

were in waiting. Mrs. Fela's carriage soon arrived, well
filled - all the family, even the Prof. & his lady, had
view this car, to spend the party quiet. The Col. (Carpenter)
soon made his appearance, with a good deal of bustle &
proposed waiting for the afternoon car, which of course we
accepted. Mrs. Child (Mrs. Cass) & her brother (Mr. Cass)
were among our fellow passengers & a great source of the
pleasure of our trip. Maxine ^{at Fairport} ~~Ward~~ ^{has} carried
away with my beautiful bouquet of flowers, & displayed
- at it at all the her house & forgot her breakfast for a
time. She said we all, & my dear husband felt much refreshed
by a cup of coffee in the state room was not very pleasant one
the black Anderson - but we made the best of it. Mr. Slatton
began to have a very sore mouth & to find he was truly salivated
by pretty bad. I think the race on the rail road is early
with a fresh breeze was the exciting cause - tho' his system
might have been in the right state for it. I don't fancy much
this back water navigation. Tho' we have not given it a fair
trial. Some parts a hole were out of order & about noon we
were on a sand bar. There was not a great deal of effort
made to get off, it appeared to me, tho' Mr. Cottman's step
son, Capt. Todd, was ~~struck~~ ^{struck}. The officers concluded to remain
until the packet arrived from Louisville & request them
to exchange passengers freight & return to Louisville. They
would do no such thing, & we were more than thirty hours
on that bar. W. W. Mays' man was drowned also, I think
before our eyes. It has been said he had been drinking
& that he had a good swimmer. Another came near it & that

saved. All this happened when we were Stationary & increased
our distress. The Hon. Gen. Metcalfe for good company
& Col. Russell begged him to stay till I was almost satisfied
he reached Louisville. I got off on Wednesday morning. Mrs.
Field & myself went up into town to do a little shopping
& left our portman to arrange our passage on a boat
in waiting. We were too long in town. The boat went on
& we took a carriage & rode down to the boat dock in Portland
& were there a long time on the boat waiting for the boat to
get thro' the lock & had the pleasure of seeing the Reulocky
grant as long as we desired. We had very pleasant
trips on that river with the exception of the heat & the foulness
of my husband. He kept his bunk most of the time, & grew
worse & so we rode a little better. He had not able to attend
to Mrs. Fela & so asked the Col. to do his best, which Mrs. Fela
not like & soon cut him. We took three first class ~~Locas~~
the New Orleans (Tenn.) convention on board & the Col. got into
a high dispute & betting on 5 minutes walk. They were alarmed
some & agreed to squelch in the evening. The first Illinois speaker
first & sailing all the time at Mr. Child & Col. Russell answered
by the same spirit that he always showed I understand. It all
helped to amuse us. We reached St. Louis Sunday morning at
10 o'clock & drove to our friends Mr. Spelman's. I found them
at home & gave us a kind welcome. Mr. S. is quite a nurse
& took my husband under his special care & really did
wonders for him. He improved so much in the 36 hours he
staid there. Tell Mr. Duncan I regret not seeing Mr.
Atley on his account. as I should have told her to

Mr. Henry J. Dineen
Lexington
Kentucky



to have enjoyed his eloquence
I am glad Dr Jenkins
enjoys, and knows how
to appreciate my beloved
country - Indeed, no one
should die without going
to visit her, and I hope
one day to hear that you
have crossed the Atlantic for
that purpose.

I have come to the end of my
paper and will wish you
farewell - with every
good wish -

I remain

My dear Mr Dimean

Yours very truly

A Medley

I hope you received my
last letter?

Oct 15th 1850
Madison Avenue
Corner of 30th St.

My dear Mr Dimean,

The days
glide away so swiftly, that I
can hardly believe that three
weeks have elapsed since
the receipt of your letter; let
me now, however, thank
you for it, and for so kindly
forwarding my Mother's in-
closure - It gave me great
pleasure to hear from you
and to know that my
young friends had not
forgotten me. I often

think of them all, and
was much touched by
hearing of sweet Lilly's grief
at my departure - She is the
dearest, and most tender
- hearted little creature in
the world - may give her
twenty Pipers from me and
say she must come and
pay "Daddy's" visit in
New York - I hope Mary
and Elly have both regain-
- ed their strength, now that
the excessive heats have
passed away - please
give them my affection-
- ate love - I must in-
- close a little line to Mary
in this -

My own health has im-
- proved wonderfully - but,
whether I am to attribute the
change to difference of
climate, God knows oil, -
Seeing my old friends
once more; or, the being,
Almost in sight of "old
England." I cannot tell
certain it is, however, that
my cheeks begin to stick out
and my appetite is quite
urgent! You have
indeed had a gay house,
Cathy I trust that the Rev.
Mr. Matthews did justice to the
long looked for, funeral
sermon - I regret not
having been there to

situated in life in Harrodsburg
Aunt seems to be very tired
of old Shelbyville. This is
Sunday afternoon - perhaps next
Sabbath I may be talking to you by
word of mouth, at least I hope
so, O! how do you like my coming
back? don't you pity a poor devil
like me? remember me kindly to
all of your family, much love
to Cousin Henry & Henry, my love
& many kisses to dear Mary, Ellen,
& precious, darling Lily, O what
will the old man say about my
returning? just say to him I can
not do without seeing him, O I
am so very, very glad that you
went to Louisville, I truly hope
you were compensated for all
the care, trouble, expense, and
wintry weather we had, O but
I was cold, I felt as if it would
take the sun of ten summers
to thaw me.

Shelbyville Saturday 1854

Dear Dear Cousin Eliza

I received
your kind & thrice welcome letter
this afternoon, Oh! but I was glad
to hear from you all, it is just a
week since you & Cousin Henry
left, I think if Cousin Henry had
stayed a few days, or hours longer
I might as well gone back with
you, Aunt Finley is more and
more determined every hour to move
to be near her dear Mary, O I am
so truly glad & happy of it for I have
got enough of Shelbyville, Aunt says
she cannot keep house nor she will
not, her health will not admit of
it, you must laugh heartily at
this, she does complain a great
deal, Aunt says if she cannot move
over to Harrodsburg to live to be

near her dear Mary that she
will break up house keeping,
& go to boarding, she does not like
it nor she cannot stand any longer,
& I am very truly glad of it, so you
see I am ready to leave any day
that I can meet with company,

Tell dear Mary I shall soon be there
to sew on her gowns, dear Cousin
does not it seem hard to shake
off poor paupers? They stick tighter
than leeches & draw worse than
blister plasters, for you can neither
drive them, shake them, nor carry
them off. Please to say to Dr G
if it was only in my power to
compensate him for the trouble
of taking my toe off, I feel as
though I never could return the
favor, & I am sure he would
relieve a fellow creature of a
great, great amount of suffering,
sometimes I feel as if I could

not stand any longer, O it
pains me very much indeed!
dear Cousin do you or Cousin Hen-
ry know of any person that is come-
ing to Shelbyville? that I can
return with them; will you please
to write to me & let me know?
in the mean time if I should
hear of any person going to Lexington
I will try & go with them, I fear
greatly I will not be able to hear of
an opportunity to go as soon as
next week, so you will please to
write to me as soon as you can
hear of an opportunity.

The first page of this letter is
written by Aunt's direction, after
I wrote it I read it to her, Aunt
told me to say to you & Cousin
Henry that she is not happy living
here any longer that she feels she
would be much happier, more
contented & far more pleasantly,

Walden May 18th 65

Dear Aunt Eliza. Mrs Hall

has your this letter & with it
ceases my negotiations.

I think I can leave you
to make arrangements with your-
selves as I shall be willing to
agree to the same.

After she has been with you
three or four days I hope you
will name the subject to her,
otherwise she will take it for
granted that her return will be
necessary.

We are both dependent upon our selves
for future support & labor, and to
that end contingencies ^{must} meet.

You will find her intelligent as a

Teacher, Sociol as a companion
refined in her manners, and
upright in her principles.

It is unnecessary to mention anything
else here about business matters,
as you can gain the informa-
tion from her. I suppose Mother
will come to see you - after
while that you might not
feel unnecessarily encumbered now.

Under the ~~goodly~~ influence of
a pious household where God
is daily called upon to visit &
bless, I commend the persons
of my wife & Child, unto the
Father's arms.

Respectfully Yours
J. A. Hall.



Mrs. A. J. Surcan
Lexington
Kentucky

evening. Please tell
him that the "fair lady"
is quite unwell, and
that her mother starts
for Europe in a fortnight
in consequence. They
say that they scarcely
fear any permanent trouble
from her state of health,
but she suffers a good
deal, and if travelling
on the Continent does
her no good Mrs. Bonditt
will bring her home in
the early summer & see
what that will do.



Cambridge

New Year's Day - 1860.

A happy New Year to you,
my dear Mrs. Surcouf, &
every member of your
household. - Truly wish
that I were enough to
give you all a good kiss
this bright morning, and
other more substantial
marks of my love than
mere kisses wisher.
You don't know how

much I enjoyed your friends are entirely for-
last kind letter sitting gotten for me over.
on so much about Ken. Wednesday before last the
tricky and the friends party I had intended to
that I found them. give many away off, in
the whole visit would honor of Clara's approaching
seem like a pleasant birthday. indeed
dream, were it not for lighted the birthday. indeed
some such nice reminders. missed a Brother Henry
As for Mrs. Estlin very very much on the ground
acquaintance, I begin to vacation, and as it may
think, certainly was within the prettiest party I have
known than a dream, and was seen in Cambridge
if I do not soon receive in the way of beauty &
some proof to the contrary fine ones, I really think
I shall feel sure that old be missed a pleasant



It will seem too delightful
to have her back again,
but for my part I shall
be sorry to have her lose
the great advantages in
perspect, even for the
sake of the pleasure of her
Society - Clara is not so
wonderfully unselfish
however. Who knows then
but that Lily will be
her chief entertain-
Ellen & Brother Henry
when we receive our
anticipated Thomas's visit.

The Bowditchs are
pretty well settled in
their new home and
feel quite grand. I wonder
how your summer looks.
This week passed. The
day had set in cloudy &
rain, but the sun & the
lightening can not have
all these clouds, and the
weather is as warm &
pleasant as ever. I feel
I have been very busy
and give you a pretty
account of my trip. I
went to the mountains
of you. I had to work
very hard and was
very tired. I had to
write a lot of letters
of my trip and was
very busy.

not personal - much a dilemma. But we
a man - One that no summary
interest ~~to~~ ~~ones~~ Reed me silent in the
support of Right in such an situation.
My grand father's were ~~for~~ planters &
the latter father in law brother &
husband are all large other holders.
But all were opposed to secession. My
home is at the South. & for many
good reasons for I love Dixie's land.
But nevertheless I need to willing
to sacrifice all my hopes of ease &
luxury in the future - rather than
see that several times crossed in
two previous voyages. Now I also
gather Northern - you might perhaps
consider me prejudiced. But - all we
have in the South. & I am at

New York
Oct 29th

Dear Mr. Mann.
I arrived in town
yesterday - from Canada.
& having heard of your
recent visit here - now
write to express my great
regret in having missed
you. My sister & her
husband came for me
to Toronto, - & they we all
failed to meet & greet you
during your stay in High
Latitude. Mr Bancroft,
however, gave you latest
news. I have rejoiced ever
I, Dear Mr. Duncan to
learn that you are still
true to the Constitution,
Union, & National Flag!
I have tried to bring
at the South - & know too
much of the real cause
of this most wicked
rebellion - to hear the

lightest sympathy with secessionists.
Just one year ago I spent several
weeks (with the Hamilton's) in Carolina
& while there heard but one voice
expressed - viz - "that nothing might
prevent Lincoln's election, yet they would
his success to furnish them with
with their long sight for cause for
Disunion". I have also heard the best
men South avow openly that Davis
& his Cabinet were to permit &
encourage the slave trade (although
to the world they would have to pretend
to disapprove the unrighteous traffic).
I have likewise listened to the rant
of patriotism from honorable chivalric
Southern gentlemen - who while railing
of Northern injustice - actually refused

to pay a single debt. & who only
welcomed secession as the mother of
separation. I hate abolitionism &
the Republican party. But I place Law,
order, & government far before mere
sectional feelings. & consequently
cannot espouse the secession creed. It
is a notable fact that all men pro
slavery at the South opposed
Disunion. But as they were few in
numbers the mob carried the day
& it is now really pitiable to see so
few Southern men bold enough to stand
up in defence of their honest opinions
& wishes. True it is - that the word
"Union" would entail confiscation - if

from Genl. & give as his excuse for
such swindling behaviour - "extra expenses"
in following the Queen of Spain's
A. L. L. but my opinion as to
this last item viz - that it was a
regular fraud. & the strongest suspicion
I know of any kind - (a man, too,
who has been twice sent abroad
as ambassador) & from the truth also
declared that "Dexter" & Co. had not
dishonoured - & that he was the
first minister from this country
who had ever charged the Genl.
"extra". (if "charging" it may be
called, when the money was taken with-
out permission - & only referred to when
it was to be returned) - but I think

least disinterested in my opinion &
sentiments. - The truth was out about
"coercion". But seem to have changed their
views on the subject, as they are not
to try that game on poor Kentucky. &
by the way - I heard a distinguished
Southern (man in Europe on Confederate
business) declare some months ago that
the "Richmond Cabinet had arranged
to whip Ky out of the Union, as it
was essential to their success in
the war." - & this statement has been
only too well verified. What is to be
the issue of the conflict in your State?
& will the enemy be beaten? or must
we conquer? If Ky. secede from the
Union? As to Bishop Doane - he deserves
to be burnt alive for his audacious

Application of the "Laying on of hands"
Doctrine & having been praying for so
many years to be kept "in the bonds
of peace" - & to be delivered from "all
Edition, conspiracy, & rebellion". - and
exchanged his lambs' sleeves for
regimentals - & reads responses from
the Gunpowder Plot - instead of from
the Litany. - Beckwurdge is too
black for even the darkest lines to
describe. therefore - I shall not attempt
to give a pen & ink sketch of the
hypocritical villain. But it is rather
a pity that Kentuckians should not
know the full measure of Col. Wm
Preston's baseness. - When in the
extra pay of the U. S. Gov^t. (while

in Spain last winter) he actually
wrote & circulated widely a strong
secession pamphlet. - & this I know to
a fact. Having heard it from many
reliable sources here - as well as from
diplomatic people from Europe. so he
cannot truthfully deny it, as it can
be proved on him. (Only don't quote
my name in the matter.) What do
you think of this, honorable conduct
in your Senator. Then again - while
here (on his return from Europe) in
Washington - he solemnly declared him-
self "for the Union".!! But worse
than all - is the disgraceful fact
that - (without asking for it) he drew
(in Buchanan's time) an extra \$5,000

In my quote (if so inclined) anything
in my letter. Only - or not give my
name as I do not wish to be copied
of all we possess. & the Confederate
Council would be too happy ^{to have} ~~to have~~ good
excuse for plundering any body! Most
especially a Unionist. Perhaps I
may find my husband about New Year
although he intends to try & return
to me here. Time however will decide
our plans. Remember me most
cordially to Mrs. Stroman & your
family. & with sincere regards
believe me. Dear Mrs. Stroman.

Yours faithfully
Mary Stroman.

Having no chance to see you in this long letter
I shall not even attempt to insert one.

his political character all that is
lost. Mrs. P. & her daughter openly
confessed their secession proclivities &
while Col. P. declared "for the Union".
This division of sentiment was arranged
in order to prepare for all shades
of popular feeling in Ky. - I say here
is Col. P. regarded there now? & has
he any chance for future success
in his native State? - My husband
went forth a fortnight since as he
feared conscription, & was obliged
to return to save his property. - I
trust he will not be drafted into
the Army for - he would not much
like fighting against the flag. &
if that danger is once established
in some Southern port - you will see

a strong uprising of Unionists at the
South. In - I know so many there who
are only kept silent from fear of
confiscation or mob violence. - My
friends the Hampton's are ardent
secessionists. But as Col. Wade Hampton
owes far more than he owns - (his
debts being rated at over a million
of dollars - at ten per cent interest) He
has good reason to welcome in a
reign of repudiation. - These people
are calm & moderate in their views.
& I hear no blood thirsty or intemperate
sentiments from anyone. The South
is fighting from feeling - & the North
duty. Therefore the former had the
advantage at the start. Whether

they will keep it or not - remains
to be seen. We all look most anxious
- by to Ky. trying soon to hear
good news from her. You have
a strong enemy to grapple with. Let
God defend the right & send you
a speedy victory. Would it be better
too much, I see Mr. Duncan of
Ky a few times in an issue (one of
Duncan & Sherman - "G. T." telling
of the real state of things in
Ky. It is impossible to place any
faith in newspapers - especially
& I should so like to know the
actual state of affairs with you.
I fear there is a sore sympathy
for the South in Ky. which may
undermine your plans. How is this?



Mrs. H. J. Duncan
Leipzig
Pa

They are out of meat
Send me the key of the
wine room, that I can
get the key of the cellar
In great haste

Your affectionate
Husband

Send a parcel of your
Cold ham of best
Lard - Send along with
the the least possible
delay

Mrs H J Duncan

Chicago Illinois
Monday March 14th 1870

Dear Dunster

I have been intend-
-ing to write you every day, but have
been so busy & bothered by other
I have not had since enough
to write - I hardly know what
I wrote to Father - I do hope
he wont dissapoint me about
the money - there are so many
things to be done at the place
to make it comfortable - Kenboase
& dary & plank walks in fact.
every thing that is ~~necessary~~ you can
think of - I suppose you have
heard through Chammis letters
of our fire, had Pa not been
here we would have lost every
thing - As it was the damage

was small & only to the house
Why does not Sister Mary
let me know about her curtains

Have you attended to my
errand about the servants?

We are all quite well & as I
have no news shall say good
by with best love to all

You forgot my receipt for
Doughnuts - please send it -

Your affectionate sister
Ellen



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Col. H. J. Duncan & Lady
Leamington Ky.



Dear Mrs Duncan,

My niece Mrs
Bee, has promised to pass
Wednesday, Evng with us.
It will afford Mr Fortner
and myself much pleasure
if Mr Duncan, yourself
and daughter will join
us at 6 o'clock -

Yrs truly
Elizabeth Fortner.

Monday
Mort.

The favor of an answer.



Mrs Henry D. Duncan -
Lexington -
Ky -

& they have telegraphed
to Memphis & from there
a letter to be sent to
Mr Ford to come home
'Oh how my seed - Bechut
fortunately is with his
mother - I saw Maria
yesterday, she is well, I am
so glad she is to spend the
winter here - Father sends
much love to you all &
says she would be glad
to see you all, now put
you make the effort to
come - Much love to all
with my kind regards to
Mr Gibson - I hope soon to
hear from you & something that
will cheer my ^{broken} heart } Affectingly
M. A. Ballard

Paris

Friday Night

My Dear Cousin

I have just
received Cousin Mary Gibson's
kind message through Mr
Raine & much regret I cannot
have the pleasure of seeing
her tomorrow - My conjectures
are numerous as regards the
intelligence which I hope she
brings, from my own good
husband - However let
matters be as they may, please
insist upon his writing &
telling me all whether it
be good or bad, my poor
crushed heart, has long since
learned "what cannot be helped
must be endured" -

I do hope Mrs May will
write to me immediately upon
the receipt of this & tell me
if she saw him & all the
conversation which took place
between them - I have not
as yet answered that letter
I received at your house, as
neither inclination nor duty
prompts me to write, could
I but know his desire, I
would then know how to
write to him - I will he
does reform, I can never again
lead the life with him
I have done, & if he desires
a divorce which his conduct
indicates - it shall then
be granted & why it is

that he does not admit
it his intention - I cannot
explain - I yet hope he
will act candidly with
me, let matters terminate
as they may -

Mrs Calyer has been
very sick all day suffering
greatly, with pain in her
hip & leg - she seems very sad
at times - she fears the
result of her decision, but
does not know her condition
- and therefore cannot realize
her very sad fate, she
received a letter from her
this afternoon - her is much
better but Alice Ford is
very ill with typhoid fever

Phila Oct 6th 1851

My Dear Cousin

Your kind letter of Sept 29th to Henshaw, came to hand on Saturday morning last - he left here for Key just a week ago with with the article of clothing for you Father & self & I expect you will see him & receive the box about the time you receive this letter - he went to New York & the Dutchess route across Lake Erie to Cleveland, then to Cincinnati & Louisville - he thought it best for me to remain here this fall with a long & rough trip of it in anticipation I thought I would only have his company to Key & concluded my agreeable company would not compensate him in that length of time for the expense of the trip - so I am staying with Mrs Peyton until he returns which I hope will not be as long as he expected when he left here, I have only had one from him since he left me but hope to have a letter in a day or so from him, at Louisville - Ask Mary & Callie if they have seen any of the little

girls about Lexington dressed in the Bloomer
costume get to know do they like it - there was a
Bloomer Ball a few evenings ago around at the Museum
building but was attended by ^avery common class of people
there is a class of girls that dress up in the Bloomer
style every night that attracts great attention as they
promenade Chestnut street every evening - some of them are
very handsomely dressed -

I had Cousin Mary Barr had made you a visit
this summer, I should of liked much to have seen her
I presume Mr Marshall is with you, if so my respects to him

I received a letter from Maria about two weeks ago, I
have written her two letters since she has been in Key
she seems quite cheerful from her letter, I often think
of her with great anxiety - My best love to Mother
Father & each of your sisters, receiving a full share for
yourself - if my dear husband is with you when you
write this my love to him & tell him to hurry &
come back as I feel so strange here without him - I want
to see his living in Key & Mr here - do write to me
I often wish to hear from Sumner & its inmates -

Affectionately from Cousin
Mary A. Ballard