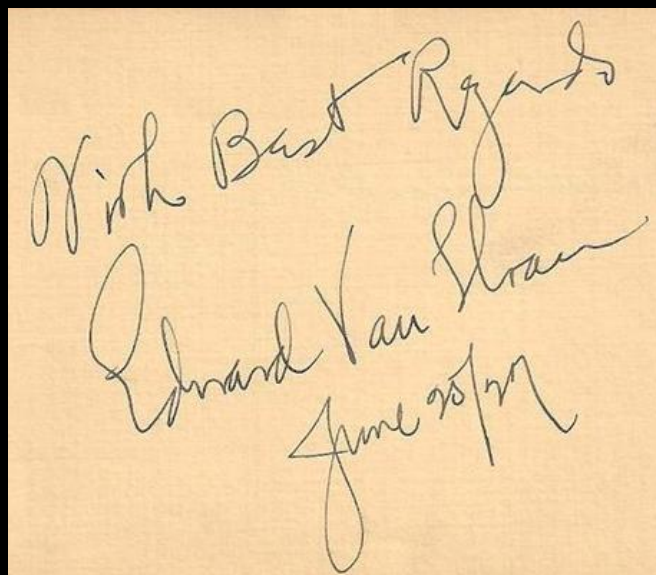


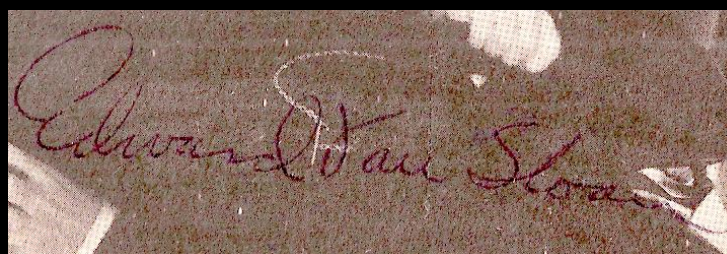
Edward Van Sloan (1882-1964)

Confirmed Authentic Exemplars



With Best Regards
Edward Van Sloan
June 20/27

Signature in fountain pen (1927)
Courtesy of Roger Hurlburt



Edward Van Sloan

Signature in ballpoint pen (c. 1960)
Courtesy of Roger Hurlburt

My dear Peter - March 1/63 -
I thought I was a bit late around here somewhere - so if
I'm late your pardon - if only excuse the anticipation -
I got your letter of Jan 2/63 - and was indeed delighted to
hear from you. I'm rather late in answering but things have been a
bit upset. My sister Joe had another fall - it was quite badly to the
old stand and as to her recovery - well I am somewhat doubtful - she's
not a hard worker. And that makes my stay here rather indefinite -
and so I'm afraid I won't get on East this Summer as I had explained
and in - I'm looking forward to - unless of course there are radical changes
here. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for some miracle to make the
trip possible. Joe's the same. I am most anxious to see you all.
I was much interested in what you said of your school +
your plans of later on taking up a career in History teaching. I envy
you. To me that is the most rewarding subject. If I had been
capable that's the one thing I'd liked to have done. Of course in my day
it was one of the driest of all subjects - the methods used in teaching
it were too dusty for words, and the Histories in themselves were
too dull + stodgy. But our modern Historians have fortunately
thrown that approach down the drain and have made a living
thing out of it and give both the Teacher + Student an interest +
leading interest. Glad, of course, American History is finally taking
its proper place in the scheme of things - as it should but never was
in my day - more shame to them who wrote + authentic who should
it into the background. So go to it, my dear, + best luck.
I'm expect to hear one of these days that you have
your house and I hope it will be all you hope for it. Saw a
picture of Mrs K. - do you like it - well, you might like her. I'm
sure you will. I judge that from your snapshot - you look well mounted.
And I hope too you are all well settled in your new
home - it looks most attractive + comfortable. I had hoped to
be able to do some building there - well - let's not despair.
Here I do little except look after the house and some
reading - have been out my little. And I hope your awful
Winters that I've been reading about is about over with. I envy you
the Spring. So then - take care of yourself - my best to both your
mommy + Dad - and the same for yourself - and at his Aff. I may -
and let's hear when you can the time here in the mood.
Uncle Van

Handwritten letter signed Uncle Van in ballpoint pen (1963)
Courtesy of Robert Eaton of RR Auction

Secretarial Exemplars

None available at present