

APPENDIX A: LETTERHEADS: Coded descriptions.

Until the 1930s Mencken seldom dated his letters with the year. But he used a variety of letterheads which may indicate the span of years in which a letter falls. (However he sometimes used obsolete paper.) Both his home and work letterheads were normally on half-size sheets.

The letterhead may not indicate the actual location. He did AM business both in Baltimore and New York, and used New York letterhead at home occasionally. He also sometimes used outdated paper.

A rough list of Mencken's letterhead paper (as it appears in this collection only) follows, arranged by address. This should be taken only as the basis for better transcriptions: probably some variants have not been caught, and some mistakes have been made. As letters become solidly dated, the letterhead list should be revised.

The code at the beginning of each letterhead entry appears in the entry for each letter after "L:" The date at the end of the letterhead entry shows the actual date of dated letters on that letterhead; if it is followed by a ? it indicates a probable date only.

(Entries in the catalogue containing letterhead envelopes also contain "LEnv:" followed by an abbreviated return address, but no attempt has yet been made to chart envelopes.)

"P"= paper color.

"W"= watermark.

THE SUN

SUN: The Sun...Baltimore...
1909, 1915, n.d.

[The daily Sun was the principal of the three "Sunpapers" in Baltimore: the Sun; the Evening Sun; the Sunday Sun. Mencken worked for the Sunpapers as reporter, editor, columnist, or director July 1906-1916 and 1919-death. (The Evening Sun was not established until April 1910.)

See photocopied letterheads on pp 5-6 below. Compare with the Sun mastheads shown in The Sunpapers of Baltimore, Knopf, 1937 (HLM C101) opp. p.371.

Note the use of a triple letterhead good for all Sunpapers.

[See also ESUN below.]

THE SMART SET

SS : The Smart Set.
1920-1923, n.d.

[Mencken was literary critic for the Smart Set 1908-1924; joint editor with Nathan Aug 1914-Oct 1924]

P: pale green sprinkled with dark green hairs (varies slightly). Red cut (title) at head; red slogan at foot. Full sheet, or small (8.5 x 5.5) sheet. See photocopied letterheads on pp 7-9 below.

1) 34th St and 8th Ave. At foot: "The Aristocrat of the Magazines". Forgue gives letters from this address between Nov 1916 and June 1917.

2) 34th St overprinted by 25 W 45th St. At foot: "The Aristocrat of the Magazines". (Ba:25 (2a) is dated 29 Nov 1921 -- perhaps using outdated stock to his old friend Janvier.)

a) "MENCKEN"

b) "MEUCKEN"

3) 25 W 45th St. At foot: "The Aristocrat Among Magazines". Forgue gives letters from this address from Nov 1918 to May 1923. (Use of American Mercury paper begins in Jan 1924.)

a)

b) Small

4) 25 W 45th St. Cut at head changed, deleting "A Magazine of Cleverness" at

head; deleting slogan at foot. "EDITED BY" added below cut.
5) 25 W 45th St. As 4), but letterpress at head all in italics. Small.

AMERICAN MERCURY -- 220 W 42nd St

AM1. The American Mercury, *220 West Forty-second Street*, New York. Office of the Editors *George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken*.
P: gray. W: Borzoi Books.
1924, 1925?, n.d.

AM2: The American Mercury, *220 West Forty-second Street*, New York, Office of the editors, *George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken*.
P: pale blue. W: Borzoi Books
1924?

AMERICAN MERCURY -- 730 5th Ave

AM3. *Note new Address: 730 Fifth Avenue*
The American Mercury, *220 West Forty-second Street*, New York.
P: pale blue. W: Borzoi Books.
1924?

AM4: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Office of the Editors *George Jean Nathan and H. L. Mencken*
P: pale blue. W: Borzoi Books.
1924, n.d.

AM5: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Office of the Editors *George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken*.
P: pale gray. W: Borzoi Books
1924, n.d.

AM6: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York.
P: pale blue. W: Borzoi Books.
1924?

AM7: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York.
P: green. W: The American Mercury.
1925

<env> The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York
Df:4/- 1925 Aug 21

AM8: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York, Office of the Editors, *George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken*.
P: green. W: The American Mercury.
1924?

AM9: The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York, *Office of the Editors George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken*.
P: green. W: The American Mercury.
1925, n.d.

AM10: H.L. Mencken • *Editor* • Alfred A. Knopf • *Publisher* • Samuel Knopf • *Business Manager*,
The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York, *Cables: Knopf • New York Telephones:*
CIRCLE 7670 • 7675.
P: green. W: The American Mercury
1925-1926, n.d.

AM11: H.L. Mencken • *Editor* • Alfred A. Knopf • *Publisher* • Samuel Knopf • *Business Manager*,
The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York, *Cables*: Knopf • New York *Telephones*:
CIRCLE 7670.

P: green. W: The American Mercury.
1926-1929, 1931-1932, n.d.

AM12: H.L. Mencken • *Editor* • Alfred A. Knopf • *Publisher* • Samuel Knopf • *Business Manager*,
The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York, *Cables*: Knopf • New York *Telephones*:
CIRCLE 7-7670.

P: green. W: The American Mercury.
1932, n.d.

AM13: H.L. Mencken • *Editor* • Alfred A. Knopf • *Publisher*, The American Mercury, 730 Fifth
Avenue, New York, *Telephones*: CIRCLE 7-7670 *Cables* Knopf • New York

P: green. W: The American Mercury
1932-1933, n.d.

AM14: H.L. Mencken • *Editor* • Alfred A. Knopf • *Publisher*, The American Mercury, 730
Fifth Avenue, New York, *Telephones*: CIRCLE 7-7670 *Cables* KNOFF NEW YORK

P: blue. W: the American Mercury.
1933.

BALTIMORE -- 1524 Hollins Street -- USA

HOL1: 1524 HOLLINS STREET BALTIMORE, MD, U. S. A. [Blocked at right margin]

P: white
n.d.

BALTIMORE -- 1524 Hollins St

HOL2: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore.

P: white
1914?-1930, n.d.

Beginning 1930 Oct 24 street address overprinted by "704 Cathedral St".

HOL3: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore.

P: white.
1936, 1940, 1942-1943.

BALTIMORE -- Hollins St -- right margin block

HOL4. 1524 Hollins Street Baltimore, Md.

P: white. W: [O]ffset Bond.
1918?

BALTIMORE -- Hollins St -- Hammermill Bond.

HOL5: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore.

P: white. W: Hammermill Bond.
1937-1944, n.d.

BALTIMORE ON RECORD BOND.

HOL6. H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore.

P: white. W: Record Bond.
1919. 1920-1921, 1925, 1930?, n.d.

ENVELOPES for Hollins address

BALTIMORE. Envelopes with return address "H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins Street,
Baltimore, Md."

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HOL7 1940-1943.
BALTIMORE. Envelopes with return address "H.L. Mencken. 1524 Hollins Street,
Baltimore 23, Md."

HOL8
1944-1948.

BALTIMORE -- HOLLINS ST -- 23
HOL9: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore-23.
P: white.
1944-1947.

BALTIMORE -- HOLLINS ST -- 23 -- Mead Bond
HOL10: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore-23.
P: white. W: Mead Bond U.S.A.
1944, 1947-1948.

BALTIMORE -- HOLLINS ST -- 23 -- IN RED
HOL11: H.L. Mencken, 1524 Hollins St., Baltimore-23 [in red]
P: white. W: Mead Bond U.S.A.
1946.

BALTIMORE -- Hollins overprinted by 704 CATHEDRAL ST.
HOL12:
1930.

BALTIMORE -- 704 CATHEDRAL ST
CATH. H.L. Mencken, 704 Cathedral Street, Baltimore.
P: white. W: Volume Bond.
1931-1936, n.d.

BALTIMORE -- EVENING SUN
ESUN. The Evening Sun, Sun Square, Baltimore, Md., Editorial Department.
P: white. W: Coupon Bond.
1938

THE SUN

MS
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One Month, 25 cents. } A. S. ABELL COMPANY, PUBLISHERS, BALTIMORE. { Sunday, One Year, \$1.50. One Month, 15 Cents.
THE SUN BUILDING, Baltimore St. and Sun Square. NEW YORK OFFICE, Herald Building. WASHINGTON BUREAU, 1306-1308 G Street N. W., Washington, D. C.
THE SUN is a complete Newspaper and the Best and Cheapest Advertising Medium in the United States.

DEC 28 1909
Filed

Baltimore, December 21st.

Dear Carrie:-

MORNING SUNDAY EVENING
THE SUN

Home Delivery by Carrier, Morning, Evening and Sunday, 10 cents a week. } THE A. S. ABELL COMPANY, Publishers, BALTIMORE, MD. { SUBSCRIPTION BY MAIL. Daily, Morning or Evening, \$3.00 a year; 25 cents a month. Sunday, \$1.00 a year; 10c. a month.
THE SUN BUILDING, Baltimore St. and Sun Square. NEW YORK OFFICE, Herald Building. WASHINGTON BUREAU, 1306-1308 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
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MORNING SUNDAY EVENING
THE SUN

THE A. S. ABELL COMPANY, Publishers, BALTIMORE, MD.

The Evening Sun
sun square
Baltimore, Md.

Editorial Department

April 25, 1938.

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TELEPHONE
GREELEY 1584-1585

The
SMART SET
*A Magazine of
Cleverness*

PRINTING CRAFTS BLDG.
34th STREET and 8th AVE.
NEW YORK

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN }
and } EDITORS
H. L. MENCKEN }

Dear Mrs. Conkling:-

SS 1

The
SMART SET
*A Magazine of
Cleverness*

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN }
and } EDITORS
H. L. MENCKEN }
25 WEST 45th STREET
NEW YORK

November 29, 1921

SS 2a

TELEPHONE

The
SMART SET
*A Magazine of
Cleverness*

PRINTING CRAFTS BLDG.
34th STREET and 8th AVE.
NEW YORK

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN }
and H. L. MEUCKEN } EDITORS
25 WEST 45th STREET
NEW YORK

1921 ?

May 8th

SS 2b

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MORNING

SUNDAY

EVENING

THE



SUN

THE A. S. ABELL COMPANY, Publishers,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dear Duke:-

My best thanks. I'll
 be very glad to have the Colas.
 The few I now own may
 be sold off, or substituted
 for had copies. Within
 \$35 against the bill: we
 can adjust the balance
 when the postage, etc. is
 known. Thirty-five is too
 much for you to lay out
 for me: I may die bankrupt
 before the books come in.

I didn't reply to your
 last letter because you said

TELEPHONE
BRYANT 4895

The SMART SET

*A Magazine of
Cleverness*

25 WEST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN
and
H. L. MENCKEN } EDITORS

June 17, 1920

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SS 3b →

TELEPHONE
BRYANT 4895

The SMART SET

*A Magazine of
Cleverness*

25 WEST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN
and
H. L. MENCKEN } EDITORS

May 11, 1920

TELEPHONE
BRYANT 4895

The SMART SET

25 WEST 45th STREET
NEW YORK

EDITED BY
GEORGE JEAN NATHAN
and
H. L. MENCKEN

May 31, 1922

SS 4 ↑
SS 5 →

TELEPHONE
BRYANT 4895

The SMART SET

25 WEST 45th STREET
NEW YORK

Edited by
GEORGE JEAN NATHAN
and
H. L. MENCKEN

February 27, 1923

APPENDIX C: Mencken's trips abroad.

(Here follow data, often contradictory, which may lead to a correct list. Source of each "fact" follows it in parentheses. Note: most of the letters from which the data was originally drawn had dates supplied by the editors; I suspect this may have led to the contradictions.)

Mencken's first trips to Europe, 1908-1930.

1908 Mar on the *Lucania*. (Bode 1977 p 25.) <Not mentioned elsewhere.>

1912 left Apr 11 ("2nd trip to Europe" Bode 1977 p 35; "1st trip" Bode 1969 p 116). Planned to sail April 16 with MacDannald to Munich, return June 3 (Forgue p 22). To England, France, Switzerland, Germany. (Bode 1977 p 35). SS travel pieces on London and Munich began appearing April 1913 (Bode 1977 p 41).

Manchester 1962 pp 88-91: 1st trip 1912 Apr 11 for 7 weeks suggested by Wright for Smart Set; with Moffett and McDannald; Gibraltar, Monte Carlo, Italy [kiss Pope's ring], Germany, Switzerland, met Nathan and Wright in Paris.

Heathen Days indicates that Manchester is (partially?) describing the 1914 trip: 1912 trip ship's name and shore tour not given; companion McDannald only (pp 112-115); 1914 trip: Moffett added; kissing Pope's ring (pp 130, 145.)

1914 left Apr 11 on the *Laconia* (Forgue p 45); *Laconia*, Gibraltar, Spain, plan Naples by Apr 24, then Rome, companion Robson?, "3rd trip, with 2 cronies" (Bode 1977 p 44-45). *Laconia* with Baltimore friends Moffett and McDannald: Gibraltar, Naples, Rome in May (kissing Pope's ring), Munich, Switzerland, France. [Heathen Days p 130].

Not mentioned by Manchester.

[1915] None?: no mention in Bode 1969, 1977, or in Forgue.

1916 To leave Dec 28 on the *Oscar II*: Orkneys, Christiana, Copenhagen, Berlin as war correspondent; Eastern Front (Lithuania); appealed to Gen Ludendorff; Berne, Paris, Madrid, liner *Corunna*, Cuba, home March. (Bode 1977 p 66, Bode 1969 p 112-115.)

1922 To leave Aug 8 on the *Reliance*. England; Germany & Prague Sep-Oct; Holland. To arrive home on the *George Washington* Oct 20. (Bode 1977 p 155-162) (Forgue 1961 p 237-8). London, Manchester, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia. (Manchester p 174).

1929 Dec 27-1930 Feb 18. "my first holiday since 1922" On the *Columbus*. Vienna Jan 14, London Jan 25. [Bode 1977 p 239-43]. Covering the Naval Conference for the *Evening Star*. [Bode 1969 p 289] Paris, Vienna, London. (Manchester p 275)

1930 Aug. Honeymoon in Canada, Vermont. [Bode 1969 p 292.]

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APPENDIX D: Other Mencken MS holdings at KU.

In Special Collections:

HLM G67 (Frank **Wilstach's** copy of Heliogabalus, 1920) contains, typed in, a letter to "Frank" from HLM, dated Feb 2 [1923?], discussing Heliogabalus. (Frank Jenners Wilstach, 1865-1933 [pNUC]. A press-agent friend of HLM from 1900 or so [Newspaper Days, p. 113.] [Source: Snyder gift])

MS P136. 1: Poem "Coquetry" by William **Griffith**; 2: Letter from HLM to Griffith, 1930 Oct 4, rejecting "Coquetry". [Acquired by 1963]

In University Archives:

As part of the **Fleeson** papers: 132 letters from Mencken to the journalist Doris Fleeson, 1936-1948 and n.d. (A copy of Archives' item-list of these letters -- with no details -- is in MS Records: Mencken.)

As part of the **Kemp** papers: 17 letters to the poet Harry Kemp, 1930, 1940-1943. (Mrs Snyder's photocopies of these letters are in Section ~~XX~~) (A copy of Archives' description of the Kemp papers is in MS Records: Kemp) *JK*

As part of the **Wattles** papers: 1 letter to the English Department faculty member, Willard Austin Wattles, [1917 Aug 25].

Begins: "With unguents rising daily..." Ed Howe's utter honesty. Will probably visit NY on 27 Aug. Visit the office. Sarah [annotated Sara Bernhardt]. I see Kemp often; I'd like to meet Flint.

Env. addressed to Willard Wattles, Bay End Farm, Buzzards Bay, Mass., L: 1524 Hollins St...

In the Kansas Collection department:

As part of the **Driscoll** Collection (RH MS P22): 15 items of correspondence between Mencken (or the American Mercury), and the journalist Charles Driscoll, 1924-1949 and n.d. No letter is by Mencken himself. [Source: Snyder purchase.]

XX As part of the **Howe** Collection (RH): 1 letter to Ed Howe.

Descriptions of the Mencken - Driscoll items are interfiled in Section A (Driscoll) in italics. Here follows a rough list of the entire contents of RH MS P22: Mencken-related items are marked with a *.

Folder A.

1922

1. 1922 Feb 28.
Heywood Broun, The World, NY.
To D, Editor of Wichita Eagle.
Precis: Courteous reply: yes, I did confuse "infer" and "imply".
2. 1922 Mar 14.
Robert Jay ?Noe_?, acting ed, The Freeman.
To D, The Wichita Daily Eagle.
Precis: Thanks for your editorials.
3. 1922 July 27.
Oswald Garrison Villard, The Nation, NY.
To D, Editor, The Wichita Eagle.
Precis: Thanks for letter and editorials; the White case; persecution of IWW; asking ACLU to send you its reports. Borah & I think perhaps we'll start a third party -- I may run hopelessly for Senator from NY.

4. 1922 Aug 21.
Upton Sinclair.
To D, Editor, Wichita Eagle.
Precis: JA Patterson of the St Paul Daily News suggests that you have some personal experience bearing on a book I am planning -- see enclosed circular [no enclosure].

1924

*5. 1924 Sep 3.
[Driscoll?] carbon.
To Dear Mr Mencken.
Precis: What about "Murder as Comic Relief" or similar? Details.

1925

6. 1925 Oct 20.
Louis Untermeyer. NY letterhead.
To Dear Mr Crane.
Precis: Herewith a personal letter to me from William Rose Benet for your files.

1926

7. 1926 Jan 29.
[Louis Untermeyer]. Palmer House, Chicago, letterhead.
To Dear Nannie.
Precis: Enclose clipping from Minneapolis [no enclosure] -- still thinking of you.
Note: Handwriting same as A6. Signed with elegant caricature.

*8. 1926 Apr 6. [Recheck date]
American Mercury (Edith Lustgarten)
Precis: "Major Prophets of Holy Kansas" will appear in the May AM (out 25 April).
[Letterhead: HLM... AA Knopf... S Knopf...]

*9. 1926 Aug 23.
American Mercury.
To D, 1511 Times Bldg.
Stub of payment for "Pastorale".

Folder B.

1927

1. 1927 Jan 2.
Benjamin DeCasseres, NY author.
To D.
Submitting article for the Feb number.
2. 1927 Jan 14.
Hamilton Owens, ed., The Evening Sun, Baltimore.
To D, c/o The McNaught Syndicate, Times Building, NY.
Did I thank you for your article of some time ago? Would you do another? Where is the picture that Carry Nation stoned? I came West, but got no further than Kansas City.
3. 1927 Sep 13.
Villard, The Nation
To D, McNaught.
Thanks for your (forgiving) congratulations on our acquisition of Heywood Broun. Mrs Jones' case.

1928

- *4a. [1928] June 4.
American Mercury (Edith Lustgarten).
"Finale" will appear in July.
Letterhead: HLM... AAK... SK... Left justified below Mencken:
Charles Angoff, Assistant Editor
Edith Lustgarten, Editorial Secretary
- *4b. 1928 Apr 21.
American Mercury.
To D, 2200 Times Building.
Stub of payment for "Finale".
- *5. 1928 Oct 8.
American Mercury.
Stub of payment for "Kansas Labor".
- *6. 1928 Mar 2.
American Mercury (JW Ferman)
To D, 640 Van Cortlandt Park Ave, Yonkers, NY.
Will send duplicates of Jan & Feb all-rag. If the copies of the first 2
issues don't have stars on spine they are not rag: return for replacement.
Letterhead: as A:8.

1929

RECHECK FOLLOWING DATES/ITEM NOS

7. 1929 Apr 26.
Maurice D. Sullivan, 4 Beacon St., Redlands, Calif.
To D, Editor, McNaught Syndicate.
I understand you are interested in pirates. You and I have both
appeared in the AM and the Catholic World. An article of mine about Jose Juan
Chapman is in the Columbia for May.
8. 1929 Mar 14.
St John ?Pearse?, Harvard Club, NY.
Thanks for mention in Cleveland paper.

1931

9. 1931 Mar 4.
J. Frank Dobie, Texas Folklore Society, Univ of Texas.
To "Dear Driscoll".
"Dubloons" good (details); do more Irish.

1935

- *10. 1935 Jan 10.
[Driscoll] carbon.
To Mencken, 1524 Hollis St.
Foolishness of New Deal. Father Coughlin recommends guillotines.
11. 1935 July 2.
Brendan??, The Sun, Offices of the Executive Board, NY.
To "Dear Odd".
Leaving 4 July for Scotland. Have read your book (tearing out the
frontispiece).

1936

- *12. 1936 Sep 6.
[Driscoll?]
Page from appointment book "... Dinner for Mencken \$5.45..." and fares
and hotel KC-NY.

Folder C.

1940

1. 1940 May 29.
William Randolph Hearst.
To D "New York Day by Day", NYC.
Thanks for comment.
2. 1940 Dec 12.
William Lyon Phelps.
To D, Times Bldg.
I have now recommended Tom Stix to The Players club.

1941

3. 1941 July 25.
Charles Morrow Wilson, Putney, Vt. Signs "Charley Wilson".
To My dear Mr Driscoll. Forwarded to 60 E 42d St.
Missed you on my hurried travels to interview authorities on tropical medicine (eg Dr Joe White on yellow fever) -- the gringo world should learn from the spick.

1942

4. 1942 Nov 3.
Henry J. Allen, 513 Beacon Building, Wichita
To Dear Charlie, McNaught
Thanks for mention in column -- remember when we thought we were competitors? Will you be at the Crumbile XXCHECK dinner at NY?

1943

5. 1943 June 24.
Nelson Antrim Crawford, editor-in-chief of _____ Topeka. [Letterhead mutilated.]
To "Dear Friend Driscoll"
"Kansas Irish" fine, better than "Old Jules". What I'm doing now.

1949

6. 1949 Sep 13.
"Bill", William Feather Co., Printers, Cleveland.
To Charlie, McNaught.
Thanks for review of book.
- *7. 1949 June 15.
Lohrfinck (for MENCKEN).
To D, 363 Glenrbook Ave, Yonkers.
Mr Mencken is still seriously ill.... but making progress. Thanks you for what you say of his new book.
- *8. 1949 June 29.
Lohrfinck (for Mencken).
Thanks for review. Making progress.

Folder D [undated].

- *1. [] Apr 21.
American Mercury (Charles Angoff).
Please send bio for Editorial Notes.
Letterhead: as B4a.

- *2. [] Oct 19.
American Mercury (Charles Angoff).
Mencken now touring South and West.
Letterhead: as A8.
- *3. [] Dec 7.
American Mercury (Charles Angoff).
We cannot come to an agreement on this piece. Next year AM should ne
straight articles.
Letterhead: as A8.
4. [] Dec 28.
Raymond Clapper, United News, United Press Association, Washington.
To D, McNaught Syndicate.
How did you manage to find me after all these years? This political
mess will clear in due course. "Someday it will be discovered that Coolidge
abdicated in favor of Dwight Morrow." I don't suppose the next rebellion will be
like Roosevelt's.
5. []
Nathalia Crane.
To Mr Boni, For the McNaught Syndicate.
I'll catch up soon.
6. []
Lesley Frost.
"The Hummingbird" [poem]. For Nathalia Crane.
7. [] Apr 7.
Fred C[harters] Kelly, The Jefferson, Washington.
To "Dear Charlie".
Your editorial about the Wright brothers decent and truthful. Some
months ago when Walcott was still head of the Smithsonian, I called him a liar.
Some stocks which are about to shoot up. What's your sister's address in Cleveland?
8. [] Friday.
Hendrik Willem van Loon, Old Greenwich, Conn.
To "Dear Charlie".
You are free to go fishing -- I have written your article for you. If
you like I'll tell you more about this strange meeting, which you can pass off as
your own research.
Note rural-scene letterhead: designed by van Loon?
9. []
Charles Stringer [?], The Golden Horseman Press, Fayetteville, Ark.
Friendly invitation. Which of my books do you want? Thanks for good
word about All's Well.
- Folder E. Dr Faustus.
13p typed article on superstition, astrology, etc -- Oklahoma's governor
has resident female astrologer. Both rural and NY.
- *Folder F. The Prairie was in Labor.
On Kansas Prohibition as fore-runner of present national Prohibition.

APPENDIX E: Abbreviations used for sources of information.

(This list is neither recommended nor exhaustive. It merely contains books which I found convenient to use when trying to identify a person or date a letter. The Departmental callmark follows each entry.)

pNUC: National Union Catalog, pre-1956 imprints. (In Catalogue Room)

AM. The American Mercury, 1924-1939. Each number contains an "Authors" page, briefly identifying each contributor of substantial work; the "Editorial Notes" which began to appear in the advertising matter in Number 16 (April 1925) often include a longer biography with portrait. HLM was editor from Jan 1924 to Oct 1933.

The set used is HLM D74: Driscoll's rag-paper copy, which is sturdily bound in volumes, but is imperfect. It contains Numbers 1-96 (Jan 1924-Dec 1931) and Numbers 101-104 (May-Aug 1932). The advertising matter is missing until Number 49 (Jan 1928).

Another incomplete set is HLM D1, unbound and fragile. It includes all the numbers before 1934 wanting from HLM D74, and a scattering of issues thereafter. it

Bibliographies

Census: Man of Letters: a census of the correspondence of H.L. Mencken compiled by Betty Adler. Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1969.

Covers all collections of MS letters in public institutions, both from and to Mencken. For each correspondent gives name, date and brief identification, followed by number of letters in each repository, and inclusive dates for each group. Divided into Part I (general correspondence), Part II (concerning The American Language), and an addendum to Part II.

Does not include Mrs Snyder's gift to this Department. Does not include the Driscoll and Howe collections in the Kansas Collection department within which a few Mencken letters appear. (HLM C95)

Adler 1967: A descriptive list of H.L. Mencken collections in the U.S. Compiled by Betty Adler. Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1967.

Brief description of MS and other holdings arranged by repository: covers 34 repositories. The only personal collector included is Mrs Snyder (as Taylor). KU is represented by the Kemp and Wattles material now in University Archives.

The list of correspondents under Taylor is incomplete and inaccurate. (HLM D48)

Adler 1961: H. L. M. The Mencken bibliography. Compiled by Betty Adler with the assistance of Jane Wilhelm. Published for the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Johns Hopkins Press, 1961.

Covers material by and about Mencken. Based on the holdings of the Pratt Library. Omits MSS. Includes other useful lists: e.g., of portraits. Illustrated by photographs. (SC Ref 39.Men.1)

Publications of Mencken letters

Forgue. Letters of H.L. Mencken selected and annotated by Guy J. Fogue. With a personal note by Hamilton Owens. Knopf, 1961.

Arranged chronologically. Sparse footnotes. Indexed. Photo of HLM by Knopf as frontispiece and on wrapper. Based largely on material collected by Julian P. Boyd. Does not appear to overlap with Bode 1977. (HLM C97)

Bode 1977. The New Mencken Letters. Edited by Carl Bode. Dial Press, 1977.

Arranged chronologically. Each year is accompanied by a list of notable events in HLM's life; most letters are accompanied by notes (including source of

date, and identifications of persons mentioned). Indexed. (HLM C295)

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Manchester 1962: H. L. Mencken: disturber of the peace. [By] William Manchester.... Collier Books, 1962.

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