

Inglerside.
December 9th Friday.

My dear Aunt Mary.

A letter from you to
Uncle Hart came this evening.
Uncle Hart read it aloud &
your remarks about Gibson
amused us.

I enclose a letter from Uncle
Tobias, so you will understand
the state of affairs at the Springs.
There is absolutely no news,
except all are very well - although
lately I have had a severe cold.
I am hoping you will come
very soon.

With much love,

Your devoted nephew
Montgomery Gibson



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Hot Springs, Ark. Dec 6 1892

My dear Aunt,

It is determined that a change has taken place for the better in his condition. This only means that he is not actually in the jaws of death. He is as low as a man can be and lies - prostrated to a degree which indicates at times that a revival to vitality is impossible, and yet he does rebound and then sympathetic hope grows into intelligent hope - one moment you feel that hope is idle and then again you express the idea that after all he may recover. At times he indulges in little expressions of impatience. But whatever is said or done, you can plainly see he is making a desperate fight for life - He has so far never given up the battle. He said to-day, "if you doubt quit persecuting me about taking nourishment"

2/ I will pack my trunk and go away from
here" - but he took the nourishment all the
same. I sometimes feel and think the
fight is won and that we have a right
to say he will recover, and yet when you
see him utterly prostrate and as low as
one can be to live, you feel that the
wish is further to the thought.

Lita is retiring, sleepless and intelligent
in her watchfulness and attentions. Her
endurance and resources are limitless.
Richie is increasing in his vigils and
is a power in the sickroom. He is kind,
watchful, retiring, warm hearted
and without him I don't believe I could
have gotten along at all. He is the finest
young man I have seen and has
a hand on his shoulder full of success.
Preston is a wild little fellow not kept well
in hand. Richie is full of feeling - has
elegant manners and is every inch
the man - I am of but little service to
Miss Lita now, though we would be glad
to do anything.



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As soon as it is determined that Lu is out
of danger, I shall return home and
look after my affairs which I left in
a very dangerous condition to me.
The sale of my colt was a very great
disappointment to me - I may have
to sacrifice several to ease up
matters a little - I am treating now
with a gentleman here from Kentucky
for the purchase of her - She is the last
link left to me by which to ease up
matters and put me on the high road -
Of course I realize it is killing the goose
that laid the golden egg, but desperate
cases call for desperate action -

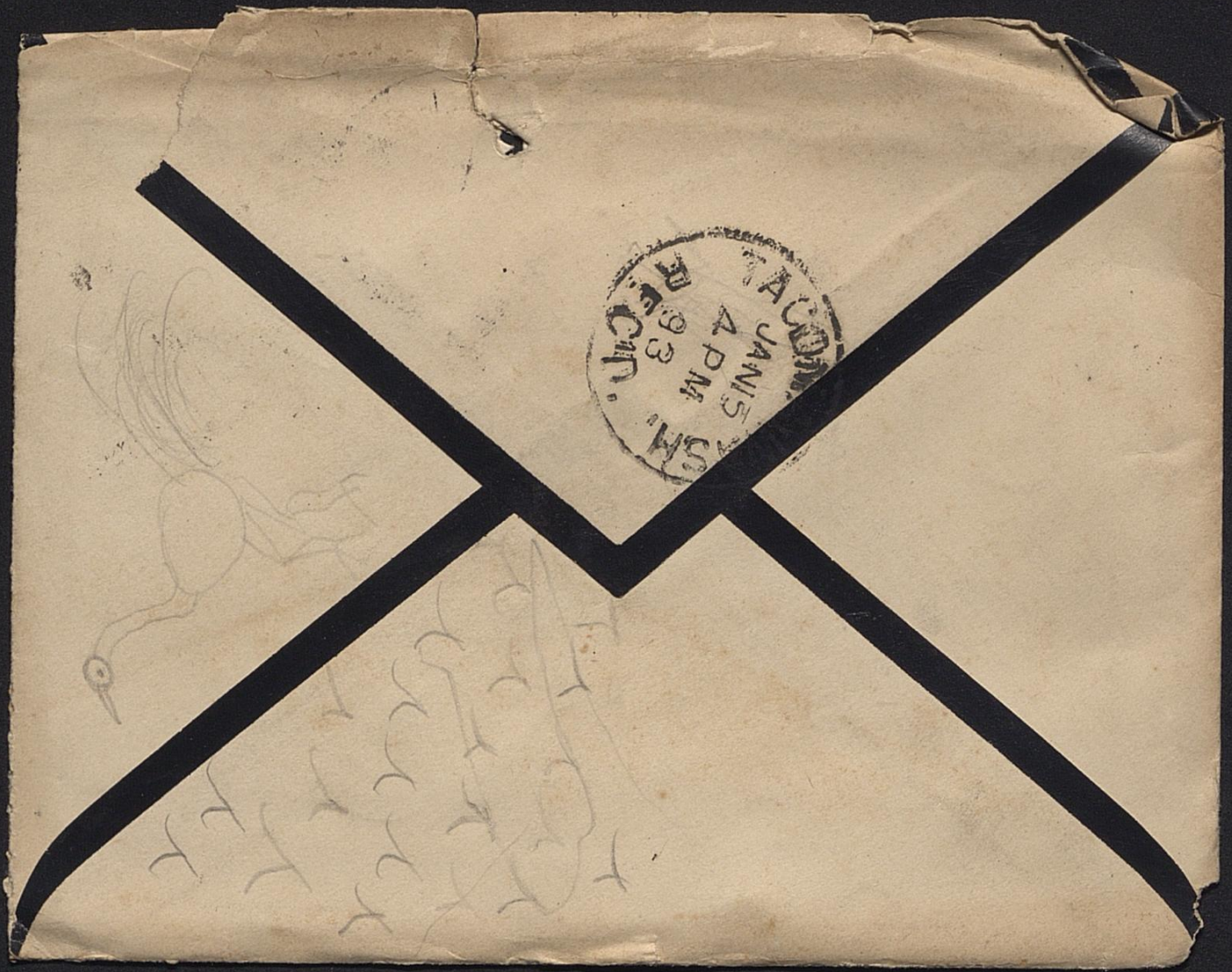
I know of nothing more that I can
say about Lu's condition, and yet what
I have said is unsatisfactory - Let
me hear of good news, for if there is

a bad turn, I will telegraph you -
With love to all

Your brother affectionately
Lobius Gibson



Mrs. Hart Gibson.
Care Mr. Harrison Foster.
No. 410. North "J" Street.
Tacoma.
Washington.



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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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"Live Oak"
Sunday - January 8th 1893

Dear Aunt Mary.

When I went to the post office this morning to post the letter I had written to you yesterday, I was very much pleased to find your kind letter which had been forwarded from Lexington.

Please do not imagine seriously that I have lost my heart for such is not the case at all. Miss Chenuault is a very nice girl, has the most beautiful manners and is very kind. At Christmas she gave me a beautiful gold pen with "mother of pearl" handle and Aunt Sarah invited her to visit with us here - that is all. I know of nothing that is more refining than the society of nice young ladies.

When shall you return to Ingleside? We shall remain here until some time in February or March and if you are then at Ingleside I should be very glad to visit there again and should enjoy so much to see you and be with you.

I presume my brothers Richardson and Preston have left Ingleside. Richardson

I suppose will continue his studies at New Haven, if he has not changed his plans, and Preston will stay at my Aunt Leita's in Washington and attend school there. I think Richardson wants to be a lawyer. As for myself I have no plans at present.

I wish you were here, although I don't know how you would like the quiet. Susanne is growing to be quite handsome, but is said to be affected. The weather is beautiful - no rain - thermometer usually about 60°. We make sandy in the evenings.

We play cards and amuse ourselves generally. We are 5 miles from the hamlet called "Gibson City" which is 66 miles from New Orleans on the Southern Pacific and on the line to San Francisco which is 2429.5 miles.

I hope you will write again shortly. I suppose Gibson is a very interesting child and very bright. I wonder who he resembles. My Uncle Ernie had a daughter on the 28th of last month.

With much love, to all,

Your devoted nephew,
Montgomery Gibson

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Col Hart Gibson
Lexington
Kentucky.



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Sept. 5-1890.

Dear Uncle Hart.

My father directs me to write you to ask you that you will send him the name of such Catholic priest as might be suitable to consecrate my mother's grave.

He also wishes to have a head stone provided for his father's grave, as, if I recollect well, there is none.

Thanking you for your kindness to me during my stay.

With love,
Your aff. nephew
Montgomery Gibson

United States Senate,



Mrs. Hart Sibson.

Lexington,

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I may obtain a position in Washington in the "Interstate Commerce Commission" or on the "New York Times" and at present do not know which, but hope to be occupied by the 1st. of September and will write you all about it.

It is very difficult to decide what to do. I have a small income of my own from my grandfather's estate and can't get along comfortably but I feel that I ought to be interested and working in something, and I am sure you will agree with me.

Is Bidie engaged in any business?

I suppose "Kinee" is simply the autocrat of the house.

Trusting all are well and with much love,
Your devoted nephew
Montgomery Libson.

High Cottage,
High Bridge,
New York City.
Aug. 23rd, 1892

My dearest Aunt Mary,

I was very much pleased to receive your letter, this morning and thank you so much for it.

We have had a very sad time and a most trying ordeal. Grandma had been ill during the Spring and nothing seemed to relieve her, although she tried the best doctors. Towards the end of July Grandma's strength & her wonderful energy began to fail and when my Aunt Leita came about Aug. 1st. there had been a marked change.

Grandma was in bed exactly two weeks and everything that was possible was done, but each

day brought a steady and rapid decline. There was no pain, no suffering save that caused by extreme debility and exhaustion. The stomach retained nothing, and finally inability to swallow - it was a cancer of the stomach.

The funeral took place on Friday - it was simple yet impressive, and just as grandma would have wanted and in fact as she had directed.

My grandma was esteemed and justly for her many fine qualities, her kindness to all & indifference to none, her generous spirit, and beautiful Christian character.

To my father's children she was especially kind and thoughtful and at all times, a true friend.

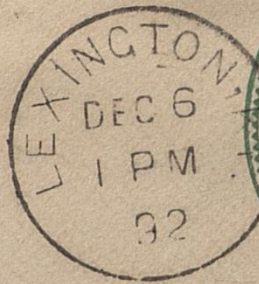
I have always felt very fond of you, my dear Aunt Mary, I hope I shall be able to see much of you in the future, and that you will let me hear from you often.

I shall be very glad to have the photograph of yourself and will send one of mine if you think you would like to have it.

My Uncle Emil has returned to "Bar Harbor" - where he has a cottage. My new aunt is very nice and quite handsome. My father is here and very one says he looks remarkably well.

He speaks of visiting Kentucky in September.

My Aunt Litta is here and has been much run down. Preston and Richie are here and look very well. They are to return to school shortly.



Mrs. Hart Gibson.
No. 410. North "J" Street.
Tacoma.
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Care Mr. Harrison Foster.

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Sunday Dec. 6th
Inglewood

My dear Aunt Mary.

I have such a cold in my head I am staying in the house to-day and thought I would write a few lines to you, although there is scarcely any news.

The latest news of my father's condition was that he was very low and there was no hope for him and so you can think how distressed I feel. We hope for better news to day but fear the worst.

Biddy is breaking the trotting colts for the February sale and calls on the young ladies

in the evenings.

Nannie Duncan accompanied Mr. Barnes & family last night for the "Saiibel" island near the coast of Florida. where there is quite a colony. George Duncan is with the Frisgebys in Washington. Mr. Jerome Sellers died within a few days past.

It is quite warm & "sunshiny". There is a severe water famine in Lexington - only enough water remains for a fire.

Mrs. Mary Preston left everything to the church.

We are all well & send much love,

Your devoted nephew
Montgomery

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Mrs. Hart Gibson.
No. 410. North J. Street.
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My dear Aunt Mary.

The funeral of my dear father took place yesterday morning and I send you two papers marked with full accounts. Last night it snowed hard & this morning ~~there~~ snow is quite deep on the ground ~~this~~ it is quite cold & chilly. One of the horses here has died - "Jeremiah". Cousin Va. Frigby returns to Washington on the 30th inst. and goes to office on the 3rd of January. Aunt Sarah & Susanna expect to start on Thursday for the plantation.

Duncan is here & looks very well.
Aunt Lily has been kindness
itself & so thoroughly gentle &
sympathetic - Cousin Nannie
Forbes has been very kind too
& Mary very lovely.

Mayor. Hall, my father's law
partner, Senator White & Col. Dr.
P. Johnston called here yesterday
afternoon.

Cousin Sallie looks very well &
has invited Richie, Preston & myself
to visit her. Miss Margaret Chenault
is a very sweet girl & very
beautiful - Aunt Sarah doesn't
look as well as I have seen her.
Bidy is going to town so will close with
a great deal of love, your devoted nephew
Wm. G. Gomer

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Mrs. Hart Gibson.
Care Foster & Hastings.
Tacoma
Washington.

1415 - 20th Street

Washington City. D.C.
March 8th 1893.

My dear Aunt Mary.

Your kind letter of the 20th ult. was forwarded and reached me a few days since.

Aunt Sarah, Miss Chevalt and I arrived here on the 20th from New Orleans and on the 1st went to the Senate to listen to the eulogies on my father. Senators White (La) Vorhees (Ind), Mills (Texas) McPherson (N.J.) Gordon (Ga.) Caffrey (La) and Manderson (Neb) and Wolcott (Col) all delivered beautiful addresses and paid high tributes to my father's memory and we were very much pleased by it.

On Wednesday night Aunt Sarah & Miss Chevalt went home to Kentucky and a letter from Uncle Tobias tells me of their safe arrival.

Richie has been here a week or so and is looking very well. Preston is staying at

my aunt Jettie and is at school here.

I expect to stay here until April 1st. if not later and have no plans beyond that!

I hear from Hart and Mary often.

Our old house, No. 1723 Rhode Island Avenue is to be rented furnished.

The inaugural parade was splendid but it was intensely cold and the wind blew a cyclone.

Yesterday Louisiana and I and 3 other ladies went to the Ivy City races and enjoyed it very much. The weather was pleasant and the finishes close enough to make it interesting.

Mrs. Glass & Mrs. Chambers, two special friends of Louisiana, and I went on Sunday night to hear Levy and his gold cornet and Sissieretta Jones, the "Black Patti". She sang exquisitely and we were quite pleased. George Duncan is here and looks very well. Louisiana is tolerable only as she expresses it, "unsteady on my pins".

Hoping you are all well and with love

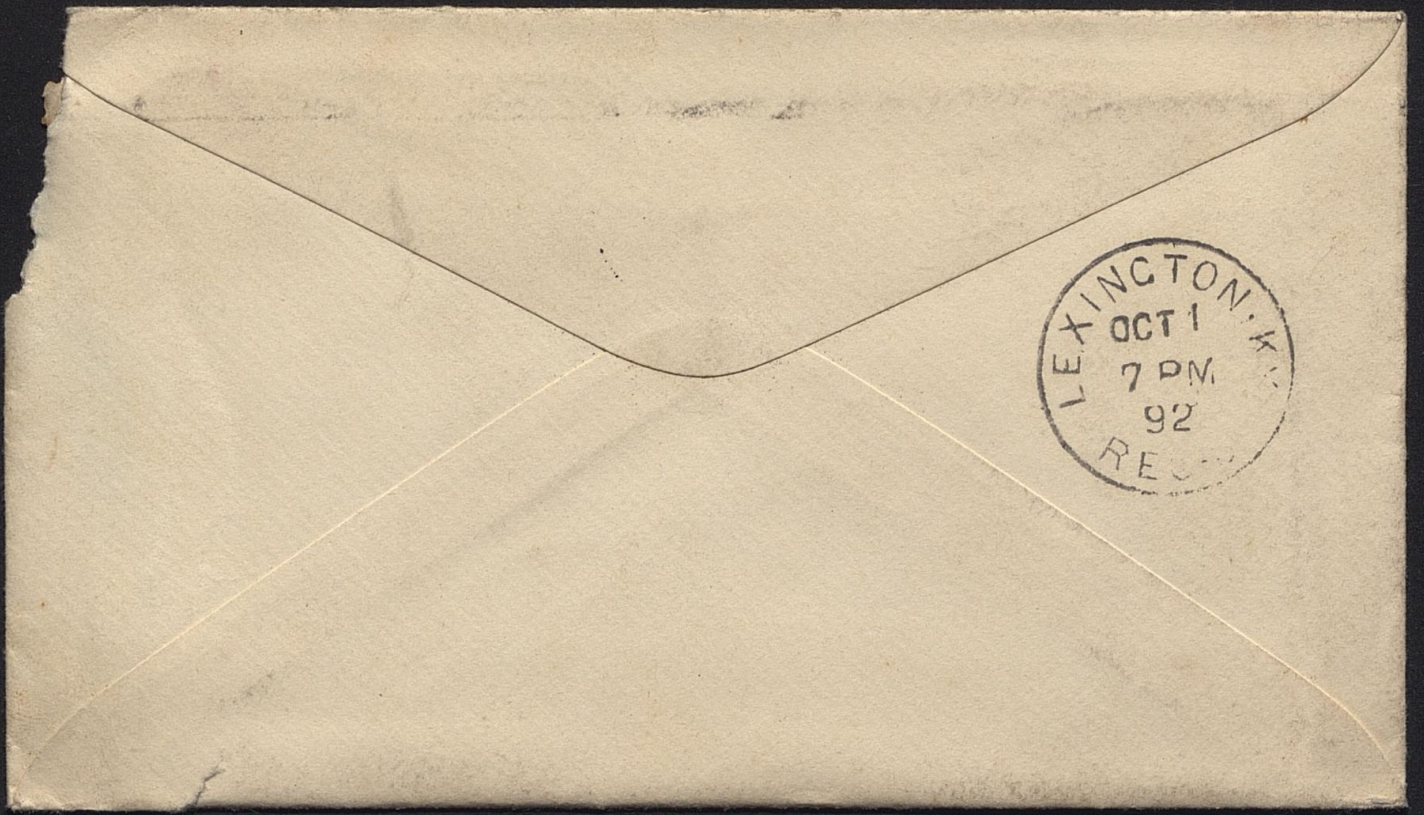
devotedly, Montgomery

United States Senate.



Col. Hart Gibson,
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United States Senate,

1723. Rhode Island Avenue WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept 30th, 1892.

My dear Uncle Hart.

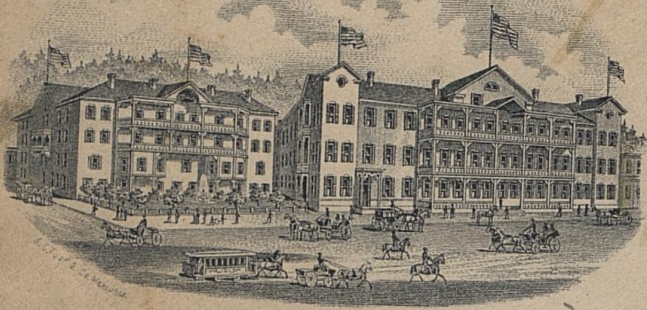
I shall be greatly pleased if you can conveniently send me a photograph of yourself.

I hope that you and all are quite well, and send love to each one.

Your nephew
Montgomery Gibson.

Col. Hart Gibson.
Lexington, Ky

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Mrs. Hart Gibson
Lexington.
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Hot Springs, Ark. Nov. 9th 1890

My dear Aunt Mary.

Since writing you, my father has decided to prolong our stay here until the 20th of thereabouts.

Mrs Booth & family of Vicksburg, who are related to my father, are at the "Hay" house and we see something of them - Last evening we went together to see "A Soap Bubble" - rather trashy.

We find very little to do as this is the dull season.

Mrs Dole of Chicago is here at the hotel. She knows Cousin Louisiana.

With love to all & you, from my father &
Your devoted nephew
Montgomery Gibson



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Mrs. Hart Gibson
Care of Mrs. Harrison Foster
100 North 4th Street
Tacoma
Washington



"Live Oaks"
January 8th 1893

Sunday United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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My dear Aunt Mary,

When Aunt Sarah came here, I thought it would be very pleasant for me to accompany her. Susanna Sigely and Miss Margaret Chenuault are also here and my cousin Preston Gibson, son of my uncle Preston.

We have enjoyed it exceedingly. The weather has been perfect, bright and sunshiny, only one rainy day.

Today was Susanna's birthday. She is 21. Tomorrow will be mine and I will be 24.

I think we shall remain until March.

I hope you have been well and expect to hear from you soon.

With love,

Your devoted nephew,
Montgomery Gibson

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Mrs. Hart Gibson
No. 410. North "J" Street.
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Care H. Foster Esq.

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Wednesday -
Ingleside. Dec. 14th

My dear Aunt Mary.

When I came down to breakfast this morning, I found your kind letter and will write a few lines this afternoon to you.

I have written you several letters and hope they have all reached you safely.

My brothers Richie & Preston are at the Springs and I am sorry to say our news is far from encouraging.

Richie or Tobias Richardson is nearly 19 & is handsome - nearly 6 ft. Preston is nearly 14 & good looking but a bit delicate.

Uncle Tobe is at home and quite sick. I saw Aunt Ira & Fannie today in town - both looking well.

Louise Lucy, Va. & Sue were also in town. Sue will visit a few days here.

I had not intended to visit the plantation.

I am afraid I have the same lament to make for nothing would give me greater pleasure than to give some nice presents at this season, but as you wisely say, the "garment must accord with the cloth" and unless you are supplied with an abundance of the "de quoi" the pattern is apt to be a lean & meagre one.

Bidy has kindly introduced me

Close, with love to you & Mittie,

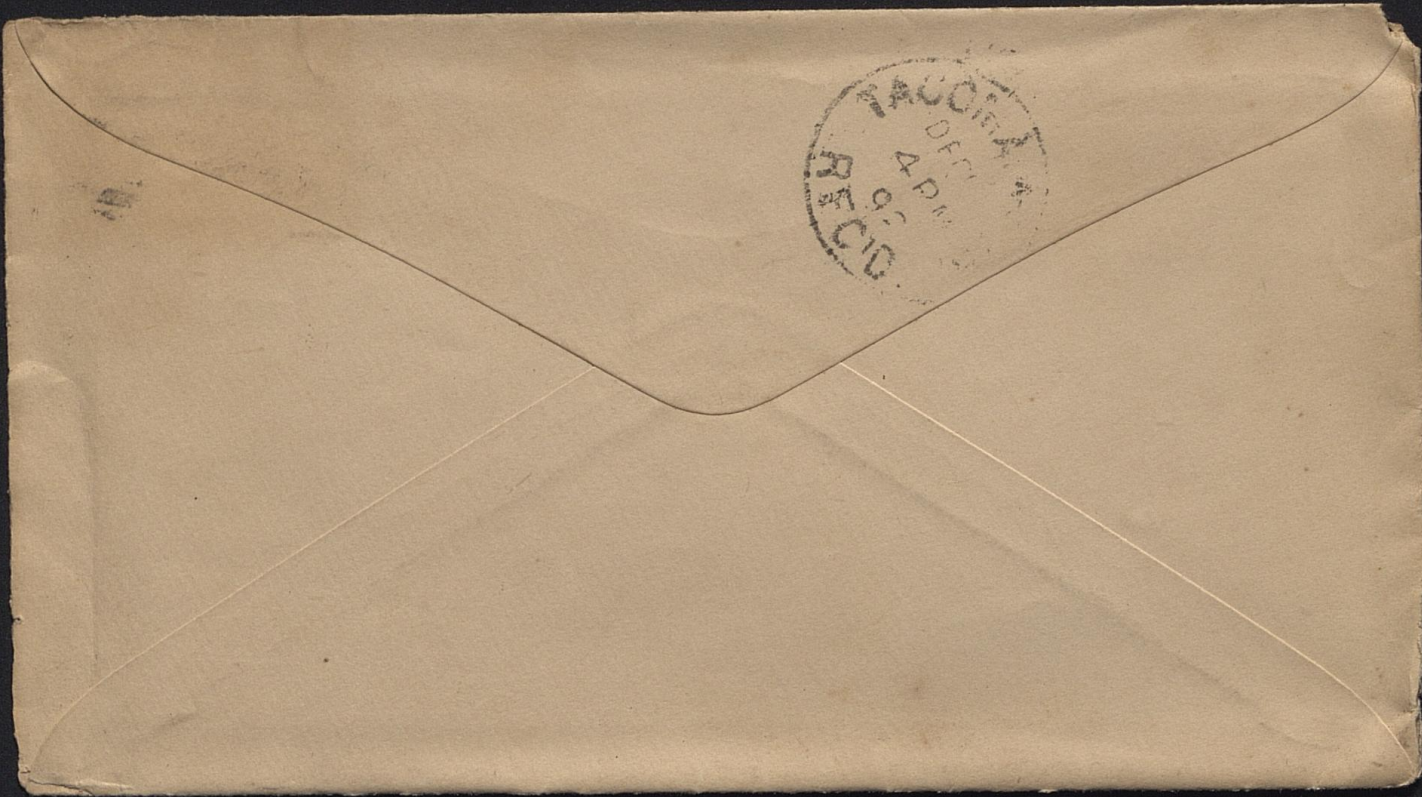
Your devoted nephew
Montgomery Gibson

If not called for in 10 days, return to

M. Gibson Box 43.
Livingston, Kentucky.



For Mrs. Hart Gibson.
no. 410. North J Street.
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Ingliside.
The night before Christmas. 1892.

My dear Aunt Mary.

All, except Mrs Duncan,
have gone to "the city" - Uncle Hart,
Aunt Lily, Duncan, Biddy, Mary,
Richie & Preston and I am left to
"hold the fort" until they return
& incidentally "keep the fires"!

Your very kind letter came to day
and I feel your kindness deeply.

A box or so have come & every body
seems eager to discover the contents -
and Mary went in this evening with
a pretty white box around her
neck.

This is a sad Christmas for us,

dear papa was always so kind & thoughtful as Mr. Preston Johnston, the President of Tulane University, said of him; "when I was sleeping, he was awake" meaning that he anticipated his needs & wishes.

My father's leaves to Uncle Hart, Uncle Tobe & Aunt Sarah an annuity each of five hundred dollars.

My Aunt Letta recently gave sixty thousand dollars to the University of Virginia to establish a Chair in "English Literature".

I expect to leave for Washington on Thursday or Friday of the coming week.

"Christmas" - 1892.

Dear Aunt Mary -

Last night the boxes were opened and the contents put in two bags. then we all assembled in the parlor where the distribution took place. and we ate fruit & drank "egg-nogg" - & all smoked cigarettes even Mary & Aunt Lily. and we had a right jolly time. All were very pleased with the gifts.

Am so much obliged to you for being so kind as to think of me when there were so many you had to think of.

Today is quite gloomy & the snow

still covers the ground and it is
cold & dismal.

Fossil Lucy gives a Xmas dinner
to morrow at the "Forest".

As I have no more news, will end
with much love & best wishes for
a happy New Year,

Your devoted nephew
Montgomery Gibson

October 5th

SENATE CHAMBER
WASHINGTON

My dear Aunt Mary,

I am writing you just a few lines to tell you that my uncle Linden Scott died yesterday afternoon after the brief illness of two days, of trouble of the heart. My Aunt Leta is completely prostrated. The funeral will be on Friday morning.

Louisiada Grigby has been quite sick for several days and when I inquired this morning she was no better.

Tell Uncle Hart to send me the photograph I wrote to him for.

My father has just recovered from his gout. I hope you and all with you are well and send much love.

Your devoted nephew,
Montgomery Gibson.

Prot. 3/1/89.

With much love, dear
aunt Mary I send you
this and want you to
read it sometimes &
to think of me when
you do.

Your devoted nephew
Montgomery

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23rd, 1890.

My dear Aunt Mary.

Thanks for the

letter received yesterday.

As I was uncertain as to where you would be at Christmas, I directed a handkerchief case to you to Ingleside whence it will probably be forwarded.

I send you our real estate paper, the "Kensington Sun".

Mr. Healy, the artist, I am informed is abroad.

~~We~~ expect my grandmother & Uncle Crile & my brother Richie to night.

With the best wishes of the season, and much love to all & you,

Your devoted nephew,
Montgomery Gibson

Remember me to
Duster when you write her.

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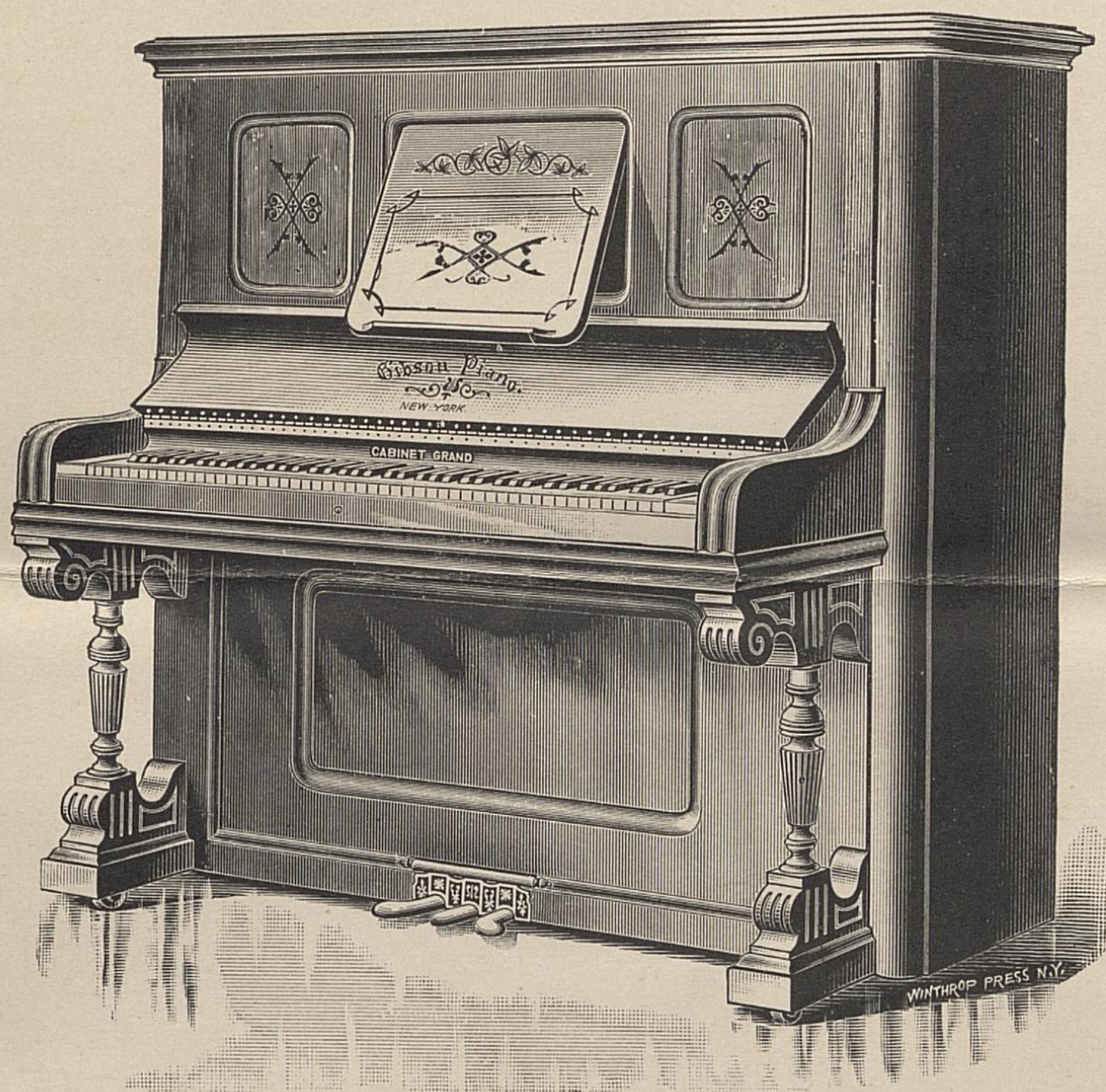
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I have entire charge & control of the business and it occupies almost ^{my} every moment. Under pressure, we can turn out 100 pianos per week. We are selling to the largest and best firms all over the United States. So much for business.

Our Dec. 24th we moved into an apartment at 327 West 85th Street - very well located. We furnished it from 1723. R. I. Ave.

Louisiana has been quite ill with the
"grippe" and is slowly recovering -
How are all at Lakeside?

Where is Aunt Mary?

What news have you from Richie & Mary?

Write soon & let us know how you are -

Love to all from Louisiana &

Your aff nephew,
Montgomery Gibson