

Mr. Amos Duncanson
Lexington
Ky.

Metropolitan Female
Employment Office
184 West 4th Street
Oct 7th 1864

Dear Sir

Mrs Gipsy left me
directions to send her a
girl to be there by the
time she arrived in
Lynington, she said you
would receive her and
keep her till Mrs Gipsy
came, she is an excellent
girl.

Mrs Huntington



Hart Gibson Esq
Lexington
Ky

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Frankfort

Sept. 29. 1870

My dear Aunt,

Walker

met me according
to appointment and
after much negotiation
we have agreed upon
terms of settlement and
he goes at once to Chicago
to make the final arrange-
-ments. I to meet him there
by the 15th inst. and make
the necessary transfers of bills.
I have certain arrange-
-ments to make here with

will require me to
remain until after
the evening train passes
or I would come up
and stay all night
with you. I am obliged
to return home tomorrow
so I can't stop at your
City. I met one at the
train and we can at
least have a few minutes
chat. Love to all
Yours cordially
Thos. M. Hixson

Aunt Gibson by
Leaving for
the

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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Hart Gibson Esq.
 Lexington
 Kentucky



and as his family are particular friends of mine they have begged me to ask for him your kind favor. He was Union at the outset but before the war closed was very warmly the other way and has rendered very efficient service to the Democratic party since the reorganisation in sixty six. If your favor is not otherwise promised give him a lift. Enclosed find advertisement which have inserted four times in "Farmers Home Journal" & have bill sent me for same. Susan writes in best love to you all.

Affly Yours
Howard C. Gentry

Hart Gibson Esq.
Lexington
Ky.

Shelby City (Ky.)
Oct. 23. 1870.

My dear Hart:

I reached home on Tuesday having been detained at Chicago rather longer than I anticipated when Charlie left. Your letter received the next day; but I have been so busy straightening up matters that I have not found time before this to write you. I wish to close up our Administrator's accounts before you go South and if you will notify me as soon as Rebecca gets back will come over at once. I closed up the Chicago matters fully on my last trip and feel greatly relieved to

leave the thing off my mind
It has harassed me so long that
I was really sick of it and someti-
-mes almost let myself be persu-
-aded that I never would
realise anything from the
investment. Chicago is certainly
-ly a great place and the
development from year to
year most extraordinary.
How do you like your new occu-
-pation? You have now been
long enough in the harness to
see how it will work and I
sincerely trust that it prove
not only congenial to your
tastes but profitable as an
investment. If I were a younger
man I should prefer it most
decidedly to either of the profes-
-sions and think it will suit
you better than the Law. Of course
however after the novelty wears

off the drudgery of will prove
more or less irksome; but you
must not let that discourage
you as it is equally true of all
occupations. Don't look behind
but push forward resolutely
and I am sure you will succeed.
But we will talk this all over
more fully when we meet. I
saw by the papers that the rail-
-road meeting was a success
and was glad to see that George
Mc Kee presided over it. His
influence against the measure
last winter was considerable
and I hope his present position
will tell as much in its favor
at the coming session. But I still
think it doubtful whether
the bill will pass. Have you any
preferences for the Attorney Gene-
-ralship? Mc Kee Fox, whom I
suppose, you know, is a candidate

~~very long it will be in
my power to partly re-
write it by having Mittie
to write some & visit me
in the same homelike way.
Get in Dr. for me, that
I am going to write to her
and that, that is, if she
will think me a secure
"Vassar Friend." This
"Grandma, Auntie &
Sister's New-World"
was always true, for me
this is the only one. Can
she not like to "let
Dr. have with very much
love for Cousin Paul & you
and her self.~~

I am as ever
your aff. Niece Lulie Griggs

"Warwick"
Sept. 15, 1871

Dear Aunt Mary:

I am quite sure, you are begin-
ning, are this, to wonder
why you have not heard
from me.

I would have
written sooner, but in trade-
ing time found that
the woman had decided
to shut me to school to
Mrs. Allen. So on Wednes-
day morning I started
off bright & early, and
have not found since
a leisure moment for
writing. I met on the

tain my old teacher,
Miss Wilson, also
Mr. Shanklin, who,
(by the way) asked
particularly for Miss
Gibson.

Buddie came
home & told them that
I had "set out," & had also
taken up with the set
with "Hull's Success,"
Mr. Alfred, Allen &c.

Wouldn't they feel com-
plimented if they should
hear this?

Tell Willie I am
only going to have four
subjects, viz. Wilson's Prac-
tical Arithmetic, Hook-
er's Natural History, How-
son's Physical Geography,
& Wall's Science.

You must now let
me thank you, dear
Annet, for the most
perfectly delightful
time I have ever had,
and also for the loving
& tender care with which
you watched over me, to
say nothing of the deep
interest you manifested
in my enjoyment.

I feel that it is useless
to think of ever repaying
you, except by the warm
love & respect I can
give to you & yours.

This language best pos-
sibly expresses my grati-
tude, dear Annet, for the
charming visit I have
just paid you. But I
sincerely hope that before

that was all I wanted
to see in the household
name and side. I am
not all this all in
me another hope this
good and strengthen
years. I am in
an exciting town the
on Saturday which they
impossibility. I have
through me to interest
them. To-morrow they
real interest and
received to profit by the
advantages they will share
will make a society of
and great success. No
time paying strict
grammar and literature
less than. As you
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~~of school with them - they would~~
~~be in a moment, so spacious~~
~~but my eye was fixed on~~
~~the very sight. They had, more~~
~~than I had, a sense of the~~
~~importance of the situation~~
~~of these political establishments.~~
~~Each of them, in its own way,~~
~~was responsible, and they~~
~~were all of them, in their~~
~~own minds, to turn up~~
~~what they could, and I am confident~~
~~that God will give to me, that~~
~~the "good" will be all things well."~~
~~"I have brought you here in love~~
~~and mercy, and want nothing you~~
~~will do for me. I really believe you~~
~~are better off than you are here~~
~~in your life's time, and see, what~~
~~you can do, tell me your honest~~
~~opinion of the situation.~~
~~Do not ever neglect the care of my~~

precious nephews and now their
warm young hearts so completely,
that I began at first to fear that
they had been weaned from their
proud old mother. But, I see through
their depression and sadness now.
They were both to part with home
& dearly loved friends, friends - and
could not be comforted. Every
thing was strange and new, and
on such a scale, that for a while
as they promiscued and gazed
upon the magnificence, they felt
their own insignificance very keenly.
I is all over however. I have
gratified and directed them in every
way that my limited means would
admit of. Last week they were
out every day but one until 5 P.M.
taking with them a nice lunch -
and enjoying their freedom quite
as much as in days gone by, in

Chicago Jan 21st
Dear Mother
I received your kind letter
of the 17th and was glad
to hear from you and
to hear that you were
well. I am well at
present and hope these
few lines will find you
the same. I have not
much news to write at
present. I am still
in the city and have
not yet had time to
write you more fully.
I will write again when
I have more news to
write. I love you very
much and hope you will
write soon. I am
your affectionate son
John Smith

WASHINGTON
APR 1
6 PM
D.C.

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Mrs Hart Gibson

Ingleside

Near Lexington, Va

we hope down and disappointed but will not
stare whilst we are in the enjoyment of
good health. I must say however that
my little home has been a hospital
this winter no sooner is one well than
another is taken quite ill. My precious
baby has been confined to the bed for more
than ten days and is still shut up in
my room. I have lost so much time from
office that I will have to leave home on
right now. I want to see you baby and
you will enjoy the total change. I thought
that would have come of the inauguration.
I'll mean to sell Lee for 50 or 60 dollars
who can't wait as soon as he can
the little boy I am so anxious to have
thought he would die this spring.

Who do you think Duncan can employ to
hasten and break the little colt. Mrs Beauty
will give me a good price just as soon as
it can be ridden - Perhaps Duncan can
have the Pony bred at home and then send
her back to Sumner's Forest. Let me know
the terms of breaking, breeding &c and I will
settle it all - by draft - If the colt can be

Should I would be glad to have it done
immediately. All well at Lee. I believe
- I'm kept quite ill for a week. I have
a great deal of sickness here that
no words that will interest you. I'm quite
about the likeness. Can't imagine where they
can be. Thought they were taken at my
trunk before I left Sumner Forest and put on
the mantel. Hoping to hear from you at once

United States Senate.



Mrs Hart Gibson

"Angleside"

Near Lexington

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Genl. Land Office.
Washington D. C.

10 - A.M.
Feb 14th 89.

at hand, the
notes laid aside
& forgotten

My dear sweet Cousins

First, you will
pardon this crude sheet, and then I
will tell you that I am idle for a while
there being an interval of a few days
between the old and new administrations
when we find ourselves restricted in
work. God would be impossible for
me to spend this little leisure more
pleasantly, than in holding sweet
communication with your bright spirit -
which I am fain to say, often hovered
around and over me, whispering into
my ear, gentle words of comfort and
encouragement. We have all, particu-
larly my own poor self, wished you were

with us on this memorable occasion -
 so enjoyable to lovers of excitement and
 sight-seeing. Unfortunately the weather
 was equivocal on the 4th - hundreds of
 visitors and residents being deterred from
 leaving their comfortable quarters for sever-
 al days before and on the 4th.

He managed to get through pretty well -
 although Hunter and Louisiana could not
 be induced to quit their cozy little rooms -
 where they are wont to spend every moment
 of time when able to be together.

It is pleasant I assure you, to each of
 us, to have Hunter once more with us -
 for we are unanimous in pronouncing
 her a splendid, noble, handsome woman -
 no longer addicted to the frivolities of child-
 hood. Indeed she has conferred a great
 favor on me, by responding promptly

in person to my invitations - and I do sincerely trust that no startling or unforeseen
 circumstances will call her back, until
 she becomes absolutely tired of our humble
 little home - I was glad to tell you how
 much her happy, joyous presence had
 brightened up my household - and had
 I the time it would afford me delight
 to repeat some of the beautiful compeli-
 ments paid her. Regret much my own
 indisposition at this time - although it
 is nothing need for me to be "ailing" - my
 back, and its appendages, has given
 me great trouble since last summer.
 In a few words I am completely run
 down in physical endurance, and
 worse still have no will power or heart
 for any thing - Pursue up with great
 difficulty solely on my children's account

Soon I trust my fate will be turned
westward - where I hope to enjoy more
freedom, and be far removed from the
persecutions of my own flesh and
blood. What next, God only knows, for
this last 'episode' in my already disas-
terous life, has proven almost unrecou-
table - Early last fall Hartie and
I opened a correspondence with parties
in "Washington", and have secured
an opportunity to escape our meeting
with visitors from various parts of
the Territory. Seattle I had settled up-
on as a fixed thing in the near future
but since seeing Dunsted and learn-
ing of her expectations. Hartie seems
naturally inclined to start for Tacoma.

He may get off with a retired Army
officer, who offers him a partnership
in the real estate business, in about

two weeks. I will hope to join him
 in May, and if pleased, and the
 prospect seems bright & encouraging
 will either return for, or have my
 childrens come to me. My lease ex-
 pires the 1st of Nov' next, when the
 same packing will answer for trans-
 portation. But think I hear you say-
 ing, "Why, Cousin Sue, you are crazy"-
 Oh, my darling Mary, to whom I owe such
 a debt of gratitude for long and uninter-
 mitted kindness and affection, not crazy, my
perseverance, till I feel that life hath lost
 its charm for me - Don't you want to
 see me once more? Take a return ticket
 on the I. Centennial in New York and we
 will all, including Hunter, meet you
 there. How lonely to be together again - for
 the past seems like a dark dream to me

Before taking leave of my children, I wish to advise the good
this morning just as I was parting
with her mother, she received a letter from
Louise announcing her expected arrival
in Washington en route to Europe, about
the 20th. Mr. Foster will probably accom-
pany them. I trust you will be pleased
to hear of her - having heard on all
sides that he is full of promise.
I will give you a good long letter at
next spring. In all the news, and
your interest in Louisa's indefinite stay
with me, I can assure you with all
sincerity that you will confer a blessing
if you decide to come, and make
either Louisa or Louisa should come
through Georgetown, look in your jeans
bag for the "Cameo Librarian" of myself -
which she thought she loaned you,
before coming to Washington in '83. If so-
hope it has served to remind you of your wily cousin -