

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to



Mrs Hart Gibson
Care H. T. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky

Lincoln Jan 18th 1870

Dear Mary:

Your very welcome letter of 10th inst came to hand yesterday. I am glad you are kept so well.

I hope in mercy you will not "bring" convulsions. I am by no means an "insatiable Archer". One will certainly "suffice" me. I don't think if you take care of yourself you need have any apprehension until the regular time.

I have contracted with most of the bands and they start in to-day the force is a very good one but not so large as I could wish.

Still it will do very well for the size of the crop.

We have only about fifteen acres more of corn to plant which is just now the important work. The weather is very bad to suit to plough or plant and there is no prospect at least immediate prospect of its clearing up.

I think John Brown very foolish for forming a partnership with Mad Johnson. The latter has no practice and can be of no sort of service to him. Thornton is a nice clerk for John Breckinridge. I know the terms of their agreement. It is a great mistake for a young man to form a partnership with an old practitioner.

Don't forget about the ice at Hartsland. It ought to be filled this very first freeze. If it is put off

The chances are that it will not be filled at all. That has always been my experience.

I don't know what disposition Sister will make of her children this winter. She has been giving Lucy lessons in dictation which is a very improving exercise. Her handwriting & style are both improving very rapidly. Sally, your daughter, was quite seriously burned, but her feet are quite well again & it just seemed being a very serious affair.

You may look for me of course just so soon as it is possible for me to leave not later certainly than the 5th Feb. I shall keep you posted and notify you before-hand. But love to the children & all & a thousand kisses for yourself from your devoted Husband
Hart. Wilson

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Mrs. Hart Gibson
Care of Colo. H. Gibson
Lexington

H.G.

The pair of fine Sheep from Mr. McKee
arrived at Ligonier but unfortunately
the cow in a dying state - The buck is
here - I wish we had a hundred such.

Oak Forest 24 Feb'y. 70

My Dear Mary

Rec'd your letter of the 18th
& Miss Lilly's of the same date with
cards from the little Stranger came to
us yesterday - Allow me to congratulate
you & send up the same - Our tender to
you & the Father my warmest thanks
for the token of your affection, all the
more because it has not been thought
by some that the Name - you have given
him - was ~~not~~ the most suitable in
the world - but the value of names
depends very much upon the persons
or things they represent & if you will
only protect the child from the sometimes
pernicious of the proper Name, I trust he
may never feel ashamed of it on account
either of the Name itself or of his form

When he talks of the ~~War~~

I trust I may be spared to embrace the well fellows & to use language for him to recognize the ancestor whom he is to support & I trust to honor as no doubt he will.

And now dear Mary our word in your ear privately. You have now paid a most acceptable compliment all around to the Duncans & the Gibsons with which I have no doubt all are perfectly satisfied. I for one will not take you further. I dislike to burden my friends but most of all those whom we love as we do you - so we will excuse you for going further in this line of affection if it is the same thing to you & shall certainly not appreciate your the life. I truly wish the suggestion for you to consider.

Well, there was a boat

coming around when the news came of what had occurred & I thought a general remark at the important event. I had many letters you will get on the subject. I am not able to say.

Tell Aunt Hannah we were there this morning early & reports all going well. I have advised her to give her attention extensively to the "big field" where her plow was over - in no way way the best. I want to see that whole field if possible in corn ready for come next year.

Say to Aunt further that our vessel has found a fault & has left & that I am again at the helm in person with some hope of getting Wm brought.

With warmest love for yourself & Aunt and a kiss for your fine little grand. & kindest regards for the rest. Yrs. Father
J. G. Fisher

Oak Forest
Nov 1st 1871

Dear Mama

We arrived here

Sunday at 12 o'clock when we got here
Miss Kate Minor and Col Blackford were
^{here.}

Callie received a letter from her mother
yesterday saying that you and Aunt Sarah
were coming down in two weeks. The trees
are full of oranges but they are not quite
ripe yet. Callie had had her pony gotten
out yesterday and it would not go
out of a mark. It is turning very
cold today. When I tried to open my trunk
it would not come open so I got
Uncle Kiny to open it. You forgot to
put in my tooth brush & looked in my
trunk and in my bag but could

not find it. please send me my night
gowns. Uncle Lee asked Callie and my
self would we like to go down to
the City to keep house for him: give my
love to all and a kiss for you.

Good by from
your aff daught
Louie



Miss Harri Gibson

Lexington

Ky

Oak Forest
Nov 4th 1871

Dear Mamma

The other day we
all went out riding on horseback.
I got on behind Aunt Louie and
Fannie got on her pony. Tell Aunt Lily
and Buddie that I will write to them
soon. When you come bring my quilt
pieces along with you. Papa is going
to Home today with Uncle Jimmie on the
Fannie Phaeton with Uncle Tobby's
black horses. Send my bottle of shoe
polish. I thought I would wait
till today to finish my letter.
Aunt Louie & Uncle Jimmie went
out driving this evening and
left us with Papa and Grandpa.
We had wild ducks for dinner.

today. I ate a whole platefull of
sugarcane the other day almost.
Aunt Louie makes Callie and
my self go riding on her Pony every
day. Papa ate dinner at Mr. Menden
ors as he came back from Home.
the other day. It is just as warm
down here as it is in summer in
Lexington. the perspiration is just
running down my forehead. is
Aunt Lily coming down here this
winter Aunt Louie is expecting her.
I weighed the other day 58 and a
quarter. I have just been running
out of doors I had a lonesome time
on the cases. I staid by my self
almost all the time. I copy
every day in a book and so does
Callie. we have a swing at the
corner of the house and we
swing almost all the time.

Good by
from your aff
daughter Louie



Mrs Hart Gibson
Lexington.
Kentucky.

advantage - so far there is
every thing to encourage -

Tell Aunt we have lost little

Ed and Sandy - will need
a few more hounds, I suspect
he will too, although I don't
think he has lost any since
he left -

We have not had many
visitors since you left!

The day after, just as we were
in the middle of turning up
your rooms Henry Belson
a buggy stopped at the post
door and two ladies alighted

They were Mrs. Hubbard and
Mrs. Brink (nee Easton) -

In five minutes the chickens
were running for their lives
and I acted after them with
clubs and kick balls, creating
quite an excitement and
highly interesting to the ladies in

Oak Forest April 18th
1872.

Dear Mary,

Through Lucy we
are glad to hear of your safe
arrival in Lexington - hope you
had a pleasant trip and
found all well at your father
and as glad to see you as you
I know were to see them -

There is nothing more grateful
to an affectionate mother than
a cordial greeting from loved
ones at home - We miss
you all very much, especially
the children - but we find plenty
to do to occupy every moment of
the day - We breakfast at seven
dine at one and take tea before
dark - (real country fashion) and
in consequence of these rustic habits
are rarely in bed by nine o'clock.

Tim made a feeble attempt
at first and Louie would have
back, but a continued vigorous
singing of that fussy little bell
generally brings her to table before
we get through all the courses!

Now I must tell you that we
"te" on curd - have plenty of
butter and buttermilk and
have four young calves! I don't
see the prospect for plenty, in
the milk line is decidedly
encouraging - The strawberries
are in perfection - we have the
large glass bowl full for
dinner, more than we
can consume - This evening
we have a bowl of dew berries
for supper - We have
had new Irish potatoes and
snap beans the latter in
great abundance -

You left too soon - The
country is looking lovely
and the weather so delightful
that it is a happiness "simply
to feel that we breathe that
we live" - The mosquitoes
keep us lively and scratching
occupies all of our otherwise
leisure moments. Certainly
there is not in the wide world
a more exquisite climate -
The mosquitoes are the greatest
drawback to this part of the
world - Now, about the
crops - my anxiety makes
me very observing - Yesterday
I rode all over our crop and
a few days ago I rode at
Greenwood and Magnolia
The stubble is coming out
beautifully ~~at~~ each place,
but Magnolia has rather the

make a very pretty little
flower garden, just inside
the garden gate -

Saturday evening.
This lovely afternoon I am
sated again on the front steps
and will try to mind up this
letter, whose length will horrify
Scott -

You will be surprised to learn
that we actually treated
ourselves to a trip to the Bay
this morning - I regretted
all the time we did not go

Whilst you were here, for
it is really an interesting trip
Bennetts Bay is a beautiful
sheet of water and the little
town of Boashear is quite
a stirring place - We aimed
in time to see one Texas steamer
arrive and another leave

and what with the steam boats
ferry boats, schooners &c - it
is a real business looking place
We met Mr. Peley on the wharf
and he showed us over the
steamer and pointed out the
wonders of the place - Next week
they begin the bridge over Bennetts
Bay and hundreds of hands
are already at work on the
railroad! All along the way
we saw ties being floated
out of the swamps - This will
be a great country yet!

I hope you will find time
to write us occasionally and to
tell us about people & who is born
who marries and who dies - the
very sight of a letter does us good.
I have a serious motion of
making application for the
Post Office here and having