

SMITH & PICKENS,
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Livingston, Ala., Jan'y 5th 1894

Maj. H. C. McDowell,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Major:

Our friend Giles requests me to thank you for the Christmas remembrance, and to say that beyond any question it saved his life. But I want to say that I had heard nothing of his being sick before he got the demijohn, and I am inclined to think it was a case of "the hair of the dog". He says sickness in his family has prevented his acknowledging this kindness sooner.

I have the finest painter extant, and I want you to run down again before the season is over, and take another hunt with me. I will have plenty of spare time now pretty soon.

Yours truly,
W. K. Pickens.