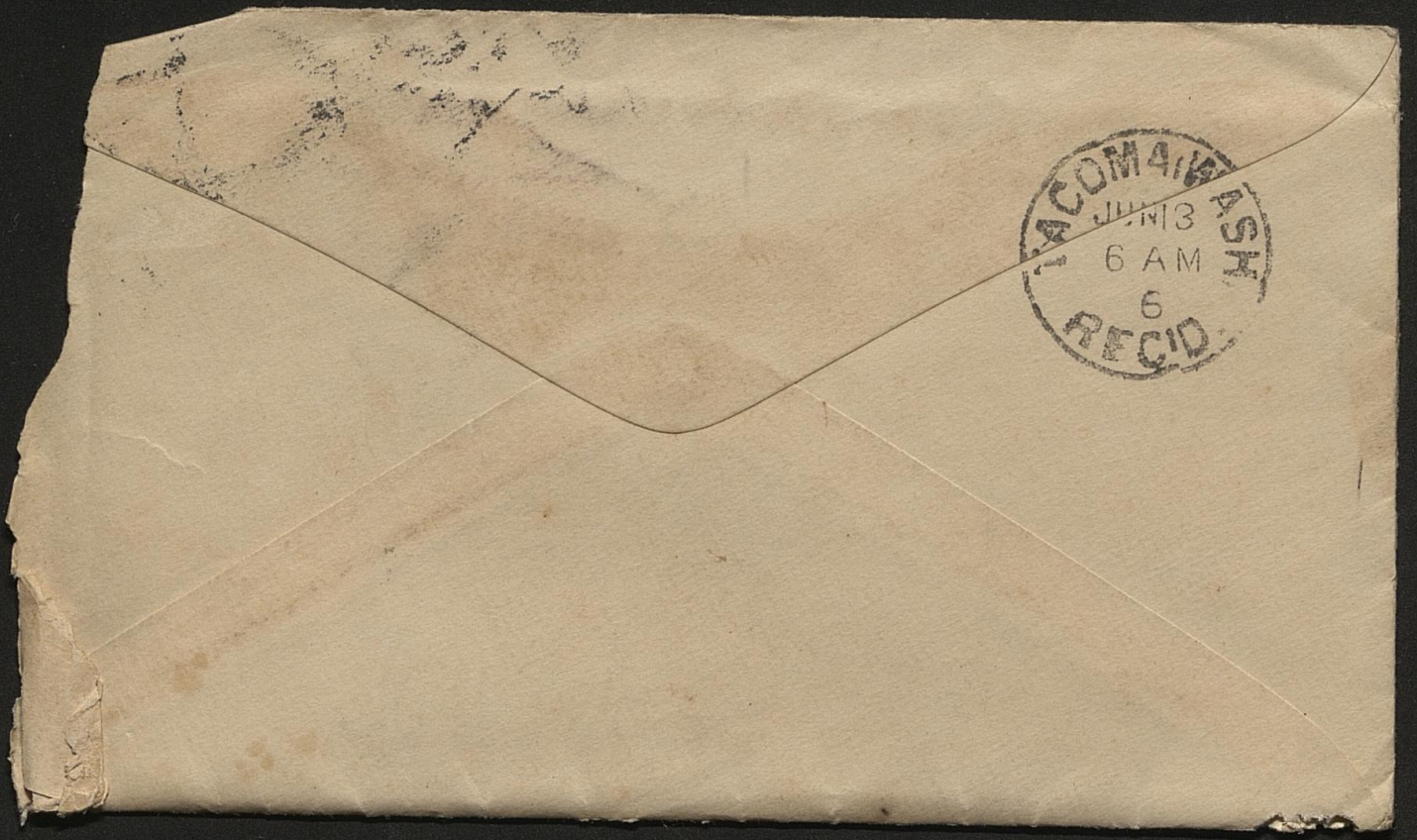




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My dear Hart

I did not get my letter written the other day - but it will be just as well not to have yours and Mittie's received the same day. There are many interruptions here, and although we had a cook and house girl they had to be looked after and reminded of their work every day - the cook is now expecting any day to be confined and the house maid has been worried over the hanging of her half brother Henry Smith - now it is over she has set in to work again and we will get a new cook tomorrow - You and Mittie

Know what it is to have a large family to cater to - and when one is crazy - it is not fun to please him, May is no better, quite weak some days - and very hard to please (but this is not to be repeated - burn the letter and that will settle it - of course I do not mind Mittie's meddling it) he has grown too selfish to live, and wears Lollie out - she ought to keep him down as she can manage him pretty well and fool him in good fashion - I was glad she got to Louisville - for the trip did her good, she gained a pound a day. This week Preston Scott's daughter will visit us, and Lobe, Lollie and perhaps Sue Gigsby. Your room down stairs I have vacated for guest chamber, and may perhaps finally flee to the cottage - as I did last summer, to let the house parties have

room, since Mary and Rich-
ie went to town Mary uses the
sitting room for himself - he
is very much tickled with it - has
his books and some furniture -
and ⁱⁿ the above a cot to rest upon
during the day - we use the hall
and parlor, as he likes to be alone
- Grim is still here, which worries
Mary greatly - but Grim never says
a word to him, so gets along well
Mary wants us to treat him like
a negro - which of course we will
not, he is lazy - but helps us all
and is no trouble. Piddie and
Duncan are working with the
garden, Piddie as of ~~years~~ know
will shirk work and but for
the help he has had - there would
have been no garden - You must
not mention what I write except
to Mittie, who knows him - he
wants all to come easy and
at once, seeing Piddie so well -

fixer I think dissatisfies him
and Adelle. she talks very
little, but I judge from the
few words dropped - every one
in a while is not pleased with
this country. I fancy she thought
she and Bidie were to take en-
tire charge of everything myself
included; I am willing to do what
is right - but shall never be under
my children - Bidie will not
touch anything unless he has
the "Lions portion" - only what he
is to be benefitted by - is he willing
to touch - his wife is the same I
judge. - Richie may in part be
responsible for this behavior - and
I think gives bad advice - but
do not speak of what I write, I fear
Adelle has not a lovable disposition
and did not get along with her
family - in consequence - Richie
seems more restless and impatient
than ever, of course he does not run

around - but is very discontented
tell Mittie not to ever mention
to anyone what I have written
in this letter - and be sure to put
it in the stove - and burn it
I know both of you are anxious
to hear, about everything - but I did
not want to write until I had
made up and decided as to
the improvement in Kiddie - I have
seen very little of him - but feel
sure he spun a yarn to old Logee
who is a plain man and who
has worked for what he has.

The postal order you sent
helped me out with my tea, which
was quite a success, and the five
dollars you sent the other day
just fits in a spot, but you
must keep what you have for
yourself - I need very little for
myself in fact nothing - for
unless I go about I can swear
old garments - I would be satisfied

never to go from home or see
anyone but my family - still
I am compelled to visit - some
the longer I live the more I am
disgusted with the world.

I wish I could help Mittie with
her boys - Gibron could learn so
much now - after a while I may
be able to teach him. Mittie
I know is kept busy - but you
might get off a letter once a week
Peggie has been writing - and
I thought had told you about all
the stock &c. - Red Wilkes mare
has a fillie, very sprightly and
good looking - Patsy Harper is
dead, she was filled with lice
and I think it finished her
she was not in foal.

The "damned cows," as usual keep
us up. I will try to get off a
letter to Mittie in a day or two
Best love to all

Affect M. D. G.

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a good way to raise the interest money - and he may be willing to give his note - but will have a written contract with him he tells Bridie that the farmers are not able to pay over ten dollars. and if all are as pressed as we, they would not have that - we must sell of lots this summer. I told Bridie I would give Mary one if he would build her a house, he said he would the turnpike question is again agitated. Crigler wants it to run through his place so as to sell off lots. but when you get here you can look over the situation. all will but love affect M. D. G.

April 13th 1897

Dear Hart

We were much surprised to hear from Nettie she was not coming home - and you can imagine our disappointment I have not been writing lately thinking daily you all would be leaving for Ky. it is strange behav-ior for Hall not to send your money. he profers to have advanced what he sent me, and also Gobe but he received his before

Christmas. and I do not think your sister has ever gotten here, I wish I had a hundred dollars to send you but a hundred cents is the extent of my purse just now. "Praise the Lord" summer is coming and there will be no need of fire. we are using wood in fact cleaning up the yard. sorry to hear you have been suffering with Lumbago I have had many pains in my bones, since having grippe and I find all

When have you ill with it this winter complain of pains. I suppose you have heard Biddle had a little exposure & furniture and is staying at Mrs. Henry's opposite St. Paul's Church. they pay fifty dollars a month, whether they are ill or not are very nicely fixed. At present he and Mary are still in taking in the seed he and Cat have made some notes running there. if he's time impermined! There is a man in Woodford so who wants to take a dog and stand him on the street he has a very nice looking, I thought it would be

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