



# The CommUUnicator

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## Notes on Love

*Blake Clark sent in this sweet love story in recognition of Valentine's Day. He found it hand written by his mother among her papers. According to Blake, she often copied by hand poems and other works that had meaning to her. He estimates that it could have been written 70 or 80 years ago. His mother recorded the author as J.B. Whitney. Neither he nor this tribute could be found by Googling, so it was lost to the ages....until now.*

I was going to buy two boxes of Milk Duds, one for me because I like them and I'm hungry, one for you because you like them and I love you. And besides, it's been a joke between us, sort of.

So I went to the machine with four nickels, which were in my pocket, and got a box of Milk Duds, though I didn't know at that point whether it was yours or mine. But as soon as it came out, the little window under the Milk Dud panel clicked and said "OUT." So there I was with one box of Milk Duds for the two of us.

I counted them and there were nineteen Milk Duds, and I didn't even think for a second that I could eat ten of them and save the other nine for you, and then explain that there were only eighteen in the box to start with because that would be deceitful. And although I thought of eating nine and telling you honestly that the box held nineteen, that seemed too noble and I didn't want you to think me showy.

So I have eaten ten of the nineteen, thus saving less than half for you. But to make up for the difference, partly, I have taken a clean paper clip and scratched "LOVE" into the chocolate

coating of each of the remaining nine. And as anyone would tell you, that's more important than a Milk Dud.

## Notable African Americans You May not Have Heard Of

**Bessie Coleman** was the first civilian-licensed African American pilot in the world. She was born in Texas in 1892, one of 13 children of share



croppers. Working as a manicurist in Chicago, she became interested in aviation. Unable to learn to fly in this country due to her race, she saved her money and went to France for aviation school.

Back in the US, she traveled around giving flying exhibitions. Bessie died in a crash in 1926 at the young age of 34. Her dream of a flying school for African Americans was realized when William J. Powell established the Bessie Coleman Aero Club in Los Angeles in 1929. Learn more about Bessie on her page on the [National Aviation Hall of Fame website](https://www.nationalaviationhall.org/bessie-coleman).

## Member News

Our members who have been suffering with the COVID virus are all recovering at home now. Glen Patterson was hospitalized twice and continues to be weak but better. Anne Armentrout's husband Russell is doing much better, but Anne continues to be monitored post hospitalization for pulmonary and cardiac issues caused by the virus. Rae Kasdan is improving but Steve still has lingering symptoms.