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Louisiana

Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1900

My dear Hart

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> is received. Martin the tobacco man was here today he has rented a barn from Alford - or at the Alford place and can get ten acres there but he says he can take the sugar woods & garden strip at 25 an acre - will pay one hundred and fifty cash and his note for the remainder with a lien upon the tobacco on the other five acres back of the grove - he refuses to see Rhodes

with whom he worked on  
the shares for two years and  
last year he went from Josie  
Cromwell - where he said I  
could inquire about him, I  
am inclined to think him  
a very good fellow - and as he  
is young, and has lived all  
his life on a farm - he might  
be of service - hereafter in look-  
ing after stock &c - in winter  
he said he had some more  
money, but wanted enough to  
pay (as he needed) along about  
his crop - I told him I would  
write to you to day - and if it was  
satisfactory to you - I would get a  
reply at once, and as you were  
not here Mr Allen would draw up  
the contract &c Now let me hear

Martin is to see me Monday  
after I hear from you  
at once, and I think you will  
be pleased with the man when  
you see him, there is nothing to  
furnish - and he is to keep the  
fences repaired - and weeds  
cut - he will also take our  
garden, furnishing all the veg  
we need for the table, there  
is an older man - who has  
been to rent, but he wanted a barn  
&c. - so I do not think it worth  
while to work with him.

What do you think Blage is  
worth? as I may be able to sell  
her - to a horseman, who is  
after happy medium mares -  
and to what horse was she bred  
last spring? let me know about  
this in your reply.

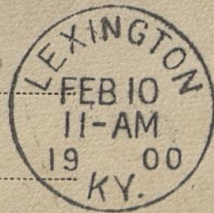
Your sister is lucky - I am glad  
she was able to sell her best horse.

has come her way at last.  
So sorry Bidie had to pay out  
so much - to keep his mare  
but hope she will pay for  
herself yet. - Mary and Bidie  
left ~~Friday~~ night for Washington  
to see White about their business  
B. has been much worried  
lately - and I think Preston also  
~~the~~ latter has improved since  
his marriage - is more quiet  
and dignified. Mrs Page is  
anxious to have them settle in  
Chicago - where they are now  
looking into her business ~~affairs~~  
and from there they go to New  
York - and thence to Washington.  
The weather here is wilder  
but wet - it will be a great contrast  
to the Louisiana climate - you  
had better start out with thick  
summer wear. The baby is fine  
and in No 2 Fayette Park - taking

After.....days, return to

Lock Box 43

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My dear Mack

It has been some  
time since your letter, to me  
but I have not felt equal to  
writing, or in fact for anything  
Mother's death was a great  
shock to me, and it is hard  
to realize she has left us. I  
am constantly just on my way  
to her room to see how she is.  
I was in bed for a week with  
grippe and am still troubled  
with backache, there is no  
one at home but Lily Louie  
Addison and the table looks  
very small. Tomorrow Louie  
expects Nina Pugh whom



Write us soon as you receive this -  
all unite in love to the household  
affection  
M. D. G.

You will remember as a child of twelve - when she visited her aunt Mrs Ed Marshall - a daughter of Gessa Chalfant - she is going to lecture at the women's club - has to earn her own living and support her children - while in Tex - she will be our guest. The Christmas presents were lovely - and I send a kiss to each one for my remembrance - the slippers are so soft - and remind me of some I had years ago -

May and Patsie are in their town house - and expect Pastor and his wife - in about two weeks -

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The baby is very bright and  
cute. she has just cut a tooth  
and there are others ready to  
come through.

Your remittance was just in  
time and I shall get some Ray  
with the last of it to day. the  
stock is doing well and Horace  
seems to look after it in a  
quiet way, I hear no noise  
or shouting. Missus three  
males have gone to Sulphur  
at eight dollars a month  
he said he would take the  
best care of them, the Trotter  
is here, I will write to Redie  
tomorrow and hope to be  
able to be a better correspond-  
ent in future.

Stofer says he will take  
all the ground you see  
space, he wants to pay for half

the Hump<sup>4</sup> field - and  
take the other half on the  
shares - he thinks Morgan  
ought to go into the Sugar  
Woods - on shares - and  
he said you spoke to him  
about putting in corn in  
the field back of the garden  
on the shares - You write what-  
ever contract you wish - with  
him - he to have one and  
you the other - both signed  
so that he cannot say - anything  
was not as you desired -  
Delp said everyone was  
holding hemp at five  
dollars - Lily has thirteen hundred  
pounds hoisted - shall she  
let Morgan have it at five?  
or wait for a higher price?



Col Hart Gibbon  
per Mr Garrison & Foster  
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The Elms  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1903

Dear Hart

I am delighted  
to hear of your improvement  
and trust you will soon  
be entirely well. When  
you feel able to drop a  
line do so, we will keep  
you posted about matters  
here. Mary went to  
Cin Tuesday morning  
to get everything for the

Christmas tree, and  
asked me to come over  
to be with the children  
until her return or to  
stay some time. I am  
going now to the train  
for her - and think I  
shall get out at Fingert  
as there is so much I  
want to do - and it does  
not rest me to be away  
and know I am needed  
at home. Micie and  
Lede are holding the

"Fort" will report all well."

There is snow to day - and you  
and you are not knowing such  
a stormy day. <sup>of</sup> Langens is  
still here, and Bertram

they go to town every day returning  
at night. Micie too is away all  
day and off at nine in the  
morning.

I must leave now  
for the station but here for  
all and a happy full for you  
respect  
Mr. S. F.