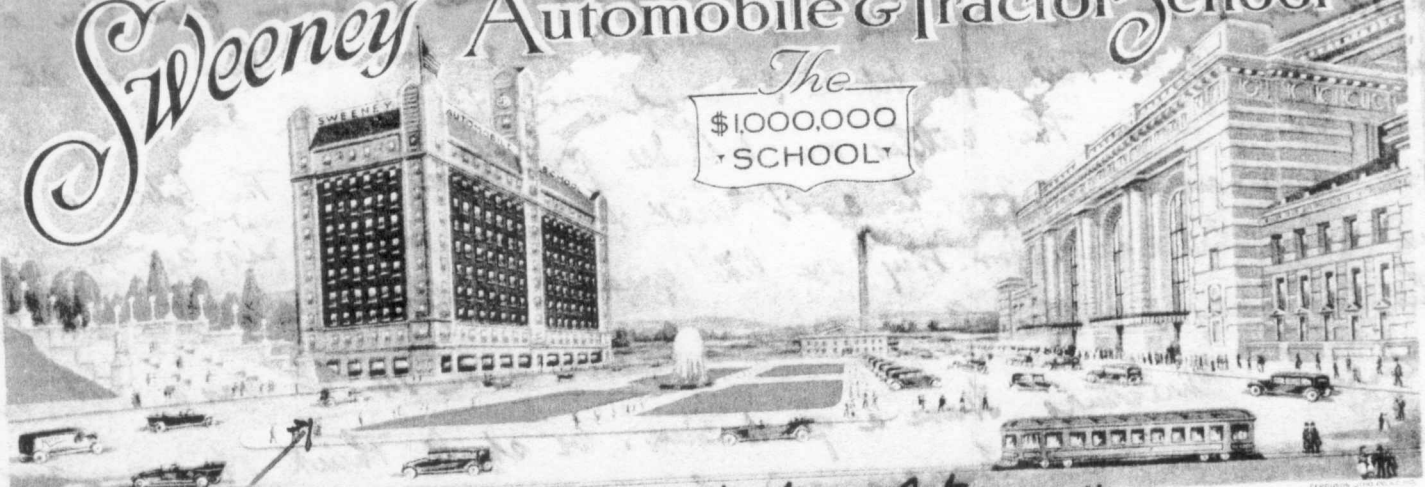


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Willow Springs, Mo.
Dec 1st, 1921.

My dear Sister & Hubert

Your welcome letter of 13th ult. arrived yesterday and reminded me to hurry your snake skin off. I jumped right in and wrapped it up and it will go with this. you may have to soak it in warm water for awhile if it has become hard again. I had to soak it in order to not break it with rolling up. If you use it for a belt you might apply a little neatsfoot oil to keep it soft. I just hang them up on the wall for specimens am afraid the scales would rub off to wear it. the girls tried several & that was the trouble. If you soak it before unrolling it Hubert stretch it while wet on the back of a door or on a board and when it is dry it wont curl up. put a few tacks in around the edge.

I killed the snake right on our porch one eve about dusk we have two large porch chairs one for Mama & one for me where we sit & read I had been reading and quit to go to milk. went in house & got milk buckets and when I came out again there was Mr Snake coiled under my chair I dont suppose I'd have noticed it only for my little dog. making such a fuss. she's only as big as my foot but she thinks she's as big as a Lion. she kept the snake engaged while I found a stick. but I couldn't

t it under the chair so I finally landed a blow on its tail as it was
sitting which made him come out & fight and I soon gave him a
cock out blow. Then my little dog jumped in & grabbed him and bit about
4 inches off his Tail off before I could pry her loose. I'm sorry for
wanted to leave the rattles on but I'll put them inside the tube. a fellow
from damages them for he can't "pick & choose" much. He's got to hit
me where he can. for they are like greased lightning when they strike
this has only 8 rattles Cyril killed one once with 144 he was a veteran.

Soon be Christmas. Have a good time. we shall think of you and
wish you were here. Frances and her boy are here also the boys still
here, so we have quite a family. It was Thanksgiving day last Thursday
we invited a bunch of young folks to make it pleasant for the boys
had a big old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. and afterwards cards
& dancing. seemed like old times. hope they will all stay for Christmas

I must run off to mail this, excuse scrawl have been chopping
and my hand stings. just writes in gobs.

Thanks for clippings. I know now how Lincoln got its name
you always send me something interesting

We are well. will try & write again before Christmas. If not
you have our best wishes for a happy time and our thoughts
will be with you.

Fond love. — If there is any duty to pay dont receive.
The skin isn't worth anything. —

Again my love to both

Uncle Dan