

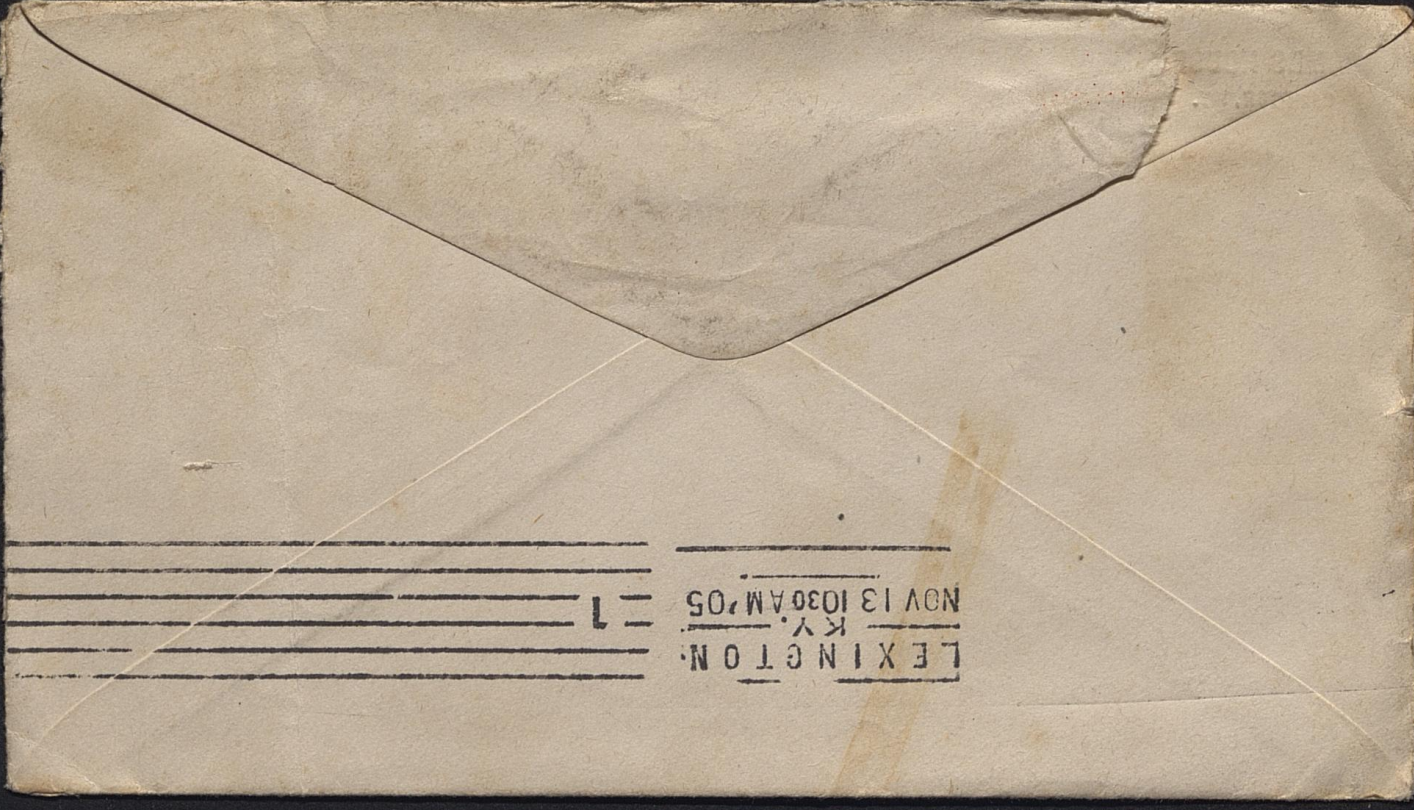
COMBS HOUSE,
CAMPTON, KY.



Mrs Hart Gibson Jr

Lexington Ky.

Ingleside



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my dear Mamma Gibbons:

I am getting
so good that I will
fly when I next see
you. I am the
most abstemious man
in Kentucky today.

Reason: I can't get
anything to drink
except water - imagine
a Kentucky gentleman
being forced to drink
water - and I
get nothing to eat
because I ~~cannot~~ ^{cannot}
eat what I get

not being brother
or kin to the
ostrich. Therefore,
in addition to the
wings I will wear
when you next see
me I shall be
a wreath in
composition an
altogether ethereal
body. The ghosts that
walk Dryadeside at
the dark of the moon
will claim me for
one of them.

I will be with
you Thanksgiving. I
am living a strenuous
life in the saddle,
prospecting. Wouldn't
be surprised if we
got the roof on the
house one of these
days.

Where's the greatest
living American
now? What's her
address?

YOUR BEST BOY
Campton Ky Howard
Nov 11

My dear wandering "Boy"

We were pleased to get
your letter - and learn of the
much needed reformation
I trust it is for all time, learning
to live without food or drink
will keep you spiritual
and ready for your reward
which I pray you will find
~~that~~ ^{without} ~~waiting~~ ^{you}
~~for~~ - the wings are sure
to grow unless you fall from
Grace; and you will fear
no evil. We shall be pleased
to have you for thanks giving
and upon that day you
may come back to saddle and
saddle ~~of~~ ^{the} flesh of fowl - but
let the spirits religiously alone
if you love your "Maamä",
Ten days was not enough to

wipe out my grief - after
the "celebration" when you
were last here - and I fear
the deep scar ~~has been~~ left
upon my heart ~~which can~~ ^{will remain}
~~never be forgotten~~ ^{through life} - be a good
boy. Truly hereafter, not in
words but in deeds. "Resist
the Devil, and he will flee
from thee." I feel sure the
"strenuous life in the saddle"
is doing you more good than
jumping the rope - and hope
you may realize your ex-
pectations. But I fear you
roof garden, will turn out
like the Rockaway. I shall be
living in a "Madison not
made with hands, eternal
in the Heavens." before such
an event takes place

We are enjoying our usual
good health. and Sunshine
Duncan seems very busy driving
around. and I suppose will
reply to your letter at his first
chance. All unite with
me in kindest regards

Sincerely Your friend
M. J. G.

* Mrs M. J. Gibson will be at
Engleside Thursday for social
dinner. She leaves Chicago to day
to be present at Miss Earnest's
wedding tomorrow. Michie has
just been made manager of
of Marshall, Spader, & Coffey
216 - La Salle street Chicago
the news that will gratify you

still is ~~not~~ ^{may} be well to be in mind
that the old negro members had
for the fact; "I had seen they who
expect nothing for they shall not be
disappointed." You ask "where
the greatest living American is"
she answers "where! England
she is on the wing. You see she
is almost on a wing - however any
communication - addressed to
her at Engleside, will eventually
reach her. and I feel sure she
will appreciate ^{the thoughtfulness} ~~the~~ ^{of that} ~~of that~~ for in speaking of your
note sent to Louisville - she said
"why did you not give him
more paper" but only complaint
was that. You could imagine
after often being the recipient
of a forty page letter yours ab-
though sweet, was short.