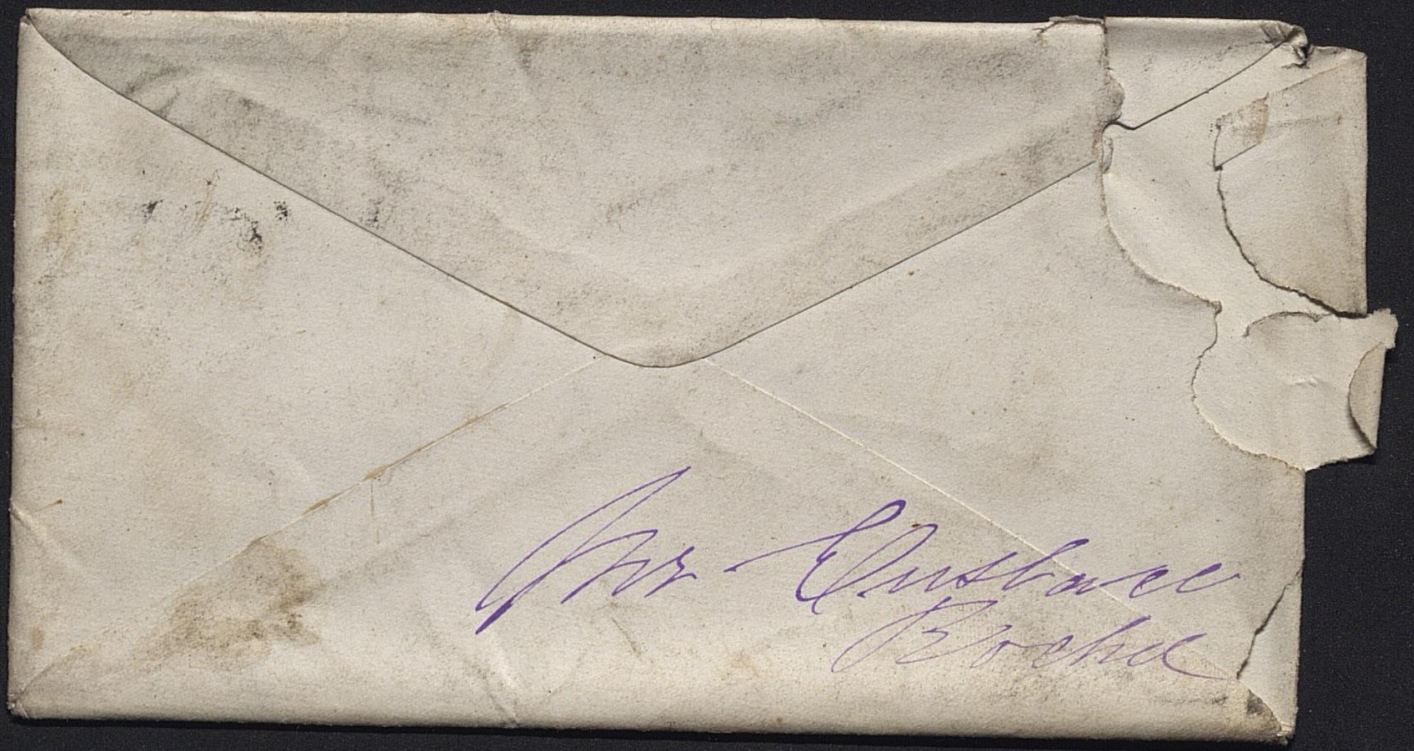




Mr. J. A. Humphreys
 Bristol,
 Westford County, Vermont



Mr. Custace
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Dear Joe

I wrote to you
from White Sulphur, Sallis
from Philadelphia, and
now, it is your time
to get a letter - I may
be the last you will get,
for next week, I shall
probably be in Kentucky.

Grandma is very impatient
to get home, and has only
waited for me to go with
her - Aunt Mary & Mel
Anthony think of going
with us, next week - if they
do, I will go first to see
Sam Higgins, & afterwards
make Grandma a visit at
Harrisly - Should Grandma

and I go alone, I will of
course, go first to Nashville.
She expects me to do this, &
I must do it sooner or later,
so why not go there now?
It will be quiet, but for
a while, pleasant and after
all, I believe quite decent.
We better than here, much
gayety. I don't believe I
Care for society as much as
I thought I would, before
leaving the plantation -
and in going to Nashville,
I anticipate as much pleasure
as I do from almost any
other visit I expect to make.

I am very glad I came
to the Continent, for really
I have enjoyed the trip.
The exhibition was magnificent,
and then, I was glad
to see something of the

City - I visited several places
of interest, enjoyed several
walks on Chestnut Street
and made some few pleasant
acquaintances. I was
disappointed, however, in
not meeting Mr's friends.
I only met Mrs De Haven,
the evening before I left - and
then, had such a terrible
cold, that I was obliged
to make her a very short
call - though, for, I found
out where old Mrs Lewis
lived, and but for my
cold, would have called
to see her, the same evening,
or the next morning. Do
and Mrs. Hewson were
very - just as kind and
affectionate, as if they had
known me all my life.
Mrs H, seemed disappointed

that my whole visit to
Phil, had not been
to her. I thought it too base
that "Sallie Gibson's daughter
should have been at a
boarding house, where
she, (Sallie G.) had had
Marry friend's living
there." I made her
promise if I ever went
to Phil again, ^{again} to go
straight to her home.
She promised to explain
to Mr. Linscott. At what
did not see them.

We left Phil Tuesday
morning, after breakfast -
Reached her, about dinner
time, and received from
each member of the household,
a cordial reception. - We
then left this morning for

Louisiana. Having had
 I think, a pleasant visit
 here - I felt tempted at
 one time, to go home with
 him - but at the last moment,
 concluded to wait, - & go through
 by - I can't tell what makes
 me so anxious to go home -
 unless it is, that I am too
 much of an old maid,
 to enjoy traveling about -
 When I was in the house,
 I rather liked it - but
 this summer, I am
 constantly wishing myself
 at home - & rather, looking
 forward with more pleasure
 than usual to my return -
 When Jim says, I am a
 "down right Old Maid" -
 Why have none of you
 written to me? I haven't

heard a word from home
since I left, and I have
written to you all three
times.

Has Ma returned from
Chicago? if so, where is she
staying? If she has not
already had my brown silk
sent to me, please ask her
to leave it in L's for me -
if I should stop at Newy,
I will need to have it - if
I do not, I would like
to have it at Newbury -
I will have no use for
it here - the only time I
care to have it, was in
Philadelphia -

How is your Cole? I am
just getting some one, almost
as bad as yours was - caught
it, I think, at the Centennial.
Today, I feel a great deal better,

Wineys are still, a little
braver -

Monday morning Aunt
Mary & I go to New York
to see Cousin Lavinia & Mary
Dey, & to do a little shopping.
Will return in the evening, with
Annie Anthony - I suppose
Wednesday or Thursday, we
will start to Trenton -

Did you attend the Mass,
& how did you enjoy them?
I am sorry to miss them
here, as well as there. What
I looked forward to in
going to N.Y., as well as
coming on here, I mean
with most pleasure, I have
been disappointed in - so I
don't care particularly, where,
or how, I spend the rest
of my trip - My only desire
is to spend a few days with

Excuse before going
to the - age of that I shall
probably have an opportunity
of doing as my clothes
are nearly all shod & I can't
say well do without them on
the plantation the fact is
I am not in a lot of
delightful ^{days} & days, consequently
wish to make my self
as agreeable as I can. Do not
expect that I will to our
children or they will think
the "little" than our -
I am sure has nearly
finished unbrooding my
child. I wish you could see
it - it is beautiful, - as
long as she finishes, - she has
to be to do down all the embroidery
for me - you ought to be very
glad she comes to her own
and get out of the house without