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Mr. Hart Gibson Jr.  
Lexington  
Kentucky

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Supper and dancing. I had several invitations to dance but declined. To day we were invited to a supper party at Olympia, the Capitol of this state. I preferred to remain with Gibson but Mittie and Mrs. Foster went, they will get back at seven to night when Mittie will go again to <sup>the night to</sup> the card party ~~to night~~.

I am very much disappointed at the result of the horse sale - but not surprised as I had set the figures at five hundred dollars - but it is just the usual luck if you had hired a good man and together driven the horses - you might have had five hundred dollars - instead of 25 - or 50 - in my opinion

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1893

My dearest Biddie

Your three letters have been received, the last one Friday. I am surprised you don't letters with me, you should write once at least every week. I have been obliged to go out frequently the past week - as all entertainments are being crowded together as fast as I can. I shall be glad to have a letter up, for it is very tiresome to me - yet I had to go - for two weeks I have not felt very well - so did not write a single letter - we have had three

passed off pleasantly - all  
being pleased with their  
prizes - I did not come near  
the first prize - and just  
missed the consolation - which  
was for the lady who was  
the lowest in marks - instead  
of Quebec - it was "Drive Whist"  
because being the trump for  
the evening the same afternoon  
I attended a whist party at  
Miss Methaw's - nearby -  
on Friday afternoon, another  
~~Thursday~~ where there were fifty ladies  
I had quite a pleasant after-  
noon - but did not get any-  
thing that night - at eight  
Minnie's concert came off -  
and after it was over - we  
went to a reception at the  
gentlemen's Club house - where  
after some good music  
and acting, we had a nice

weeks of real winter - deep  
snow - such as has never  
been seen here by the oldest  
inhabitant - all who could  
get sleighs were taking  
advantage of it - and all the  
country people put on planks  
runners on their vehicles - which  
they used with as much  
pleasure as the town swells  
their turnout - I did not  
venture out for two weeks  
but twice - that was more  
than for me - as I was report -  
I have just received a few  
lines from sister inclosing  
a letter of Mary's - she has  
been gardening as much as  
the rest of the "four hundred",  
Minnie sang at the ladies  
musical Friday night - and  
Thursday night - her Cuckoo  
Club met here - the event

it will purify his blood & make him feel 15 years younger. Mittie & I have been taking it - and we are so much better. Mittie is not near so nervous - and much stronger - after this week - she will get more rest. Gibbon is looking so well - he went to a party Sat afternoon.

Bertha Potts's birthday - she was just two years old - and very pretty - talks quite well - there were more than a dozen others - but Gibbon looked like a thoroughbred in the midst of draft horses - he wore his pants & coat - and after being dressed looked in the glass and said - "Dont Gibbie look pretty!" you see he is

horses should be handled and sold privately - some persons seem to sell a colt once in a while for good prices - I read of a fine sale made privately by Samuels - the men who conduct these sales - are the only ones benefited - the horse business is a good one - if looked after and more independent than any business I know of - there are numbers of young men here out of employment - and others working from seven in the morning until seven and eight at night - for a small return - who would jump at your chances - after all the "damned Cows" do better than the horses - and if they were fed and cared would yield ten fold - if

dont write! then when I took  
up the sewing basket to fix  
my waist, he would shout  
"Dont mend! dont mend!"  
I finally thought of the buttons  
on old ruse of mine, he is  
delighted and consented to  
my finishing my letter.

I will write to Montgomery to  
night. I fear Aunt Sarah  
is drawing a storm for herself  
in the Montgomery Chénault  
affair. I hope you & Mary  
will never express your opinion  
upon the subject to any one  
of the family. Uncle Jobe is as  
bad as the rest of them, do  
keep your mouths shut.

Am sorry to hear your papa  
still suffers with gout. He  
ought to get six bottles of five  
cure for five dollars, and a  
bottle of the Warner lion pills

old Blaze ever has a calf  
do try to get me 45 - as you said  
you could. Oh I can never  
get home - the distance is too  
great for me to think of going  
in an ordinary car. I have my  
ticket of course, but it costs four  
-teen dollars to go in a sleeper  
and meals are seventy five  
cents. <sup>early</sup> I did not eat, waiting here  
in the dining car - but from  
my lunch basket and propose  
to do the same returning. if Blaze  
has a "lady" keep it - if a male  
let it go with her.

Thanks to the button boy, I  
am enabled to finish my  
letter. the nurse girl left to  
day - and Mittie is in Rhyme  
pda, so Gibron has outdone  
for a companion. whenever  
he saw me writing, he would  
run up, and say "Dont write!"

quite pleased with himself -  
the father of Bertha is a brother  
of James Brown Potter husband  
of the actress - then George Van-  
dubilt-Caesar - was there - a  
little cousin of - the N. Y. George  
and namesake, but none of  
the chaps could touch Gibron  
he looked very much like Daniel  
and I sometimes find myself  
calling him Daniel - Minnie  
thinks me very absent minded  
but it is not surprising as I have  
so much on my mind.

I suppose Dubuque is at home  
as some time has elapsed since  
he wrote he would be there.

You have never written me  
how Minnie's pups were getting  
along - Gibron is always talking  
of "Minnie's pups" - has Bridget  
had pups - and where is she?  
just read my letter over, and

answer every question, and  
dont wait a week. Be sure  
to tell me about everything,  
and look well after the  
stock. Why cant you take  
the big black colt and break  
him in Masters wagon you  
might borrow it with one of  
his gentle horses. just to be  
sure. poor old "Mountain  
Boy" it grieves me to think  
of his being dead, and having  
suffered so much out on the  
road. I am sure Jerry or Charlie  
used him. is there no way to  
find out? If Gennie gets to  
Engleside before I do. Keep  
him until I get there. it will  
never do for him to get off to  
New York. with that bad  
wougan. All unite in  
best love for the household  
devotedly Mamma



CHICAGO, ILL.  
JAN. 16  
10<sup>30</sup> PM  
1894



Mrs Hart Gibson  
Lexington  
Ky



408 E. 2nd St Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1944

My dear Cousin Mary

Do you know any one in  
your neighborhood who has  
any old fashioned chairs -  
or sofa who want to sell them  
Also an old spindle, four -  
poster bed - not too large.

Also a mahogany dining  
table to seat 10-12 persons  
with old fashioned chairs

Let me know the price  
if you find such.

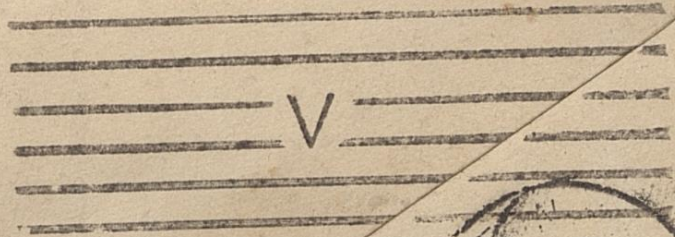
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ST. PAUL, MINN.  
DEC. 31  
6-PM  
1894



Mrs. Asst. Gibson  
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JAN 2  
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9:55  
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I am almost crazy  
to see those dear  
babies. We expect to  
leave next week for  
Tacoma, the building  
is finished, & there is  
nothing to keep our  
Foster longer. We have  
enjoyed the mild  
weather well this fall  
no severe cold yet.  
We write in much  
love to the entire  
house of Gibson.

Sincerely  
Martha A. Foster

90 Western Avenue  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

Dear Sister Mary.

The sweet  
remembrance from  
yourself & Aunt Lilly  
arrived safely. please  
accept sincere thanks.  
It is just what I most  
needed, & will be used  
a great deal. Did you  
secure the rose small  
one I sent you? I  
feared it might get  
lost on account of the  
size.

You can imagine  
how I have enjoyed  
being in St Paul  
this winter, there is  
so little change it  
scarcely seems that  
I have been away.  
It has been quite  
gay. I have had  
an opportunity to  
see all my old friends.  
Charlie has spent  
his vacation with  
us, he is still growing,  
is almost as tall as  
Harry.

It seems so months, Libby's  
dearest so much in Deloitte  
all went to my sister Annie  
in San Louis. Mrs. Joe Christmas  
had a very pretty home, I am  
glad to hear Mr Bradford  
is improving, we found it  
would be only temporary, he  
seemed such a perfect man  
when he left me. Somewhere  
was wonderfully brave, I know  
she & Elizabeth are so happy to  
hear from

MAR 12  
1030 AM  
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Mrs. Hart Gibson,  
Luxington,  
Ky.



205 South Mill St.,

Lexington, Ky.,

March 11, 1895.

Mrs. Gibson;

Natie was not  
allowed to go to Mrs.  
Tillat's.

The more I think of  
her falling to your  
keeping, the more I  
am delighted with  
the idea.

Among this class

of children, she is a  
jewel. She is both  
quick and efficient.  
If I were house-keep-  
ing, I should prefer  
to have her above any  
child I have ever known.

The Board meets Thurs-  
day at 2 o'clock. The  
sooner you put in your  
application the better  
chance you stand to  
get her, I think.

Since the President

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April. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895.

My dear Aunt Mary—

My intention in writing  
was merely to let you know that Harry was  
with us and how much we enjoyed his little  
visit which we hope both he and Duuster  
will repeat in the coming Fall—  
The business has been something of a  
success and has given me occupation, which  
in itself was much to be desired—  
During February we shipped 101 pianos; in  
March 140; the last week of March 38, which  
is our "record" mark.

Our monthly averages for the last 5 months is  
92.

We like our flat and have made it quite comfortable - hard wood finish; special hot water, sanitary (open) plumbing; gas logs and range; electric bells etc contribute much to it -

Aunt Leita gave us some things from my father's house and my ham added rugs, glass & china ware etc -

I never hear from Richie, Mary or Preston. The news about Virginia is indeed sad. What is the address? I am pleased to hear Tobias is doing well - Write him congratulations for me. Louisiana's birthday will be on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

She is very well & is looking quite handsome.

With love to all at Sugleside

Your devoted nephew  
Montgomery Gibson

*Mr. J. W. Hart*

*Mrs. Hart Subm*

*"Ingle side"*

*Leington*

*Ky.*



LEWISBURG, KY.  
DEC 17 5 PM  
D. S. C. D.



Pardon paper & writing  
but my blue paper is out &  
no time to send to the city -

Dear Cousin Mary: -

I must answer  
your letter (although an answer is  
hardly necessary and no request to  
write again) but I cannot well keep  
my <sup>own</sup> appointment to my self in  
not having you with us during the  
Encampment. I had looked <sup>forward</sup> to the  
G. A. R. for I thought you would  
come and I must <sup>say</sup> I am heart-  
sick with disappointment. Don't  
let any see this letter and burn it  
as soon as you read. For no one save  
your self will understand my feel-  
ings, and I may be again misjudged  
but I love you better than any one  
except my child and often when  
I lived in Lf - my mother would  
be jealous of my great love for  
you - and how I wished and  
longed to be with you again.

Now I ask you in all earnestness  
and trust you may grant the  
request if I am taken ill will  
you come to see me if you are  
writen to, it will be an act of  
charity - if you only knew how my  
heart longed for the old times that  
are past recalling, how one hour's  
chat with you would make life's  
burdens easier to bear - <sup>you would come</sup> I am sur-  
rounded by all comforts and every  
thing that money can do is done  
for my happiness and the most  
attentive and indulgent husband  
a woman can have yet at times  
"Dime parts" if the part come to me  
in visions especially when you  
and I were together and the tears  
dim my eyes - Any little pleasure  
I once have had in the past you  
contributed largely to - Oh if I could  
see and talk to you - my whole <sup>life</sup> has been  
one great disappointment - the many  
air castles built when a girl have

no skeleton of a broken home to rise before  
me. Every time Miss Hannie comes to the  
city. I spend as much time with her  
as possible and ask every question that  
I can think of about you. - and as I get  
older the desire to see you increases until  
it has become a constant yearning.  
I cant see so much in life to make it such  
a desire to remain here, the trials, the  
struggles, the disappointments, the heart  
aches that come to each one. however  
happily surrounded, over balance the  
pleasure. I have many charming friends  
and go out simply for some thing  
better to do and to please Mr C. - he  
is fond of seeing me well dressed  
and enjoying my self - he thinks  
that I am like all women, the more  
clothes you give them, the more  
pleasure they have, the happier they  
are, not so with me I must be sur-  
rounded by congenial friends, true  
tried & trusted to be happy. - how  
many of that kind do we find in

never been realized - yet some women  
would be supremely happy to have what  
I have, and I do not mean to undervalue  
my husband or what he does for me  
for I say again he is one of the best  
most honorable, most forbearing men  
I have ever known and those who  
know him will say the same ~~the~~.  
yet moments come to me dwelling on  
the great sorrow and disappointment  
of my early life & I ~~can~~ never for-  
get it or cease to regret it - it has  
left a scar that all time cannot  
heal that love cannot teach me  
to forget - Take a girl young and  
unexperienced in the first dawn of  
young womanhood and let her meet  
with the same crushing disappoint-  
ment I had, giving me different  
views of life men & women as you  
wonder at my grief - Oh had I made  
the start under the same bright auspices  
~~as~~ I did a few years later I would  
have had such different views had.

this selfish world? I hope I am not  
growing cynical for I have yet a  
sweet girl to live over my girlhood  
in - ~~but~~ she is a thorough Higgins  
~~for~~ she enjoys everything, any thing  
& is always in search of pleasure  
and the world to her is one great  
store-house of happiness, Bless  
her little heart I hope she will think  
it until the end and that she may  
not be pricked by the thorns that ~~take~~  
~~away~~ <sup>carry</sup> of life's happiness. I have things  
and annoyances ~~that~~ to remind me  
of my past <sup>yet</sup> and fear I will until  
God sees fit to take them away, which  
I cannot write of but would tell you  
were I with you - I do not want to  
weary you but there was a time any  
little trouble of mine was shared by  
you and let me hope there is yet some  
interest left - If you can't come now  
the first time your home duties will  
~~prevent~~ you will you come - just make  
a quiet visit and let me see you

everything that has happened since  
last we met. Let Miss Lollie keep house  
and you come to me. I have another  
pleasure in Louise as I said before she  
is bright pretty and lively and has  
the sweetest, most noble disposition, every  
one is her friend, she makes no dis-  
tinction, trusts every body more like  
Louiana than any one I know for she  
has the faculty of making every one  
love her. I saw Hart last summer  
and he told me what a fine woman  
Mary had developed into - tell him  
to come to see us during the G. A. B.  
I suppose he will attend & I will  
be so glad to see him. I could write  
you this cloudy dark dreary morning  
a volume but I fear of tiring you  
and will end this miserable heart  
appeal. I would give all I possess to see  
you this day. My love to all the family  
& for your self as much as you wish.  
Write to me and believe me ever to be  
your affectionate Louise.