to come

The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited.

London, December 4, 1897.
buck now daily I am to
we can have a good
visit of two whole weeks

While I was down at the hi hotel called - he wanted
on his card "en route to Paris
and the south, sorry to miss
you."

Well it won't be long
now before I shall see you.
I do not think anything in the
line of business would prevent
my sailing as arranged.

I am coming home
with lots of love
from your affectionate,
George

Everything looks very today
Mr. Walker has agreed to do his
share of the improvements.
The Eastman Photographic Materials Company Limited,
459-97 Oxford Street,
London, w.

Dec 11 1897

My dear Mother:

As the day approaches for me to sail I find myself getting very impatient.

Have been reading very fair progress now that I can bring the promise of my early departure to bear. hope to have things in good shape before leaving. Every shareholder approached up to date has signified his intention of leaving in all his money.

I have had a bad cold.
for a week past but am
some better now I hope to
get rid of it on the voyage
Have been unable to write
any satisfactory letters to Mark
It strong but can’t do better
I hope not line of yours
Whitney comes over

With much love
From your affectionately
George