

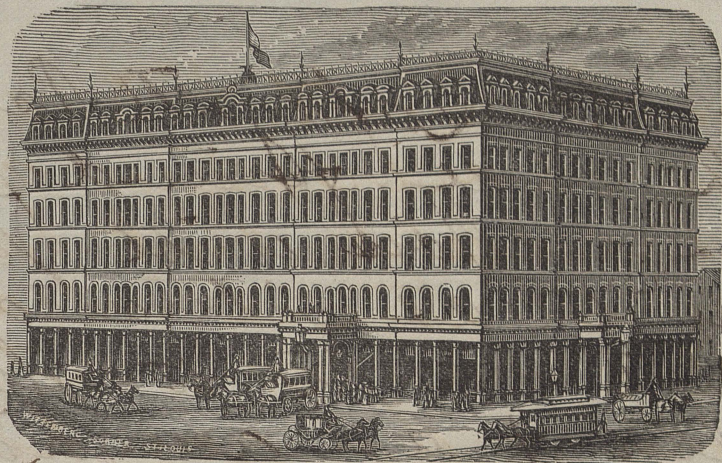
LACLEDE-BIRCHER HOTEL.

St. Louis, Sept 21 1879.  
Mrs J<sup>r</sup> Evans  
Dearton Tex  
My Darling Baby Wife  
My I must  
have a chat with my  
Pet. This ~~of~~ evening for  
I know she has often  
today thought of her  
absent boy & if you the  
road to Dearton wished  
that he was her compan-  
ion. & though tonight I  
trust she is surrounded  
by loved ones I know  
she would exchange the  
pleasures of home for the  
evening with the one who



loves her most & to whom  
she is dearer than all  
life besides - But baby  
enjoy all there is in a  
visit home with the full  
knowledge that you have  
indivisibly the whole  
heart of your absent boy  
& that there is nothing  
so dear to him as the  
thought that he possesses  
the love of his own  
dear little girl & can  
love her with all his  
heart & not waste aff-  
-ections on one who ~~will~~  
~~not~~ is not a warm  
recipient - Well baby I  
was centinary - this morning  
in company of young Pined  
of Honey Grove - & listened to  
Bishop Pierce in a very  
fine discourse from the  
paraph - "Peter lovest thou  
me more than these &c"





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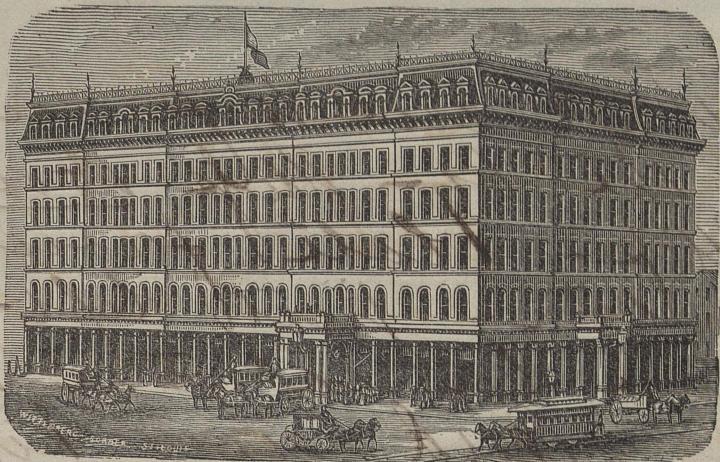
The subject was very ably handled - More liberally & satisfactorily to my mind than ever I have heard it before. Though he left it for his listeners to ~~the~~ ~~word~~ these to apply any of the several interpretations to the word "these" bringing each out in a clear & distinct light & showing the claims they severally possessed & making forcible application to his listeners - I was later in the



day at - Lafayette Park  
with - some friend from  
Texas - You will rem-  
-ber it is situated  
on the route to Shaw's  
garden & as a quite  
a gem of beauty - with  
shaded walks beds of  
flowers green lawns  
sparkling fountains &  
lakes - full of small  
boats - white swans -  
as well as some nice  
stagnant - rustic bowers  
& other attractions for  
a town of compressed  
beauty - Well I have  
considerable cold &  
am not - out - at -

Church tonight - But  
have spent a while in  
~~with~~ the parlor with - several  
Texas ladies - & by the  
way I see none in the  
city who in beauty





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equal those from our  
own sunny state—

And I know of  
no babies to compare  
with the darling who  
are under your own  
precious charge— God  
blep them + their Mamma  
& paer— that they are  
are may soon be  
well + that they may  
be as acceptable to  
him as they have been  
to their parents—

But— baby give love  
to all at home +



remember me to friends -  
+ by the by - Miss Woodward  
of Wip - late from  
Denton - just left the  
City - on her return trip.

And now kiss  
Each baby good night  
for Papd + Mom  
I bless + keep my  
darlings + I am  
Ever your Devoted  
Husband  
J. E. Evans

I am stopping at  
the Saclede