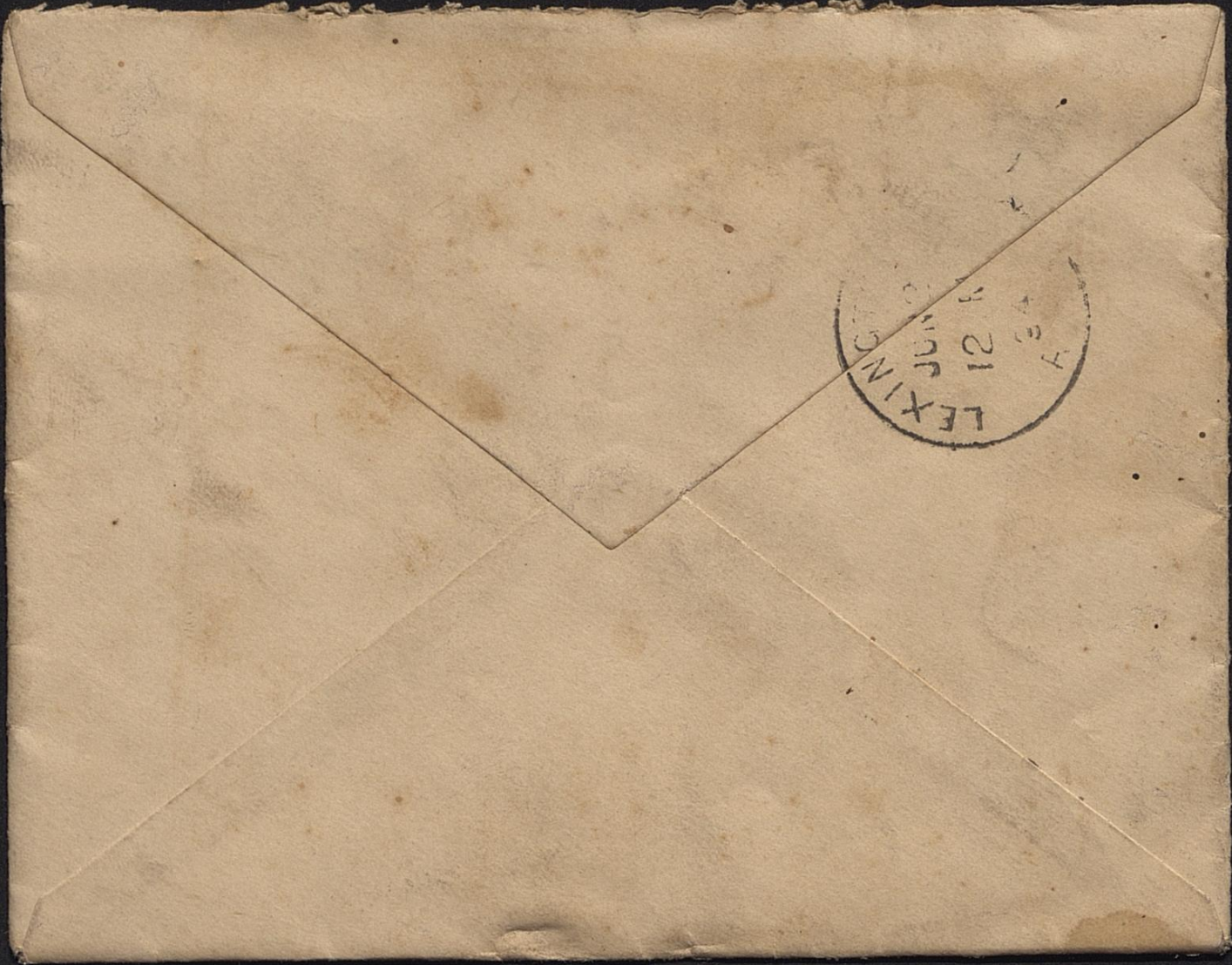


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Mr Duncan Gibson
Box 43 - Lexington
Kentucky
"Inglewade"



OTEL,
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Duncan Gibson
At Nicholas Hotel Building
Lexington Ky

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CAPITAL HOTEL,

J. WEITZEL, PROPRIETOR.

Frankfort, Ky., May 30 1887

Dear Duncan.

We have been so dillatory about deciding what kind of a wedding we would have & whom to invite that I have been slow in writing you any of the details. We have at last concluded to have only first cousins, married & unmarried, but I am allowed the privilege of asking one or two of my friends. So old fellow. the friendship I've always borne for you, very naturally prompts me to include you among that number. So I sincerely hope you will honor us

CAPITAL HOTEL,

J. WEITZEL, PROPRIETOR.



Frankfort, Ky., _____ 188

with your presence upon
this auspicious occasion, which
will be the 15th June.

Hoping to see you on that
night. I am

Your Cousin

W. M. Shelby

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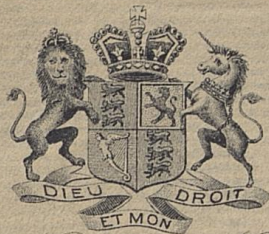
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53 EAST MAIN STREET.

Lexington, Ky. Feb 14th 1871

Dear Grandpa.

u
Aunt Sarah came up
the other day. and she brought
Joe & Sallie. we have had a very
nice time going to the concert.
I am sick with the croup so too
are three days. & can not go out
doors down. Grandpa has come back
from Louisville the other day.
I went two or three weeks ago
and I just come up a boat one
week and we made maple sugar
for two weeks. Give my love to
all my folks and Aunt
Louie. your Grandson
Duncan Gibson



Victoria Hotel,
Chicago.

J. M. Lee, Proprietor
E. A. Whipple, Associate Manager

This moment arrived
H. 9

My dear Mama

I was up to
see the Brewsters and Mr
Ains & was much surprised
to find that they had grown
me up for dead. I am almost
to think that you were
worried about me to such
an alarming degree, as I
had written a couple of
lines, & sent papers & news
papers, supposed you would
have some idea of my
wherabouts or the state of

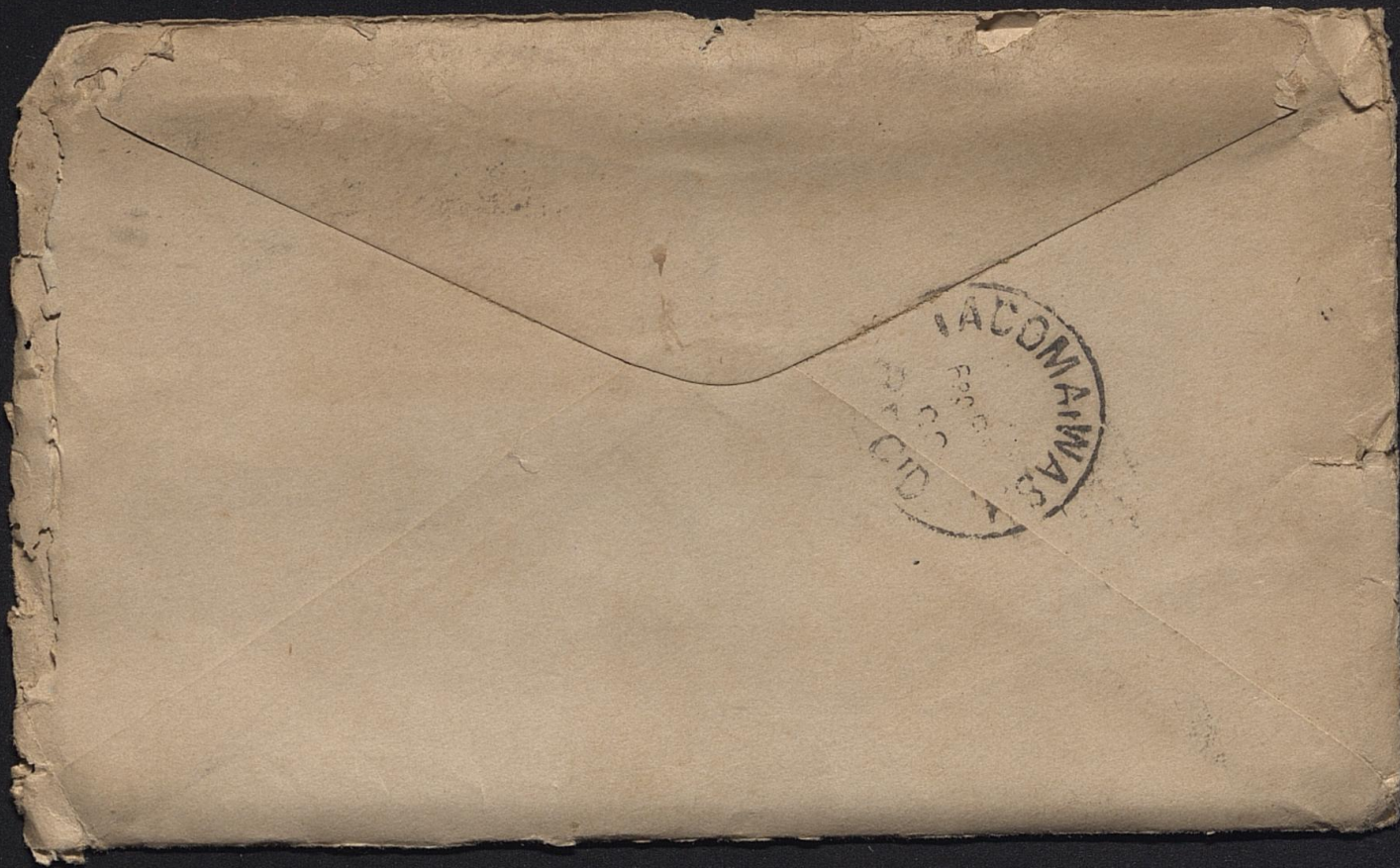
My mother at least had been a
number of times to see Frank
but always found him out
to lunch, and as I would
be in a hurry would not
be able to wait for him.
So he concluding I had
gone home, returned my mail
which I suppose caused

The fear of my mother -
The appearance of my ghost at
Mrs Linn's caused great
interest in the neighborhood
as all had heard of my ^{being} last.
And my reaction was one
of the warmest & most gratifying
I have had for many days. I
hope to be home the last of
this week or first next. Before
the house are all right.
Love to all
A. J.

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Mrs. Hart Gibson
#410 W. J. St.
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Wednesday

Dec 14th 1892

My dear Mamma

I hope it forgottened
from Mamma's letter from you, that
you have failed to receive one
from me. A short letter from
Harry indicates the same thing in
respect to him. Though I wrote
to you a day or so previous to
Harry. My letter to him may
not be a perfectly satisfactory one,
but it was about the best I
could do. Under such circum-
stances, as for some time I
have had so much to worry
about, that I feel as if I were
a wreck and financial
wreck things look so distressingly
blue to me. That I am seldom
without a terrible headache,
which practically makes my mind

useless. for Thrifting finds me
at all times in a blank state simply
gazing into space. This of course
renders even better walking a
thing next to impossible for
me ~~to do~~. I am so in
hopes that Harry will come
time with me for next season
and particularly so on his
account. as without accident
I will be able to pull him
out of the hole. otherwise
it may be a dead loss. Then
I would rather have him in
with me than any one else.
There is good money to be made
in this business if one does
not become scared. & will
stick to it. The turn must come
soon. so why should he
not have the benefit as well
as the pleasure. In connection
with him. Success, would be
most gratifying to me, it would
be such a pleasure to be able
to repay him in this way

for his lovely acts of kindness
and thoughtfulness to you
and me. Though ^{the} same can
be truly said with reference
to all, I most sincerely
appreciate his warm, affectionate,
consideration for you, more
really like a son than
any I know.

After leaving Lex I only cashed
one draft upon Harry, ^{business} ~~with~~
what came through from
Hoping that things might
take a change for the better
and I could win a few
or so, and pay up without
calling on him, but such
was not the case.

Consequently I owe some
money both in Chicago &
Lexington, in the former place
for "shoeing", balance on peddler
& a loan from Det Swigert.
In Lex I owe a balance on
peddler, a shoe & Leather die

The exact amounts I do not
yet know, but I wrote Harry
if he could send me
a hundred dollars ~~Frank~~
at once, as I would like
to settle the Lexington party
the first. I must keep good
credit at these places. I
have seen Mr. Randell and
told him I would have
his money by Jan 1st. That
of course was all right & said
I want to see Will Bartlett too.
I brought ped from them.
After Frank arrived he
got some ads from
them, but he said the
next time they would not
let him have any more.
I owed them a balance
when I left, so I must settle
this by the first, which will be
all O.K. with them I am sure.
I will go and see them this week
and tender payment by Jan 1st. I have
a small drug store etc. so I

Am sure it - will take all
of a hundred. I also owe
Frank & Will some money
but if Harry concides with
me, why I can arrange that
later on. Of course I feel
some what relieved since I
found I could get the
houses, but if Harry does
not go in, I will have to go
to Chicago and try and
hunt up some one to furnish
me the money, if I fail
at that why I will have
to give up the ghost, then
what Papa will do with the houses
I don't know, as Ed grows says
that he can not take them, and
only did so, to hold them for
me, until I reached home, which
if true was very kind of him, he
has agreed to support or carry
the houses for me three weeks, as I
had not a cent, I thought I
would able to hear from Harry

By that time, than two weeks ago -
If it is possible that I have
to go to Chi, I will be in a
boy again, as I have no means of
raising any money, & have not a
dollar. Montgommery is about
at the end of his string, so I can
not get it from him. He is a
very precocious boy, very selfish,
ie will do anything, provided
it is a pleasure to himself, in
this way he is liberal to a fault
but the act must suit him to a "T"
he has been spoiled from birth,
and his life is I think more
the fault of his raising, than his
nature, he has never had
chance, & affection at the
fire side. He has been the
subject of lectures, on purity,
indececy, and all of the degrading
walks of life, in fact accused of
doing everything under the sun, by his
devoted, affectionate, warm-hearted &
sympathetic, Aunt Sarah, I think
that he naturally leans toward

kindness and affection, and
having been associated and
surrounded all of his life
by an undemonstrative, or
cold "storage people". and
terminating in these upheavals
of unpleasant things, from
all sides of his family, has
naturally driven him to other
quarters, for that which ~~that~~
perhaps ^{is} the most beautiful of
nature's ~~rules~~ ^{as true}, as true, as
"water seeks its level". as true
will the heart sink from cold
indifference & abuse, to be
wrapped in the arms of
sympathy and affection, though
it may come from a dog, or
from the gutter, it's the heart's
food, and must come at
any price, and why not?
for after all the heart is the
soul of life. without it
existence is but misery

he can much better be
battered by a woman, in fact
I think women are perhaps his
weakest point, and if vexed by
men at all it can be done only
through the influence of a woman
which control might be without
a limit. I blame him for not
going to his father's sick bed,
this he should have done no
matter what had happened, but
he seems to show no sign of
feeling about it, receives news of
every character alike, in the same
matter of fact way, if he ^{is} at all affected,
he neither shows it in face, tone,
or actions, though he may feel worlds,
he told Mary that he had reasons,
for not going, I am sure he would
have gone with Papa, and might
have gone with Uncle Joe, but for a
remark to "Mont" in the presence of several
people, Lillian Chevallier who, he said
as he had not come before, that she dis-
sipated that he would not come at all

this I think put and end to the
whole business, and Uncle Tom
went the next morning alone.
Write to him often. They say you
have more influence over him than
any one else, I feel very sure that
the gang are mad, because he will
not stay any where but here, they would
rather send him to the devil than to
stay here, for fear he may give some one
of us his money, but for his money they
would care no more about him than
for poor little Claude. The Humphreys
gang & Capt Sarah are at the bottom of
it all, they are, & always have been
insanely jealous of you, sure
lies the secret. The best thing that
could have happened to heider was
to have let him married Fulu, but
this would cut Capt S. & Co out of the
stuff - so the Capt began to say to -
I understand that "Moore" never had
broken out in a most violent form
at English side. The yellow flag has

been hoisted for protection to the
community. it is in charge of
the U. S. M. department. The postman
putting up as many as three clean
new flags a week. Rating is done
by the "Kangaroo System" only. Those
on the outside know but little.
Though it looks as if ~~the~~ ^{at the} camp
were in the hands of the enemy -
Look out for the Meade, Mary Moore
or the "Three M. Cypress" and
air line mapping but three stops
a week - for mail only -
I have not been to town but once
since my return. So I know nothing
in the way of news or gossip. as I
have but little to do with other business
Birdy is scratching some little
with several calls in the stable.
I am sure that he is a poor
addition of "Gunnie". with more
common sense & perhaps more
temper. It is very funny
how things and people are in
life. Papa said, "if Montgomery
was my son I would put

him in the Chevaut-Bans
institution. He is not
responsible" - but he has
not a word to say to Bedy
about anything. Though Mont
spends his own money & he
does not at all times he rode
in company with a sack of
potatoes to day for sail
he works on the cattle for
a fourth of the full money
I believe, and William
does most all the work -
When I came I was told of
the proposed covered track
near the fair grounds but
have heard nothing of the
projectors since. I suppose
my presand was a hoodoo.
As it is usually - I don't
know but what it would be
a very good thing to see

Thirty acres at \$1200 hundred
dollars per acre - if such
were possible.

When I found that Ed had
the horses I made up my mind
to have no wrangle. So all
passed off without a row
or a word of any kind. Papa
was several days trying in
his way to bring it up. So I
helped him out by asking what
arrangement he had made. I
think he was relieved when he saw
I was to get them again - if
nothing happens to prevent -
I gave Mary all the "mon" I had
to send you. I only wish I could
have sent you a thousand. If all
had gone well I could have done so
My love to all Aff. Always

Inglewood Jan 10th / 98

My dear mama

I have been for some days trying to write you but some how it just seemed that I could not get my thoughts together sufficiently to finish a page. We have had a goodly spell of winter here for more than three weeks without a break happening on the afternoon of Mr. Lester's funeral. It has at all times been cold, but being of a steady, dry character, at long duration, it is not so hard to stand, as usually snow has been falling off

and on during this period, so
that today, there is fully one foot
of it on the ground, & although
the Sun is shining as brightly
as you ever saw it making the day
a most perfect one for winter.
The thermometer has, ^{not} ventured
higher than 6° above the goose
egg today. I will not be
surprised if it goes to ten
or fifteen below during
the night. - I see no
favorable signs for a
warm change for the month
of January, at any rate. The
day cold is much better
for everything, easier for man
& beast to endure, than
the nasty wet changes
we generally have.
Papa came out of his den
this morning, bringing with
him a larger Great toe, than

usual, on his right front - 2
foot. during the morning
he complained a good deal
about it. has a roost in
front of the stove. and
alternates with baths of
hot water, and paintings
of Turpentine. so that this
afternoon 3.40 - P.M. The
feeling as he expressed it
is "about the same". I thought
I am inclined to the idea
that he is some better, his
face being in a more composed
state, with not so much of
the "Mardi Gras" appearance
as usual, under singular
circumstances. his voice is
milder. & manner generally,
is of the much, or ~~sympathy~~
sympathy creating kind.
Otherwise he is very well -
complained last night of

headache. I administered
a couple of pills. White in
appearance. From a bottle
prepared by Dr. Flower, &
presented to me by you
several years ago. They
were the last two, and
the relief given, must have
been as satisfactory as in
days gone by, as up to date
all signs of disease seem
to have passed away - or
gone "so far" as to have
lodged in the toe -

The paper is much too
thick to write - of ^{any} length,
as postage is particularly
dear to this household, at
the present writing. Mary is
giving one of those unearthly
yells to her. Grand-ma - so
so I will go down and
strengthen "John" a little -

and resume my work
afterwards. Again ~~to~~
Grand-ma-oo. it heard
from below, she becoming
alarmed has gone down. &
I had better follow suit -
for the Queen of Sheba
in her best days was never
"in it" with her majesty -
The rules of "Cyclone down":
Young America at this age -
is nothing short of remarkable.
I assure you, there is only
the red streak of destruction, like
the tail of "Belser" to mark her
passage, again like like the
comet of this fall. when at that
excessive rate of speed, and
degree of ferri heat, she flies
into a thousand particles,
burning hopelessly any point
they may happlid light upon

As soon would they fall
upon the half dead forest oak -
which has stood the wind &
storms of centuries - as upon
The tender sapling of one
summer - to all the result is the
the same, "Distinction" only distinctions
As to the ~~air~~ M. M. M. or
Chicago Air Line, I am unable
to give much information - except
that solid Vestibule Trains,
run through the week, leaving &
arriving on the "C. T." & in
the night - as it were. Without
your right eye, why of course
you are dead (in it). Had
"Pickie" remained longer, it
might have been Gibson - Gibson
instead of Moore - Gibson, but
my dear Maama do not worry -
yourself to death, or rush back
to Ky about. Remember you can
go home, when you can't go elsewhere

Jan 13th 1898

After an elapse of several days I return to complete my work - Since the 10th ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~month~~ ^{month} has been out to inform me that he was out of everything in the shape of feed. So I wrote a note to Ed. he failed to order any - until he could see me. I saw him at once. he said that he was way behind, & pressed to death, but he ordered some. how much I don't know. I told him that I was unable to buy a grain of anything. but if he could get some for me again on time. I thought I could be settled some way in a couple of weeks - I feel that I could do some

good, if I can get away—
Then I hear that the gentleman
I want to see in Chicago,
~~is~~ going away for a trip in
a few days. So if I do not
get there at once, I am busted
again. I am going in at
a last hope to see John
Allen, if he can loan me
enough to go up & back on,
if so, I will leave by Saturday
night, and hope to have
everything satisfactorily
arranged in a few days
of my arrival.

I tell you it is an awful
strain on one, attempting to do
things that are far beyond their
means, and that what is worse—
still, without support, no place
or person to turn to, that
you can rely upon help, not
money, but backing, only

If John refuses me, why I do
not know, where or whom to
turn to, just. I do not care
much if I never saw Saxony
again, I believe I despise it
more & more every time I see it.
And there are few persons there
that I care a d - for, and
they are like myself, the
peasants ~~not~~ the potatoes
The trinkets, properly prepared
are often as delicate & handsome
as the core - or meat as at home -
but few there are, who are so
accomplished, as to handle
them with satisfaction - and
compete with the choice
from the tree
Papain's goat is about the
same, no so much swaller
as you have seen it -
I see his affliction, he has

been sleeping with me. &
if he is not a "Jim Dandy"
for just screwing, twisting - &
pulling the cover from every
direction. Why; I never saw
one. The extreme cold has
continued without a thaw -
This morning at 6.15 - The mercury
stood at two above zero, and has
been no higher today than 8° above.
We are each day nearly, visited
by quite a Snow Storm. This
is for the sake of Variety I suppose.
A letter from Uncle Tom, says, he
had heard from "Gummi", but as yet no
marriage had take place. If so, it
was not of sufficient consequence
to mention. I hope to write
to Will Miller soon as possible to
them the household for this Christmas
opens, and then, you can do this
including your dear self. and
believe me always your aff. son
D

As you claimed to have
asked some one, or many - I will
attempt an answer as best I can.
The calls in the sale are as
follows - The. Lily 3/40 The
Oriflammé 2/40 The
Fayette Wilkes Weanling &
Yearling - and The Young
Happy Medium Yearling -
They ^{were} all in the stable when I
came, and have been since.
have been feed, and look quite
well, as to condition, perhaps
~~in~~ in this respect, they ^{are} yet the best
having gone from the place -
though I doubt if they have
been fed as much as they ought
to have been, the older two
especially, since the show
I get Kidi to let them out
in ~~the~~ show, it is good for
their feet, and otherwise they

would get no exercise at all -
and without it nothing thrives
as well. They ought to sell
very well. ~~well~~. Papa. Thinks
the four will bring a thousand -
"Lebraucher". Went into the 30 list
the past season, winning three races -
three seconds, & two thirds - eight
starts in all, & making a record
of 2.29 1/2. While his owner says
he could trot very low in the
twenties, but he did not care to
give him so fast a mark. until
93. This of course will add
to the value of all, as she ^{is} the
dam. of one, the G. dam of two & G. G. dam
of the other. Performance is all
that our stock needs, to make them
very valuable. It is possible that
four or five may go in the list
this year, and what helps one
helps all, for they all come
from the one mare. The record

beginning with Gebratter (Lamarck)
being his right name) out of
Nily, - is the most valuable point,
as it makes her not only
standard, but a producer of
speed, which is worth a
great deal at ^{that} ~~the~~ remote
generation. I think it only
a question of a few years -
when English will have
quite a number of representatives
in the charmed circle (the 30 list)
All they want is time and
~~opportunity~~ opportunity - and
when they do start, they it -
will be with a rush, or sort of a
boom, for a number of them
will come in at once. There are
still about half a dozen scrubs on
the place that should be gotten rid
of, but only the good ones would
have to be cared for.

The boys are all gone. Mont to
La. with Aunt Sarah. The other two
to Washington. Where Preston will
remain with his Aunt Leita and
Pribic will return to New Haven.
These boys to me, seem as different
as it is possible for three brothers
to be. In some respects. I think Mont.
superior by far to Pribic. His brain
is much deeper I'm sure. "Pis" as
I call him. is a lovely little
fellow. in his conversation, and
head development. ~~he~~ is about
half a day year in advance of his
^{age} ~~years~~. he will be 14 this month, you
know if ~~a~~ boy, and among strangers
can hold his own with Papa &
Uncle Lobe, and never lose his
head. or become embarrassed in the
least. his answers always most
appropriate & to the point. Why
he must be a good one - he
looks like Uncle Le & is affectionate.



Mrs. Gwart Gibson
Versailles
Woodford Co
Kentucky

Lerrington Ky
Feb. 23rd 1875

Dear Mama.

We received Papa's
dispatch at ~~a~~^a quarter of six or
clock, stating that Mr Brannin,
has seized every thing. I want
to know if he has ^{taken} my two pony
and bags. Grandma has just come
it is now over by seven. I am a
little bit better than I was. Hope
you found Sissie better than
you thought. Much love, your
devoted son

Duncan Gibson

P.S.
Write right away, I want
to know about my things

"Ingleside", So. Broadway,

Lexington, Ky., March 6th, 1920

Miss Lily D. Duncan,
Lexington, Ky.
Mr. Duncan Gibson,
Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Richardson Gibson,
Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Harrison G. Foster,
Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. F. J. H. von Engelken,
Lexington, Ky.

For the purpose of enabling you to make out proper income tax returns, I am submitting herewith figures representing the income and expenditures which are subject to exemption, all for the year 1919.

Gross income	\$10955.65
expense,	7629.42
Income (taxable)	<u>\$ 3326.23</u>

As the law provides that all interested in an estate must include in their income tax returns such share of the income from an estate as might accrue to them, whether withdrawn or not, the following division is submitted.

Shares:

Miss Lily Duncan, 1/2	\$1663.11
Duncan Gibson, 1/4 of 1/2	415.78
Mrs. R. Gibson, "	415.78
Mrs. H.G. Foster, "	415.78
Mrs. von Engelken, "	415.78
	<u>\$3326.23</u>

The amount indicated opposite each name is the amount to be calculated in the individual income tax returns; the question of personal exemption of \$1000 or \$2000 as the case may be to be determined by yourselves.

It will be understood, of course, that the

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figures given above, while correct as to gross income, are from the standpoint of actual expense involved, misleading insofar as the item given under expense represents only such items of expense as would come within the scope of the exemption as provided by the Government for income tax computation purposes. This item, therefor, does not include such expenditures as fuel, food supplies, wages to household servants, repairs or improvements on dwelling, etc. The actual amount of net revenue remaining after meeting all such expenditures is materially less than the figure shown on the income tax return as \$3326.23, and is necessary to me to further carry on the administration of the estate without incurring any further indebtedness.

Yours very truly,

Wm. C. Gibson



Mrs. Harrison G. Foster.

424 West Second Street,

Lexington,

Kentucky.

St Nicholas Feb. N.Y. Nov 27/56

My dear Sister.

I regret very much that you did not come on to see me. I have found a great many persons here from Ky. besides many in N.Y. at the Hotel - are - Mr & Mrs C. Littenbarn from Frankfort. Mr & Mrs Macalister who are just from Philadelphia where they have been with Miss L. Brand Miss Anna & - Brand. They girl are at a French school. Mr Adams of Lex. Mrs & Mrs Peter White (Miss Mag Wooly that was) Mr & Mrs Ch. Woolley. Miss Woolley & Warfield. Buck Monitor. So you see I am in Lex. or as near as I can be without actually being in it. I have seen a good deal of the young ladies they seem to have a very quiet time. The gentlemen of the party being too much occupied with their wives to attend to the girls. Dr & Mrs Sayre are well and send much love & we to you. regret very much that you did not come out - say you must come next time.

I have been to see the Fays. Found
Mrs Fay very ill and unable to see
me. Miss [redacted] quite well & & &
they wish to dine with them. &
& I will do so provided I can make
my arrangements to suit.

Dr & [redacted] all are well (kisses)
and send you love

Last night not least. Miss Waters
she is living at no 99, S. 15th St. and is
ahem - she is looking extremely well
more beautiful than I ever supposed
her to be - Oh. Mrs. - they say that she
goes to Ky. with Partridge (& I wish I
were in his place) I passed two hours
with her on yesterday and one half to
day. she sends much love, and
on tomorrow at I will accompany her
to Miss Heins School to see Miss Hunt
who is now at school there. I will
be in Boston on Sunday morning - and
soon after in Cambridge.

Love to you Chas & Miss Jacobs
and Miss Milly & Miss Lily & Miss
Kitty & Co

~~I am afraid I shall~~
Your aff^o brother
D. Mearns