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1119. North Fourth St
Tacoma,
Washington

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Oct 11 - 1899,

My dearest Mamma,

It is with joy to
know you have reached
your destination safely. I
had a pleasant journey.
It has been awfully quiet
since you left. But every
thing has been doing finely.
I hope dear little Libby
will improve rapidly, under
your treatment, I care. I make
dearest Bluster rest up, and
get her strength back. For I
know she is almost worn out.
You mustn't worry about string
at home. For everything is
in fine condition. I have
been unable to find purchaser
for Daisy yet, but will try
I will see her to some body.

I took Auntie over to the trot
yesterday. Grandma was going
but felt a little badly. We are
going after Thursday, as all
the fast ones go to get their
records. I think Grandma is
quite pleased with the idea.
One of the horses dropped dead this
aft. It did badly yesterday, and
was shut out, so it evidently
was wrong there. I have to
take a bath, so will must cut
my letter short this time. Drop
a postal every day. For you
know but anxious we are to
hear. We have not had a
line from Buddie. Don't know
what he is thinking about.
Frank came out this aft and
the Kaiser. Auntie says she will
write a few days.

All, give me in love & kisses
to you all.

Your loving Son,
A. S. P.

Lucretia Poore

Lexington Oct, 31st 1892

My dearest Maama

It was with ^{great} delight - I read
your letter, for I have
been quite anxious about
you all. I am so happy
the baby is improving so
rapidly, & that you all are
getting along very well.

Yesterday, a telegram came
to you from Bud, saying
he is still living, & not to
worry about him, He thinks
you are in Lexington.

Maama could hear nothing
of him while in Chicago.

I am going to write to him

for he should be at home.
Papa is speaking of giving
the colts to someone else.
I in fact will have to.
Montgomery has been with
us for the past week &
speaks of you so often.
Aunt Sarah went on 15
Uncle Luis, & she and
Montgomery returned together
Pass Day, it is really pit-
iable to see him although
greatly improved in some
respects. But far from
being "healed" in the upper
regions" He goes down
to Sumner's Forest on
this aft. train. I will

returns the latter part
 of the week. The idea is
 to visit, in for about 3.
 Dan Grigsby, & Gummie 15
 spend the winter on
 the plantation. But he
 told me, he didn't intend
 to do any such thing.
 Everything is getting along
 finely. I am quite happy.
 I sold "old Blay" for
 "forty dollars" money due
 when she comes. Have
 shown Leonard to several
 but in vain. I think
 since you say 35, will
 get her. I can possibly
 find a buyer. I believe

I would see Rebecca
also. she is not worth
over \$4000 & Mannie
has sold her cow also.
My choice, is, the wild
huffer, you will have
to sell her to me, cheap
when I go to house keeping
"Dee" My colts are doing
splendidly & fattening fast.
I hope they will bring
big prices in the Feb'y.
sale. It is mighty
sweet in you to want
to give me a trip to
Tacoma. & I will take
the mill for the seed. for
I think I am formed

to stay in Lexington
 all my life. Some times
 I feel just as though
 I would love to be dead
 but perhaps some thing
 might turn up yet. For
 the old saying "every dog
 has his day." but Wm
 I fear this dog's day
 will be so far in the
 future, he will not be
 a magnificent success. I thought
 I was going to have
phenomena is that felt
 right? for I have had
 the worst cough I have had
 for years. but have for
 the past few days, take

er. Lots of Quinine and
have about broken it
up. I feel lots improved
I have not felt right
since I was sick.
but hope to build my self
up from this on. I
Minnie has two pups. I
I think they are alright.
Ehe. + Pearl had a terrible
fight a few days since.
+ Pearl hit ^{the} chud her
up. Auntie worked for
half an hour trying
to separate them. And
at last succeeded.
Joe + Harry + Harry
I am going to write to

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them in a few days
I really have been busy
for a couple of weeks.
I rec'd a letter from
Harry to Bud this morn
I will just keep it for
all the letters written him
have been sent back to
England. What more
came out to his Uncle's
funeral. Mr Harlow I
believe he was. I spent
Saturday night with
us. I left for Chicago
yesterday aft. He is a
nice fellow too. I think
there is something up.
Summer is nearly ready

so I will conclude
on this page. You
are most welcome when
ever it is possible. But
I trust you all will keep
well. You ought to write
to Montgomery he asked if
you said anything in
your letter about him.
I sent you a letter from
him. If you wish to
know, write to England. For
he will be here for some time.
All joins me in love
and kisses for George
and you all

Truly
Yours
Hart. Jr.

Ed Graves has taken the
 colts. & I think it is just
 as well. For Bud has
 done very strangely indeed.
 & the colts have been
 suffering for sufficient
 food since that time.
 I was interrupted just now
 for dinner. I will resume
 writing. Fannie and
 Mary are going right in
 to sing, so will have to
 hurry. Write about Diamond.
 This will be a fat letter, as
 Paper is going to put one
 in. Mamma says I had
 best write to Lennie, even
 if it is only a note

Friday Oct
Nov 4 - 1842.

My dearest Maama.

Not
having mailed my letter
written several days since
I will add to its length. Mary
& Auntie have just come
from town. I brought
out the sad news of Mary
Bullards death. Only sick
I believe two days. Although
they say she died of
consumption. They brought
out a letter from Bud.
so you see "he still
lives." I begining to be
quite worried about him

I think since justification
proved since he came
Rapa spoke at the
Casert house Wed night
and acquitted himself quite
finely indeed.

But I think he was
awfully frightened. I was
if he wait. I could
hardly sit still. I was
afraid he would say
some thing wrong.

I am happy Eileen
is still on the island
Well they are ready to go in
Wish lots of love & kisses
to you all. Write as soon
as you can. Yours loving Doc
Hart Jr.

Mrs Hart Gibson

Nov. 21. 1897.

My dearest Mamma
Auntie, Mamie & Montgomery
have just gone to the
City. It is as it is both dark
& quiet. I will endeavor
to relate to you what
little I know.
We have been having
a jolly big time for
a few days past.
Having cousin Virginia
Sue & Montgomery with
us. Sue & I left last
eve. so now it is more
than full. and awfully
lonesome. Sue is
a beauty. & just as sweet
as pretty. She is going
to spend the winter on
the plantation with

Aunt Sarah. She had
expected to have been
there by this. But Uncle
Lee has been at Hot
Springs for a few
weeks & she Aunt S
rec'd a telegram from
him, saying to come
as soon as possible
as he was quite
ill. She telegraphed
Papa. 'Twas heart
failure. & not what
as was supposed.

I wouldn't be much
surprised if he kicked
the bucket this time.
You ought to take
time to write - to

Montgomery. He has
written to you several
times, and asks so
often of you.

His visit has greatly
improved him. And
Uncle Lee, is anxious
for him to become
interested in some
thing in Ky. as he
is to get about ten
thousand dollars in
the early spring. and
has promised half or
more of it to that
woman in New York.
Now the matter is
to keep him from
her. They want me
to talk to him. but I
dont care to be mixed
up in it. I told Aunt
S. I could easily
get him of this womans
tracks. if they would

turn him over to me,
but since they would
say I was trying to
rob him, don't you see?
He will do anything
I tell him to.

Now when you write
don't insinuate that
you know too much.
I think he cares more
for you than any
body else. I don't
believe he has one bit
of love Aunt S or
any of her tribe
Cousin Sally and
Mrs Chumant spent
the day yesterday with
us. Marnie is going
over with Montgomery
Wednesday to spend a
few days. Sue went up
with them. Sue was
awfully disappointed to

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Find you gone.
Why dont some of
you write - more freq-
uently? it has been a
month nearly since we
heard. And of course
we worry no little.
Make Harry write every
day, just as he did
by you, left.
Beed, has not come yet
he wrote a letter to you
and which we opened.
He said not to be alarmed
about him. that he was
alive. I would come
home in about a week.
that has been three weeks
ago. Ed Groves has the
three colts. Of course
Papa had to do some

string with shunt.
Every thing is doing
finely. Blage has not
had a calf yet. I sold
the two yearling one you
told me to. for eight &
half. quite a good
price I thought.

It has been quite
cold for a few weeks
& I see by the papers
there is a cold wave
coming. so we have
put all the eggs up.
The Mannes days I
will close. I hope to
hear from you soon
Willi about the sale
of the property at once.
Trust dear little Livvie is
about well.

All give me in love
and kisses to you all
Aff. Hart Jr.

Sunday, 1-24-93-

My Dear Minister.

Now I am not going to wait for you to write to me. although I think you owe me a letter. As the spirit moves me this A. M. I will endeavor to tell you what little I know. I had a letter from Sis the other day. She said she was never more surprised than when she found in the mail, a letter from Bud, and one from me, and only a few days previous had rec'd one from Pop. The weather has been so warm for the past few days. The therm standing at about 54, above. But some snow can be seen in the fence corners yet. Last night it rained quite a little - so you can imagine, how wacky. and wet it is. "Bud." has been gone, just two weeks today, and we actually rec'd a letter the other day. when he left.

He said he'd only be gone about a week
and possibly 2. But I want he
missing to get, he does it come back in
2 months. Ask Mamma, why she doesn't
answer my letters some times?

I have written her several of late
and not a line have I rec'd
from her. How is dear little John?
How much I want her to see
him. I guess when he comes to Ky.
which I trust will be when Mamma re-
turns we will all fight over him. I
am so sorry to hear you have
such a bad cold. I have had several.
but over myself. but am glad to say
I am about rid of them now.

Remember dear, you must try and
find time, to write to me. And
kiss all at H10. for me, and
reserve a large share for yourself.
Hoping your cold will soon be gone.
and all well. I will close.

Your Aff. Bro. H. A. J.

July - 23 - 1893.

My dearest Bessie.

What a lovely surprise. Mine was for me at the post this morning. From you all. for which. please accept much love and many, many kisses. I am beginning to get old. but only in years. That is in most respects.

We are looking for Montgomery and Aunt Sarah to-morrow. They will spend the day with us on their way to Washington.

I'm Mamma. I appreciated her letter greatly. and of course did not really mean to count tears with her. but thought she might write some times. We have been worried quite a good deal of late about you all. as none of you would write.

But is home again. His horses are going nicely. Hope he will have some good luck this year.

I have just had some photos
taken. I thought perhaps you
would like to have one. I send
it. Am at home this evening
good. I really didn't know I was so
angry before. It goes just the same.
The Mauna. I gave one to herself
and Mary. As I only had half
a bag taken. Every one is getting
along quite well. with the exception
of Edith. Pop. is not yet. But
thinks he will be as soon as the
weather gets good. It sounds as if
there was going to be a storm.
I have no news at present. The
Mauna. I will write to her shortly.
Thanking you all again.
With lots of love and kisses to
each one. I must say goodbye.

Your Loving Bro.

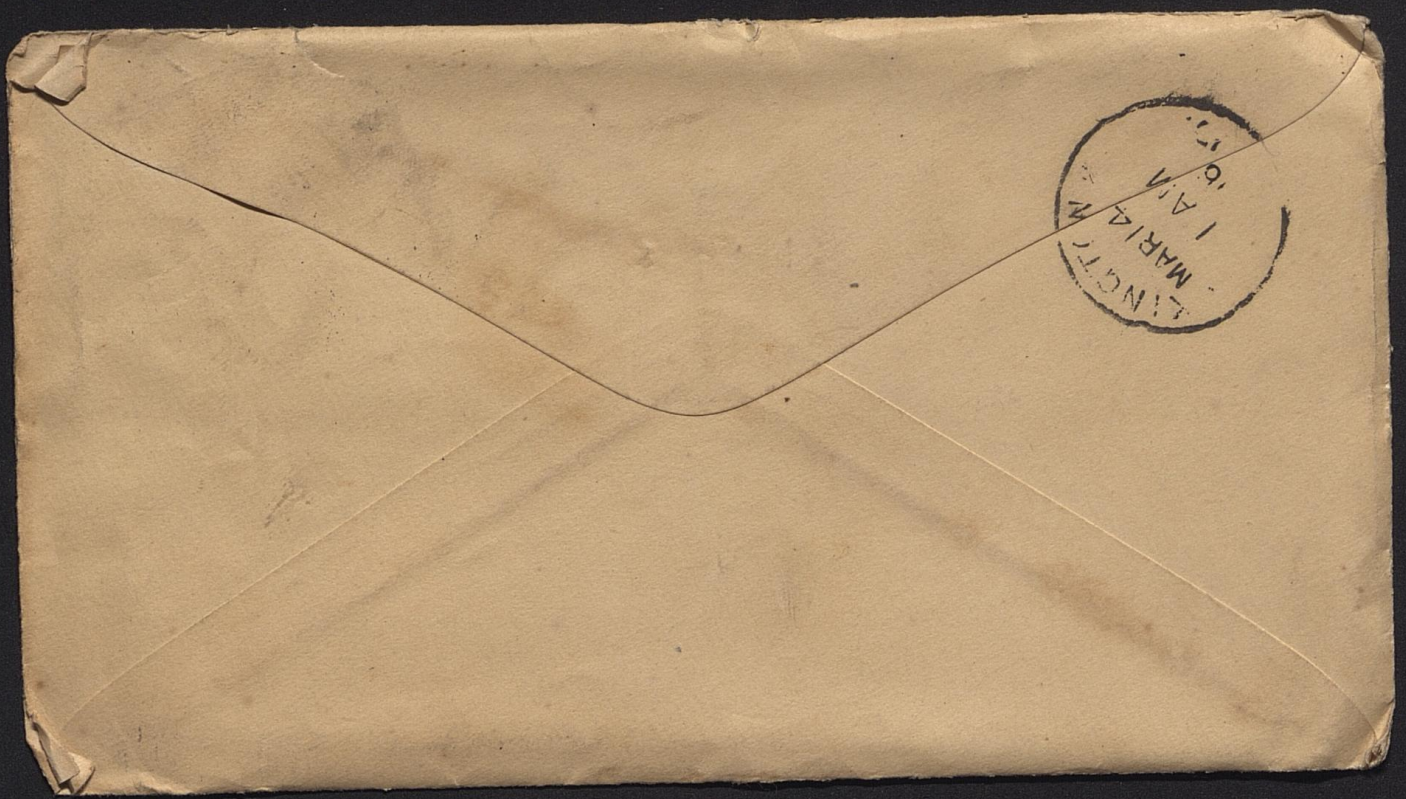
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After 5 days, return to
H. G. FOSTER,
TACOMA, WASH.



Mrs Hart Gibson
Box 43, Lexington,
Kentucky.



March 9th 1896.

My dearest - Mamma -

I rec'd your
telegram last night.
from the way 'twas
worded. I judge,
you have not gotten
any of my letters. or
Papa's. Naturally I am
a little, bothered this
morning. And as for
not making any
arrangements. I am
happy to say, they are
all made.

You will see, by the
clippings, just what
we are to do. I am
to marry under any
circumstances now.

Dede has every thing
ready. And we will
have to be married
March (31st)

You may have some
fear as to my returning
home. I anticipate no
trouble for they will
have no claims on me.
Other than, has me take
care of the child, if there is
one. I will hear from
Tom Bullcock shortly.

If you should telegraph
be careful what you say
I am a man now. And
will have another dependent
on me. So, I can only trust
you will aid me, in the
arrangements at home

and will only be a short
time, when all will be
in shape.

I shall be quite-worried
until I get your letter.
Now is your chance
to work all schemes for
I have talked over.
and satisfactory terms
can be made, by which
you can buy out
Cecil. Doing justice
to all.

I am glad all are
well.

You can expect me at
Inghide very soon. "under
any circumstances"

Love to all

Your loving Son. Hart.

March. 8th 1896.

My dearest Mamma;

Several days have elapsed since my last letter to you. & more definite plans have been fixed. Dede & I will be married. the 31st of this month. You can imagine my precious Mamma. how happy I am! Mr J. & Dede. were over last night - to dinner. She wore one of her new dresses. a grey checked day she looked lovely. I am awfully proud of her. And feel sure, you all will be the same.

The parents are fixing
her up in great shape.
& I am more than
happy for 'em to give
me a letter showing.

The wedding is to be a
very quiet affair at
the house. You must
not feel badly, because
you can't see us married.
For you will soon have
us with you.

We possibly will go
to Paris, taking So. Pacific
to New Orleans then home.
It's an inexpensive
trip, costing about the
same as returning on
any other route.

I should love to have
the back room of L. Cur.
next to the bath with my
bed. It's a nice shape!

~~room~~ and we can
 make it - look awfully
 sweet. for she has some
 nice pictures. &c

Mama. I am sure if
 matters can be fixed at
 home, we will be a
 happy couple. for she
 thinks a great deal of
 her "old man." & I certainly
 love her dearly. You
 all will have a great-
 time teasing her.

Its an awfully hard
 thing for a young
 girl, to make this step.
 going so far from
 her people. And being
 thrown with strangers.
 I really feel awfully

sorry for her. And
will do I possibly can
to make her happy.

I am quite sure
all of my family will.
I am beginning to
feel pretty nervous.
And will be glad when
the ordeal is over.

Tell G. ma. Auntie & Bud.
for I have so much
to do, can't write & all
again. Will telegraph
when we reach home.
From Cincinnati.

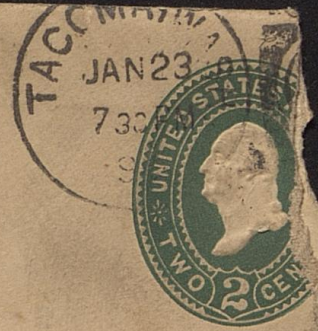
Love & kisses to all.

As ever.

Your loving boy.

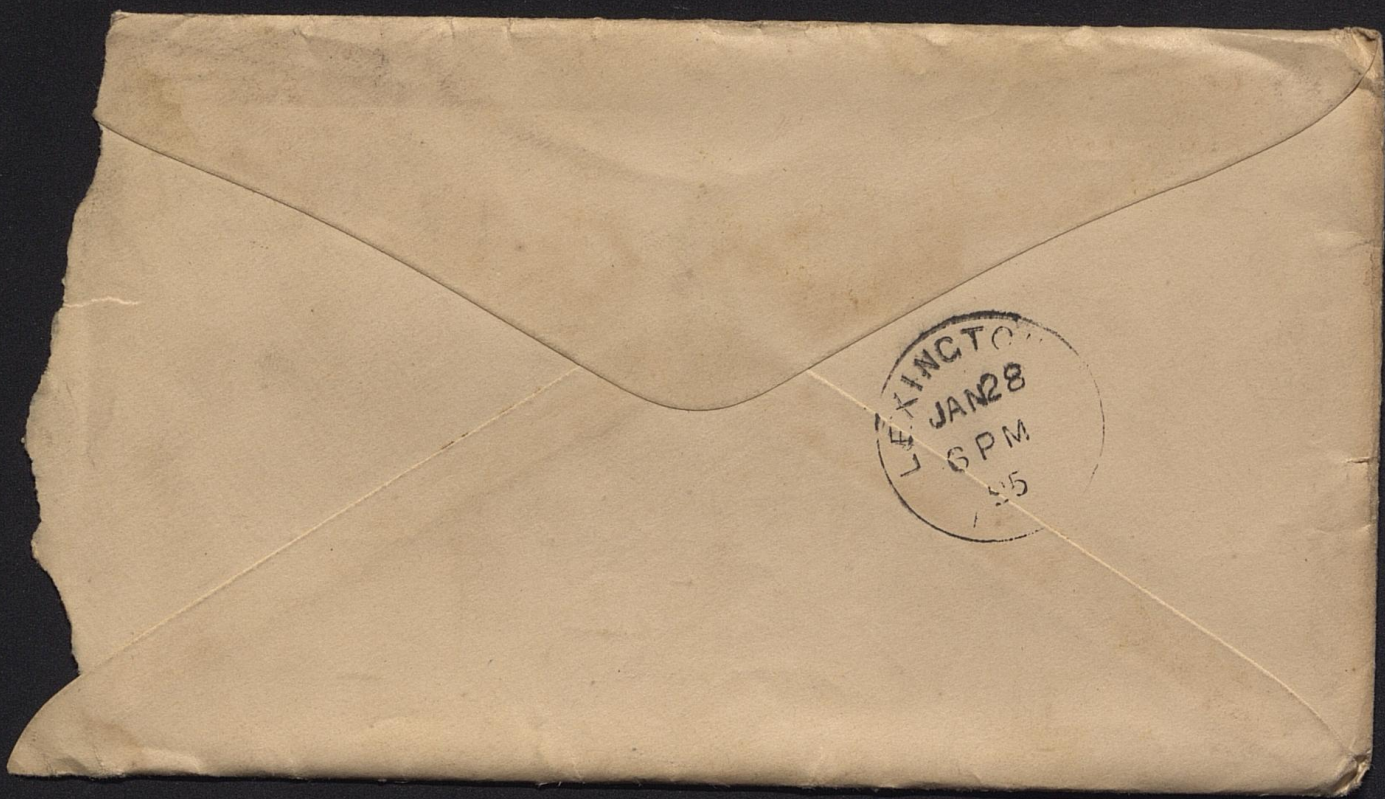
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Highside
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My Dearest Papa:-

Your nice letter of a few days since, I will now endeavor to answer. It was so kind of you to send me some bread for which consider yourself thanked. Of course such things always come just in time, to be put to some good.

I was greatly in need of a nice coat, I had taken my short prince about to a tailor to have it made into a cut-away. which cost me eight dollars. it makes me a fine dress coat now. and is just as nice, as if I had paid \$35.00 for it.

Harry leaves Thursday for the East. and expects to be gone about two months. he will reach "Kentuck" about Feby. 15. when he can give

a full account of all at 401=
He regrets not being able to take
Gibson along, but he has so
much to attend to. And so many
places to go. Gibson is a fine
boy and is Addison. You will
be awfully surprised when you see
Gibson. He has grown to be a big
fellow and talks like a boy of
8 years old. Addison has not heard
to talk yet, but will hard. He is
a dear little fellow.

They were both pretty sick a few
weeks ago, but are well a plenty now.
They only had bad colds.

Sister and Bro. May, have about
decided to take the boat here for
Frisco. Saturday. It will be pretty
quiet when all are away. They
will be gone about five weeks,
as they take a sailing vessel, a
Lumberer ship, which takes two

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deal in some respects. But the
poor fellow, is completely unstrung.
He fears he will go like Lu.
The sea voyage will do him lots of
good. Before they leave for St
Paul, I expect we will all go
to Victoria, B. C. which will be a
fine trip. I guess I'll decide to
take a position on a new line
of steamers, from Tacoma, to
Alaska. As I fear my other
scheme will fall through.
then if this country doesn't suit
me. I will be free to go elsewhere.
I hope some day, to be able to
return to my old home. But I
may never have that desire gratified.
For should anything happen, &

change the surroundings. as
when I left I would never care
to return. I hate to think of such
things happening. and but for that
one thought I would be perfectly
happy in my new home in
the far West. I feel now that
I am out in this big world to
care for myself, and God helping
me. I will do my best to make
a man of myself. and trust the
time will come, when I can
tell those I love, & who have so
long & so carefully watched me
from my babyhood, to where I
now stand. Of course Papa this
has been a hard struggle for me.
but I have made my mind up
to brave the storm, for better or worse.
We thought of sending Pichil a
cable gram. to notify him about
the plantation. but decided that

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Some of you had written the particulars to him. It would be too bad to have the old place pass out of the family. I guess Pehie would not allow it. Do you think he would?

Have you ever gotten your money from the estate? I think they have acted awfully funny about it. Why should they send Uncle John's and not send yours.

You didn't mention the horses or crops in your letter. I would love to know something about what is going on, on the farm. I was sorry to know the Frenchman had taken wings. But hope you can find some one equally as competent.

I have missed the weather by being

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The business here is pretty much
shut down. but we look for
brighter times in the Spring.
The foreign shipments here are
large. especially in lumber.
I have seen lots of tea, rice
silk &c since, and it is a
sight to see the ships being
unloaded. While the weather was
good. Bro May, and I were out
see. The water full - a great deal.
as he is fond of rowing.
Harry & Webster, went to ^{from} ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~
Saturday, and came back Monday.
They stopped at A. Mr Eatons. and
he had Jeffrey & his wife out.
Bessie Allen. Judge's young daughter
is a fine girl. Webster invited her
down. the 29th. to attend a ball here
and I am going to take her.

I have not seen very much of
the Warrall tribe. I don't fancy
them much. We had quite a
reunion when the Voorhis's were out.
We were real glad to see the.
Guess they gave a full description
of all of us. Harry's dog, had
 pups P. day. She is a water spaniel.
only had three, and killed one.
Total number of dogs on the place
nine. will show them out in a few
days. thought I had sold some of
mine. but was mistaken. but think
I can get sell them. I could write
on for a month, but it is getting
late. and all have gone to sleep.
I hope you will try and write
often, as I get awfully anxious about
everyone.

With love and kisses for all
I am your loving Son.

401. S. G. Street. Hart. Jo.

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MILLS ON NORTHERN PACIFIC,
AND
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAYS.

Tacoma, Wash. June 13th 1896.

My dear Pop.

Owing to the many disappointments regarding your arrival in Tacoma, I deem it proper for me to enlighten you of the fact, that time is passing rapidly, & your presence, is more than essential, to my future occupation & happiness.

In a letter from Mamma, she says, your "decision" will come to hand, June 15th. But you are thinking of postponing your journey, awhile, in order to take in the "Carnival" in St Paul.

I am getting awfully fidgety. For there are some most important things for me to discuss with Mamma, and to procrastinate longer.

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means a loss to me.

I have plans which if executed immediately will be most prosperous. If put off too long the benefit will be smaller & the business harder to push forward.

There is a bright future out here in this western country. And the early "bird catches the worm."

I now have a feeling of more or less perfect contentment which means quite a great deal in one's career. I feel so materially different now. And in some respects think on the whole my past experience has been of unlimited benefit to me. For I have had my ideas broadened undoubtedly.

I of course must decide now.

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and for all time. upon my future. And from the incipitancy, of whatever it may be. make the most out of it.

My idea, is to try and start in something on as small a basis as possible. & in something, there is a future in. As far as taking a position is concerned on a small salary. one virtually has no future, & little or no happiness. The experience of course, makes a solid foundation. And which means everything, in all branches of life.

I have had rather a practical career. Yet 'tis not ~~not~~ one you could call thoroughly business like. A man, at my age, learns, and naturally picks up many things in business. as he goes on.

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My education as you know
is most deficient. And I now
realize, all mistakes in the past.
Some of our best men. Have
been placed in my shoes.
And they succeed through o.k.
which I hope to!

Of course, by not being educated,
is a great disadvantage. for
it injures me. for many good
salaried positions, which one can
work in a good advantage.

I must select something, which
I can enjoy. I capably attend to.
I shall expect you, just as
soon as its possible for you
to get away.

But, care, take care of every body
and everything. So dont let such ideas
burnt or stop you from coming.

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I thought - should I leave
myself, things must go to rack
& ruin. but from all reports. I've
been a good aidance.
Now. I don't mean to insinuate,
that you would be the latter. but do
say. they could spare you for a
few months. And you need the change.
I must quit you now. as I must
write - Mama a letter to,
Prepare yourself, to be talked to death?
For there are many things. I have to emance
upon.

Hurry out,

With best love.

I am your loving son.

Hart.

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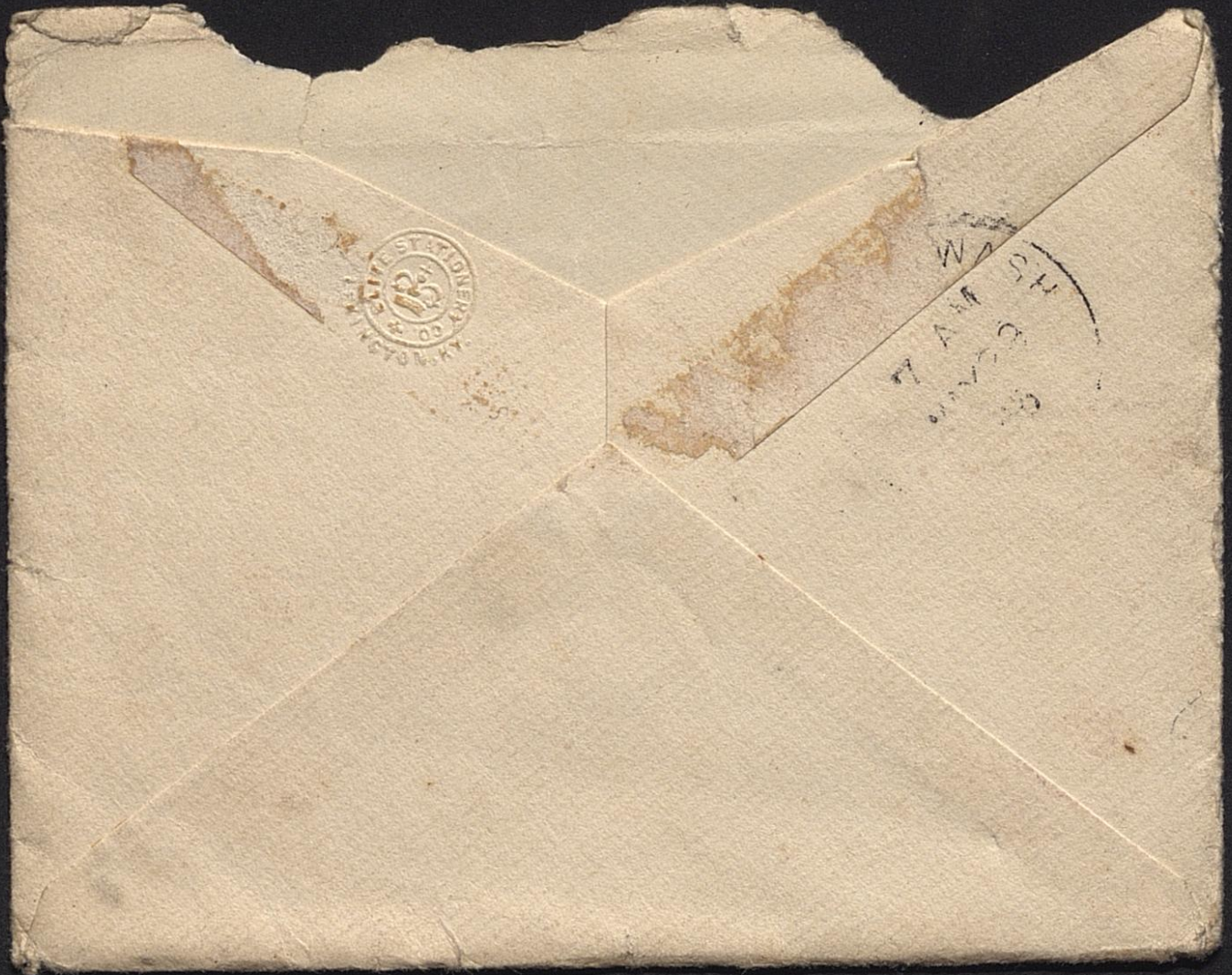
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Tacoma
Washington



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I had expected to write
you a real long
epistle. but am too
tired, as "usual" to
comply with my wishes.
We have been
blessed at last with
rain. I have put
out - 200 S. potatoes
plants, & five hundred
tomato - plants.
The rain has saved
the farmers. Our
crops. will be O.K.
Hay, Oats & corn.

May 23 - 1890.

My dear Pop.

It is about bed
time, but I must
write you a few
lines, to congratulate
and wish you much
happiness of the day.
I only wish I could
be in Tacoma
to have a big dinner
with you. & all
at # 401

This country, does not
compare to the west.
Unless I make a big
success. I will return
I think to Belle ^{Mountain}
I guess, you did
and myself had been
located together.

That is a thrifty city.
I met several men
on my trip. who said
money was no object.
Friends of Ed Tipton.
They all took a great
fancy to me.

Will this man did

not start here. I
think she has gone
to Latonia. She is
the friend-keeping girl
I have seen.

Betsy Harper died
a few days since.
I fear the cause
was some thing internal
and very severe.

I am delighted to
see Quaker has
come before the public.
and trust she will
continue. She has not
written me a line

And let me know
how you are getting
along. I how you
like the country now?
I will write again
soon. Hoping you
are well again.
And that she truly
seems to have brought
you many happy
returns.

I am, Your loving Son

Hart Jr

2 since I left, I
really didn't think
she could forget me
so soon. Poor girl
I guess she has been
awfully worried &
had lots to do. I am
sure she will be
happy to be situated
at the beach, and
how fine I will be
for you.

Papa, try and write
me once a week.

LEXINGTON
JUN 8
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C. L. Hart Libson
of Harrison & Foster
#401, South F. Street.
Tacoma
Washington

the Tacoma
papers, which
gives me an idea
of the outside world.
I have neglected
in all my letters
to mention the fact
of having received
my freight - box.
At least some one
wrote sister I had
not, but I distinctly
remember having
written to Harry about
it. Another rain
is blowing up.

June 8th 1876.

My dear Papa -

There is so little
news of importance
one scarcely can
find much to
write an interesting
epistle.
I never go to the
City - and never
see a paper.
Occasionally I see

which will be
of great benefit
to the late grass.

Will have you
all finished moving?

I am delighted
Dunder has at last
gotten in a good
neighborhood.

Have you all seen

Mr & Mrs Wallace
since their return?

I see Miss Baker
has entertained them.

But in the list
of guests, the crowd
at No. 1 did not appear.

I have not seen
Pearl Evans for
some time. I am

inclined to think
she will not make
Dunder a visit.

It is a "sticker" I have
no use for him.

Mama, were you
a here last night?

I expect she has

The Red Wilkes, has
been bred to Temple
Bar. "free", all the
rest of Seraglio.
Domina & Minnie
are in foal to
Kaiser. Seraglio
is the best breeder
I know of. all
of his colts prof.
and are show horses.
Please write and
say just what should
be sent!

& give me all the
gossip. The young
Happy Medium has
a filly, a beauty to
solid color Bay -
Red Wilkes a filly
bay, star white foot.
The Dictator a rich
bay colt, but had
a mishap, an is
hipped. But a natural
roller. These are
all the crop this yr.

I see no use in
keeping all the
fillies that come.
for they should
be sold and trained
in order to give the
horse some reputation.
After all gets in
shape here, then
we can handle
ourselves. But at
present, I see no way
for them to be trained.
After I get started, I can
afford to train some
of them. That's where

The big money is -
Gordon's are selling
for good prices.
I want to take Tramp
& Blomidon up -
put them in shape
and sell them. They
are utterly no good
for us now.
Please write me
your ideas in full
and tell me what
your thoughts of my
plans for next year,
regarding, rebuilding
the ground here, and
Sayer's place;

I should make at
fifteen hundred or
more, after paying
rent, and making
a living, for there
is big money in
Onions. Of course
I would love to live
here, but it is much
more pleasant to be
out for oneself, and
that you are free
to do as you ^{please} like.
And when you want
any one to visit, you
have no one to consult.

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no chance here,
and one is much
better off living
alone. I will put
in ten or fifteen
acres of Onions,
and pull a truck
patch, which will
bring in ready
money. I then
have Sayre's stable
and can take
the horses. Also I have
Serapho. I will get
a first-class gardener

In staying here, there
is no certainty.

I like to know just
what I am doing.

They say - Jay takes
Insurance. and you
interest. and you
can have what

is left - besides keeping
up expenses.

If that isn't a lay
out, I give it up.

I do not hesitate
to say. such plans
don't suit me.

And it would not

be doing justice
to Dede.

Well I must leave
you. and let you

take some recreation
after reading such
a long epistle.

Write soon.

Ask Harry to see if
the boat was ever made.
I think they will sell
very well here.

Dede joins me in
love & all.

Travelling
Halt.

1896
JUN 18
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Col. Hart Gibson

of Harrison G. Foster

301, N. J. Street -

Tacoma

Washington

June 16 - 1896.

My dear Papa:-

I was awfully glad to get your letter this A. M. + also surprised. So you all are domiciled at last in the new house. I am delighted you are so pleased with your room. I should love to see how the rooms are fixed up. I am sorry to hear of so many people passing away; that they are far better off. I am sure the Carnival will be a great success. The one last year was beautiful, only not so elaborate. One can hardly conceive of the amount of raisins that country produces. So you are still going to

via's dinner's fe? You will
 be too sociably - for "Livington"
 when you return.
 Livington, is the same old
 dull place, but in some
 respects it pretty fine.
 Dunster, will make a fine
 "Quarry". You must write
 and tell us all about it.
 We are having a fine shower
 this morning, which was more
 than needed. I only wish it
 could rain for weeks.
 You failed to mention what
 you thought - should be
 done with the horses?
 Write me what - the scraggy
 Scraggy colts are worth, are
 rather those I mention?
 a. Filly out of the Dictator, a.
 colt, out of something else.
 a. 2 yr old out of the young
 Huffy medium. a yearling out
 of same. And the Simmons
 yearling? The Simmons, of course

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is wish the other four.
Let me know at once?
I want to buy these fine calls,
and can make a fine deal
that, which will be of great
benefit to all. I am not
favorably impressed with
partnership business, unless
you can make things under-
stand full, its my heart here
to have things done right.
if it could be done, everything
could be in good shape.
The Dunster I have not seen
Pearl, for some time, I'm
afraid she will not get out
to visit her. Jumbo, kicked me
on the arm this a.m. while
in the plow, but only in
a slight ~~bruise~~ bruise.
Richie started two of his calls
at Oatsley, but brought up the
rear, his call is named Munden
and the jolly. Evening Chat.
They were worked to death this spring

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I think the colt, will be a good
horse next year.

Betsy Harp's filly is on the
improvement. It is a sure race
filly. I think all the mares
here are in foul.

Things are pulling along
in first-class shape.

Mr St-Clair, is hauling manure
on the place, from the fair
grounds free of charge.

That's a snap.

Well I must quit - you
I miss you so much. And
will do my best - to get things
in shape by the time you
come home.

All are well. Uncle Henry was
out Sunday for a change.

The tea given by Mary, for Abe
was a big success.

Have a big time, when you go with
Pek. Give my best to him. Your Mrs
Hellar is a nut.

Love & all. Write soon. Affly Bidie
Let Harry I will write soon



Col Hart Gibson
Inghside
Lexington
Kentucky.

Middle. Ky.

Nov. 17-1849.

My dearest Pop.

We found Bud and everything in fine shape on our return. But miss you awfully. I hope the hay arrived O.K. and was properly stacked in the corner. and my four horses put in the grove. I ordered some corn sent out. and if it does not come you might see Stephen. but dont give over \$1.75 for it. And only about (7) barrels.

as that is plenty for the
present. Prince Wilhelm
will start tomorrow and is
in with the best colts and
fillies here. The best filly
in the East, starts against
him, "Cleora". I fear he
has not a chance, but
will run a fair race
at that. I had a letter from
Richie, to-day, in which
he said, ships the Colt
to Lexington from here.
My horses leave here for
New Orleans, Monday, at 4 o'clock.
So Dad and I will, go home
and leave Tuesday.
Be ready - so as not to delay

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Hi yancee.

There is little or no news
to relate. We went to the
theatre last night, and
wished for you.

I hope Grandma is better.

Tell her I say she must
drink plenty of whiskey.

I expect the Colts in the
A.M. hope they will come
on A.K.

All join me in love to all.

Yours affly
J. J.

Tell Aunt Lily her
letter has never
come.

Wm. Gibson