

After 5 days, return to
H. G. FOSTER,
TACOMA, WASH.



Mrs Hart-Liberson.

Box 43. Lexington
Kentucky.

LEXINGTON
MASS 19
1 A.M.
D. 96
C.D.

March, 13th 1846.

My dearest Mauna:-

At last your epistle has reached me, & you can realize about how I feel, & I fully appreciate the anxiety you have regarding my safety. I don't fear any trouble at all. The Rice people are, people of quite a great deal of pride, and by my returning home married, there is nothing for them to do. They will have no claims on me, and can't afford to complain, their sisters, or let me add, Sisters, should they say, or make any threats. I would of course put them under a heavy bond, Each one. which would amount to several thousand dollars.

and which would put a stop to
them, I shall also, be on the
alert, for them, and for a while
not put myself, in a position
for them to have the upper hand -
I shall be compelled at least to
make the attempt, all arrangements
have been made, to marry now, &
there is no possible chance to get
out of it, unless I give up everything
on earth. You must not feel
that things are not in condition
at home for me to return, DEDE
fully understands my situation,
and there is no reason for us
to have a lot of foolish pride,
my plans will turn out etc, and
the property can be bought, and
we can in a years time, get in

² I hope to make money, I shall
have to return home, under any
circumstances, where everything can
be fully discussed. I too, am
aware that it is a serious thing
to ~~work~~ and not have an income.
But my chances at home, are
far better, than most people
have. Even Harry, would like to
have them. The strain I have
been living through, could not
exist longer. I can better tell
you in person, than write,
Try and not worry yourself my
dear, for there is no reason, for
you to. I know the news
must have been a great
surprise, and shock to you

And you will be greatly
grieved, but you are married -
but it can't be helped, we can
manage, things in good shape
I am sure. I will have no
great need to spend much money
for quite a while, and by that
time, I can get in shape.
I am getting sleepy, as we have
just returned from making a call.
so will conclude in the morning.
I hope you will fully think this
matter over, and come to the conclusion
we all have -

Good night:-

With much love,

Hart,

3, Saturday AM.

Since now endeavor to finish
my epistle. We of course have
been discussing all the business.
And the whole gang thinks, as at first
that it is a nice & possible move
for me to make. So after I return
home, to find there is any danger
brooding the air, I can make
some other arrangements.
It is absurd for me to try and
place any man at Jackson, our
widder, for its a known fact -
and everything is ready, and I to
always have hell on this earth?
I think this is the just prospect -
I have had for any business.
So why try and avoid it,
Have no worry about my success -
for there are many ways I can

full strength, there is no use for
me to worry any more. I will
have to return home for the
present at least. And I hope
you will write to "Dede" and
try and prepare her for her arrival.
You all seem to imagine she
is to be company I judge.

I think all should be very glad for
it was either to get her now and make
a man of myself - or strike out
and take the world as it would
present itself - I had made up my
mind to that I fear. I am no longer
a child, the only thing these people
can do, in, if there is a child to make
me care for it, which is a small
thing. They can't afford to make a
pence for their entire family, for
I know of a man in Lexington

who has told me, he was intimate
with the other sisters, they all know
the reputation of the girls. and
I am confident, will say not
a word. Of course, I don't want
to kill anyone, or be killed.

People don't tell so quietly nowadays
and if they make any breaks, which
reach me, I will have the entire
family put under a peace
bond, which will be several
thousand dollars. Have no fear
Mama, Every thing was turned out
in good shape, "Every thing happens
for the best." Please let me
see how from you soon?
I know what I am doing. And if
I make a success, will get aid
from Pa. Foyer.

They expect to give "Dede" an
allowance, just as soon as
things pick up. We will reach
home about the seventh of April.
I guess will telegraph from
New Orleans as we go via
Frisco, that being the cheaper trip
of any route. We are all well.
Our arrangements are to leave at
noon, March 31st. Please don't
worry yourself! And don't feel
that you have to do any extra
things for us.

All join in love.

Adeline's address is
#215, North Yakima Ave.
Tacoma.



Mrs Mary D. Gibson
Lock Box 43
Lexington
Ky

LEXINGTON
APR 1
6 PM
97
MASS.

New Smyrna Fla
March 31 1897

Mrs Mary S. Gibbon
Lexington Ky

Dear Cousin

Your letter has just
been handed me upon my return from Jupiter
Fla. I have been in this State for three months
and will not be in Cincinnati for sometime. I regret
that I will be unable to proceed the soon you wish
and doubt even if I were at home I could arrange
it satisfactorily. Anna (Mrs Adair) has been living
in Germany for some years. I have not heard from
her for sometime and have not her Bremen address
with me. Mrs Kilbuck to Margaret Harjes to
Paris France could give it you. She returns in
May and lives at her summer home at Southampton
Long Island. Mrs Annand (Lib) is at Park Avenue
Hotel N.Y. We have broken up Homekeeping and I
have apartments in the Primrose Bldg #434 Rue
St, but am in Cincinnati very seldom. Your aff Cousin
M. C. Gilbertson

FEB 25
7 PM
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Mrs Mary W. Gibson

Box 43

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MAR 1
1130 P.M.
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INDY, KY. REC'D
MAR 5
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If not found within
10 Days return to sender
Sentry 247 Race

Mrs Hart Gibson
Lexington

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Cincinnati, O. Nov 22nd 1886

Mrs H Gibson

Bought of STEWART & SCULLY,

IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF

FRENCH MILLINERY,

Flowers, Ribbons, Nets, Laces, &c.

No. 247 RACE STREET, bet. Sixth and George Streets.

September 30th 1 hat

5.00

Mrs Gibson it would oblige us very much
by sending us by return of mail the
money as we have a large bill to meet
trusting you will comply with our request

we remain

Yours respectfully
Stewart & Scully

SHELBYVILLE
SEP
12 M
1896
KY.



Mr. J. Van Gibson Sr.
Lexington
Kentucky

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Shirts	5
Bolster case	1
Pillow slips	4
Gown	1
skirts	8
Towels	—
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Calico spread	1
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having heard from
me because I wrote
you a nice long
letter the other
day and went away
from home and
they did not mail
it.

I have not had time

Shelbyville Ky.
Aug-31/896.

My dear Cousin:

I know

you have come to the
conclusion that I
have forgotten you
by my not having
written to you since
I got home or at
least by your not

to get low some
yet I have had so
much company.
I received a letter
the afternoon I
got home from
one of aunt Mary
Taylor's daughters
saying that she said

four of her friends
were coming up
to the fair and my
friend Miss Aguar so
I had a house full.

The fair was not at
all good but I enjoyed
it because I saw a
good many of my

the other day and
she said she was
having a lovely time.
She said that there

were lots of nice
young men up there
and that cousin
Sallie had given
them a dance.

friends from
Louisville that I
had not seen for
some time.

I had a perfectly
lovely time at
the hop.

I received a nice
letter from Ida

I am going to
Louisville this afternoon
to spend a week.

Tell cousin Duncan

that my trunk got

here alright but that
it was not locked.

Tell cousin Hart

to keep the dog that

I wanted because
I think father will

let me have it if

I beg him some
more.

Please send me cousin

Mary's and cousin

Richardson's address

when you write.

I must close.

Love to you all.

Mary D. Wallace

Col Hart Gibbon
C of Mr. Harrison G. Ford
Tacoma
Washington

TACOMA, WASH.
SEP 5
6 AM
96
REC'D.

Inglewood

Aug 31st 1896

My dear Hart

You are enjoying your visit to Harry and Mittie as much as I did and from all I gather are just as much pleased with the country. it is a great place but too far from this part of the United States. Now Mary and Richie are there you will have as Harry says "barrels of fun" together.

Bessie and Leda got off yesterday for Decatur both both to leave but there was an excursion and Gus said she saved fifteen dollars by taking the trip at this time. she was much improved in strength and looks by her stay in Ky. Leda looked fat and well. she is

anxious to return to school, but
Willie says he cannot afford
to send her any more. it is a
pity for she improved very
much especially in music.

We are all well. and Louie
upon her return to Blue Lick
wrote May had gotten along
splendidly. while she was with
us, and he insists upon re-
maining until Nov. it is a
pity he had not gone there
when I urged him three years
ago, he might have recovered
they talk of going to New Orleans
this winter. May wears the cold

I find I did not mail
Preston Johnston's letter to you
but it will do just as well now
and as he will be returning to
New Orleans soon you can
reply to it. Lee has helped
him so much he might
contribute towards a last sum-
-self. Preston is still in Lexington

at Hickies - sometimes he comes out and spends the night - he seems to be afraid to stay there alone and asked Dr. Menden to stay with him, as he is wrestling with hay fever now and cannot do anything he had as well protect Prestott. Leita is opposed to Preston's going to Yale - and prefers he should wait and decide upon a school after his return to the States. Mrs. Preston has been very ill, her family are all with her - some heart trouble - she has improved however and the doctors think there is a prospect of recovery. I called to see Virginia last week, and found her very crazy - there is some talk of her being sent back to the State Asylum - she not only has the telephone in her head but "balls of fire" starting through her body - also a "crack" in her

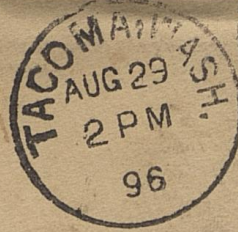
head through which blood
streams." you see her mind
is almost gone. Hart has
been on a tour for two months
Sue is in Washington, but unable
to find him. Louisa I hear
is with Montgomery but it is
impossible to tell just where
she is located. the report in
Lexington is that Sue is to
be married very soon.

We are having real Tacoma
weather. Adelle is delighted
with our climate. Eddie
seem to take more interest
in everything than he did
you know he is easily
discouraged.

write when you can
aff join in love to the
household

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M. D. G.

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H. G. FOSTER,
TACOMA, WASH.



Mrs Hart Gibson (sen)
Lexington
Ky



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H. G. Foster

MANUFACTURER OF
AND DEALER IN

WASHINGTON RED CEDAR SHINGLES AND LUMBER.

Tacoma, Wash. Aug 29th 1896

Dear May. I came over from the Beach quite unexpectedly this morning & of course left my glasses so that I am writing at random. Mittie is still under the weather, was in town day before yesterday May & Richie are delighted at Delano. He is certainly my darling.

I am beginning to get anxious about the best matter. If my note at 4 Mo will be of any service telegraph me. I can meet it on the 15th Jan. The anniversary is due Dec 15th but is never paid for several weeks after.

May is with Mrs Foster, & is having a dragging time. The best she ever had in her life is popular and admired. We all come up to-day with

Best love to all. Aff. Hart Gibson

Mr Paul Gibson
Highside
Leamington
N.H.





LEXINGTON, VT
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Mrs Hart Gibson  
Box 43, Lexington  
Kentucky.





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Arch. 19 = 1876

My dearst - Mamma.

Your letters come last - eve,  
so I hasten to reply. You will  
have heard from Augusta ere this reach  
you. I perhaps feel curious. Of course  
you feel awfully sad. Both in not  
being present on this occasion. I  
was very about - my safety in returning.  
I think there will be no incursions  
or danger, for they cant afford to say  
aword. & as for saying for me. I  
have no fear. None of us want any  
trouble. & I shall avoid such. There  
can be no "postponement" for all things  
have been arranged. I of course am  
aware of my "inequity" in making  
this move. but am trying to make  
a good move in this life. rather than a bad



and. The idea of ever marrying a  
superior woman, has always been  
objected to, but - the time has come. &  
I shall try and be happy. My best-chance  
is at home, there is no chance here.  
People are starving. I can succeed at  
home, if I can only have the chance.  
"Dede" knows, I am poor, & there is no  
reason for her to be subjected, & life made  
miserable. She knows of my troubles. But  
of course her parents do not. And never  
will. We will be home about the 8-00 9th  
of April. I trust - Franka dear, you  
will consider all things.

I will write to Sis. & bro Max, & thank them for  
the most remembrance. It is too late to send  
the cost - just - keep it - All are well.

Don't - worry please!

Lovingly, Bidie



HOTEL BAYARD,  
Broadway, Cor. 54th St.,  
NEW YORK.



Mrs. Hart Gibson  
"Engleide"  
Lexington  
Kentucky



WINGTON, N. Y.  
MAR 14  
6 PM  
1860



HOTEL BAYARD,

Broadway, Cor. 54th St.,

NEW YORK, March 15<sup>th</sup> 1896

My precious Mamma -  
Your letter  
of the 6th reached me this  
morning. Am so glad to  
know that Grandma is getting  
along nicely. The bill isn't so  
much better than the paper  
maker's ones. What do you  
think of Biddy's new  
arrangement. I am very  
much pleased if it can  
be accomplished. I don't  
think he need have any  
fear in returning home with  
"Doll". We are training every  
joint to help him. It is



Still very uncertain. We are  
so anxious to see time pass  
and settled in life. I  
feel sure that - "Dede" is a  
great - lovely girl. I pray we  
will be able to assist her  
as much as we would like  
to have the day place. I  
do not see how it is  
possible at present. I  
think it is a very pretty place,  
and a good investment  
whether the farm run out  
there or not. Virginia Parke  
dines with us this evening  
and after dinner Mr and  
Mrs Tracy are coming here  
to spend the evening and  
play cards. - Martha 13<sup>th</sup>  
You see my precious  
Mama I have been unable



# HOTEL BAYARD,

Broadway, Cor. 54th St.,

NEW YORK, ..... 189

To excuse my letter - We are  
deeply disappointed, Richard  
tried hard to get the money  
for Biddie but it was  
just impossible, I feel so badly  
about it - If we had it - we  
would be pleased to have  
it - Mr. Gert - and Willie  
kind will see the other  
evening, we enjoyed having  
them very much - You may  
see just six hours - spending  
with me. He hopes to get off  
on Monday, will stop over  
in Washington for the day,  
and will spend a night -



Wille Preston in Charlottesville,  
If there is any thing you wish  
me to do for you, let me  
know immediately. Did the  
msg ever reach you - I wrote  
Catherine & people a note about  
two weeks ago, but have not  
heard anything from him -  
Please excuse my usual but -  
I am in a hurry. Have so  
many things to attend to -  
Do send the button. I see  
so that I can watch it  
here. Poor Billy I do not know  
what he will do now  
With love to all my friends bid  
good bye, and promise to  
see you next week  
Dorothy  
Mary