

So sister you settle - tell her that she & Betty must attend their visit before they return home - but as soon as my shutters are up I shall write them - don't forget to hear me and convey it immediately
in regard to curtains - for if I can secure them by March I shall feel them up for I shall hear there months.
I dare to dear Mrs P. Tell Maria for me love to Frank and to my dear father & all the dear ones - Good night your dear Julie West & sent you love & heart
Let me hear as often as you care - your offer to make visits
Mr Ryland

Dearest Julia, your precious letter of the 18th was received yesterday at noon, and as you seem to judge of the merits and demerits of letters by the time that is taking in arranging them, to give you some faint idea in what estimation this delightful epistle was held I should have laid aside needle and thread and devoted the afternoon to you - but unfortunately to-day is wash day, and as some shirts of my dear husband's wanted some attention before going into the duds, and time willful old fellow waits upon no person, if I had not of eaten my supper for cows that time I might have given you - then that would have distressed my beloved as well as my beloved stomach, for that no doubt ~~would~~ have made loud complaints before bed time, would not have been still satisfied with apples - and then & then you know after supper. Mr Ryland is at home - goes to his hall or tavern - save once a while he stops to the Planters. but is back before I can settle myself and make up my mind to be without him for an hour or so, so see dearest Julia how impossible it was for me to answer your precious letter before now - here I sit in my dining room - for two reasons first I find my naps get on so much faster when I am near you so true do I find it, when the cat is away the rats will be at play and then I have to use my bed room as parlor yet I refused all company expecting to get our shutters up from wreck to work - but as our landlord is now poking and prodding - houses scarce and but few as comfortable as this to be had we rest contented and do the best we can - you don't know how anxiously I look forward to have a house of our own - and as soon as Mr Ryland with prudence can draw a sufficient sum from his business in this way shall we appropriate it - so here I am sitting with one pretty nice Yankee

Mr. Ryland

back on the mantle, kicking kicking, near to twelve o'clock, with
Clarence with his old cloths rubbing the stair rods - how beautiful
your rods are I have seen the painted ones, here they are as trouble
some as brass these are exceedingly so. I find them extremely
troublesome & sorry am I that I did not get iron for many of
the flights. I content myself with having them rubbed once a week
throughout and with this they look antished - except where they
are just done, then are not particular hand. Repairs here but I
suppose they find so much trouble for it is clean clean and never
is on the cool here is terrible - I have given up wiping paint at
night where it is done - for the wet hands I can't keep off & I am
afraid there will no paint be left on if I continue it.
How I sympathize with you on the subject of Mr. Beasley, why he
does not consider it his duty to give up his charge is more than I
can imagine, but I suppose he has his weaknesses as all of us pos-
sessed here - and has his warm admirers and flatterers, & so
bells on deceiving himself, but patience patience, looks for better
days. Last Monday morning I was not at church it was raining
and sheeting and as Mr. Ryland is apt to have his feet to slip
from under him, he imagines that I of course would be apt to
do so, out of sympathy if nothing else, so we staid at home - but
it ceased raining & sheeting about eleven o'clock - you know that
church takes in here at half past 12 o'clock, but in the afternoon
we went and heard Mr. Cabot who lives in Barnstable - he is son in
law of Mr. Hough's gave a very good sermon.
We had snow about the time you had, but not as deep, here it
was said snow laid in Orleans six inches deep, the deepest ever
known there - I write you since then which letter you'll have received
about the time I received this charming one of yours & dear Julia
I have not again & a habit of writing yet & yet it will never come
natural and easy that is I shall never live it if it were not for the

pleasure of receiving letters from you does much, and the pleasure I have in letting you hear from me. I should never take pen in hand, to you or on this account you need not think your letter immediately stopped that I took too much to answer it and your modesty need not dictate to you to have compassion upon me & show proper regard to me by not imposing your infirmities upon me - oh that I could receive them weakly, but in my letter to you, you will see why I turn not another before.

I am so much obliged to you for the description of your beautiful furniture - you must write me as you receive and approve and then the arrangements for it will not be this summer that I shall have the pleasure of being with you all, but if I live and all is well God willing summer after next I shall be there but I shall see it all in my minds eye - for your house is entirely before me - Dear Julia I wish you would ask Aunt Nancy what her curtains cost here and ask Uncle what the material is called and how much he paid for good for it & if he bought them at Stewart's & if they were white muslin & lace curtains under them & ask Eliza what she gave for her curtains - as we are so long & do not know when we shall get our shutters I propose to Mr. Bigelow to write to Stewart & get him to get them for us & send them out with the miscellaneous goods - so I wish you would make these inquiries for me and answer as soon as convenient or send the message by the first one who writes.

Just interrupted by company Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Wells
and Miss Goolley. I told them how well you said, ^{ANNA} her Aunt
Mary looked, per husband's present - but not Susan Carter's
information - how like Susan of former days - where is Mrs
McC. and what of her fortune and the Insurance office
Another interruption. Mrs. Wither just left is of my letter proves
to be incomprehensible attribute it to the frequent interruptions

To think of Miss Dallam being there - I suppose all the kin were
invited. how beautiful the supper must have been - was dear
Pa there, I knew our dear Ma was - she in her last charming letter
told me she would give me a description of it - remind her of
her promise for what one does another did not so I shall get the
whole - putting together this & that what each write. I never said
in mine to describe it to me. is it a long or short fur - how does your
hat look by it? describe your bracks the manner of setting &
also Mrs John Prester's - that hundred acres of land - I read your
letter to dear Mr Pyland and he told me to be sure & tell you that
though not as handsome as one of your sisters he could not
consent to your having an ugly phiz. & that he thinks it is the
phiz that will set off that handsome pin as handsome he
knows it must be - being selected by the one it was - so you see
Miss Fule you are not considered ugly by all -
Now for headaches the month nearly gone and no headache but
a desperate effort - but I persevered in the iron & wine - and shall
continue it till my headaches leave me & am persuaded it will
not effect - I shall continue it as I did the salt & brandy I do
wish you would try it - Dr Mous told me last summer - that
my constitution required iron - I do wish I could by telegraph
send you a sip of my dose - not because it is so pleasant - but with
the hope it would cure your head - I am gaining in flesh - left the
Rhinthos & gone over an hundred by some four or five pounds
How very wide your extension table must be - what are you going
to do with your dine tables - Write me when you use it how you
like it - and how do you like your new servant - I wish I was
a cook - the mysteries are very hard to comprehend tell Aunt
Nancy she had better have compassion upon me & send me
Henry for then I could have a cook just at once - but butler
here is a sore hinderance in the way of pastry & the like
but wait wait patiently - all things will come right in time maybe

The servants are all well - God bless you again -

I have just received your letter

me, and say you ought to have written to let her know how you got
home, when will
you see me again
I am delighted
you are up & your
practising his pipe.
Wanda sends her
love to talk when
is their vacation?
I hope I shall be at
home to receive
them here & be
May you sleep
you & your
family
from your home
Yours & Aunt's
Feb. 11 1862.

you left, but somehow, I could not get at it, having
so little to occupy me, makes me less inclined
to do anything, I am growing utterly lazy, when
our house is finished, and I begin housekeeping
again, I fear it will be a great bore, it will commence
in the busy season too, dear! dear! what will become
of me, I believe nothing but an increase of family
will arouse my slumbering energies, some persons
I believe think I have none to awaken, but my
ill health has nearly decided even what I had.
We heard of your stay on the roadside, before
Wanfield came over, I thought how uncomfortable
for you, but suppose you did not find it so, for
you are so happily constituted, as to feel no dis-
comfort under any circumstances. But then your
nerves are sometimes sensitive, and you must re-
member those times when you are inclined to
be severe upon me. How sorry we are to hear of
your hands giving you so much trouble, I believe
the hearing of your pitiable condition stirred me

up to writing, Caroline told Manning to rub her feet
with red wax, which is chased out of the lamp, you
remember how Manning suffers with itching on his feet,
and she has found the greatest relief from it, I think
she has little or no itching since she used this remedy.
Caroline read of it, and told me she meant to write
you of it. I suppose you will fear to try anything after
the temperature, having increased your suffering; how-
ever, you must feel, being without any company or
employment, even reading can be of little satisfaction
in your condition. I suppose being able to go out and
attending to your garden this beautiful weather has
been a great relief, but today the weather has changed
and that you will have to give up. Our house goes on
so slowly, I was one day before yesterday, and it looked
so beautiful, I am so anxious to get there, but will not
for a month at least, even if the weather continues and
then it is so unpleasant to go into an unfinished house,
but I have been here so long, I wish to get home, though
I could not be so comfortably situated anywhere out of
my own house. We went last night through all the
rain to Mrs. Dillick's wedding, and I wrote to Sister
Ann, we just received a letter from her, she speaks
of having received a letter from you, says you are beneath
me, of course you are in favour of him, as you must

have is, now we are all influenced by the opinions of
our husbands, in all good ways, should be, and I
am not in favour of him, because the atmosphere in
which I live, is entirely adverse to all of Russell's doc-
trines, and think his course is exceedingly indelicate
not to say impudent. I shall enclose a letter from Gi-
lbert Ann which I received not long since, it will
serve to convince you. Frank Wilford has reached here
at last, the divorce case comes off this court, I believe
it was opened last Monday, but I forgot to ask about
the proceedings. I understood he means to obtain
his children. Have you heard of poor Aunt Susan's
unpleasant condition? Uncle Mike thinks she is de-
ranged. He has had bills presented to him this year
the amount of three thousand dollars here, and eleven
hundred in Paris, says he never goes to town that bills
are not handed to him; while handed him a bill for
2408, he said he would take it home to see if all was
right, he showed to her, she said she had gotten them
when he went again to town, he went to the store, where
he was told she had been there since, and added 2408
to it, he says she has nothing to show for all this money,
she had a room at O'Pry's where she stored away her
bundles, she bought a bedstead at \$400 for which she
was to pay 2008, and had it left at the College when

Uncle found it, she had in a measure to force her to go
home when back in town; among other things she brought
100¢ of Mack ^{with} which she would not tell what she
had done; last Sunday Uncle wrote for Pa and Ma to come
down, she had been saving and tearing her clothes, he
went to town on Saturday, when he returned he mentioned
she said in a soothing manner, that as he was returning
empty, from town, he had called at Pagnis and bought
her bundles for her, she says he forced her out, her per-
sistence for staying was to get her bundles; where upon she
commenced saving. he said he lost all control over
himself, and could do nothing with her, he became
perfectly weak. Ma & Pa went down, found Uncle in the
road waiting for them, saying she was calm, and they
must remain until he returned to the house, to see if
she would be as seeing them, but she said upon hearing
their names, and he only pacified her by telling her they
were not in the house, he thought she would like to send
for them as she was not well, so they did not see her, Pa
told him he must be firm, and not let her get to town -
she once walked to town, and got as far as Scott's before they
overtook her. We have heard nothing from them since.
It is snowing hard. Lillian has given out - going South.
Eliza told Ma she had bought the house. Ma now lives
in, but will not move in until next fall, Ma ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~

21 Cornhill, Boston,
Nov. 26. 1853.

Dear Lucy -

It was very pleasant to see your handwriting again, and I have not a word of fault to find with your letter, except that you don't say a word as to when you are coming this way, and whether you expect to help us any in N. England this winter. As Abolitionists are said to be given to fault-finding (and God knows it is not hard to find that article in this country), you will forgive me, I hope, for beginning my note, with the suggestion of a fault in yours. ~~HAHAHA~~

We have watched your tour into Kentucky with the greatest interest, and I heralded the fact to our N. Eng^d. readers in the 'Liberator' in Mr. Garrison's absence. I was much struck by the fact that L. Mott - & now yourself - received so much more courteous & respectful treatment in Ky, than in New York, & even in many places in Ohio, &c. I rejoice that you had the opp^d. to speak in Louisville on any question. You have evidently made a deep impression, and I believe it will be a permanent one.

Garrison, to whom I read your note, was so pleased with it, that he begged to insert a portion of it in Liberator, and I have consented to such parts being printed, as would not compromise you at all, in case you should return to N.Y.

I wish you were to be at the Decade meeting at Philadelphia. It is a great pity that you are not to be there.

Carpenter Mr. Clay has written a very whole-hearted and noble letter, to be read at that meeting.

Parker Pillsbury is going to Europe with Chas. Buffum of Lynn, who is out of health, wants a companion, & will pay P.'s expenses, &c. Parker's health needs the recruiting, about as much as anybody's I know. He has got home from his Ohio & Indiana work, pretty well used up.

- Now, as to the business-part of your note - Wallcut had got your letter as to the W. Rights' Proceedings. I had sent & got the pamphlets; but had neglected to advertise them. That omission will be supplied in next week's paper. -

I am a "Woman's Rights Man" - all the more, & more unchangeably, since the

infamous treatment which the Women received in New York from the combined voracity of the press & pulpit. - The noise & scurrility of a mob is nothing to the other; indeed, would not exist, but for such hateful agencies as the N. York press & the W. M. pulpit, for the most part, are.

The Foulers were not burnt out, I think, though that fire was pretty near them.

I am 'General Agent' for you, whatever you are about; i.e. whenever you wish my help, call on me straightway, and I trust you will not find me unwilling to help you.

A letter came to you ^{here,} post-marked N. York;

I have removed the envelope, & send the contents herewith to you. Do write me again soon, & let me know when you are to return to N. England. Very many inquiries are made for you.

I am, Very truly Yours

Samuel May &

Monday Morning Dec. 8

I send this letter from Mr. May
that you may see that my service is needed
here - If I get Cincinnati the last of the week
I suppose the Lawrenceburg route the best -

Pursy by

Samuel May
1853

St Louis Marche. 14th 1857

I shall be so gratified to hear often from you - Truly your affectionate Aunt
Ann & Ryland
Mr Ryland always
wishes to be answered
kindly &
affectionately
P.S.
You must not
send this over
to Ann - as I
write to day
to Caroline -
St Louis Marche. 14th 1857
"I think I hear your
say dear Warfield, but it is not exactly an answer either - for I have never
received a letter from you, I heard that you had written, but unfortunately it
never came to hand - and I feel so gratified and complimented that you have
written to me, that I write in hopes it may induce you to write me again,
and I do most sincerely hope I may be more lucky next time -
No doubt it was lost upon the Autocrat with together with other letters of mine
for "Uncle Ryland" left word for all letters that went to Orleans to be forwarded to
Memphis - and to the bottom of the Mississippi went the letters of your dear Grand
Father and your precious Mother - I have never received a letter from your dear
Grand Father since I gave up my old home for a new one, your Mother is nearer
and no doubt has received some two or three letters since - verifying the old adage
"out of sight out of mind" - from your Mother I have received but one letter
though I have heard she has written two other letters - but those and the one
from dear Pa like yours I never received - Now Mr Ryland wonders that you
all do not write often, I am so much in his thoughts, that he can't understand
why you all do not think more of me - "Uncle Frank" in a letter to "Uncle Ryland"
says Mary Jane is well and hearty being in Tex at that time - and "Aunt Julia"
says in her letter of yesterday that she has just left - most busy in her prepara-
tions for a trip to Cincinnati - to hear the Swedish nightingale - Tell your
precious Mother that I have been much disappointed in not hearing from
her knowing how anxious and concerned I should have been & have been
about the children with their whooping cough - but I felt they were doing well
when I learned she was in Tex - tell her to write soon, to tell me all about
the children, about your Father's hog speculation and finally to give me a

a minute description of ~~her~~ eastern finery - the materials & the style of making them, as I shall want some summer dresses -

I commenced a letter to you four days ago - but really my time is so occupied receiving & returning visits - dressing and then playing the agreeable to "Uncle Ryland" when he is at home - which is every evening that I could not find time till now to resume your letter which I have done by commencing afresh - starting again -

St Louis is all agog, the fair ensconces of sound - the charming Jenny is expected here on to-morrow, and gives her first concert on Tuesday night - she sings but four nights, it is contemplated that tickets will cost from twenty to thirty dollars - if so I shall not hear her - for I would not enjoy her singing at that price - nor would I give that to satisfy my curiosity - for I acknowledge I go much on that account - as large a city as this is - they have no room that will hold more than 1100. persons - they have two theatres - they will seat between 2 & 3000 - but the old theatre is pronounced unsafe, and the proprietor will not vent his saving for 5 per cent of the profits each night to which Barnum would not agree to give - so they have got Wyman's hall and are erecting galleries - this is a building $5\frac{1}{2}$ stories high - I have heard these walls also pronounced unsafe - I shall not venture in there till they have been tried and if tickets are sold within what I am willing to give - Miss Bushman is also to here - as I have never seen a celebrated actress I shall go once to see here - the people here a visiting pleasure hunting and sight seeing humanity - I have heard that clerks here upon a salary of \$600 say they will give \$30 to hear Jenny - and these same people some refuse to give 3¢ for the benefit of the poor - it is thought Jenny will take from here from 40 to 100 000 \$ - that is a pretty making in four nights - the city is crowded but none will avow that they have come expressly to hear Jenny Lind.

Now for my new home - but when I get to housekeeping which I expect to do this coming Fall, God willing, you will have to come out in some one of your vacations and see for yourself; who knows but it may become your home and some of your sisters and brothers - for many think it is to become the city of cities - its growth is truly wonderful - and its situation is admirably fitted for an immense city - I was amazed at its size and the wharf presents the busiest scene I ~~ever~~ witnessed - it has few very few public buildings - the churches good but none handsomer than ~~the~~ church in Lexington - the private houses some handsome but so crowded - none of the conveniences - they ask such prices for land that few can afford to have much of a lot, and then if you have a good size lot the ^{taxes} ~~taxes~~ are so high - you feel as if you are not enabled to have that much unemployed ground the ~~tax~~ eating it up - from the river between two & three miles they are asking \$1000 per foot - there are some immensely rich people here - The city is extending both up down and back of the river. Judge Carr brother to the Carrs near Sen, who not many years ago was in the country is now in town. And Covington which is on the river 12 miles below St. Louis - and which I think is one of the prettiest situations I ever saw, the river makes such a bend there, that it gives it the appearance of a bay - it is an old french village - St. Louis is extending itself to it, and no doubt in a very few years it will take it in as a part of the city - I am told that the country is beautiful in that direction - 'Mule Ryland' has been so unwell and so busy that as yet I have seen very little of St. Louis in its ~~sakes~~ environs - but in May I shall go in every direction - down to Jefferson barracks - so when that comes I will give a regular account of every day ride, and will have to tell you all about it when we meet next summer God willing - I see very few french people - the Americans have rooted them nearly out - great many german and irish.

I see very few boys about of your and Green's size - they are sent away or boarded at St. Louis college a Romanist institution, where the boys are kept within their enclosure. The streets are always full of people - and the lower part of the city near the river - it is disagreeable for a lady to go alone - The ladies here I really believe do nothing but visit and shop - I find many agreeable ones - and feel much at home - but it is not exactly des. I lived there so long I suppose no place will ever be like that - but that would not be like home now without Uncle Ryland - and if you ever get married Warfield - don't marry till you get a wife that you can love like Uncle Ryland loves his - for you don't know how happy it will make her - & how unhappy women are without that love -

And above all things Warfield - try to be obedient to your Father & Mother - remembering they are your best friends - always respect their advice, and let it have weight with you always - never discard it without much reflection and prayer - There never to do anything that will give them unhappiness and distress - I am sure if children could only realize their parents feelings they would always be upon the alert to keep from distressing and bringing misery upon them - ^{and} ~~but~~ their aim and effort would be to add all the happiness they could - to see Mr Ryland's distress and agony when he heard of his son being wounded - but thank God Thistle is getting well & may be hereafter ever be a blessing to his devoted Father - but believe me Warfield the strongest and most effectual weapons - are kindness good feeling politeness and good breeding - and how far above all price - is the love good will and regard of our fellow beings - it is sure to make us happy here upon earth - and prepares the way for an heavenly rest - Remember me to your Father - Sister and love to your dear Mother & all the dear precious children Tell Green Mary & Sally to write me a joint letter & beseech you to write me soon & tell me about every thing farm, hens, turkeys, geese & all, remember me to Mrs Mrs Lillian & Mary don't forget & remember my letters to you are just for our own little & kin

Richmond, Ky, Sept ~~10~~¹¹/86.

Dear Laura,

I once more take up my pen to write you a few lines, to let you know that I am well, I received your kind letter a day or two since, and was glad to hear from you, but sorry to hear that you had not received my letter. I suppose you will have received it, before this time. This is a slow way for me to converse, but we should be thankful, that we have this way of conversing. - - - - Laura I suppose you do not have any enjoyment there, you can not understand the language of the people, but I suppose you can soon learn it. I would like to travel very much, and see those those beautiful things you spoke of in your letter. - I should indeed think that the Alleghany mountains, were very beautiful. I do not think there is any thing more beautiful than the works of nature.

Our State is still in a very distressing condition. I read a statement in the Richmond Messenger, I received a letter from my Cousin in Missouri of a gentleman by the name of Henry Rock, which stated, that they had ^{been} ~~had~~ a committing suicide in an eccentric manner bloody battle there, and that there were at Proviso Ill. he prepared a rude box a band of robbers there that were taking intended by him as a coffin, and getting every thing some people had. - - - into it attempted to shoot himself with a pistol, inflicting by this means only a slight scalp wound, he next got sat, constructed a noose which he fastened to a projection from a few feet above his head, in such a manner that he managed by throwing himself upon the noose, to dislocate his neck and strangle himself, and was found reclining in his own coffin. - - - I scarcely read a paper without there being some distressing death in it. - - - Mr Mullins has commenced his school, he commenced the 2 day of this month. - The Presbyterian school has commenced also, it commenced the 7 of this month. - - - Mr. Cooke is Superintendent, I do not think I will go to school this year, I think

I will stay at home and study,
my dear Laura I fear, I cannot interest
you, and I will try and not weary
you with a long prosy letter if I can
help it, - Will you not write to me
before long; you were always to me
a dear affectionate friend, and now
I must bid you farewell. - - -

With much
love I remain, your true friend
till death, - - - - -

Mary, E. S. Life.

P.S. When you write please
direct your letter to
Mary, E. S. Life Richmond
Ky. for my last letter
was broke open before
I got it please excuse
bad writing blots and
mistakes for I am in a
hurry.



*Letter to all my
dear ones*

*Miss Anna May.
care of D. Craig Esq.
Lexington
Kentucky.*

"London". Oct. 12, 1861

My dearest Laura:

This evening, I was very much gratified by the reception of a letter from you, and one from dear, old Sal; but dear me, Laura, do write longer letters; you know I am so glad always to hear from you all, and want great, long epistles. I shall not write to Fannie any more, for I suppose, if she is coming home, she has sailed before now; unless I hear she has determined to remain in Russia, and then, I shall commence writing again. Although

I am nearly crazy
to see the girls, I believe
for their sakes, and for
Aunt Mary's sake, I
would rather they should
remain where they are,
for it is perfectly dread-
ful here. In August
there were camps es-
tablished in Kentucky,
professedly Kentuckians
exclusively, but certainly
in the pay, and
under orders of Lincoln's
government. Lincoln
refused to remove them,
though Gov. Magoffin
sent Papa and Mr. W.
A. Dudley to request it.

The propriety of it
was thus invaded first
by Lincoln's government,
and then, and not
until then, did the

Confederates march
into the southern part
of Kentucky, to make
a battle ground (which
was just what she de-
served) of the old state,
too cowardly to take up
arms to fight for the
Government, and too
low and mean spirited
to join our noble
southern brethren in
the cause of independ-
ence, and a pure, un-
trampled-upon consti-
tution. Oh! Laura if
you were here, you could
not help saying "Hurra
for Jeff Davis and the
Southern Confederacy" as
I do a hundred times a
day. Right beside me
on the table, is a dish
of flowers, made into

a Confederate flag.
A double row of scarlet
geraniums, and one
of white oleander in
the middle, a square
of blue larkspur on
the left side, with
clear star puttees
in it, forms the most
beautiful and the
proudest flag that ever
waved over a victorious
army. Victorious it
has hitherto been, and
God grant it may
ever be!

Papa, Mama, and
I are warm for the
South, and Kentucky's
mistaken choice of her
destiny, deeply grieve
us. As for Mama

ever expressing a wish
for a King, or desiring
to be a Duchess is a
strange mistake, and
one for which you are
indebted to Aunts
Anne and Carrie.
Aunt Anne came over
this evening, and Maria
inquired into it. She
said she understood
her to say so. I suppose
it is to be attributed
to party feeling of the
most violent kind;

Green was married
last Tuesday night. He
came over, and kindly
invited us all to be
present; but that was
impossible, owing to
the troubled state of

affairs. It was a small wedding I learned from Aunt Annie. The ^{bride} looked sweetly, was dressed in a white satin, with a tulle veil.

I returned last night from a short visit to Alice Ford, and my Aunt relations in Louisville. I had a charming time, and regretted very much, having to come back so soon, but was afraid to stay without Papa.

Lilly May and Lillie if they are with you, and if they are not, perhaps your Mama would be interested to know, that Mary Higgins or rather Allen has a daughter. Annie

Barclay a son, and Lilly Duncan a son. All well and very happy.

As for Mr. Goodloe's complaint of me, expressed in Lillie's letter, tell him, I had no idea there was a third party, needed to give him news of Miss Linda Will. I thought of course, he had news of her much oftener, and much more particularly ~~than~~ I could give him. Churchill Will died last Thursday of brain fever, and the last time I saw Linda, she look very pale and worn, having sat up all night with

her brother. She is
perfectly well I believe.

I purchased a
very nice pair of
shoes from "Blykes"
the other day. He did
not ask for you, but
looked very much as
if he wished to do so.

Fanny is a great
successorist, so I sup-
pose you will discard
him immediately.
Poor fellow!

Papa and Mama
both send much love,
and Mama says
write to her and a long
letter.

My best love to you
all.

Ever faithfully,
Maria B. Hunt

Am 28. Oct

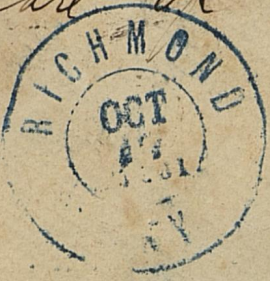
Ms
Laura Clay

Care of State Department

St. Petersburg

Russia

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State Department
Washington City



Miss Laura Clay
St Petersburg
Russia

Louisville Jan. 15th 1864,

Dear Laura,

I will write you a few lines this morning. I received your letter several days ago, which was very welcome, and was glad you were pleased with your little present. We are all quite well, but feeling badly from this miserable weather. I have not been able to get out of the house since Sunday. I hoped we would have a good hard rain last night, and find the streets clean this morning, instead the first thing we saw, was snow, and it is much colder. The walking, Mr. Morris says is terrible. The ladies have just come, and I was glad to hear they would be with us, so soon. I do hope, by that time the weather will be pleasant. I am sorry father is not well, and regret he cannot come down to, I tell you we will meet her, and be with her all the time, but I cannot promise to return

wish her. I would like to see you all very
much, but I dislike leaving my old
ones. He will be so lonely.

We have not heard a word from
brother Dudley. I look for him, every
train. He will certainly see him or hear
from him very soon.

We have no news. I have not seen any
one outside of the family for several days,
and Mr. Brown never knows anything
that is going on. You know it. Let her and
Ladies be gathered up the news.

I suppose you hear from your Jane
very often. Give my love to her, and your
sisters when you write. I will not close
this until Mr. Brown comes to dinner.
He may have some news. Tell sister
Mary I will write to her soon. Give our
love to father, Mrs. sisters, brothers and
accept a great deal of forgiveness. I hope
you will write soon and as often as you
can. I enjoy your letters, and cannot
hear often enough from home. I am
glad Mary is well again.

Willis has come and says there is nothing

new except they are very busy at the store.
As he has to hurry back I must close.
The sage Richard Fanning came in the
store this morning to see him. Said he
was on his way to Sandstorm to see his
sweetheart, and as he would leave at
1 o'clock would not have time to come to
see me. He said he would be back Tuesday
and would see me then. As Willis says I
must stop. Good bye.

Yours affectionately,
Lizzie.



Miss Laura R. Clay.

Care, Mrs. Laura R. Rogers,

Lexington,

Kentucky.

Northern Bank of Kentucky,

Lexington, Oct 13 1865

Miss Laura Aay

By direction of your mother I send
you enclosed a check on the Bank of America for
\$199 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀. It is endorsed payable to your order, so that
you must write your name on the ~~Back~~ back of the
check to get the money. You put your name about
an inch below mine on the back.

I am very truly yours &c
M. C. Johnson

Tuesday Morning
"Grand Ma"
had a fine
night

The Meadows. Oct 16th (65)

Dearest Laura,

I have just returned from town doing some shopping for "dear Grand Mother" and being awake all night with her, you can readily imagine what a poor condition I am in, and may wonder that I should attempt a letter. necessity compels me - having lost my Rockaway I must embrace opportunities as they offer themselves & as I now expect to go to town to morrow to finish the business that carried me in this morning, I want to fix up your furs and send them off by "Adams Express" to you and I want you to be particular & write me immediately upon the receipt of them, I have in the last few months

sent off two packages by Express that have kept me uneasy &
given me trouble through the carelessness of the recipients.
Inside the muff you will find the 30\$ (thirty) in gold to
purchase yourself gold bands. I was so exceedingly disappointed
that you did not come out and went off without seeing us
and more particularly without the large sum of \$30.
but you will get it & relieve my disappointment that
much. I should have sent it & the furs sooner but only
got your address on Saturday last from your precious
Mother. she sent me over your last letter & I am much
gratified that you are so well pleased & hope you may
enjoy it to the utmost. I do hope you may form some most
agreeable acquaintances, so as to exchange visits at your homes.
I wish it could be done & then we would feel more like one
people. I would get Mrs Estill or some one conversant with
the city to go with me to purchase your wrist bands, for
they do impose upon strangers. "Dear Grand Mother - re-
mains extremely feeble. no improvement in her since you
saw her. her spirits extremely depressed & once or twice
since you left she has thought herself dying. Your
Mother & Mary have been over. "Uncle William & Aunt Maria
were here so she had the pleasure of seeing them. Mary
was well. but your Mother not at all so. & Gwen was here for

a few minutes. Annie so
happy at home that she does
not wish to come - but in the
last letter I received from
her she sends me word
the next time she is coming
over to see me - I am now as
busy as I can be in my fati-
gued condition knitting her
winter stockings & making
my fancy the grey petticoats
for her - but what a charming
Fall we have had - Mr. Hall seen
much of all Aunt's in the last
few days - coming out to see Ma
she still continues her daily
hourly rides - Dr. Buck is now
attending her - Good bye dear
child may God keep &
protect & ever guide you
Your loving & interested
Aunt
Anne E. Rylands

The Meadows. Oct 21st '65.

Dear Mary Jane,

I have been intending writing you for the last few days knowing how anxious you are to hear constantly of poor dear Ma. I wrote you last week. I feel so dull and staying with Ma every other night hampers me for any effort, and I now write so rarely that a letter costs me much effort. I think Ma's strength is decidedly less than when you were over. but she sleeps better and her appetite is good. It is her bowels she will be forever injecting them & forcing several operations a day, and strange to say they are all consistent & healthy operations - her spirit is so greatly depressed - it all but kills me up. I see no hope for

her. you cannot call her out from herself. interested in
nothing. cannot bear to be left alone with only one person
Julia is now with her with Sister Rebecca or else I could not
now be writing to you - for three nights & days she was without
that bearing down & because she had not an operation in
Iy would have at that time a fine storm & the Dr told her
there was no necessity for one for three days unless she
was in distress. yet fearing the consequences she would
take an enema & has been troubled more or less ever
since - she is so miserable she cant be satisfied - poor
dear Ma - & the riggs they are too trying - if I had a
gift of eloquence I should go to Washington myself to see
the President, I think it a dreadful policy to punish
the Patriot to punish the rebel. better let 99 unjust per-
sons go unpunished than to punish one innocent per-
son - so says the bible, and when we go contrary to its
teachings we do wrong. Caroline is extremely unwell
I feel very uneasy about her & she I fear has made too
much effort to get over to see Max I suspect they have
much annoyance from this source - Such papers as
the Observer & Reporter are causing all our troubles
now I wish we had a leading review in N.Y. had she
wants one - poor miserable creatures as are -

What charming weather. &
how beautiful the roses are -
Poor Ma still rides every
day - but comes in terrible
exhausted - I cannot think
they are good for her now -
She was very much disappointed
not seeing you last Saturday
or has not heard a word
from you since you left -
Dr Bush says Ma is as well
as she can be - I wish your
house was finished & you
in strong health & we could
persuade her to go over to
see you - Maria Hunt has
gone on a week's visit to
Alice Ford. I suppose to
congratulate her upon her
change of mind

A E Ryland

Miss George Brand has a sister &
niece on a visit to her. they have
come to stay till Christmas - neither
of them pretty - I hope I may
find them agreeable. if dear Ma
gets better, it will be very agreeable
walk of an afternoon - what charma-
ing weather we are having now.
I caught a glimpse of Mrs W. Goddard
in her pretty winter white hat.
I suppose she was in church, but
I did not see her. if dear Ma
was well - I would make many
a pleasant visit this delightful
weather, How I miss my Parkway
and also its trouble - for it was a
worry as well as a convenience.
Monday Afternoon -

Mr Thipman came - Uncle de-
parted & I could not till now re-
sume my writing - I passed
the night with poor Ma. who
had a more comfortable night

than the last several ones & did not pronounce herself dying
this morning. Slept till 8 o'clock & has been very comfortable
for her all day ~~rode~~ & Sister Rebecca was in town making a
visit or two & as she & Julia are with Ma I had slipped to
my room to write you - here is a kiss for you - how I wish you
& Sally were married & married to a real business man how
I would use him - I now want to meet Mr. Dorr & do not
know what best to do - this war, this war! terrible upon us
lone women - & I firmly believe it is the dissatisfied mar-
ried women who have made it, & are now keeping up
the spirit of rebellion - Your nig Caroline was here this
morning - says that Amanda & Sophia are going back to
live with you, I hope it is so if your precious Mother de-
sires it. Caroline says she is getting along very well - has 50
Turkeys for sale and as many ducks.

I told Sally that I thought our Cousin Smiths would be delight-
ed to see you, but I think it advisable for you to write them
and know of them - I should take it as a compliment if
I were situated as they are - I wrote Cousin Julia sometime
ago, but have never received an answer, sending her
some cards & notes perhaps they have miscarried -
I have gotten those Phipps toke for me & he has left the
card entirely white which I do not like - when you come

over I would like you to see
if they can be shaded - I
never saw one left so before
I think this is the last time
I shall trouble him - oh how
I miss my Rickaway above
I want to attend to anything
oh for a submission special -
Kiss Annie for me & tell her
I miss her so & do so want to
see her - I think Ma is getting
some flesh - but she is dreadfully
low spirited - fears every thing
& I see no help for it -

Kisses & love all around &
we are waiting impatiently
to know when the partridges
were sent - Good night

Sincerely yours &
hoping soon to hear from you
yours & L. E. Heyland

in the habit of sleeping with her who has
these many years
been fighting
her off. My paper
acknowledges me
to close, and
will take or with-
the hope that
my fight will be
more satisfactory
to you & well
to myself
I have left this bill
to you & must believe
all of us, or
and - soon

to hear from you, which I
prompt reply gives certain proof
if it were needed - being a
yours at 12 and answered it
the same evening. It is as you
most flatteringly assume me
any thing interest - you in that
many and I feel a part, I
well regret not being kept
a diary of our daily life
since it commenced this
fall, for many little events
occurred which would have
ed you that have escaped

my teachers meaning.

You know my family now consists of three, Jerry Norton and John Rogers, Mary's brother. John is a perfect original, especially when discussing the future when his children are to be the actors on the theatre of life - Jerry is a humorist and quite the light and joy of the house. Mary is improving rapidly. I did not think it possible to arouse her ambition as the Mullins have succeeded in doing.

Their system of instruction is very superior to Williams. And if Mullins can keep up for several years - I hope

to see Mary as well educated as women. His scholars are obliged to write a composition every day - and Mary now writes with considerable ease & herself and in a style which reflects great credit upon herself and also upon her teacher.

At first Mary was very much opposed to changing her school - but she had not gone a week before she preferred it greatly.

The school takes in at 9 and lets out at half past one - she returns after dinner to attend singing school for an hour - after that she practices and plays with the girls until six o'clock when

she generally practices another
hour. That time Jerry and
I spend at Chess. John
sunters about, looking on oc-
casionally - singing or playing
Linn's - a game similar to Back
Gee - he takes Lee as usual
about 9 o'clock - after that is
for all of us sit down to
our studies. Jerry is studying
Latin - and he & John sit
up late. Mary comes with
me and we generally retire
at ten and Mary is
always checked by eleven. She
has not troubled me much
in kicking the covers off - as
I luckily thought to put her
on the side she had been

The Meadows Nov 12th 1865



Dearest Mary,

I was so glad to get your letter, and should have answered it immediately but for the pleasure of seeing the dear ones, Sally and Cornie - how I enjoyed their short visit and when gone how it sadden me - regrets are useless. but I never pass the Morton place that I do not sigh and wish your Mother had never left it. how comforting you all could have been to us if there now - ah our life is too short for persons not to enjoy all they can -

I was very glad to see that dear Cornie was as much improved as she is - yet she is looking quite delicate - I trust she did not fatigue herself too much in town before they left for home on Friday - Poor dear Ma's sickness is so depressing - that really I feel as if I had no ideal, and I feel entirely vacant.

she herself is so desponding, so troubled, so filled with fears, she must
feel a weakness that we know not of - for she sleeps as usual; eats the
same, and seems as strong - but for the last several nights goes to bed
with the fear of never getting out of it again and insists upon it she is
dying - Mr Shipman is coming out to administer the sacrament this
afternoon. Sister Rebecca and Julia are with her & Uncle Floyd has just
come, which I am sorry for as he always saddens poor Ma as he did poor
dear Aunt Nancy after giving up attending them - feels their place
looks like death's head all the time - and pronounces the place very
bad - I hope the coming of Mr Shipman will scare him off & may
he come quickly - Fanny and Corrie can tell you better how Ma
seems than we who are constantly with her - When there is no one
here but would be rebels I generally leave them - for when together
their whole conversation & the only thing that gives them pleasure is
to talk of their doings, wishes & disappointments in regard to the war.
I was in town on Saturday met Anne Clay who said Martha Doren-
port was at Mrs Scotts and as I had an hour in town waiting for the
mail I went up & passed it with the ladies - found Martha a true
would be rebel and I was surprised to hear her say - that her father
said the rebels ought to have burnt up every place as they went -
no doubt they would have done so as they did in Chambersburg,
the reason they did not in Kentucky & Maryland they wanted to
make friends in both States & also claiming them as their own

but woe to the other states, if they
had of gotten a foot hold - they are
too absurd to talk of or think of -
The Prestons have returned to Lexing-
ton - I suppose their money gave out
and they had to come - & not one
married - came as they went - my
beau & desire Dr D. Bush has gotten
home & I think much improved
by his trip - if I could make a
match tell Sally I certainly would
make one sure -

Dr Tarlton was here before I went to
church & "Aunt Caroline" had a
headache - to-day is two weeks since
she was here - I have been twice out to
see her & she is looking very well.
has not heard from Eliska lately. I
sent your letter along with your
letters & Laura's to Brutus - I hope
this week to write to Laura - the dear
child I hope she is enjoying her
school. I wish you were by to cheer me
I never go into a nice snug house
but what I wish I had one too. if
I had who knows if it would be well for
me -

[illegible]

and I want as well as the English language
to be able to write French and Spanish
Ligier desired great benefit from
the baths at St. Pierre. She is so
much better that I think we may be
able to remain in Paris this winter.
It is just recovered from an
attack of cholera and is quite well
again. I have had some trouble
back for the last two months
it has been quite impossible to sit
upright and so I will have to
give it up all together. Some days
I could not keep from crying.
I know you would sympathize
not writing before but I have had
looked in and come in. I have
cannot seem to have time since
you left. I have the scraps here
so much more than I have in
in Russia. I think I can hear
you say that they are bad enough
but I must wait and see how I
before I had not been so soon
as the first time. I have
to the first time. I have
so much more than I have in
I have the scraps here
so much more than I have in
I have the scraps here
so much more than I have in

got very lame again and for a few days I had to rest. Then
as the carriage was so wet from your kind
of your return home. To those dear
loved friends. I felt in my heart
just as if you were sitting next me when
you were near your own hearth; and
then when you drove down after a journey
out to meet me in two fine children
after so long an absence! my poor
startling friend & I have been much
so sorry to hear of your illness
after your return home, when
you had so much happiness from
your visit that day every one
you that you have quite recovered
and are enjoying better health than
before you left home. It is not
at all strange or at all getting old
as you say you never rested after
each voyage across the Atlantic. You
should have taken two or three days
rest - as you did when you had a long
journey by water after arriving in
New York. I can quite understand how
our dear friends must have been and
at the same time how they would
be glad to see you and all

as you read it. Mrs. C. Lifferton remains in London this winter
 and is very
 happy to see you and your friends must have
 when you came near your home
 every moment must have been
 life days. I could well imagine in
 the feelings of your dear friends
 as I have also been separated from
 my children and the happiness
 your dear mother must have felt
 in having you with her once more.
 I have not seen my husband since
 the 20th of August. He will
 write you all about the 15th
 August etc. job and so well whether
 drawing and singing. He has finished
 his very pretty pictures etc. often
 says the wife has one of them
 instead of the second one.
 We want a photograph of yourself
 also the boy and your brother
 as soon as you can have them
 taken. I hope to visit you soon.
 Your affectionate mother
 and brother
 Mrs. C. Lifferton

My dear friend,
I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

was more than
 of all scientific things that was the
 highest. There were but very large
 theaters and small ones. The
 public was not so constituted as to
 such as, perhaps, to his, especially
 about the men and women, but it being
 several men, some of the best of
 color, some of the best of different
 colors, some of the best of different
 styles, and some of the best of the
 of the various styles of the theater,
 telling, and the best of the theater,
 the dramatic, and the dramatic,
 dancing, and the best of the theater,
 and the best of the theater, and the
 thing that would be the best of the
 was to be found there. The best of the
 and the best of the theater, and the
 all the reason to see the best of the
 of the theater, and the best of the
 dark common sense, and the best of the
 them and how. The best of the
 of the theater, and the best of the
 and the best of the theater, and the
 and the best of the theater, and the

They were too beautiful for description
and lasted about three quarters of an
hour and the finale was exquisite,
it represented an enormous heap of riches
and from every grain ~~came~~ about
six rockets so that you can imagine
the immense number and one can
only say when everything had disappeared
that the mass transformed into burning
smoke as it seemed and in a few
moments died away and left rockets
innumerable representing lovely masses
of all shades imaginable. By the time
the fireworks had finished covered almost
all the pond, the ship took a large cable
turn round the point held up and one
dressed in one's old and shabby coat
sat down in the little fairland for I can
assure you that from the "house point"
(the place where at Little below our house there
are some ^{a very little} fountains) I thought that
I must suddenly have been transported
into some lonely spot where fairy
were making a feast, but I was soon brought
back by natural senses and certainly
plunged my foot up to ankle in.

a sort of river of mud and receiving as
delightful kick from some Frenchy as
he slipped into the same pool of mud.
all the Champs Elysées were illuminated
with Bengal lights of a most brilliant
colours and they were also placed so as
to make the waters of the fountains
take different colours according to the
Bengal. The arc de Triomphe was lighted
up with electric light and from the
top to the bottom of the Champs Elysées
were festoons of red and white lights (all
gas) they were 35,000 thirty five thousand
in number including the Place de la
Concorde which was converted round
the obelisk to an Egyptian garden
the monument being illuminated
with gas forming laurel branches.
and at the top a large N. The Illuminées
were also very beautiful but the crowd
was so great that we could not go
inside to see the gardens. We returned
home rather late as we stopped on
our way at a café to get some
ices. You should have seen me
when I returned home. I never forgot

St. Petersburg: Rus.

Decr 20. 1865.

My dear Madam,

Your family were so
kind to me when I was in
New-York, that I am emboldened
to ask the favor of you to allow
my daughter I intend to make
your acquaintance and also
that of your daughter-in-law:
and to spend sometimes a
quiet evening with your
family, for recreation and

the improvement of her
manners. You will find
my daughter I trust agreeable
as I know she is good: and
worthy of your friendship.
This is asking a great favor of
you - but it is improving great
confidence also in our friendship.
If you could find time also
to introduce her to Mrs. John
Gay, whose acquaintance I made
some years ago, I should be
pleased: as I admire her
husband and the Gay family.
Laura is at Mrs. Ogden

Hoffman's School: no. 17. West
38th Street, N. York.

Please remember me to
your family: and believe me
truly yours
O. B. L.

Mrs. David Dudley Field O. B. L.
New-York City.
N. York.

 Northern Bank of Kentucky,

Lexington, Dec 27 1865

Miss Laura Clay

Dear Laura

By direction of your mother

I inclose you check on Bank of America N.Y. for
one hundred dollars which please name in your
next letter to your mother

Mrs Clay was here on Monday but I did not
get to see her. She is well, at least I judge so
from the tenor of a letter I have just received.

I wish you a merry Christmas.

Very truly yours
M. C. Johnson

Mrs Laura Clay

Care of

Mrs Ogden Hoffman
West 38th Street
New York City



Good night -
mean old letter -
Now do not - let
any one see or
read this valuable
document - I put
it in my City - Hotel -
I arrived - on
the 13th - Monday -
You must - find
something - to
do me - when - I
write a letter -
after - you -

As you were so kind
as to express a wish to hear from
me on my arrival at my
journey's end, I hasten to inform
you that I reached Lexington
Hotel door at 6 P.M. on Monday
day - there to find my host
at the door to help me out -
was very glad to see me - & that
Lover knew him to be Sam -
he had made two or more letters
to Sam - in expectation of my arrival -
& I hear he was looking for me
anxiously - it is best sometimes
to be decided, I believe, after all -

very truly
yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison
P.S. I have not yet
received your letter
of the 10th -

You are more respected and when in the utmost cordiality & I have enjoyed
the performance of duty it is wrong - ed every moment of the time. Now
to be anxious & uneasy as I am - but received various invitations to make
Wormen nature is so radically - visits of length, but expect to go out
weak. I am often so provoked with home next week & for other reasons
myself, if I could, would administer have declined them. Mrs R. is still
under a good whipping to my absurd on the place, but am in hopes she
will. I was 4 days in St. Louis, and will be disposed of, one I am expecta-
ing, health protection. Finally to return there. Lexington is a pleasant
place & I am very well satisfied to
be here. The country around is hard
length. Mr. Reid went out home - some improved, there are many
since dinner, he has advertised good houses in the town - the
the farm for sale but he will have injured the place materially
live upon it until it is disposed though it will be long ere it recovers
of. What is to become of us afterwards from its usages. I was with Ellen in
I am at a loss to know. I do not St. Louis enjoyed myself greatly - she
anticipate. But have an idea we is more entertaining than here and
will sojourn there yet for a time. kept the household in a gloom the
Mrs R. is altogether undecided. whole time. I longed enough to do
My friends here met me with me for a year. She is an excellent

Wife & Mother and some Rumor
may say what she pleases but
W. B. Bell is the greatest hypocrite
or one of the best men in the Union
upright - moral - correct in every sense
of the word - Fittie Warfield & Lloyd
& Henry Bell are living with them
rendering the house very cheerful &
pleasant - Ellen's children are very
good well managed - Mary rendered
herself very useful to us in Ohio -
we much enjoyed having her with
us - I hope the trip did Mamma
good - she greatly needed a
little shaking up - I had pleasant
protection from Tex. Ky to Tex - Mo -
Is not God good? - My love
if you please to Corrie, Mary
& Follie & a kiss to Annie - I
feel so anxious about Grandma -
do honor me soon with one of
your charming epistles. Stop work
a while sweet, & you exhort me

Weyington Feb 12th 1868.

My Dearest Friend:

It has been quite a long time since I wrote any in my journal. But I have been so anxious about Brother Will, that I have not felt like writing. He is nearly well now, and as soon as the weather will permit, Aunt Fidelity, and he will come up. We had almost despaired of his recovery, but thanks to a Merciful Providence, he is nearly well. Fannie came up from Cincinnati last week. Mollie Dawney called to see me Saturday, she sends her best love to you, and says write to her.

Last week I was quite unwell, I don't know myself, and one of the servants had discovered we thought perhaps we had been poisoned by all three of us having it. I got quite well of it, but today I am quite unwell again, I have dysentery again.

Fannie, John, and myself expect to commence taking Private French Lessons soon. I don't care particularly about taking again, but Pa, and Aunt F. want me to continue. I will close now.

Tuesday.

Dear Anna, a bad, a very bad accident has happened today. Miss Maria Hunt, Mrs. Lawrence, and her little daughter, came up in their carriage, for Aunt Maria this afternoon to go to Church. They had scarcely turned round, when the horses took

fright; and ran against the curbstone, and the carriage was turned over, just ~~at~~ front of Shaw's house. They all jumped out of the window, Aunt Laura was cut across the forehead. Her right arm broken. She was brought home, as soon as possible. After the Dr came he said her shoulder was sprained severely. She is as helpless as an infant. Mrs Lawrence's shoulder was sprained, her face very much bruised, Miss Davis's face was cut; the little girl was hurt. Mrs Hunt; Mrs Alice Warfield, and Miss Tallie, and then Dr soon got her. Aunt Laura's wounds were dressed, &c. The carriage was broken to splinters. The driver very much injured. Aunt Laura has just gotten in bed, (or rather we have put her there.) I must close, as she needs constant attention.

Wednesday.

Aunt Laura's arm is very painful today. I went to school this morning, and staid till eleven o'clock. I then came home, and did not go back any more today. Mrs Alice Warfield came up today and spent the day with Aunt Laura. Mrs Rebecca Hunt came in this morning. Dr Tallie was also here. This afternoon Mrs Julia Hunt came in, so we have had a good deal of company. Aunt Laura is helpless, we have to feed her &c. I have undertaken to nurse her, and keep house too. Excuse this short scribble.

Thursday.

Aunt Judith and Father Will came up today. Aunt L. said this afternoon is very comfortable. I do not go to school in the dinner.

Mrs McAllister was here today, she sends her love to you. It has been a rainy bad day. And this afternoon the wind is very high. Aunt Judith has been taking care of Anna L. today so I have had time to attend to the house. Goodbye.

Friday.

There was snow on the ground this morning. it is very cold. Aunt L. slept very well indeed last night. Aunt J. went home today, she will come back soon, and stay until Aunt Anna gets well. Miss Eliza Jackson came up to see Aunt L. this afternoon, she inquired for you, and sent her love. I have nothing on earth to write. So I must close.

Saturday.

Aunt L. feels much better this morning, her arm is easy. Mrs Craig called to see her today. she inquired for you, and sends her love. Mrs Hunt. And Miss Maria came in this afternoon. Maria is very much bruised up. Mrs Ryland was also here today. Goodbye.

Sunday.

I did not go to church today. Aunt Anna wanted me to stay with her. Mr & Mrs Eliza Mayfield called to see Aunt L. this afternoon. Mrs Rebecca

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Hart. Came today. So. While I was. Please
excuse this I shall.

Your friend
M.

Leysington Feb 13th / 66.

My dearest Laura

You know my
many duties, so I will not
apologize for delaying answering
your sweet and interesting letter
for so long a time. If you only
knew what pleasure they gave
me, you would not wait for
an immediate reply. I was
delighted to hear you were so
pleased with your school. I
know you will avail yourself
of the very great advantages
in so fine a school. I have
heard her spoken of so highly.
Her Craig would have called

to have seen you while in
the city, but had not time,
will do so his next visit. I
heard from your Grand Ma
yesterday she is quite herself
again, goes to the door with
her visitors. I have not seen
your Ma or sisters for some
time but I hear they are
over quite often. Your Aunt
Carr's health is not so good.
Sam has returned to school.

Richard is at home and his
health is so much improved
he is reading law with Judge
Linkhead. Elijah is at Lonsay
same, and will soon go in the
store with his Father. They
both desire to be remembered
to you. Bishop Lindsaea of
Lunenburg has visited here and
confirmed twenty among the

number was your cousin Sam
Lawrence who is staying at
your Aunt Julia's. Maria Hunt
is very much improved in
appearance, I presume her
health is much better. There
is nothing new in our quiet
city, excepting the anticipated
marriage of Miss Lizzie Hales
to a son of the Hon Duff Green
whom I have no doubt you have
heard of. I received a letter
from Lizzie yesterday she was
not well, but Lily is as smart
and sweet as she can be. I wish
you could see her. They spent
four weeks with us Christmas
and you don't know how
much we missed her when
she left. We have Sophia your
old servant employed. She
sends best love and "howdy"

Mollie's health is better. Sister
Mary is in the country. If
she were here she would send
some message. I do not know
your address, and will have
to trust to chance your getting
this. Write whenever you can
I shall always be delighted to
hear from you. Mollie joins
me in a great deal of love,
my dear Laura believe me
as ever your affectionate friend
Henrietta Craig



Miss Laura R. Clay,
Care of Mrs. Ogden Hoffman,
No. 17, West 38th. Street.
New York City.

Bellebne Hospital Medical College.

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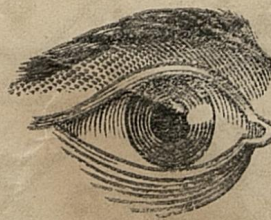
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Wm. L. C. 763 -

Dear Laura

It has been more than three years since I left St. Petersburg, and I have seen you during all this time but once - for a moment or two. You must have changed a great deal & I may now be writing to almost a stranger than my dear cousin. Are you as independent of others and of others' opinions as you used to be? "En dis" - a regime, though without written laws or visible rulers, is one of the powers that be. Have you learned to like Europe yet? For certainly it is only in America this can be learned by an American. Yes, you are right; you should love our America - our own Kentucky. Mrs. March has with her a niece, just companionable for

forward to the first ice-skate.
This American & English custom is
beginning to be adopted in Northern
Italy, though they can enjoy it here
comparatively very little - a few
hours of a few mornings of the
winter. In New England, you know,
the ponds are covered with skating
& often the ladies show great
grace & skill. There was at Genoa
lately a daughter of one of the
professors who could out-run the
whole pond. This season - a low
flat, near the City here, will be
flooded very shallowly and we
will have a fair prospect for
good skating. The Italians have
a very few out-door sports - scarcely
even on horse-back - and little such
as we are accustomed to; but there are
the theatres, operas, dances, &c. The
Carnival commences day after Christ-
mas. This is the season of universal
frolic. Our Court-balls and entertain-
ments commence - Masquer-balls at
the theatres, and the streets full of
fancy costumed Masqueraders.

There are great morn in the glory
the fruits of Autumn which
summer does not equal that of
our fall forests - with the deep
red oak shading into purple and
yellow & mingling innumerable
tints of the foliage &c. The vast
range of the Alps and, further
in this distance to the South,
the tops of the Apennines are
covered with snow - Mt. Rosa the
highest of the latter, for minutes
after sunset, enveloped in a
state of Couleur de Rose, and here
to name - the effect of the re-
flection of rays upon the snows
of the Alpine range - The great
cultivated sweeps of the valleys
are green as Spring. And when
immediate weather - with the tint
of collines - that of Mild Fall.
Still later, however we are dis-
tinct as usual, to at least 12
inches of snow in the streets
which does not stay long. The
old and young men are looking

you, and she ² always says; Oh!
how much prettier this would
be in America!—The "everlasting"
Italian Sky (which is beautiful
truly, it is), if in America would
be much more charming!—The
landscapes mellowed in Italian
light, would seem more beautiful
if we could only call them Amer-
-ican! &c. So she is thoroughly
American, & insists upon the
beauty of a monotonous western
prairie with its blood-red setting
sun; and only betrays nationality
in her fondness for the lan-
guages. I hope the day may
come again, when, though we
may have no old memories living
in ruins of art, no galleries
of ancient sculpture & painting
to attract the world—yet, a
land of Liberty, America may
have that charm to Americans
as "Italia", to the hearts of Italians!



Feb 23. 1874

Dear Laura

I have a bad
Headache this Morning
which is sometimes punishment
of very bad feelings the next
day. but if I am well to-
morrow and the day is fine
I will be glad to go with you
to Astoria I have been wishing
to go for the past two weeks
I will call about half past
nine, with love I am
afft yours F. C. Bradley

MBH

Dec. 27th 1868,

We the undersigned, agree to pay
the sums opposite our respective names,
for the purpose of building an Episcopal
Church in Richmond, Kentucky. The
money is to be paid, whenever called for.

Maria B. Hunt.	\$120. 00
Mrs. A. E. T. Land	" 50. 00
Mrs J. M. Bush	10. 00
	10. 00
Mrs E H Macalister	50. 00
M C Johnson	50. 00
J. Driggs	5. 00
Anna Craig	50. 00
My. Fleming	50. 00
Mrs. Rogers	5. 00
Mrs. T. L. Day	10. 00
Mrs. L. L. Day	10. 00
Total	420. 00

[Oct 12, 1877]

Dear Madam:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Advancement of Women, held at Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 12th, 1877, you were elected a member for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1878. On receipt of \$2.00 the Treasurer will forward to your address a Ticket of Membership.

Mrs. H. L. J. Wolcott, Treas.,

Boston, Mass.

Miss M. F. Eastman, Sec'y,

Tewksbury, Mass.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Laura Clay.
Care Hon. C. M. Clay.
Lexington
Ky.

of uncertainty is sacrificed to every if cramps my movements

Dear Laura,

Went was
in Louisville
last week
only got home
yesterday at noon
found Louisville
dull - Cincinnati
a different
business

Sept. 28th '79

Yours of the 23rd was duly received
and if time did not fly so rapidly &
I accomplish so little I should have
written you again before this. Every where
I go and nearly every person I see regret
your absence, but as long as you have
seen proper to go, all express themselves
pleased to hear that you are so happy
and enjoy yourself so far. Both Julia
and I had a postal card requesting
three months subscription due the
industrial school which I only gave as
it was to you expecting you to collect
it. so I must see the managers & let
them know, or paid it - possibly Julia
may continue hers - as my means
are all given through the church -
wishing the good to go through there
as far as my means go - I am yet

debarred church, as the solos still con-
tinue & I heard most exorable this
day week, Clara & Will were here
one day last week, & Clara said we
had solos again "Aunt Anne" ah and
what is a solo daughter, so she tuned
her pipes and executed one for me -
showing me that she understood a
solo - Mrs Smith's death & will has
been the topic of our social circle
Mr Tedball went to see her in her
last illness & she told him her char-
ties had paid her way to Heaven
Upon looking through her effects
seven thousand dollars in gold
was found & three thousand in
greenbacks all saw three thousand
in gold found tied in rags tucked
about in a bureau in her room
the 3000 \$ in a false bottom of a
box containing her silver plate
which she gave to a cousin a Mrs
Carrick who lives in St Louis
A 500 \$ note was found alone

named - Charles Bluff & Miss Barker a handsome country
tied in an old rag - She left 5000
her sister Mrs Roche her house and
furniture for life & then to a
cousin - the estate she got from her
husband to a relation of his in England
she left \$100,000 beside her house
gave up a note of \$10,000 of John
Payne's - Bob Nelson who has served
her faithfully for 3 yrs she left only
25¢ & Gely who has lived with her
for several years at 6¢ month &
the last 3 months nursed her
day & night & had to nurse her as
a baby & most disgustingly as she
had no control over her bowels and
kidneys left her nothing - but left
\$5000 to build a monument
for herself & bought a lot for her
self as she did not wish to be
buried by her husband for he
gambled & lost her money &
gave Dr Stillman a present for
his two sons handing him two
envelopes not to opened till after

her death when opened found con-
taining each 25 cents - will she has
gone to her last account peace be to
her ashes. Poor Mrs Dorothy was
buried a few days before her. Will
if all or each of us were known to the
world possibly we would give cause
to be commented on in the same way
Burgess Hunt is soon to be married
the marriage to come off at Dr
Skillman's to the Miss Gallagher
who was here last summer engaged
to a Mr Gibson a relation of the Higgins
& immediately off to Fort Snell -
My neighbour Mrs Lancaster has
a piano and you never saw one
more pleased & happy in a new
possession - she has a most excel-
lent considerate indulgent sweet
band - Dr M. Scott & Miss Bassetts
were married last Thursday, the
entertainment beautiful & the
bride doing herself full justice
making a very handsome appearance
so say those who were at the marriage

5 There has been two or three small
which parties - only ladies, till Mrs
Woodward gave hers - when
gentlemen were invited and a
great display was made - equaling
if not surpassing in elegance
Mrs Prestons great display in the
last wedding supper - only not
so extensive - but as great a variety
in proportion to the number in-
vited - one ice cream a steam en-
gine - Sally Waifield, & she were
over to the Cincinnati Exposition
& there her entertainment was
ordered - some new dishes & so
many that there were not namely
from Eliza - such a pity she did
not live where such entertainments
were ~~xxx~~ more appreciated & she
could have some rivalry - if she
would only have simple entertain-
ments & more frequently she
would be happier. I call to see
the & Sally the day of the entertain

young men - when I first saw him he struck me but afterwards

ment, not knowing of it & they are
excused - & I was there when they were
at the Exposition, not knowing they
were out of the city -

I saw Merriam Downing the other
day she was still in bed but well
enough to have color & black hair
& looking to me as she has done
for years - I would not be surprised
if she is suffering from poison

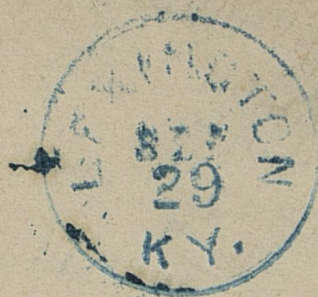
We are having such charming weather
& your Mother wants to-morrow. she
will write about her Chandeliers
& stor. - all handsome & comfortable
the stor. & I mean for comfort
indeed both are - Yellow fever in

Morgan city so poor Fanny is filled
with fear & apprehension & can't re-
turn as soon as she designed & Maria
Winfield is expected next Thursday -

I have not heard definitely from
Ann Campbell whether she will
come nor from Mrs. Leitch when
she will be here if at all - this state

I was disappointed in him - Good bye - I never love by (Clyde)

Miss Laura Clay,
Care of Mrs. Mary C. Foster,
No. 26. West Katherine Street,
Ann Arbor,
Michigan.



Sep. 17y Oct 26 1779

Every body
wishes
you

Dear Laura -

I have written twice to you
the first letter I know you have re-
ceived as you have acknowledged
it - I am pleased to hear you are
still pleased and happy - but really
I cant understand a housekeeper
being an agreeable & congenial
companion, refinement to my
mind is so necessary to agreeability
if you associate daily with com-
mon coarse working people you
of course deteriorate & fall in
their way & manners - I like
education but I want to get the
education along with refinement
and my daily intercourse with
refined ladies & gentlemen -
Education is desirable in all

Laura has not gone out to Julia's yet waiting for Henry

classes & all are the better & happier for it. I shall be so glad when Mary joins you with her boys, for then I shall feel that you are not so alone. Annie is still in the country she told me she had a letter of yours your Mother had sent her. She seems to be enjoying herself. Burgess Hunt & Margaret Gallagher were married on Thursday last at noon Dr Palmer of Orleans coming to marry them. Mrs Skillman for whom she was named gave her a handsome entertainment only Caroline's family were invited of our house Eliza Star & Gertrude attended & said it was a beautiful & excellent & delightful table. I never saw Burgess looking better. I never

saw his bride his present diamonds & rings as she ~~is in~~ deep black she wore a white Italian crape dress & tulle veil with orange blossoms. That afternoon they went out to his Father's & remained till Saturday & then to Louisville leaving the following Monday for Fort Hill - a great many marriages going on, it is said that Jerry & Mary Grady are soon to bring matters to a close - it seems strange to me two people of their ages should be so long making up their minds. A great many small & elegant entertainments just now among the elderly ones I have declined all invitations feeling no inclination to go or give parties - their entertainments

are too elaborate - if I were to
give one it would cost me as
much & deep study to order
the different dishes now requir-
ing it at one of these entertain-
ments as it does you in your
different studies at college & as
my day of study is past & over in
the study of the future another
life I decline - Mrs M^cFarlan
gives one next Tuesday - she was
at Mrs Preston's dinner & Eliza
Woodward's supper - if she would
only introduce a Washington
entertainment as she saw the
winter she passed there - she
would prove a blessing to social
bility - let persons who do not
care for parties for themselves
but who would gladly give for
the pleasure of others if a planer

5 style was introduced. ^{Oct 26, 1879} Fanny
Laurence & family still here
and if they wait for a boat
they may be here all winter
for the rivers are so low & it is
so cold we have had frosts & ice
Fanny passed several days &
nights with me since Mira
Warfield came - Julia has been
very much troubled with
servants - she was in church
to-day for the first time - she
is very thin - great scarcity
of coal - with us up to 25 cts -
fortunately I have laid mine
up for the year saw the anten-
cite waiting on Shelby Kirkland
the last time I wait on a
dealer - if he does not succeed
in business, he never will think
to lay it at his own door - every

Don't answer Sam when you can I write because

body else will be to blame. - for
fortunately I can get along with
only using other coal if required
but no thanks to Mr. Newhead
I could have gotten from others
but wishing to encourage him as
just starting in business - I
waited on him now it is not to
be had. - Anne Campbell has de-
clined my invitation - poverty
prevented so as I do not purpose
to support her I had to write my
regrets. I expect this is the reason
Julia nor Laura have invited
Maria to come & live with them,
they would have had her sole
support - which would have been
exceedingly disagreeable especially
by one of her extravagant &
capricious disposition - I could
not have such a one about me
it would be misery -

think you will like to hear - tell me about the church -



Miss Laura Clay
Care of Mrs Mary E. Foster
26 West Catherine Street
Ann Arbor
Michigan



Leys Ky Dec 28th 79 -

Dear Laura,

I suppose as the time draws near
and nears to Mary & the boys are to make
their appearance your pulley quackens, and
days counted, one more day gone as the
night comes. Mary & I passed some hours
with Maria Sadley this afternoon, she not
being able to be out in consequence of a cold
in her head, and has had a hoarseness, of
which she is relieved, hoarseness to me is
very distressing, as I have a feeling of suffoca-
tion as of course become very nervous.

Mary & I are also to see both Caroline and
Julia last week. Mary thinks Caroline is
looking as usual, but she has not been in
the last 10 days headache and the sudden
change in the weather - we have had a very
remarkable mild weather for months
till last week when we had such heavy
rains, inundating cellars & old Mrs Morris
had to vacate even the lower story of her ^{house}.

I have Ellen & Diggys of Dr Robert I believe was with me when you left.

and go up stairs, and the two very severe
days of cold the poor inmates had neither
heat or light, they had to be kept in bed
for warmth, the engine or rather furnace
which supplies heat & light was submerged
in water & the city engine could not
work the water out, as fast as they threw
out water as fast came in ~~more water~~
and Christmas Eve it rained so hard
as near as I am to church I did not
venture out, - but they say they had many
there & had a ladder not a tree, which
they say was very pretty & much liked.
They still carry on concert singing and
to-day had a violin - I was at church
Christmas day, having our usual num-
ber at that Festival, a collection taken
up for the Orphans, which I think a
mistake as the congregation is never at
its fullest on that day. Mr Tidball's ser-
mon was very poor to me as I read
such fine ones at home, the contrast
is too great, though they say he has been
preaching very fine sermons lately.

Mr Brand is as when you left - I see Eliza's card and reply - She is

I think looking better. Mr. C. Johnson was well a few days ago had a child
Two boxes of clothing were sent up to the
mountains from there - Martha Brent
passed a day & night with me
lately and told me they of Paris had
sent a box up - Martha is looking so
happy and pretty, she is such a well
balanced woman - When you do write
me be sure & tell me of Mr Hall and
the church in ~~Leicester~~ ^{Gay Hope} if you have ever
heard him - Lew was quite unwell
when Martha was here & as he wanted
company we sat with him - Lew is out
again and at supper not getting home
till early in the morning at 4 o'clock
in the morning, most beautiful supper
and only men at them - Mrs. Long Bradley
gave one & Mr. Buckner the other - I hear
of no gaiety among the young people or
the married, all pronouncing it a most
dull Christmas - We had such heavy rain
which brought on the only cold weather
we have had & to-day it has moderated
so we may have rain or snow before
morning - Julia is looking about as you

when you left here, Maria Warfield all
attention & devotion to her, Laura Rogers
goes out in the Spring - both of them desire
to sell their places and get a house here
in our neighbourhood - I suppose both
will soon advertise them - Laura hoped
to have a purchaser in Mr Thompson the
tinner, but he has declined it - She is
dining with Mary Morton today - she dines
at 5 o'clock - Jerry is now on a visit to
his sister Mrs Bright & Minnie is staying
with Mary during his absence - I hear she
calls him Jeremiah - I received a letter
from Fanny Lawrence which I sent to
Kitty Ried, she says in it the boys are
going off to do for themselves, but does
not say when or in what they are going
to engage - Emma McCaw has return-
ed from Cincinnati where she has been
in an infirmary for several months
and boarding with Mrs R. Allen she
& her daughter Annie with her son
Lara rents Mrs Simpson's house next
to Clara Warfields. Emma McCaw has

but is out again - All are well & happy New year & may love yours
A. E. Ryland

Dec 28th 1879
she is, how I wish she was as interesting
as dear Martha - would it I enjoy
any evenings - I do enjoy with her
but it is a different enjoyment I
have been lately very much enter-
tained in reading the biography
of Charles James Mather & S. S. Prentiss
the latter intensely enjoyed - he was a
genius - I am reading Baron Bunsen
which I enjoy - I have received a letter
also lately from Kate Middle who
has been sick but hoped soon to be
in harness & at work - I received a
Christmas card from Sally Postlewhite
who was in Providence & has not been
well - Poor Gabriella Norton is not well
and much depressed, I must try and
get to see her ^{this week} - Stephen Swift has now a
good situation on the Rail road if he
only can keep it - The craze of
girls to marry men who have no busi-
ness capacity - he had a very good start
but no capacity for business, his
friends all so opposed to it, he had

letter from Eliza Gould last week - she was well does not speak of

coming back. Mary Bell her niece goes on a visit to St Louis they will

she has no bad habits but just can't do
& lost all he had; if he had only put
it out or invested it - & doing what
he has been doing ever since he lost
all; they would have been a little
more easy in circumstances, having
some little to depend on - no
judgment. Rebecca & Lloyd Brown have
lost their youngest child Lloyd of
Bright's disease. They have 3 children
left a daughter & two sons. Mary Bassett
in her letter said her daughter Rebecca
was just on the rock of leaving for Ills
on a visit to them - All of Mary's children
are members of the church & I hear are
beautiful in character so loving & con-
solate of their Mother - Mary has 5 children
Dear me! I cannot realize 1870 is so near
at hand, only think it was 79 just how
it seems the other day & now gone
Life Life oh it is so strange - an old
age without children is very dreary - yes
Motherhood is the natural happy state
so dreary to be all alone in the world -

I think there is less visiting than I have ever known. I at least do. I saw

a Cousin with her even smaller than herself & dark & dark hair. I am told she came here poor & expected to find her relations in affluence & living in great style. and how different Emma McLean is looking better than she did a year ago. She told me she would have gone south this winter if it had not been on account of her Father not liking to be so far from him, she has not seen him, not well enough to go out & he has lost his mind very much so I hear. Ann Peckel is here also for the winter and she is boarding at Mrs Allen's also.

I suppose you have heard of the shocking murder in Richmond Arnold killing Little. Arnold will not be hung, we have no law in Ky. Madison Co is horrid. I received a long letter from Mr Reid wanting me to go to Florida with him & Kitty if they go. he is not well of traveling the invitation to us all save your Mother as I suppose he

My neighbor Mrs Bruce has been sick in bed, but is better - I got a health does not require it - of course I politely declined for us all, begging him to come & pass the winter with me - I received a letter also from Mary Bassett, I had not heard direct from her for a long time - contained nothing of any particular interest all were well, her married daughter is a very delicate woman she writes me The good folks of the church, had a doll fair again this year just before Christmas for the benefit of the church home & some church in Va, in which Mrs Tidball was very much interested - your friend Laura Bruce was interested - I don't think I could dress a doll now - you don't know how strange it is to me that I am 67 yrs old - I cannot realize it - Harriette Craig takes her tea with me every Sunday evening - I found she was alone every evening of Sundays - Marianne going to Mrs Buck's - such a good woman as

White Hall Ky 1880

Madison Co 8 February

Miss Laura Celay Some time ago I Received your Letter
now this Evening I Write you I have sold to Mr
Langford \$10 Barrels of Corn at \$1.75 per Barrel
but the Roads has bin so bad that he has not bin
able to get it a way I sold to Brutus Celay 3 stacks
of hay at \$12 Dollars per stack and I see they is
four gone 2 of Timothy and 2 of clover I dont
no whether whether he taken the fourth or not
I have also Rented your peck of sixty Acres or more
to your pike field to Mr Joseph Emory for 3 dollars
per acre and he says you must have or keep him in
water your dam had a hole in it and I got Serry
to stop it in Regard to smith fencing I first your
fence to the Branch where I turn the fence in the Rye
pasture and I put up 400 Rails which I never charge
you any thing for that included the Serry field where
he cleared cleared smith first from where I stoped
and pulled 900 Rails tore it up and staked, and Ricked
it plume to the Road that is between you and Emory
that is the Lane and the next fence he first was at

Corner

Where I commenced running East between you and Green
a Round the Perry field plumb to your Large Coar pas-
ture and then a cross to your clover field that
I Rented of you this year and you ort to have two
sides of that Renewed and up set this spring the side
next to the Perry field and the end next to the Wood
Land ^{or Coar Pasture} but I can pack it up for this spring naby to
keep the stock out and you will have some Rails
to on the Lane fencing all the way where Perry
tends and I promised Joseph Emory to have that Lane
fence straiter up a Round his pasture and I have had
60 Rails halled this but have not put them up yet
but the snow come or I would of had them up and
if that aint a nuff I will haul a nuff

P.S I Learn your mother got the forth stack of hay
I dont know whether you and the Boys had Seveded
the hay or not. the Boys Smith Gibson and Johns
on are both gone to Tennessee to by cattle and wont
be Back till some time in march if they get cattle
I am feeding your ~~but~~ fodder that the Boys but up for
you it is very inferior and I will pay you what
it is worth We have had the pleasant winter I ever

Tell Sam up to the 2 day of ~~January~~ February and the
ice has not bin over twoⁱⁿ thick yet on our ponds
and the snow is pretty well all gone it was a
bout 4 inch deep I fear we will not be able to
git ice thick ^{enough} to put ^{up} this winter

you had better draw and article between you
and Joseph ~~Emory~~ Emory and send it to me and
I will have it signed you signed it and let him
and I will Enclose it to you I will still keep
getting the ^{best} till I sell it all if I can

This Leaves my family all well hoping you
are enjoying the ^{same} blessing any thing you want
attended to Rite me and I will attend to it for

you yours truly

Wm R Gibson

Excuse Bad spelling and inter Linings

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Miss Laura. Clay
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Frank C. H.

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hours. I returned, all along the route down
and up, I had an opportunity of getting off
of the boat, and visiting the different cities, from
the placid waters of the Ohio and turbulent
Mississippi. I felt quite familiar with the
cities of Paducah, Granville, Memphis, Lake
Crittenden, Hickory, Natchez and Baton Rouge.
At the last mentioned place, I saw the ruins of
the State House, which was burned during the war.
They present quite an ancient appearance covered
with vines and moss, and as beautiful as
any ruins to be found in Europe.

While in New Orleans was the recipient of
many attentions. Met quite a number of old
friends and formed new acquaintances. Rather

in painting but accomplished
very little for that time, as I
felt I must see little Edwin,
who had been quite ill during
my absence in New Orleans.
When taken sick, Dr. Doctus
said he could not get well -
but he defied them all, and
of a proof of how little they
knew. I felt so thankful that
the little fellow so rapidly
regained strength, and
his sickness was now only "a
cough that is cold."
My recent trip to New Orleans
and return on the steamer "Golden
Rule" was most delightful and
interesting. A fine boat, pleasant
company, beautiful weather,
and lovely scenery - all taken
as a whole made up a sort
of day dream, from the
day I left Cincinnati to the

like New Orleans. It is such a
 quaint old fashioned city,
 different from any place I
 ever saw. I could scarcely
 believe I was in the U.S. State.
 the French portion of the city is
 very strange looking. The
 people I found very hospitable
 and agreeable. I met really
 a number of the Jacobins old
 friends, and they were interesting
 in their attitudes.

I had the pleasure of witnessing
 the brilliant fireworks for "Independence
 & Loy" on Mardi Gras - and
 also of visiting the famous
 battle ground, where Gen Jackson
 defeated the British forces.

On the day of Mardi Gras
 I never saw such a vast
 crowd, which seemed to fill
 every street and building here
 the day procession, which

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was well worth seeing, he appeared
in the character of *Chalmanu* 2nd,
one of the Kings of Assyria, and
his army and gorgons.

The four elements, earth, air,
fire, and water, were represented
in the procession. It would take
some time for me to enter into
any kind of description of how
the types of these were illustrated
so I will not attempt it.

At night the "Westack Review
of Cornus" had also a procession.
Their theme illustration of one
of the phases of history, "The Aztec
People and their conquest by
Cortez" And afterwards ~~Saffron~~
representing the same subject
these were in the "Grand Opera
House" also the Grand Ball
which I attended and enjoyed
very much. I renewed my
youth like the eagle while in
the "Crescent City" and acted

like Grant, in accepting all the
mutations that were extended
to me.

Mrs Reed of (Bishops' Salaries
society) was a companion &
voyager on the Golden Rule.
I found out that we had
made ourselves great favorites
of her, in our endeavours to
be faithful stewards.

There is now a movement
being made to purchase the
Christian Church on Constitution
street. The committee to solicit
subscriptions Messrs Berkeley Wood
Campbell, Litten, and George Barnes
seem to think the \$5000 will be
raised.

It has been always one of great
wishes, that the colored people should
have an Episcopal church - but
I never could see how they could
support one - When a church is
forced to resort to all sorts

A expedient for raising money
to keep out of debt, there will
be but little spiritual work
accomplished. If some person
could only endow a church for
them, and leave it wholly
untrammeled, how flourishing
it would soon become.

That dreadful man Henry
Ward Beecher lectured here Monday
ev. for the benefit of the Methodist
church. His subject was "The Raising of
the Common People." About as large
an audience as could well be
comfortable, filled the Opera House.
I hear him, I feel disgusted
with my sins - as to many ears
he hears him, I do not think they
make any good models for the
men to imitate.

Mr Beecher does not practice what
he preaches. His congregation pays
him \$50,000 per year, and he goes
around the country lecturing to the

rich, I was a willingness to hear him
which no other man could give.
He should have remained over
another night, and gave a lecture
for their benefit.

I have been reading for some time
letter & interest me, Lecky's History
of European Morals and Rationalism
in Europe, both are well written.
The first rather amused me, as
he comes upon with the impression
that the Europeans have no
morals.

Last Saturday, I played hook
at Mrs John Ray's. Mrs Carrie
Chubb, & Mrs Anne Allen, against
Mrs R. & myself. I am very glad
to chronicle that we were the
victorious side.

It was a very long & unenjoyable
this letter, or I shall think you good
at heart, or mean to retaliate
by paying me back "with my own coin".

--OFFICE OF--

WOMAN AT WORK,

143 FOURTH AVE.

MRS. E. T. HOUSH, ED. & PUB'R.

Louisville, Oct 12th 1881

Dear friend:

As you have doubtless heard, the American Woman Suffrage Convention will be held in this city the 25th & 26th of this month. It is as much news to myself and all the ladies I have seen, as perhaps to you. All we know is, "Lucy Stone has arranged for the convention here". But all societies are invited to report, and all workers are cordially welcome. Please say if your suffrage society can come? how many have friends who can entertain them, and how many have not? So far as we know, there is no committee at work; but a few ladies are moving around to see what can be done, and our own will be provided for, at least. It springs upon us like an avalanche, and we have hardly

recovered from the shock,

There will be good interest I think, and
a successful meeting.

Please answer at once

Very truly yours,

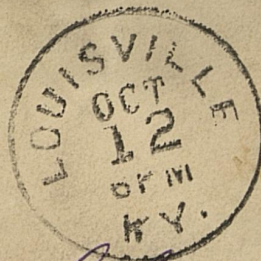
Mrs. E. V. Horsh,

After Ten Days return to

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Mrs. Mary B. Clay,

or

Miss Sallie Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

Open by Miss
Sally Clay

Louisville Ky-

Nov. 28th 1881

To Miss Laura Colay-

Dear Miss Colay-

You have never
yet been officially notified
of your election by acclamation
to the presidency of our State
Society, the fault is mine,
for I was so ignorant of my
duties as corresponding secretary
that I did not know that
I should have notified you &
when I found it out I
hastened to do my duty.

Will you let me know as
soon as you can, if you
accept.

He would also like to
know if the Society in Lexington
will not resolve itself in an
auxiliary to ours here at
Louisville, so that we may
all work together. The
Executive Committee concluded
that the best thing we could
do would be to have all
the zealous members take around
these little books which I
send you, and try to get as
many names as possible, so
that when our society became
large enough we could engage

rooms and have a permanent
meeting place. I also mail you
some constitutions, and if you
would like a few tracts to
distribute I shall send some
later. We propose to have
a meeting ^{over D.P. Fausch's music} ~~at~~ ~~next~~ ~~place~~
~~store~~ ~~Saturday~~
~~at~~ ~~Thursday~~ evening of next week
I hope your home affairs
may be so that you can
run down for we'd like
ever so much to have a
president on that first
occasion.

Yours truly

Aylia Goddard
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