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Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1850  
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My Dear Miss Laura

In a letter from my sister  
in Winchester of today I received a little  
new paper clipping which stated that  
your dear mother is quite ill, and I  
felt like I must write you at once.  
I do hope Mrs. Clay is not dangerously  
ill and that what ever illness she  
has will soon be dispelled and want  
you to know I am thinking of and pray-  
ing for you both. Of course I am only  
a little "me" but what there is of  
me is very sincere in the hope of  
hearing of the speedy recovery of your mother.  
Please give her much love from  
me and when she feels well call  
on your friend Mrs. Orr & pay me a little  
visit. I have often wished there would  
be a <sup>national</sup> woman's suffrage meeting here in



Jan. 26, 1900

this city because I then still some chance  
of having you with me a while. Please  
consider this an open invitation to  
come when ever you can, or wish to  
visit - this beautiful little city  
The paper does not state the cause  
of your dear mother's illness but I am  
hoping it is not serious. I can see  
her now as I last saw her sitting on  
the porch of the cottage in her dress to  
and when I spent such a pleasant day  
with you and Annie & her charming  
children. and I want you to know I am  
thinking of you all.

Sincerely your truly friend

Annie Patterson - Hospital

Copied Sunday  
Day for Chris.



Inclosed please find check for Ky. E. R. As.  
sociation.

SUSAN LOOK AVERY

620 East Division St. (Lake Shore Drive)  
Chicago, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1900.

My dear Miss Clay.

You are often in my mind  
& I have long promised myself  
to write to ~~write to~~ you hoping  
thereby to draw one of your good  
letters. I saw by The Woman's Jour-  
nal that yourself & sisters were  
absent from the recent meeting  
in Washington because of the ill-  
ness of your mother. I hope she  
is better - well, before this.

What a disgraceful state of  
affairs exists in Ky! Of course  
you saw what the Louisville women  
did to manifest their interest  
in good <sup>or better</sup> government. I hope it has  
not proven simply another evidence  
of woman's "emotionalism" wh. in-  
fits her for aiding in government.  
I hope that you saw my article



in The Louisville Evening Post, of Feb.  
13<sup>th</sup> <sup>that you</sup> ~~of~~ approved. It seems incred-  
ible that Louisville <sup>women,</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>women,</sup> or any other wo-  
man will permit such an object-  
lesson <sup>you w. sub.</sup> ~~pass~~ unimproved.

Just here I wish to submit a sub-  
ject wh. you may have consid-  
ered. Till within a few months, I had  
not. It is with regard to the price of the  
W. Journal. A year ago Dr. Black-  
well, in urging an increased cir-  
culation, said it was not self sup-  
porting. I was surprised & incred-  
ulous. For I supposed that nearly  
all W. suffragists, & up-to-date wom-  
en generally, read the paper, else they  
could not keep in touch with wom-  
en's work & continue up-to-date.  
In my peregrinations in N. York  
& N. England last <sup>summer</sup> & wherever I have  
since met women, I have inquired,  
& I am even more surprised than  
by Dr. Blackwell's statement, to dis-  
cover how few women subscribe  
for, or read it! I could count on  
my fingers every <sup>one</sup> ~~subscriber~~



[Mar. 8, 1900]

SUSAN LOOK AVERY

Whom I have met! - & among them  
 have been many Club women - one  
 The president of a N. England State Fed-  
 eration! Mrs. Helen M. Gougar &  
 Mrs. Herbert, of Evanston came  
 to see me recently, & they were emphat-  
 ic in the belief to wh. I have come, that  
 a reduction to one dollar, <sup>would</sup> make it a  
 paying investment but immensely  
 spread the gospel of woman's freedom.  
 It is said to be (as I am sure we know, the  
 best U.S. paper published since the failure  
 of its English equal - not superior. Mrs.  
 Blatch told us of that failure

I had just written to Dr. Blackwell,  
 suggesting all this, when Rev. Anna  
 Shaw came in two days ago. She says  
 the matter has been much discussed & re-  
 commended - that Dr. B. approves, but  
 A. S. B. does not. Miss Shaw wished  
 that women would express themselves.

I have spun out a long letter. I wish  
 it were possible to talk over many sub-  
 jects of interest, of wh. there are more  
 than ever before! I am indignant at



Great Britain for what she is doing  
in S. Africa & I am indignant, humiliated  
& amazed at what we are doing in  
The Philippines! We have deliberately  
come down from our high estate - morally  
& influentially the greatest "world-power"  
among the nations, & placed ourselves on  
a level <sup>with</sup> a half dozen others! England is  
true to her ideals - mercenary greed for gold  
& power; we have deserted our principles &  
our traditions to gain the same despic-  
able ends!

I have become well convinced <sup>not only</sup> that  
the sooner women vote the better for hu-  
manity, but that the most formidable  
obstacles in the way of her doing so,  
are the liquor dealers & our orthodox  
ministers & church members. They  
cannot forego the Pauline doctrine  
- while I cannot avoid believing that  
if Paul were with us to-day he would  
advocate equal political & all other  
rights. I hope the sentiment in Ky. is increasing!  
I hope also, that you are well.

With kindest regards, I am  
Very sincerely,  
Susan Look Arent.



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Louisville, Ky., March 21, 1900.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with instructions given our Committee on Correspondence, we send to your address an account of the Mass-Meeting held in Louisville, February 6th, 1900; and we most cordially ask your perusal of the same, inviting your co-operation in the work therein indicated.

As a plan for this work, we would suggest a call by you and kindred Associations of your city for a Mass-Meeting of the women in your community, to be addressed by your Ministers, Lawyers, and public-spirited men.

Urge that the speakers refrain from partisan views, and that they face the issue as citizens of this grand old Commonwealth, which droops her head in shame as never before in her honorable history.

With your leaders of thought counsel together as to what methods will most surely tend to a truer citizenship, a reverence for law and order, a proper discharge of political responsibilities, and a realization of the sacredness of human life.

As the most important field for work is with the children--future citizens--we strongly recommend the formation of Citizens' Leagues for the study and daily practice of citizenship, whether as Mayor and Policemen, Judge and Jurors, or as Senators and Representatives, in every case to be composed of the children themselves, organized under the leadership of a sympathetic teacher.

That this plan has accomplished most beneficial results in many of our schools is demonstrated in an article on "School City," by Albert Shaw, in the "Review of Reviews" for December, 1899.

Further, we beg to call your attention to the indiscriminate purchase and ownership of weapons by our young boys, which can but inculcate ideas of lawlessness and a disregard for human life.

We most earnestly ask your serious consideration of these questions, with a view of extending this work, if necessary, until it shall become a State organization, embracing every city, town, and village in Kentucky.

Yours very truly,

*Mr. George C. Avery.*

Chairman,

*Ms. C. P. Barnes*

Secretary,

Committee on Correspondence.



Office of  
The Woman's Journal,  
No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, ..... April 14 ..... 1900

Dear Miss Clay

I am glad to hear that Mrs Coatt proposes to visit several Southern States during the coming year. Can you not arrange to go with her, as you did to New Orleans? I should be glad to have your opinion of the wisdom of my writing, as Chairman of Presidential Suffrage Committee, to each Southern president, urging that this measure be made prominent this year. People's minds are turned at present, & will be so more & more until December, on this particular form of suffrage. In most, if not all of the Southern States, it is the only form of suffrage which the Legislatures have power to grant. We do not want constitutional amendments to be submitted, to be voted down.



Action. I shall be glad of your advice, & hope that  
 your mother's health is improving as the Spring advances.  
 Yours truly, Miss Sandoz regards -

The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment has so  
 irritated the Southern people that they  
 will not favor any action in regard  
 to suffrage by the General Govt.  
 They regard it as a question  
 belonging solely to the States. If, as  
 is probable, we can get nothing in the  
 form of suffrage <sup>at present</sup>, we may as well  
 have "leave to withdraw" on the  
 Presidential as on any other form of  
 petition, & it is a good basis for  
 agitation, because it does not bring  
 in any local questions like prohibi-  
 tion.

If ever, in any State, we can get the  
 Legislature to give women a voice in  
 the appointment of the Presidential  
 electors, it will forever settle the  
 question whether women want to vote.  
 Every woman will be urged to vote, &  
 will vote, & then the full suffrage is  
 sure to follow.

The South, being overwhelmingly and  
 permanently Democratic on the race  
 issue, will not be afraid to trust the  
 women on an educational & property  
 qualification, & it is only on those lines that  
 we have any hope of succeeding in that



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To *Laura Clay*

*Dway Lex*

*You have our loving sympathy*  
*Anna Shaw,*  
*Harriet Lipton*  
*Harriet May Mills*



Office of  
The Woman's Journal,  
No. 3 Park Street.

Boston,      *Apr 21*      1900

Dear Miss Celay

Thanks for your advice! I am glad that you think it is worth a trial to propose presidential suffrage by statute to Southern Legislatures -

The difficulty you experienced in bringing this particular form of suffrage before the serious attention of any legislator <sup>in my</sup> ~~is~~ due both to the novelty of the suggestion and to the unwillingness to take immediate and decisive action to give women the suffrage.

That makes it all the more important, I think, to keep presenting it <sup>at</sup> every session until it is seriously considered. It is well to let politicians know that women can be made voters at once.

Of course it would inevitably set in motion a chain of events which would culminate very soon in a constitutional amendment. The spectacle of every woman



of outside interference with the state workers. They should have the  
responsibility & control, for we. Your truly Henry B. Blackwood

in a state voting for the Presidential  
electors would render further  
objection superfluous labour.

I too have failed to get  
the matter discussed in the  
Mass. Legislature. The Committee  
unanimously & without argument  
reported "leave to withdraw." So they  
did on a bill to give municipal  
suffrage to women tax payers,  
while a discussion was had upon  
full municipal suffrage on the  
same terms as men.

I am glad you have written a Rip  
Shie to unite with you in an application  
to the rest of the Business Com to vote  
\$200 more for Oregon.

If I could have my way, I would  
spend one half of all the money  
raised this year in Oregon, and the  
other half in the extreme South & in  
the Territories. Nor do I believe it  
wise to tie the hands of the State Societies  
when an Amendment is pending. Above all  
we should avoid even the appearance

I hope the pleasant weather will help you another.



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May 1, 1900.

Miss Laura Clay,

Dear Madam: ---

Doubtless you have learned that Miss Anthony and myself are to prepare the fourth volume of the History of Woman Suffrage, the first three volumes of which were written by Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Gage and herself, and brought down the records to 1884.

In this volume, which will close the century, we are especially desirous of giving an accurate and adequate account of the work accomplished in each State, and we feel that this can best be done by a resident of the State. We want the record to begin January 1st, 1884, and it must be in our hands not later than October 1st, 1900. It must cover the following points:

1. State conventions, conferences, etc., held during this period.
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Office of  
The Woman's Journal,  
No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, May 5 1900

Dear Miss Colay

I need not say how deeply we sympathize with you in your loss of your mother, who has, since my boyhood during the 20 years residence in Cincinnati, always seemed an ideal figure. During those crucial years of the anti-slavery conflict when your father was fighting the battle of free speech in Kentucky our little band of Ohio abolitionists heard of you ~~mother~~ as the companion and inspirer of her husband. Indeed hers must have been the hardest part in a conflict which involved so much of social ostracism.

Can you not send us from some source the basis of a really full & accurate account of your mother's life - one so full of



adventure & heroic achievement?  
We will not attempt an In Memoriam  
article until we hear from you  
concerning it.

If life nobly lived is a boon, your  
mother may be classed among the  
fortunate ones. I have always been  
glad that Lucy & I had once the privilege  
of seeing her in her own home at  
Lexington.

Your friend  
Henry B. Blackwell



Bowling Green, Ky.  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1900.

My dear Miss Clay, I was  
about to write you a  
business letter, when I  
saw in the Courier journal  
the notice of your Mother's  
death.

This is only a note of sympa-  
thy; and yet I am sure your  
dominant feeling is one  
of happiness that your  
Mother is free from  
the prison-house of the  
flesh and has entered on  
the larger life of the spirit.  
I hope you will give  
yourself rest after the



long strain of nursing  
and anxiety.

My work is fairly  
started and I will write and  
tell you about it when  
I begin to see some results.

Sincerely your friend  
Lisa Calvert Buchanan.



May 6, 1900

Mrs. R. H. Cunningham  
9. Judge Richard H. Cunningham  
Henderson

Ky.  
I have written to Mrs. C.  
telling her that I gave her  
name to you as a suf-  
fragist.



RACHEL FOSTER AVERY,  
SOMERTON,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 8, 1900.

My dear Miss Clay,

I received your telegram telling of your Mother's death, forwarded from the city, and at once sent word of it to all the members of our Business Committee, since I know they have all felt a deep interest in and sympathy for you during these long months of



her illness.

At such an advanced age her going on must be a relief to her and yet it leaves a great blank in the lives of those who are left behind.

Please express my sympathy to Mrs. Mary Clay and Mrs. Bennett and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Rachel Foster Avery.



RACHEL FOSTER AVERY,  
SOMERTON,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.



Miss Laura Clay  
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July 3, 1900.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington,  
Ky.

Dear Madam: --

Mrs. Harper is just closing up her work here for the summer, and wishes me to remind you that she is depending upon you to prepare the matter in regard to Kentucky for the History of Woman Suffrage. Some of those who already have sent in their reports have disregarded entirely the various heads contained in her letter of instructions. The only way to make the different chapters complete and harmonious is to have these carefully observed, and she will consider it a great favor if you will do this in your report.

Please be sure to mention, in addition, any form of suffrage possessed by the women of your State and any offices to which they eligible.

Mrs. Harper will return to her work early in September and hopes to receive your report by October 1st without fail.

Very truly yours,

Genevieve Lel Hawley, Sec'y.

[for Mrs. Ida Husted Harper]



[Sept 7, 1900]

B. C. letter - from our President -

— I really do not see how any of us could object to letting people signify their preference for a person's possessing a certain article - that fellow quilt I showed - say - by depositing 10 cts - in her or his name !! Do you? I know nothing of methods of gambling - but this is simply expressing opinion & sealing it - with 10 cts - — So I shall not object - if any one asks me -

D. D. J



Best love to your sister  
Mary - my first Clay love - &  
to Mrs. Bennett & Mrs. Anna - her  
<sup>married</sup> name never stays by me -  
"but I love her all the same  
as one of her noble mothers four  
noble daughters"



September 16 - 1900

Dear Miss. Clay

Your letter to  
Sister Susan B. came all  
right, but she has been in  
bed since last Monday  
night, and so answered  
no one - She never had  
a closer call - After being  
informed, a week ago yesterday  
that the committee for  
raising the balance of the  
\$50,000. (\$8,000) to insure the  
opening of the doors of our



University to the girls, had failed, & the doors must therefore remain closed - she ordered a carriage at 10.30 - put on her bonnet & started out - At 4.00 she met the com. before the trustees, and presented to them pledges & loans to that amount, and the doors are open, and the girls (22<sup>hear</sup>) are "in" - to stay, we hope - she seemed perfectly well that day - the <sup>next</sup> day Sunday, and Monday, she seemed very very tired, & in the evening, when the girls & their friends had assembled here for a time of rejoicing, she had to slip away to her room, and from then until yesterday she was simply prostrated - every nerve & muscle - not able to sit up, talk, or any thing - now, with quiet & care she will get out of it nicely we hope -

Brother D. B. & wife from Leavenworth are here for a week -

A few days after you left, a



beautiful set of seven  
spoons was handed me,  
one with M. S. C. & L. C.

I was greatly surprised  
& pleased, and thank you  
for your gift - They find  
a place on our table three  
times each day, and are  
pleasant reminders of the  
meeting of the W. S. C.,  
Business Com. at 17 Madison

St. Sister Susan sends  
love to you - She is some  
impatient at this stoppage  
in her work, but there  
seems to be no help for  
it - only to wait - Very truly Yours  
Mary S. Lenthorn



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*Oct 4.* (190)

Received of Genl. G. M. Colary by the  
hands of Miss Laura Colary one  
hundred and seventy six Dollars  
(\$176<sup>00</sup>) on account  
Walter G. Taylor



1900. Oct. 4.

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Receipt from  
Calby H. Taylor  
for money from  
C. M. Clay.



Mrs. A. T. Million,  
REPRESENTING  
Southern Mutual Investment Co.,  
of Lexington, Ky.

Richmond, Ky., Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1890

Miss Laura Clay -  
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

In reply to your request, I will  
give some facts concerning my appointment  
and subsequent election to the office of Supt.  
of Pub. Schools.

About ten days after the death of my husband  
Jackson Million, August 1886, I received the  
appointment for one year (by Judge J. C. Chumatt)  
to the office of Supt. Public Schools.

When the year expired I was elected for the  
remaining three years of the term.

I was afterwards re-elected two terms of four  
years each, making in all twelve years.

My husband lived only a few days after his  
election, and I served the full term, with  
the exception of about ten days in which the  
constitution was under consideration to  
ascertain the eligibility of a married holding  
office -



Mrs. A. T. Million,  
REPRESENTING  
Southern Mutual Investment Co.,  
of Lexington, Ky.

[ Oct 17, 1900 ]

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Not knowing just what information would  
serve your purpose, I will enclose my last  
report to the Supt. Public Instruction, which  
is a review of the work during the twelve  
years of my service.

I believe this is the only copy that I have  
and would be pleased to have it returned  
when you are through with it.

Trusting that you may find something in my  
experience to further the interest of the great  
cause that you represent. I am very truly yours  
A. T. Million



P.S. Alice tells me that this matter was  
considered in the <sup>Office of</sup> Business Committee

So don't **The Woman's Journal**,  
take the trouble to reply. But all the  
same I think you & other Southern  
ladies should go on at the cost of the  
Nat. Am. W.S.A. It would be the most important  
work of this year.

No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, Mass., Jan 21 1901

Dear Miss Clay

Mary & I returned safely  
from the Park excursion which we  
greatly enjoyed.

I see by the papers, on my return,  
that Constitutional Conventions called  
for the express purpose of changing  
& regulating the conditions of  
suffrage are now sitting in Richmond  
& Montgomery, & that, in Ala., Miss  
Griffin has spoken for woman suffrage  
to the convention & <sup>been</sup> greeted with great  
applause. Also that there a Mr. B. H. Craig  
has proposed to enfranchise white  
women, quoting Senator Morgan as  
saying that the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment would  
not apply to women, because they were  
not contemplated as voters by the men  
who framed & adopted it. However  
that may be, it would be much better  
to enfranchise all women on such a tax-  
paying & educational qualification as  
would accomplish the object without  
express limitations of race.  
Now it seems to me to be the best degree



important, that Southern women  
representing the National American  
W. S. A., should at once visit each  
of these conventions & remain with  
them while in session, trying to get  
some form of woman suffrage  
introduced. The Pool of Siloam should  
be visited while the angel is stirring it.  
Cannot you go? Cannot you write  
to Belle Trearny or Mrs Buckley of  
New York to go? Cannot you write  
Gordon our newly elected Con Sec, go?  
Cannot Mrs Catt go? Cannot your  
Business Com appropriate money to  
pay one or all of these ladies' expenses  
to go? Something ought to be done  
& done at once.

Mrs Catt is now at Lakeside  
City, Iowa, visiting her mother,  
Mrs Lantz.  
Perhaps you will think it wise  
to write to her urging immediate  
action. In this critical hour,  
when the South is making its  
new suffrage departure, our  
cause should be urgently represented  
by Southern women.

If I were a Southern man I would  
go personally to these Conventions.  
But my New England residence &  
anti-slavery record would make me  
an object of suspicion. In haste  
your friend Henry B Blackwell



11 W. Main St. February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1901

Dear Dabney, In packing up  
Virginia's books, the thought  
came to me that it was  
an appropriate time for  
me to carry out my in-  
tention of sending to the  
younger members of the  
family some little me-  
mories of her who would  
have been so interested  
in them and so loving  
if she were still here.  
So I have taken out from  
her father's books which she  
left me in part, some



for each member of the  
families of  
young folks whom it seemed  
to me she would like  
to have her father herself  
lovingly remembered by.

So if you will receive  
them for the children  
I shall send to your house  
a copy of Scott's little  
Dabney, (under the Dickens  
should be thought better?)  
and a volume of poems  
for each of the girls.

I am glad to hear your  
sister's family are comfort-  
able temporarily. Yours Affly



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CHICAGO, May 8, 1901.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:- I am writing Mrs. Catt offering the columns of The New Voice for letters not to exceed a thousand words each from her, you, Miss Anthony and Mrs. Shaw upon the woman's suffrage movement. My definite plan ~~in the matter~~ is to open the columns of The New Voice to the matter, and at the same time clarify the atmosphere as to the relation of ~~the~~ woman's suffrage and prohibition in national campaigns. You are doubtless aware that the Prohibition party is divided against itself as to the matter. A large section of it, including Mrs. Beauchamp of your city, insist that our national platform should contain a woman's suffrage plank. My own opinion and that of many of our people who are loyal suffragists is that to unite the two things in a national campaign is an injury to both. In this opinion I know that Mrs. Catt and the others whom I mention agree. I hope you do, and in that case your letter will be very welcome to our columns, and useful as a missionary document amongst our southern Prohibitionists. If you can favor me with such a letter will you kindly forward to me also the latest photograph of yourself to use in connection with it?

Yours very sincerely,

*J. G. Woolley*

*I am sure you will pardon the errors in view of the need of haste.*



Office of

The Woman's Journal,

No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, Mass., Aug 13 1901

Dear Miss Colay

Can you send me, or tell me where I can get, a satisfactory photo. of yourself for use in the Woman's Journal. I have a pleasant personal notice of you which lately appeared in the Cincinnati Gazette, & in copying it I should like to accompany it with your picture, which will be greatly valued by your many friends.

I know you are rejoicing with me over the adoption of partial woman suffrage by the Alabama Constitution on the 8th Inst. Our W. J., this week, will have out its dove, with full particulars - I wish you would



write to Hon B. H. Craig Montgomery,  
Ala. thanking him for his brave  
efforts and gratifying success. We  
owe it to his faithful and judicious  
advocacy. Adieu's away at our Mother's  
Vineyard Cottage Yours truly

Henry B. Blackwell



Office of

The Woman's Journal,

No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, Mass., Sept 30 1901

Dear Miss Clay

As steps seem will doubtless be made to Presidential Suffrage Registration on the ground of supposed unconstitutionality, I think it would be well for you to find one or two ky lawyers of good standing, who will give their opinion that it would be constitutional. These opinions I would publish in the Woman's Journal and incorporate them with the best statement I can make & strike off as many copies of it as your Society can use. A copy should be placed in the hands of every member elect and perhaps also be mailed to every ky weekly or daily paper with a request to reprint it. If you can make any better suggestion to me please do so. I enclose half a dozen copies of Mr. Perie's



argument which may have weight with  
these lawyers; also I send by this  
mail 5 copies of the N. J. of May 25.  
which contained an editorial on  
the subject.

It would be well not to take no  
for an answer, but apply again elsewhere  
till favorable opinions are secured - also  
if possible to get such a favorable opinion  
from lawyers of opposite party affilia-  
tions.

The point is that <sup>the</sup> Constitution of U.S. did,  
at the very date of its adoption, become  
the supreme law of the land, and  
clothed every State Legislature with  
plenary power to act on the subject -  
which ~~in~~ many cases has been  
exercised by Legislatures in person;  
that the right to act necessarily carries  
with it a right to delegate the power to  
act; that this power cannot be controlled  
or overruled by any State ~~Legislature~~ <sup>constitution</sup>;  
& the old maxim "qui facit per  
alium facit per se" holds in the  
selection of its agents, be they men or  
women.

I will write at once to ders  
Reark Lexington, as suggested.

Yours truly Henry B Blackwell



Richmond, Ky.  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Mr. Gales,

Dear Sir,

I have wanted to see you about my cattle, as I intend to go to Lexington as soon as I deliver them and get my money. I have not yet heard whether you sent them off last week or not. Please send me an answer by to Mr. James Bennett's, ~~Howard~~, and oblige

Yours respectfully,  
Laura Clay.



Miss Laura Clay  
I had Mr McClennan &  
G & Block, see to the  
weighing of your Cattle  
Mr McClennan has the  
weights, the same as  
mine.

Tell Mrs Bennett, that  
I will weight her  
Cattle Saturday mor-  
ning - without fail

My Respect  
J. H. Balch

Miss Laura Clay, Cattle  
weighed by G & Block  
& Mr McClennan

5- Cattle	6740
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Miss Laura Day

City



81 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky. Dec 13, 1901.

Dear Mrs. Harper,

I have just learned from my Louisville correspondent some of the names for which you asked, Jacob H. Haager, formerly chief of police.

Geo. R. Pflanz, jailer.

Judge Reginald H. Thompson, Police judge, now dead.

Geo. W. Sawyer, who was the editor of the Southern Journal of whom I wrote.

I observe that I failed to write Hon. Mackoy's name distinctly. It is spelled with an O.

Very cordially yours,

Saura Clay.



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Miss. Ida Husted Harper,  
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Greeting to my Suffrage Friends.

Dear Friends - I feel at Eighty six.

It is not so easy now to fit  
my thoughts in such a groove that they  
can meet the needs of Christmas Day.  
Nor with the last sad year in view,  
with cheerful heart ring in the news,  
I see such vacant Chairs at Home,  
and fond hopes crushed for years to come,  
But oh! my heart goes out to all  
on whom this time must sadly fall.

My letters once so often seen  
are now so "few and far between".  
That one dear friend with playful ways  
Remembering Childhood's happy days,  
and the Child's query to the Star,  
wrote, "How I wonder where you are?"  
Touched by the words so aptly given,  
as tho' they came a voice from Heaven,  
Linked with the time when Children stand  
the nearest to the "Happy Land!"—



I answered from the same old thought  
Which she to memory had brought -  
Not "Up above the World so high",  
Like a Diamond in the Sky."

But an Earthly Pilgrim still,  
Trying my right place to fill,  
With faith that no work can be lost,  
That hath been wrought with care & cost.

The ground enriched is bearing fruit,  
And deeply planted is the root  
Of that great Cause which holds the Key  
Of Justice and of Liberty,  
And wisely used, a Fortress strong  
Against Tyranny and Legal Wrong.

'I will not be ours to turn that Key,  
Till Women are from Party free.  
Where'er the Human voice is hushed  
Human rights will still be Crushed,

I've loved the Cause for which I've wrought  
Though oft with tears it has been fraught.

Now - conscious of my lessening power  
Life is sweet in my Sunset hour,

Surrounded as I am by love,

A foretaste of the life above.

Such love I send to all my friends,  
And with this love my greeting ends.

Priscilla Bright Warren.

Newington House  
Edinburgh.  
1901-1902.



