

Summers Forest March  
1862.

My dear May.

I spent yesterday  
at Mr Woolfords & was welcome  
on my return home by two  
agreeable surprises, Goby return  
& "Miss Gibson" sister!

I must offer my congratulations  
& regrets that I cannot call upon  
the young lady as soon as  
I should like. We talked  
of going up to day, but  
I remembered my own  
experience in such occasions  
& concluded it was best for  
you that I should stay at  
home for a few days longer.  
Inconsiderate friends are often

the course of great incumbrance  
to a person in your situation  
I have suffered from it.

Bob tells me the little  
girl is called Louie. I am  
very much gratified to hear  
of it & I know every one member  
of the family will be delighted  
Louie will take a fit. We  
must contrive some way to  
let Pa know. Will Hank  
ask Mr White if we could  
write by his mail?

I hope you are doing well  
& I hope you will be very  
satisfied, so that you will  
be perfectly well here after  
I see to you Mother sisters  
& Hank. Has your Father  
returned? Make Hank write  
me the news. aff. S. P. H.

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—OF—  
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Mrs Huck Gibson  
Parsailles,  
Woodford County,  
Kentucky.

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*Wm Gibson*

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Freight,

*Wm Gibson* For the Company,

Berlin & Jones Envelope Co., N. Y.

*Murray*

Oak Forest, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877.

Dear Mary,

At last I find a leisure moment to devote to you - if the children had not written so frequently, I should have made opportunities to write you, but they have been persistent in their efforts to keep you posted - Not doubting that these letters have been satisfactory I will nevertheless compare these reports - first, about "Bidy" cough - it has entirely vanished and although not imperfect, he is very much improved - cheeks rosy and face gloriously freckled! He sleeps with me - is put to bed, exactly at eight o'clock, rain or shine, cold or warm - it matters not what - Mitty and Bidy go together - In the morning they are always up and dressed for breakfast - <sup>at half past seven</sup> - Lucy, superintends Mitty, Willette and I Bidy's - Mitty sleeps with Lucy - After breakfast Lucy hears their lessons - At twelve I give

them a bunch of cold bread and butter  
nothing more - At three o'clock and  
just before dark I give them cold bread  
butter & molasses or sugar with clabber  
or milk - After the lamps are lighted  
they have a dance or a romp with  
Mr O'Neil & Joe and at eight o'clock  
they are marched off like prisoners  
to bed - Biddy sometimes makes a  
faint protest, but not loud or strong  
enough to be heard.

They are both good children and give  
no trouble - Biddy feels Mitty sometimes  
cares her - but she does not amount to  
much - We should hate to be without  
them - I have quite changed my opinion  
of Mitty - she is a splendid child  
honorable & self-sacrificing, with a warm  
heart and bright intelligence - It is  
really wonderful to see the motherly care  
she takes of Biddy - he is as bright as a bell  
and amuses us all with his quaint sayings  
but he is inclined to be selfish, especially  
with Mitty - that is his only fault -

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They are well provided with clothing  
so do not worry about that - except for  
nothing will do here, so you may know  
how ample their wardrobe seems -

Tuesday night April 3-

Our mail was brought to us to night and  
amongst the letters was one from Hart  
which I was very glad to get - the first from  
him for a long time - He seems to have been  
delighted with his visit to Washington and  
disgusted with the state of things among  
him in Woodford and no wonder -

I fear our relatives will give him and  
our mother before she gets through with  
us - Lucy, Sally, you and I received  
letters from Mr. Gallispie offering to defend  
us in the suit, but I take for granted  
Willy Bucknidge will do all that is  
necessary in case Hart cannot settle  
matters at the moment - I should like  
for her to get her hands on Sumner  
Street - You promised faithfully  
to write me what Mr. Imbelike said.  
Did you see him when in Louisville?

Did you see Susan Wallace?  
How did you get home that night?  
On my arrival here I found Julia  
and Sally Fluerman - the latter quite  
sick and she had not improved up  
to the time of her leaving. I had a letter  
from Sally to night informing us of her  
safe arrival at home and of her rapid  
recovery. Soon after Julia left Lucy,  
Sally and Joe had bad colds and  
Joe went and Sally suffered so  
much from tooth ache that on Saturday  
I sent her to the city to see a dentist.  
She is at Mrs Bobb's boarding house with  
him where she will probably be for a week  
afterwards will visit Mrs Scratchley.  
She and Eva have a very snug but a  
very small house and are not yet  
fixed for visitors, so I hardly think  
Sally will "put up" there, but of course  
she will see a good deal of them.

Do you see much of the Custers and  
of the baby? It is so hard for us to think  
of poor Louie as dead. All the incidents  
of my last visit to her make it seem like



some horrible nightmare - The more I think of it the more regret I feel that I did not return to her bedside the first of Feb as I told Lucie I would, if possible I can never forgive myself for not standing by her in her hour of trial and death and if it is permitted to spirits in another world to know the feelings that prompt us to do or not to do, then she knows how truly I grieve at having failed in my duty to her - Poor Lucie! in her short life she had known many disappointments & suffered many heart aches and I do not feel that she felt opened up much brightness to her - When I think of this I feel more reconciled to her leaving us but her death seems like some terrible tragedy - all the circumstances attending it were peculiarly sad - especially so to me - and I feel my hold on life much less strong and the tie that binds me to my other home much stronger, since she has gone - I have had a very kind letter from Dr. Lakin, which I received this morning - I do not mean to resent -

I am up before day light every morning and  
never get to bed before eleven or twelve o'clock  
and yet I see nothing accomplished -  
I have had the cane (part of it) planted  
a few rows of corn & my garden made.  
I feel so anxious, so impatient to get ahead  
and everything drags so about me  
that I feel as tired when I go to bed  
as if I had been bearing the burden of a  
fortune instead of the poverty of a pauper.  
Every thing is very backward this year.  
The orange trees are putting out green  
leaves again, only two or three having  
been killed - several are beginning to bloom  
but I hardly think we will have any  
fruit this year - The strawberries are now  
blooming - I find berries on the vines about  
the size of a pea - We have lettuce &  
radishes for breakfast and dinner,  
plenty of spinach and next week will  
have peas and dew berries - Well I do  
have to work pretty hard here, but I am  
thankful that I have this shelter, this home  
for the rest of my days (God willing)

Can't you and Huel  
come down for the children  
in May? Huel can look  
into business with him  
and you stay with us.

Let us hear often from  
you - The children get  
letters very few days  
I don't think any eyes  
were misplaced

Every one in the house  
is in bed and asleep  
Good luck & good night  
from Sam

Affectionately yours  
S. G. Humphrey

I wish you were more settled in New Orleans  
or somewhere near - I hate to think of  
any of my family in Sky - we have known  
so much misfortune there, that the account  
of late years do not excite it to me

I do hope Duncan's eye will be "all  
right" as soon as he can see daylight  
again - he has stood the suffering like  
a soldier would - I trust will be rewarded  
with success - We feel anxious to hear  
the final result.



Mrs. Hart Gibson -  
Care H. J. Sumner -  
Springton -  
Kentucky -

Brunswick -  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1878 -

My dear Aunt Mary

Through the  
"Casket" this morning, I read the  
notice of dear little Annie's death,  
but can hardly believe the little  
 fellow so healthy, so robust, yielded  
to this terrible disease. It must  
have been a great shock to you all,  
and doubly sad to have him snatched  
from you, in the midst of trouble.

I do feel for you so much, Aunt  
Mary, & sincerely wish my sympathy  
could ease the pain of your heart.

It must indeed, be hard for a mother  
to give up her child after bestowing  
so much care and love upon it,  
and particularly one so beautiful,  
so gentle and so loving to you, as  
our Annie. But God knows best,  
& does every thing for our good -

You will know how fond I was  
of Daniel, and well I might  
be, for he was truly a splendid  
boy, & one who inspired confidence  
and admiration in every one.

Trust the other children are well  
and may be spared to you.

I have thought of you all so  
often this winter, and should  
love to have heard from you,  
but supposed you were all too  
busy to write to me.

Grandma is sitting by &  
writes with me, in a great deal  
of love to you & Uncle Jack, & says  
she sympathizes with you in your  
trouble.

Give a great deal of love to  
Auntace, Lizzie, Mattie, & the little children  
also to Mrs & Mr Duncan, & Miss Lily.

Believe me, your

Ever affectionate niece

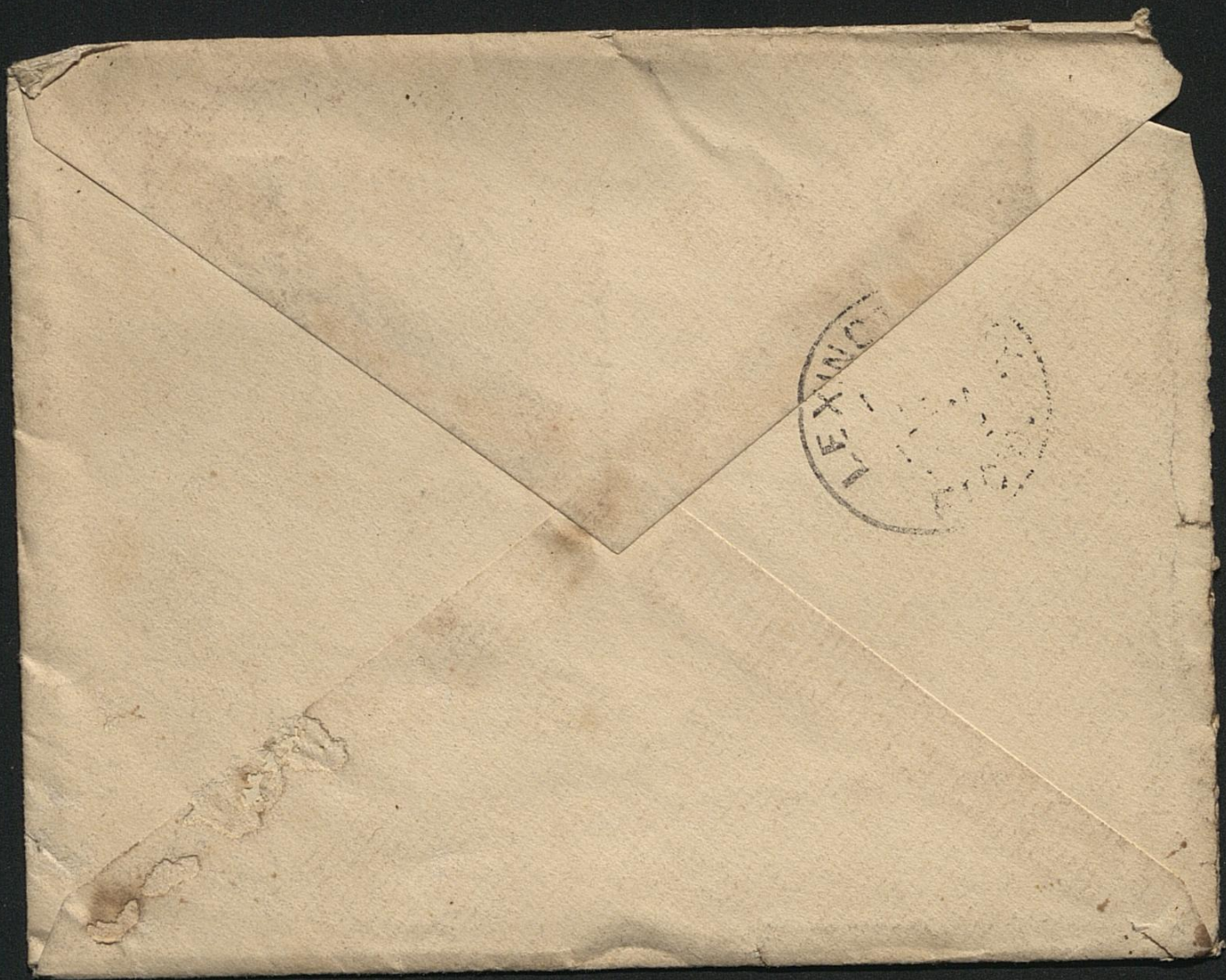
Sallie Humphrey

VERSAILLE  
MAR  
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1899



Mr. Frank Coburn  
Smyth  
Kentucky





Source - With your usual  
some news - I hope I could  
of a lot of aluminum  
For Maria came home  
yesterday in all this snow  
I put it to bed - I would  
have telegraphed her to  
say danger if I had known  
where to send it  
The matter is so hurried  
I can't accomplish any  
thing

Invitations are "sworn  
under." Don't know  
when they will be out  
for Henry's party. Will  
expect your house here soon  
on the 30th

Sincerely -

Allen Gibson Humphrey!

Memorandum  
March 20th/92

My dear Aunt Mary -  
It seems I will  
soon be seeing you  
I am anxious to have  
a real good talk  
about me & my affairs  
So I might just as well  
write - I hope so  
to have to tell you  
the news on the street  
that day as I did in  
such a hurry, & with so  
many to look on, but  
had made so many mistakes

to see you at home (if you just  
would at least here) that I was  
desperate — I decided my humil-  
ity & married the 30<sup>th</sup> — There were  
lots of reasons why it was best for  
Mr. C. & for me to — Will talk about  
it all when I see you —  
Was so anxious to have some of my  
niece as bridesmaids, but they have  
all married off till there are only a  
few scattered about the four corners  
of the earth, & I fear none of them can  
be with me — Virginia Grigsby,  
Nellie Marshall, a friend in Fort Smith  
Ark — two in La. & Jane Scott, but I  
hardly think any one of them will  
be here — I thought it would be  
right to have a few of my young  
cousins back down with me —  
Mary, Louie Gibson & some of Louis's  
children — Mary I guess —  
Tell Mary to have Mr. A's address —  
Have a real nice lot of whites but girls are