

St. Guy's Day
1874

6, Kent Terrace,
Regent's Park,
N. W.

My ever-loving Jessie,

I hope you were not much
tired last night. I got into my
head, rightly or wrongly, that the
evening did not go so well as
evenings generally do here, thanks
to friends. Perhaps the long "wait"
between dinner & supper made me
think this. However, as you would
be very busy to go. Mr. Pennell
claims the right to be the last,
& he left at about 2.30. Today
Reynold & Laurie are gone to
see the Crystal Palace pantomime
and A. J. has taken Mr. Barks,
to Halliford. I have a hard day's

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Work, for which I am even
more discriminated than usual.

I have printed the *Times*
version, & I shall place the whole
edition in A. P.'s hands, so she
can give a copy to any of the
party that desires to have one.

And now to Miss Jessie's
Bright looks and bright tresses—
Her song's "O que j'aime le superbe militaire!—
When she brings her recruit
Let us hope he will suit
The folks at "Head Quarters" in Manchester Square.

By the way, those looks & tresses made
a sensation last night. Several
persons confided to me their appreciation
of the owner. But you are not to be

Vain because vanity covers a
multitude of sins — stop, that's
not right, but the moral's the
same.

Give the enclosed advertisement
to your aunt Lizzie. It is
sent to P. but of course we can
do nothing with it: Add, please
my kindest regards to her, &
to Colonel Harris, & believe me

Yours ever affectionately

Shirley Barker

Miss Hancock

I thought Mark Twain funny.

... & just, etc.

53 **BROOKE** (Shirley). 1816-1874. Editor of "Punch." 3 pp., 8vo, *Regent's Park, New Year's Day*, 1874, to "My ever-loved Jessie" regarding a gathering the previous evening, "Mr. Tenniel claims the right to be the last, & he left at about 2.30"; referring to Mark Twain, the Crystal Palace pantomime, "I have printed the Xmas verses, & I shall place the whole edition in A. T.'s hands," with printed verse to "Miss Jessie," etc. 12s 6d