

Remember as the last subject. It is really
so. May you certainly have discretion
enough to know the parts of my letters
to read to Mr. Gibson, if you do read
them to him or give or let him read
them you will violate one of the
most sacred promises, you remember
the night we both made the promise.
You may read some portions of the letters
but there are some things that "girls may
tell girls and boys may tell boys" as Mrs.
S. B. J. used to say. Oh! Mary we
have just heard of the death of poor
Lavinia Whitlaw, or Ann Bickett, poor girl
she was ill only a short time, Mrs.
W. has received a despatch saying she
was ill, and left immediately for
Charlottesville where she was staying, and some
say she did not get there in time to see
her when I think it one of the saddest things
I ever heard of, so young, and so happy,
and to be cut down so soon.

Gloucester January 18th 1850.

My Dearest Mary.

I received your very
welcome letter a few days since and
I assure you it gave me one or little
pleasure to hear from both Mr. Gibson &
yourself. I had almost ~~despaired~~ to despair
your Brother Henry having told me you
were such a queer correspondent, but
better late than never. I feel completely
exhausted. We went to Mr. Johnson's to
a Quaker party last night. May they be
splendid, so charming, about Eliza gave
the first, nor unimportant, very clear upon
that occasion was Miss Murrells, Betty no
one I should say, or baby in her back,
Lily's an old woman, all of them some
good characters, as well as every one else.

Mary Waters was dressed as Gipsy, it
was the best character in the room that
with Lizzy it is as Mother Hubbard.

She next one was at Emma's request,
I enjoyed that one more than any.
I was dressed awfully, as Madame Coris.
George Deant as Mr Coris. I enjoyed that
highest occasion, as we know one
and I was thought to be Mrs Puffin.
Before that occasion Betty's dress was a
Gipsy fortune teller. Lily in black
Dress. (I have no idea of the correct
orthography for it). Oh Mary you would
have enjoyed it so much. Willie Matthews
was in disguise and was intercalated,
he behaved dreadfully. He slapped me
on the back, and moving the joints
of his four fingers was great play, he
finished Mrs Johnsons brove, and
knocked Virginia Scott in the chest, from
the blow she was very uncomfortable,
so much so that she went home and
was quite sick at night.

At Mrs Johnsons we were ^{not} subject
to such violence, I was dressed as a
big fat woman, if you remember Mrs
Thomas Dunning, I was just her figure.
Betty was dressed as a white man, Lily
as the Dutch girl. Mary I quite lost my
heart with Mr Hart the Sculptor, we
were quite devoted, and he asked me
so many questions that I was all over
in a tremble, fearing at every moment
he would pop the question. I had
so much fun with him, I have never
met so beautiful a conversationalist,
and I have never seen any one that
had such perfect fibres of strong.
The girls call me now Mr Hart, so
ever Mary you have met the very
Hart in the world. Lizzy's Glimmer
has a daughter, it is as pretty as baby
ever, but you know I think they all
look alike little fair ruddy hair. The baby
you is quite the eye up here, I was

Brighton March 18th 1860.

My Dear Maria

I have been so long
lame since I cannot write very
unpleasant letters, and after
unwearable attempts to write to you
I abstain from any further, and I
hope you that I will be able to finish.
May you see my picture, and to
write to me often, or at least to
be so good as to write me replies,
and then when it comes again back
it will be about and very little about
myself. I feel just as if I
wanted to give you as good a letter
but will not this time. I am very
much surprised to hear that
your father and mother are
young. I wish you might pick up
Hattie

that Mary Higgins has discarded
Mr Allen, she certainly behaves
most strangely to him, and
has the appearance of it. Mary
has received the flattery too far
entirely, and it reflects very severely
upon Mary. David Combs says
she has cut Mr. Allen for Ben
Storck, who has been to Longport
since this matter to see her, and
is coming again soon. It is

also generally believed that
Gerrit Briggs is engaged to
Bessie Drake. I always give you
my authority, & never command
but I know very little about them.

My attempt to get up private
Gatherings has proved feeble,
I could not bring three single
people in my congregation, they were
sent out of their seats with
summons. Mary Garrison says
you have determined to hire no
Woodford as a minister, you will

at last have speak of it. From Boston
was one to me, at least July,
last night, he did not say
anything about your father
since Boston going back, so I
suppose they have given up the
trip. Write me a long letter some
time. I will become very much
disappointed. I am almost ready
to see you, and I am sure you
coming up, its very soon some
they will Charley Snow talk to
with me last night, she is a sweet
girl, she has a pretty diamond ring,
I suppose your Grand gave it to
her as to some they are engaged.
Lily and Betty send their love to
you and Ben. Please, please
write soon I want to hear very
much. Ben has to that, some plan to
his father, do not forget to accept
of best love for yourself. Write soon to
your own love. Love

be separated from your friends
the whole year. From another
with Ellen and William
was to see me not long since
but they did not stay long
enough, she seemed surprised
to get down to Cambridge
before death. Little Ralph
Morgan and Lily, were to stay
with me and have not yet
your last home, you returned
all of the churchward that had
ever been heard of by us, and
you would have heard or laugh
down to the Crosspiece.
I was so stupid that I was
clearly seen me when I hope
you will give them some
letter for some one you know
you are from someone about the
sympathy your friends. There is
one letter you would have
been with, but in particular recent

March 28th Dear Mary I have
announced again, but whether
I am to finish or not I can't tell,
for I have so many interruptions,
I am prevented from finishing your
letter by the visit given in tropical
houses and I am sure you at times
not going to show for them.
And that's some last Tuesday since
then I have been very much
engaged receiving calls &c
and visit with the relation, as that
we have had the heavy this week
and today is only Monday, I am
sure something is going to happen,
my friend has not changed at all
since I left school and is much pleased,
she knows beautiful Calcutta intimately,
and was with her a great
deal last summer at the
Virginia Springs. May let me tell
you of another of my disappointments
I received a letter from Mary West

in my own case, urging me
to come to St. Louis and come
now, which is impossible for me
to do, she says her condition is
daily becoming more apparent,
and she will not be able to go
out with me a great deal, because
I am not going, I would like
myself very to have her come
with me to the place where my
home was, and I am doomed
to disappointment I am afraid,
and only think, I have been
disappointed once by the same
thing, say you Christmas once and
May 1st the other is but both times
by poor little Parsons, Mary
Wiggins has gone to Cincinnati,
only think of it, I know you will be
amazed when I tell you I was
about to go, since enough to me
go, but do not mention it to any
one, that's a request of course, but

Spring Hill Friday
Aug 17th 1861

Dear Mary

I have directed all the
Espargues to be forwarded to you
I have been trying to start for two
hours to Lexington but detained
by the arrival of different parties
of men on business. It is true my
suits had this summer clothes
and this is my chance to get them
otherwise I must have to have
great pleasure in spending the
day at your house with your
brother Perry Off
P. S. Hart

May Gibson
Hartman

See key



Miss Hart Gibson
care of H. T. Dwyer
Lexington
Kentucky



Camp Morton July 11th 1867

My dear Cousin -

It has now been twelve days since my confinement in this place, & I have written three letters two to Ellen & one to Pa & as yet have not received one word from either, have you all so much to do occupy your time that you cannot write a short letter to let me know of all we well, or has something happened which you wish to keep in ^{my} the ignorance of, I do not think this can be so. But I think you are too lazy & that you have so much company that you have forgotten me & think I will get along first rate without without hearing from home. You must remember when you were in your visit to N.Y. I did not hesitate, but wrote as soon as I could find out your address, now I will forget the first of you write as soon as you get this letter, did Ellen receive my letter of the 27th June in which I sent you my photograph. I understood you to say when I was in Tex that you had your photo taken in N.Y. please send me one & if Lily has had hers taken, with our permission send it when you write or ~~the~~ by the first letter that will be

written to me. If I knew how long we shall have to remain
here, I could then get some books. But we may be sent South
or to another prison at any moment. Therefore I spend the long
hot & disagreeable days in playing a social game of cards
& smoking my favorite pipe now if I had that nice chair
of your Father's I would be quite comfortable. I am very
glad to hear Hart was not sent to Charleston. I will write
as soon as I can to Lily & Miss Amanda. Much love to
all a kiss to Susan & my little sweetheart.

Do write as soon as you can & tell Ellen I have expected a
may God bless you. letter from her for the last week.

I remain your ever affec^ted Cousin
Gordon

G. P. Gordon

Mrs Hart
Lexington

New York June 1. 1864

Dear Mrs Libson

I am very sorry to know how very poorly you and Miss Ellen keep your promises about writing there is an excuse for you but none for Miss Ellen, and I have had the enclosed letter more than one week not knowing where to send it until this moment, having learned through a friend of yours in Phila. that all had gone to Fort Delaware but none had up to yesterday returned therefore I supposed you were all some where in the neighborhood, therefore I shall enclose this to Genl. Schoeffel with the request that in case you are not at Fort D. that he will return it to me.

In regard to yourself & Miss Ellen everything seems to work as I expected, you are too much taken up with Mr C. to write while Miss Ellen either procrastinates or is too lazy I don't know which one or the other should keep me informed of your whereabouts that I may send anything to you which comes

to my care, just write saying where you
are and how long you expect to stay in one place.

I called on Mrs B. on Friday last to
make some enquiry regarding you all but
she could give me no definite information other
than she had sent some things to Phila which
your brother had written for, and also mentioned
that from your brother's letter she was under
the impression all started for Kentucky last
Wednesday.

Remember^{me} to Mr G. also give love to
Miss Ellen.

Please write and acknowledge receipt of this
and inform me how long you will remain at S. D.

Believe me

Very truly yours friend

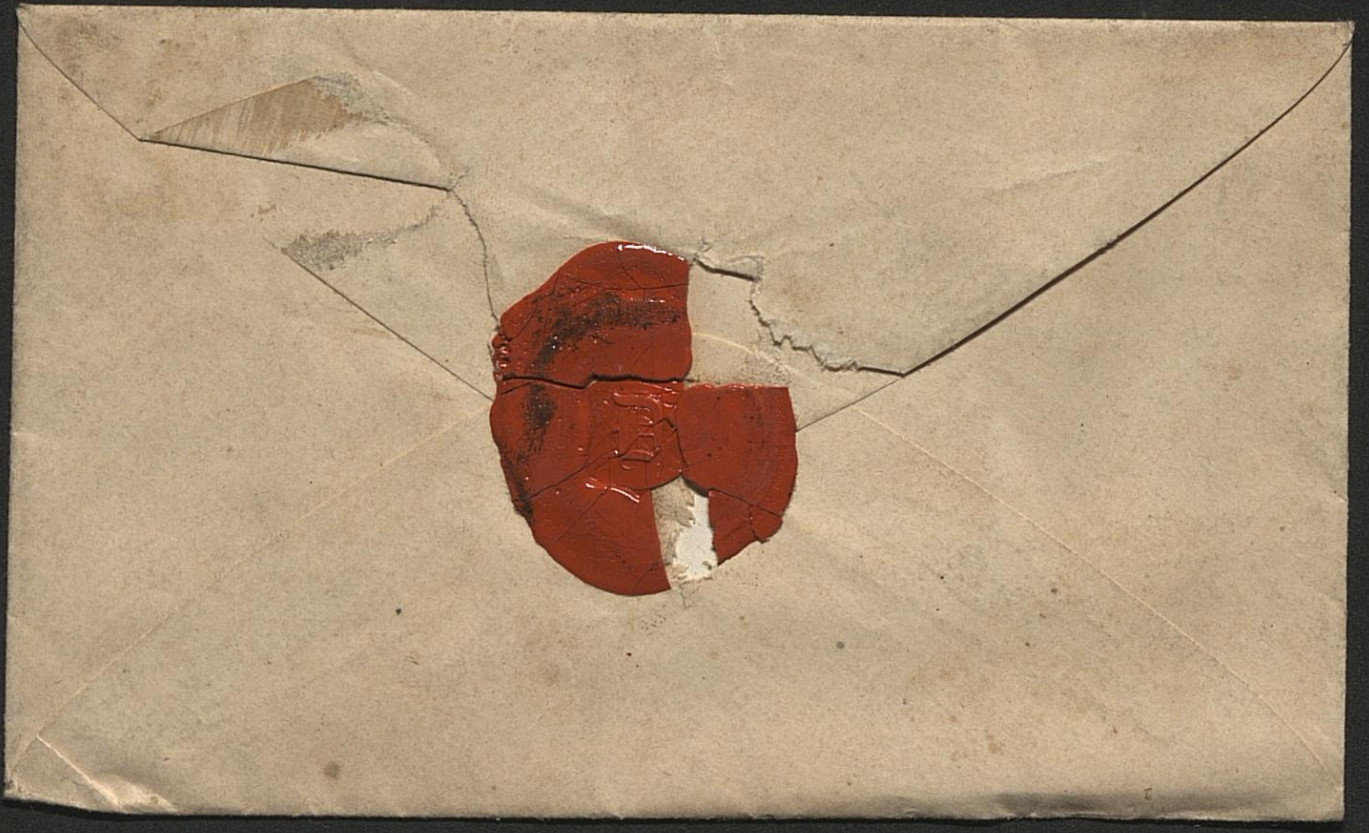
Wm. S. Day

Young Ladies
Institute
Pittsfield
Mass
Mail

January
4th 1876

Miss Mary Darnear
Care of W. Agnew D.D.
Pittsfield
Mass





A. J. E. O. Cir 184 West
4th Street Du 31st 1864

Mrs Ann Gibson
Dear Madam,

I received your
note yesterday upon which
I did send the fare for the
second girl, who is to go to
Lynchton with your girl
Rachel who has lately
left Mrs Gifford is the
one who is going to you
she will not return
to Danville as she tells
me she wishes to be near
her sister who I sent to a
lady in Lynchton some
time ago. I am sure you
will be her waiting your
reply truly yours
A. J. E. O.



Ms Mary D. Gibson
Lexington
Ky

Oct 4th 1865

Mr. M. D. Gibson

Dear Cousin

Your kind

papers by ^{me} and
gave us much pleas-
ure to learn you were
all well for we had
not heard from you
for a long time

I deeply regret to learn
that your Brother Law M.
Gibson is quite unwell
and I also regret that
my engagements are such
that I could not properly
come over this week
— might properly meet
if you and Mr. Gibson

cannot come over to see
us. We would be pleased
to see you both and
would do our best to
make you comfortable
while with us. Although
all our servants have
left us but one man
& one woman & her
children. This is some
what annoying at pres-
ent but we are doing
better than we thought
we could and I tell
~~you~~ Cousin Mary
that I think we will
soon be right good
"Soubies" Mary &
Anny & Tod are anxious
to make the acquaintance
of Mr H. Gibson and
hope to have the opportunity
soon. Your Cousin Albany

has been thinking about
and anxious to pay you
all a short visit this
fall but circumstances
sofar has prevented
I will take pleasure
Dear Cousin in examining
Mr Gibson's Case if he
will come over and do
what I can for him
But I hope that his
Friends fears are not
true about his Case
being Consumption. For
I confess frankly that
for Tubercular Consump-
tion I have found no
reliable remedy
 Hoping to hear from
or to see you soon I
Remain Your sincere
Cousin Geo W Green



Mrs Hart Gibson
Care of
Messrs Hays & Bein
Bankers N Orleans

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1766 Bay
Mystana

Between Josephine
and St Andrew

Lexington Dec 17th 68

My darling M.

It is so pleasant to hear from the absent, I sincerely thank H. for the lines he sent, Your letter from Jackson is just rec^d, & I intended to write all day but did not, to inform you that Mrs Flager left this morning for N.O. by whom I sent the Cards & missing Dress. I hope you will get them in due time.

I was so provoked the morning you left that you all had to have without your breakfast, all in the cold, when I returned to the dining room Ann was coming in with the meal & when I told her that you were gone, she looked so astonished! & I said it is too bad! she began to cry & said "there was time enough before the cars would leave" I hope that you did not suffer, it was so cold, it has been severely so ever since you left, A number of persons have filled their ice houses, Now for Mittie she is doing very well & hope will continue so, she calls for Ro & will not let her move without her, Mrs. R's children are all well & have rec^d their Oranges which they

enjoy, You have not mentioned Mrs
H. & Co I presume all are getting along
pleasantly, give my kindest regards to
all enquiring friends, Did Lily get a
balmoral in Louisville? I thought she
was to send something up for Christmas
Ellen has not been so well for several
days, but is much better now, she had
a bilious chill. Her complexion was
very yellow, I hope all danger is passed
Nannie is getting along comfortably, the
weather is so cold it will be some time
before they can sun about.

Do not make yourself unhappy about
Mittie, she has just run up & knocked
my pen over my paper, still it must
go, Tea is ready & Louis is waiting to
take this to the office so that I will
go off in the morning, much love & many
kisses for all, Your ever affectionate
Mother

I wanted you Father to write
but he is waiting to receive
a letter from some one
We had two doz quails, & one of prairie
chicken to day, from Ill.

Louisville Ky Nov: 5. 65

My dear Mary,

Some time ago I had
contemplated leaving for the South.
I promised I would write you from
time to time on my way down as
opportunities offered. This is my
first stopping place and as I am
writing others, you should have your
letter. On my arrival I went up to
pay a call on Broadway, but
they begged to be excused. I sent in
my card and this morning I again
sent my card from the Hotel wishing
to know if it would be agreeable
to receive me on Sunday. It appears
from Miss F's note in reply that she
is too unwell to receive. She expresses
a regret that she did not see me
last night as she had some ideas

and suppositions which I am supposed
to have formed at our last interview;
to change - Most too late now to retract
what was said months since - But
our last interview was the time to
have ~~made~~ corrections - But the
fact is, up to that time, I suppose she
had not mentioned the subject to her
mother and when she found out
what was going on, she doubtless
suggested redacting, revocation and
blotting out - I will promise of course -
Do what you can for me - I agree to
anything you do -

It is time for me
to get my trunk ready for the cars -
Good bye

Your devoted brother

Edwin

New York September 2. 1869

My Dear Mrs Gilson

I have been intending to write you ever since my arrival here from Kentucky; at first I delayed it until I should have all your commissions attended to, and when this was accomplished I ordered them packed and shipped intending to write within a day or two of that time, but just one thing and then another prevented it until now.

I presume you received everything you requested me to procure on or about the 24th August, they probably reached Lexington on the 22nd or 23rd as they left here on the 20th and I hope arrived safe and that everything pleased you.

As to the shoes I took to Cincinnati, Mr Lawson refused to take them back and refused the money stating that you had kept them over one month when they should have been returned immediately.

if they did not suit. I therefore obeyed your instructions and sent the shoes to Lexington to the care of Cousin Sarah who sent me word that she received them and had delivered them to you, the return of these shoes is therefore fully accounted for.

As to the toilet sets I did the very best that it was possible and flatter myself I succeeded remarkably well with the purple set, for if you remember I expressed my doubts as to being able to have that style matched, because I was satisfied that it was an imported set and had been decorated in the factory in Europe when it was first made and such was the fact, it had been decorated before the glazing was done, the other I had no fears about and found no trouble except that it required a first class workman.

Any thing you may wish which I can procure for you I shall be most happy to attend to for you, as you well know, therefore

do not hesitate to command my services at any time you need them.

When do you propose going to Louisiana? if you remain there all winter I should not be at all surprised if I were to drop in upon you some fine day as it is my present expectation to pay that section of the country a visit during the winter.

I suppose we may expect Cousin Sarah with Lucy here in the course of two weeks as the latter is to be placed in school at New Brunswick. I am very glad Cousin F. has determined upon this as Lucy if properly educated will make a very superior woman.

How are all your family, I hope all enjoying good health and Mittie especially may not be visited with any more signs of whooping cough.

With love to your children & kindest regards to yourself, Mr. Nelson, your father, Mother & Sisters

Believe me ever
Sincerely & truly your friend
Alexander S. Day