My dear Mother,

Tonight I am sending printed copies of the prospectus to the new directors and when they are signed I think the scheme will be fairly launched.

Before you get this I hope that you will have heard from the office that the prospectus was being sent out. Unless something quite unforeseen occurs, it will be an enormous success.

Please address your reply to:

HEAD OFFICE: 43, CLERKENWELL RD., E.C.

Nov 7/98
This is a letter from George Eastman to Maria Kilbourn Eastman dated November 2, 1898.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-02)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-05)
Dear Mother,

I saw Walter off this morning at 10 o'clock. He left in good health and spirits and I presume you could see him before you got this. He had finished with the George Paper Co and as there was nothing to do in connection with the new company I thought he ought to go home and take care of his own business which, as he is about dissolving partnership with McGwire

Nov 5th 1898
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-05)

might be enjoyed by prolonged stay. Everything has gone along so smoothly in Connecticut with the new company that I know that experience must be a good thing.

I have been having trouble with my stomach for a week back, but today I am all right again — I don’t know what it is because I have been careful about my diet and do not drink any water except apollinaris.

I hope to sail the 26th — the only thing that is liable to postpone it will be our laws to wait for the American applications which will not arrive until that day.

With lots of love your affectionately,

George
Embankment Gardens.
London: Nov 6 1899

My dear Mother,

I suppose you will make due allowance for my recent letters being so little in them except references to the great undulations while the preliminaries have been unfulfilled. I will confess it has absorbed most of my thoughts, but now...
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-11-06)
Tuesday or Wednesday, I do not know when they will want to stop. It is probably too expensive here. Mrs. Hubbell wrote Walter that she thought the idea would be of the family. They expected to return with me about the middle of Oct., but where he finds that I am going to leave or the 26th or Dec 3, he may feel that I am leaving him in the lurch and I feel that it is unfair for me to get home as quick as

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-11-06)
Dear [Name],

I have not seen anything of the new dryer or heard anything from him, and I am afraid I have missed his address. If you happen to see the new dryer please ask him for it.

Hope the flowers are in good bloom and that you will tell me all about them, and whether you go out with

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-11-06)
greenhouses every day.
When you have
plenty of nice roses
I trust you would
send some to Mar-
quite via Boviss
with my card.
I neglected to go and
make your dinner
call upon her.
I suppose you will
send plenty to Miss
Hubbell and Mrs. Rummel
and all the other
friends. When you
have more than you can
use then is always the happy
tale of how Griffin George

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Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-11)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-11)
Embankment Gardens,

London, 1898

Dear Maria,

I have just arrived here after two days at our club where we have been having a grand time. The tennis are fine and we are spending our days at the hotel and evenings with Mr. F., spending the evening playing cards. We are going down to see Mr. Smith today.

George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-11)
Good night, dear. 

George Eastman
November 12th, 1898.

H. A. Strong, Esq.,
Rochester, N. Y.,

Dear Heinrich:

DICKMAN. This is to confirm my cable of to-day "Dickman idiom opossum" which should be interpreted as follows: "Dickman is dangerously ill. Has successfully undergone an operation." After this I shall cable you every day or two to let you know how he is getting on. The facts in regard to him are as follows: He has been complaining of severe pains in his stomach for the past two weeks and the doctor has been treating him. It seems that whenever he put food in his stomach the pain would cease, so he adopted the plan of bringing down sandwiches and getting a supply of milk and taking a little something to eat every hour or two. Wednesday noon Davison, Bert Feen, Dickman and I went to lunch together as usual and he appeared all right. Along toward four o'clock in the afternoon he came up into my office with some papers relating to changes of signs on our different establishments. In a few moments he complained of feeling nauseated and left the room abruptly. Shortly after Bennett came up and said that he was very ill down below and wanted to see me. I went down and...
found him in great agony, the perspiration fairly running off from his face. He had been given two or three drinks of brandy and asked for more. After I had given him three drinks I told him that I did not know whether it was the right thing and that we must send for a doctor and a carriage to get him home. I got him into the boardroom and as there was no couch available he lay down on the table. His agony was something distressing. Up to that time I had not felt very much alarmed because I supposed it was just a bad fit of indigestion. After a little while a local doctor came and after examining him seemed to coincide with Dickman's view that it was nothing more than some trouble with his digestion or liver. We got hot water and cloths and applied them to his bowels and did what we could to relieve him. In a little while he got up off from the table and got into a chair, and the doctor started away but before he got out of the building Dickman was seized again and we recalled him. In the meantime Miss McNicoll had telegraphed for Dickman's own doctor. The local doctor gave him an opiate and went away, saying he would be back in half an hour. Davison and I made up our minds that it would be difficult to get Dickman home and so Davison went around to a hospital to see if we could get him in over night but they told him that we would have to bring him around there to let the house physician see him, and that they did not take any paid patients any way; that he would have to go in a ward. Of course we could not allow this. In the meantime we had to call the Dr. again to give Dickman an injection of morphine. While we were debating what to do about the hospital Dickman's own doctor came. He suggested that we might be able to get an ambulance from the police, so Mr.
H.A.S. 3rd.

Davison started off to find out about that. He found an ambulance and about eight o'clock we were able to get him into it, the doctor having decided that it was best to take him home. The doctor and I rode with him and Dr. Pritchard, who had come in, was started off for consulting physicians and surgeons. We got him home about half past nine and within an hour Dr. Pritchard brought one of the best known physicians, Dr. Lauder Brunton, and surgeons, Albert Waterhouse. After consultation they decided that the trouble was either appendicitis or a perforation of the bowels and that the only thing to do was to perform an operation at once. They sent for another surgeon in the immediate neighborhood, making four doctors in all, telephoned for a nurse, and went right to work. It must have been about half past ten by that time and the whole thing was over by twelve o'clock. Mrs. Dana was with Mrs. Dickman, who had, I might say, been prepared for the arrival of the ambulance by a telephone message. Mrs. Dana has staid with Mrs. Dickman ever since. I offered to stay but there was really no place to stay and it did not seem necessary, so Dr. Pritchard and I went home after the doctors left. When the doctors came down after the operation they were very much depressed apparently. They said that it had proved not to be appendicitis but probably a perforation of the bowels as they found pus in the abdominal cavity, but that they had been unable to find the perforation. I have since learned that they completely disabused the poor fellow, even to taking out his stomach. The next morning I got word from Mrs. Dickman over the telephone that he had passed a very satisfactory night, and the reports during the day continued to be encouraging. Thursday night Bert and
MRS. DICKMAN.

Mrs. Penn and I went out to Mrs. Dana's and I went over to see Mrs. Dickman. I found that the surgeon was to come at half past nine, so I waited until about ten o'clock at Mrs. Dana's to learn what he had to say. I went over and saw them after they had dressed the wounds and they seemed very much elated at the condition of the patient; said it was better than they had any right to hope. The reports were encouraging all day yesterday and this morning I telephoned to Mrs. Dickman and she seemed greatly delighted with what the doctors had told her. They are simply astounded at the way Dickman is bearing up. I am going out there to-night after the surgeon has been there to get the latest news. Thursday night the surgeon said it would be two or three weeks before Dickman could be out of danger. There is no doubt that although his condition up to this time is most satisfactory, the case is an exceedingly critical one but every hour that passes without unfavorable symptoms will increase the chances of life. If you had not had bad news before you get this you may feel very much encouraged to think that he will pull through. For a man who has appeared to be so easily knocked out he has shown a wonderful amount of vitality. It is of course a great strain on Mrs. Dickman, particularly as she has not been strong, but she seems to have "bucked up" as the saying is and carried off in good shape.

I remain, as ever,

Yours truly,
E mbankment Gardens,
London, Nov 15, 1898

My dear mother,

This has been a bad week.

Poor Dockman [illegible], all the time
and the anxiety about him and
the flotation of the
New Company com-

tried makes a
situation which
has not been
very cheerful.
Eastman left us at 9:30 this evening & died out the at 8 o'clock last night and, Dad had not quite given us all hope, but I knew the doctor considered him hopeless.

This room just as I reached the office word came over the phone that he was dead. They are going to cremate the body at Westing House and will be a short service at the house tomorrow.

Then will be a public service in the Church Sat 11/18. Only a handful of friends will go. The service tomorrow.

I do not know what we will do but I suppose she will give us a house to go to America.
Dickeman had 10,000 life ins. & about 1,000 shares in the new Co. I had agreed to give him a lot more so she will be in good shape financially. Last night you were afraid that the subscription was going to be a failure the subscription came in so slowly but today has been a good day & it looks as if there would be a full subscription at any rate then.
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-15)

Embankment Gardens,

London, Nov 15, 1898

there will be enough & ready to give everybody all they want.

The papers have "slated" us four days to finish and the "City" that is the trouble here formed a caucal against the "Bloody Yard" and have given us of their way to down town. So it is only by slow strength that we have been able

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-15)
him last week as I was called away from the office Saturday, but my letter was all finished.

with much love from

Now after

George

You will be amused at some
Perhaps a little vexed by the news that
I am sending you but I wanted
you to see what they said.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-15)
Friday night
Embankment Gardens
London, 10th Nov. 1898

My dear Mother,

The long suspense is over and it can be truly said that it has been a great success, at least I have been told now that to have secured our own subscription in face of the determined opposition of the financiers, the Magazine publications shows good work.
I had to do it one
again. I could have
got another more
money subscribed in
favor of the same
proposition but we
have done well
throughout as it is.

The over subscription
is about $10,000

In view of the un-
subscription methods
employed to discourage
the public from sub-
scribing, I had to discontinue all
the help engaged to
help in the allottment.
E. G. Eastman

London, 1891

Allotment. The minute
the notice of allotment
is posted however
the applicant is bound
to notify me as all right
as that date. As it
was we had one
withdrawal of £8,000 one
of £6,000 one of £1,500 a
of £1,200 and for lots of
smaller ones.

We made a record
on the book of allotment
usually it takes a
week or more.

I devised a new
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-18)

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Dear Maria,

I have now adopted this method; it is not without much expense, I spent about $35,000 for newspapers advertising. I suppose you will like to know how I am coming out financially after all this. I have sold all my old shares into new ones at the rate of $120 per $100 share all of which I shall keep & and paying all expenses of every kind, I shall have the amount written in pencil on the inside back of this envelope which please destroy. I ought to have written at least twice as much.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-18)
And could do it if I had it to do over again from the begin-
ting - But of course I ought to be well satisfied and am for that matter. I know that many people will think it too much but that does not signify. I suppose you got the news of the subscription from the office. I should have cabled you today but was afraid it would startle you.
I do hope you are well and have not worried about this affair. I still have to get off on the 26th and you cannot imagine how long I long to get home again. Five weeks at home will reconcile me to another short trip over here. Dickens death throw me a curve plan these somewhat but I hope to get things organized.
Mrs. Dickman has treated the Walkers very nicely. Mrs. Walker told her some stories that are true and well worth telling for them. Her sister is going with the Walkers to the Thanksgiving dinner. I am not going. But I have been a great help in her company. She is very glad to have me. She will be coming to see me soon. And you? What did she say about the long letter?
Mrs. G.W. Eastman
500 East Ave
Rochester, NY
U.S.A.
Nov 23 1898

My dear Mothin

I am expecting to leave in the 20th and hope that I shall see you in Good Days after you get this. I never before looked forward to Study with so much eagerness. The strain of the last two weeks has not I think...
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-23)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-23)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1898-11-23)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-03)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-03)

To see you off Harris Gray din called last night but I did not see him.

I feel just now I think the cold will entirely straighten or harm me a day or two.

I do think I feel you by telegraph at 1105 but could not make the connection.
E mbankment Gardens,
London, Jan 11th, 1899

My dear Mother,

We arrived here at the hotel about 11 o'clock Monday night after a very smooth voyage.

The Ferries were at Southampton &

Cherbourg and we

They have not been out of London except 5 days at Christmas & an occasional Sunday.

Until then,

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-11)
The office yesterday afternoon for about
few minutes. Mr. Barber came
in the evening. He seems to think
I can't get away by the 7:30 but promised
to do his best to help get things done.
Everything is in
most excellent shape already.
Not a thing has
gone wrong what
was known.
Haywood & Scott is quite well.
Mrs Connelly intided
with her and they are
going travelling on the
4th of January when Mr
O gives us the house
They are all going
home about March 1st

I am not quite
myself again but
then this depression
has been much great
and I expect
to be as usual in a
few days

With love and
Yours affec-

George
Embankment Gardens

London, Jan. 15, 1899.

My dear Mother,

I am so sorry that I missed the train yesterday.

I had to go down to the Vedder's office soon after 8 o'clock and did not get back to the office until quarter past nine. After the mail had closed.

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-15)
Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-15)
days before the money is paid on
aside from this everything is lovely
and there is no real hurt. Really
all the money is in the bank the
subscribers having paid very promptly
The wheat is proving a very good
season. There found a place where we
can get it if it goes out -
expect the crop was our antecde
over the 40 and being overdue. Hope
we got some future as well as he was
one and with lots of love Unwaffs George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-15)
Dear Mother,

It is a dull day again, but there is little to say. The completion of the purchase is set down for Friday afternoon. The 20th inst, and I hope on that day to be able to cable that it has been completed.

The cold is still bothering me and I have not been out a single evening so far. Not even to call on Mr. clayton & the walking, but I expect to go up this afternoon.

Yours ever,

George Eastman
I am feeling about well now and if I do not take any more cold will be able to wear it off in a few more days.

Expect to go to Brussels on Sunday return on Tuesday I do not like to go but feel obliged to see the paper people on Wednesday night the Jumers Pluder gives admission they are concerned in the Kodak deal on Thursday is a general meeting of the stockholders and I am sure to call together in the Rosemon I am sure I shall be glad to get home only I think each home would more glad than before

With love
Your affec George

Eastman, George; Letter to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-18)
Eastman, George; Telegram to Maria Kilbourn Eastman (1899-01-21)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

To guard against confusion on the lines of this Company, the sender of every message should order it repeated; that is, to repeat back from the terminus of said line to the originating office. For such repeating, the sender will be charged in addition, one-half the usual tolls of this Company on that portion of the message beyond the cost of such message pieces.

This Company will not assume any responsibility in respect to any Message beyond the ter minus of its own lines; and it is agreed between the sender of the following Message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery to the next connecting Telegraph Company, of any uncalled message beyond the amount of this hereinbefore mentioned which may be stored at the Company's expense and the amount of the message, and that this Company shall not be liable for mistakes in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery to the next connecting Telegraph Company, of any uncalled message, beyond one thousand dollars, received by this Company from the sender for repeating such message over its lines, and that this Company shall not be liable in any case for delay arising from interruptions in the workings of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages, and this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, charged to forward any message over the lines of any other company to reach its destination.

This Company is not to be liable for damages in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within thirty days after the sending of the message.
Eastman, George; Letter to Directors of Kodak, Ltd. (London) (1899-05-13)
Kodak, Limited, 2nd.

It is pleasing to be able to report that these experiments have been nearly completed and that working machines have been finished to carry out both parts of the process. During the summer the new process will be used by the Blair Camera Co. and the American Camera Mfg. Co. on their product and while they are using it I propose to construct additional machines so that next year we can use it, releasing our present film rooms to take care of extensions in other departments. It is anticipated that an outlay which would be sufficient to only increase our present capacity 50% under the present method will, by the new process, increase it about 250%. At the same time there will be a considerable economy in the labor used in making, not packing, the film. It is my opinion that when we get into a position to make such a large quantity of film we can devise means for largely increasing the present consumption.

COTTON PLANT. The new cotton plant has been running successfully ever since the 1st of January and we have been using the product alongside the purchased product during that time. At the same time we have been accumulating a stock. This stock now amounts to about 17,000 lbs. and is sufficient to warrant us in discontinuing our former source of supply. The saving in cost is rather more than the amount I estimated, which was 60% per lb. Last year we used about 60,000 lbs. and this year we shall probably use 80,000, about 3/4 of which will be our own product. This does not include the amount used at Harrow, of which I have no record.

NEW OFFICE. I enclose herewith photographs of our new office extension, which we are now occupying. The interest on the cost of this building will probably be more than offset by the economies in the operation of our office force which it will render possible. The total cost, including alterations in our shipping rooms, will be a little over $40,000.00
Kodak, Limited, 3rd.

NEW GOODS. A number of new productions are under way in the experimental department which are not ready yet for report.

LIFE INSURANCE. I have not yet completed the $250,000.00 insurance which was proposed on my life, having been obliged to neglect it on account of matters which seemed to me of more pressing importance.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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Eastman, George; letter to George Davison (1899-07-20)
support sold by the Celluloid Co. has been coated by the purchasers and wound on reels in lengths of 150 ft. This is a fairly economical method of doing the work as compared with the glass table process but we hope to accomplish something better and are at work on a machine for coating and drying continuously. If we make it work one machine will be able to turn out in twenty-four hours nearly three times our present output. The machine will be ready for trial in a few days. I expect to have a good deal more trouble in getting it to work than we did with the wheel, although the installation of the wheel is a big job. The castings of the new wheels will weigh 16,000 lbs. each and we have got to do all the work on them ourselves at Kodak Park, including the boring and shaft fitting, the turning, grinding, plating and polishing the rim.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

George Eastman; letter to George Davison (1899-07-20)
Using Grown Am Atat Iron

Sodium Nitro Prussid 25 gm
Am Atat y Iron Grown 90
Magnesium Atat 3
Water 200 cc

Using Braun Am Atat Iron

Sodium Nitro Prussid 25 gm
Am Atat Iron “Brown” 30
Magnesium Atat 1
Water 100 cc
Kelah Park

Mr. Eastman

Oct 4, 1899

Dear Sir,

After a severe delay, just in case if not being able to get proper material in this country & after a long delay through correspondence from abroad, we are still unable to get what we sent for. Ammonium nitro tannamid

So we had to take as a substitute Sodium Nitro Prussid which makes quite a slow printing paper with the

But black paper went but I find putting together with the

Green Am Crust of Iron until of the Brown Iron chemical &

made better results, & afraid. But kept the sensitive solution balanced properly to obtain the best results for the green.

In using, I use a formula of fixed parts, as mentioned. Should you desire me to rearrange further will gladly do so but going to the change made in the I. P. Department, I don’t feel like doing so without instructions more than I have received.

Very truly,

Eugene M. Dow
Dow, Eugene; Letter to George Eastman (1899-10-04)

Mr. Eastman

Oct 4, '99

Dear Sir:

The indented prints are the results I have obtained with A. B. Wait's paper process. Let you send me some time ago. But owing to several delays on account of not being able to