

# A Guide to the Edgar Fawcett Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection Number**

6984-o

**Language**

English

**Extent**

1 item

**Repository**

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

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## Item Listing

### Letter

**Edgar Fawcett, on Union Clubstationery, New York, to Bliss Carmen**

**Unit Date** [1894] Aug 18

**Extent**

ALS,  
16 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Fawcett writes a long letter to the young Canadian poet, full of literary advice, at the beginning of Carmen's career when he was assisting Herbert S. Stone and H. Ingalls Kimball in editing their magazine The Chap-Book, discussing his annoyance with Stone's rejection of his own verses and his impression of Carmen's poetry. Fawcett writes, "You have, I think, a most remarkable poetic future before you in this hatefully unpoetic age. But I somehow feel you will win more of the lovers whom your unique lyric poignancy and fascination are sure to win, if you avoid the vague, the ambiguous a little more determinedly than you are now sometimes doing. ... You are a kind of sea-gull of song, and like that strong white bird your genius floats fearlessly out into mists and vapors....Why not take that Atlantic poem - a superb piece of original lyricism - and model your future work after its combined dreaminess and lucidity."]