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June 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

My Dear Col.:-

Your letter of June 5<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand. I have been watching the New York sales with a great deal of interest. Duncan sent me the catalogue and I have been getting the Spirit of the Times. Petrola's colt brought a good price. Petrola herself sold for \$2000 I believe. The Glendy-Florida colt sold for less money than I had any idea of, but taking it all in all the percentage was good & if a man has enough colts at that rate he can make money without half the worry of any other kind of business. If you can put the Red Wilkes mare in the thirty list the Snaghs will be better than a gold mine. Pattle Bell is well bred and ought to make a good sire. Next year "Snaghs" ought certainly to be put in the thirty list & then the



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"Ingleside Place" stud will be second to none in the country. I have great hopes that "Tromper" will make a killing this year if Duncan dont run him too often before his state race, but I think he realizes this fact. The weather has been altogether too wet in Chicago lately for any good horse to run & am glad to see that Duncan has kept his horses off the track but contented himself with exercising them instead, as they will be in better trim when the track gets in good condition. Am sorry to hear that "Blondin" has inherited the bad points of his sire & only hope he will be able to run all right whether his hocks are large or not. "Terra Firma" seems to have dropped out of sight. What is the matter with him? He was a most promising yearling. I only



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wish I was fixed so I could buy  
the Douglas place own about thirty  
shares a good stallion & about ten thousand  
a year income outside then I could  
live & learn. One has little time  
to improve himself when in business  
especially living in a city & in  
society. We are on the go all  
of the time, evenings & in the  
day time I am constantly  
occupied. Our office hours are  
from eight A.M. until six P.M.  
& when I get home I like to stay  
there. I am willing to go through  
this though if there is any thing  
in it, & I think there is, but when  
I get enough to live on comfortably  
I intend to gratify my desire to  
learn a little something besides  
business. We sail for Alaska  
Tuesday next & expect to have  
a fine time. Don't know any



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one that is going on the same boat  
but never the less we are going to  
enjoy ourselves Gibson is getting  
along very well & says almost  
every thing. He has not begun  
to smoke yet though.

Our business is still very good  
& we shipped a car of shingles  
to New Albany, Ind. today.  
Still we are getting in around  
Lexington. After they are  
once introduced in your city  
the custom will demand Wash-  
Red Cedar Shingles. Enclosed  
you will find our June 1st price  
that showing that they can be  
sold for \$5.00 and they are so  
far superior to any other kind  
of shingles that the price will  
have nothing to do with it when  
they are once well introduced.

You wait and see. All send love to all  
Have not heard from Dix for a long while. Affectionately Harry



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 Tacoma, Wash. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

My Dear Hart,

Let me congratulate you upon doing so well in the way of first prizes at the Fair. Your Mother wrote that you had won a number of first prizes. You are not much of a correspondent are you? It seems to me that I wrote you sometime ago. What are you doing with yourself? Gibson has had a fever for three or four days & is not feeling at all well. His teeth are troubling him. I see in Mucke Tobie's paper that he is advertising the Northern Pacific Rail Road. You ought to get him to ask Mr. Lee for Editorial Passes for you & your father & come out to this great & glorious Northwest. It would do both of you no end of good & if you



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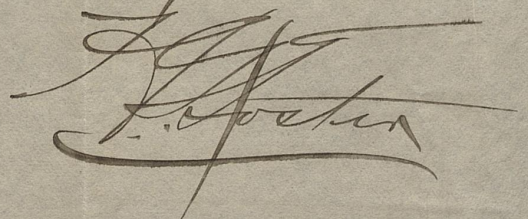
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do some we might prevail upon  
 you to locate out here.  
 Mitche is well & I am mighty  
 sorry I cant say as much for  
 Gibson poor little fellow he has  
 a hard time putting his teeth  
 Write me & let me know what  
 you are doing for yourself.  
 All send lots of love to you all.

Sincerely



H. G. Foster



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MANUFACTURER OF  
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WASHINGTON  
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AND LUMBER.

Tacoma, Wash. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895

My Darling little man -

I send you a picture card that was left on my desk and hope you will like it. I saw Evan Stalup the other day and his Mother had just been scolding him for fighting with some little boys - I am mighty anxious to see you & Addison & Mother and will go to Kentuckly as quickly as I can - You must be having a fine time riding Dick & Shan - What do you think of Addison's new nurse? Dont forget to take good care of Mother Addison & be a good boy & dont forget your own dear Father.

✻ This is a kiss for you

✻ This is a kiss for Addison

✻ This is a kiss for Mother

Write me a letter my little man