

Wm. Garrison Esq.

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E.H. OWEN

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N Hart Gibson Esqr

My Dear Sir)

Having learned from Mrs S Johnson that you were one of 3 Gentlemen who kindly took into safe keeping part of a remittance in gold which I was sending F. W. then in the Confederacy south ern Army — Permit me herein to express my thanks for that kindness, and the same time to ask the favor of a return of it, to assist me in making a sum of money to enable him to return home upon —

If in your power, be pleased to give me the address of Major Isaac Shelby of C. S. A. (formerly) and also ~~of~~ that of Capt. Sanford — those gentlemen being the other two persons to whom the same amount was handed — With sincerely, your friend
Mrs O. J. Waters

At "Miss Chiles"

Lexington —

June 1st

My dear son, Gibson —

I was appointed a
Committee this morning by
the Executive Committee of
the H. S. V. Association, to
select some one to read
Mrs Jeffries's poem — "Our
Compensate Brad" — at the
Memorial Service on Satur-
day next — June 6th.

I know of no one whom

I plan nice as it with
So much taste as you—

And I write to ask you

to do us the favor to

accept the invitation to

aid us on that occasion

A prompt and favorable

reply will greatly oblige

Yours very truly—

Isa Disha P. McKinnis

Col. John Gibson

Present

By John

Dear Cousin Hart

I entirely
concur, will you please
me by sending me a
check for \$100.⁰⁰ I
am called from home
unexpectedly by Grand
Ma's protracted illness,
& hope to get off
on Saturday.

I hope you have
entirely recovered, &
that you are all well
With love to Cousin
Mary & a kiss to
the little ones, I am aff.
Your Aunt Rebecca

Dear Aunt

We were distressed
to hear of poor Aunt Myra's
death & yet feel relieved
that she is where we can suf-
fer no more heart aches
from all accounts she
has been excellently treated by

No news from any where.

Enclosed you will find
a note to Dr. Morton - Homeop-
athic Physician, which I
wish you would send to him
by word as soon as possible

He lives on the hill opposite
the old Kortow place -

Mrs A is lying down to day
does not feel so well -

aff yr sister

S. G. A.

If not called for in Ten days, return to

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TROTTER, ROAD AND SADDLE STOCK.

- No. 2. West Wind, ch. stallion, foaled 1866, by Alexander's Abdallah, dam Yelma, by Vincente Noble. See "Bruce's Stud Book," vol. 2, page 549.
- 3. Chestnut gelding, foaled 1865, sire unknown, dam a Kentucky mare called Fines, record 2:36; will exchange for a trotter worth less money.
- 9. Grey colt, foaled 1871, by Mambrino Patchen, dam by Pilot, Jr., the dam of Billy Hopkins and Hyas; has never been handled; has a fine way of going.
- 10. Bay gelding, foaled 1868, by Mambrino Prince (formerly Brigoni), dam by Commodore; trotted last Fall in 2:38.
- 11. Brown gelding, foaled 1869, pedigree unknown; record 2:47; this road horse, can trot in 2:35.
- 18. Bay mare, foaled 1868, by American Clay, dam by Blood's Black Hawk; record 2:19½, can trot in 2:30.
- 19. Bay mare, foaled 1861, full sister to Eriksen, is of remarkably powerful build; in foal to a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian.
- 20. Grey gelding, foaled 1867, by Mountain Sisher, dam by imp. Albion, a No. 1 saddle horse, sound and perfectly gentle; record 2:36½ without an accident, will trot this season 2:25 or 2:28; a very cheap horse.
- 22. Bay colt, foaled 1872, by Seneca Chief (he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian), dam by Coleman's American Star; never trained; shows a rapid gait.
- 23. Black horse, foaled 1863, by Baker's Young Bashaw, dam by Ratler (half-brother to Rysdyk's Hambletonian).
- 24. Bay mare, foaled 1871, by Aberdeen, dam by Serpent (he by imp. Glencoe), very handsome and very promising.
- 25. Brown mare, foaled 1862, by Serpent (he by imp. Glencoe), dam by Cassius M. Clay; in foal to Florida (he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian), breeds in every year after the horse, and is a first rate milker.
- 26. Bay filly, foaled 1874, by Florida (he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian), dam by Serpent (he by imp. Glencoe); good size.
- 27. Chestnut mare, foaled 1861, by Red Bird, dam by St. Lawrence; has trotted in 2:28.
- 28. Bay colt, foaled 1873, by Florida (he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian), dam by Rysdyk's Hambletonian.
- 29. Bay filly, foaled 1872, by George Fambly, dam by Serpent (he by imp. Glencoe); very handsome and very promising.
- 30. Brown filly, foaled 1872, by Lexington, Jr., dam by Eureka; shows fine action.
- 32. Chestnut gelding, foaled 1868, by American Clay, dam by Alexander's Abdallah; record 2:30½; will go very fast this season without accident; one of the best moneyed horses in the country.
- 31. Brown colt, foaled 1871, by American Clay, dam by Sebastopol (the dam of Maggie Briggs); very handsome, broke to harness, can show ¾ minute gait.
- 35. Bay colt, foaled 1873, by Henry Mambrino, dam by Grey Albion.
- 36. Chestnut filly, foaled 1872, by Henry Mambrino, dam by Jagonar.
- 38. Bay horse, foaled 1865, by General Knox, dam by Crawford's horse; record 2:36; will trot without accident in 2:28 or 2:30 this season; sound and kind. Trotted last July on half-mile track in 2:32.
- 39. Grey colt, foaled 1871, by Gilbert Knox; very promising colt; has an extraordinary development of bone and muscle.
- 40. Chestnut filly, foaled 1872, by Seythian Chessie, dam Belle Winthrop, in foal to Sillon (he by a son of Lexington); has a big trotting gait.
- 41. Bay filly, foaled 1873, by Seebrook (he by a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian), dam Belle Winthrop.
- 42. Bay filly, foaled 1873, by Seebrook, dam by American Star.
- 43. Bay colt, foaled 1872, by Vincent (he by Alexander's Abdallah), dam by Rurie; this colt with eight weeks' work, including breaking, trotted a full mile in 3:02; fine mane and tail to the ground.
- 44. Chestnut colt, foaled 1871, by Almont (he by Alexander's Abdallah), dam by Mambrino Chief; can show, in condition, 2:40.
- 45. Brown colt, foaled 1872, by Blackwood, dam by Norman; this colt, with eight weeks' work, trotted a half-mile in 1:25½; fine bone and very powerful.
- 46. Bay colt, foaled 1870, by Hippis (he by Mambrino Chief), dam by Telegraph; sure gaited, fine appearance, can beat 2:45.
- 47. Chestnut colt, foaled 1870, by Woodford Mambrino, dam by Pilot, Jr.; sure gaited and good looking; can trot in 2:55.
- 48. Bay mare, foaled 1863, by Marmalade, dam the dam of Rutledge, by C. M. Clay, in foal to Messenger Duroc. This mare has few equals.
- 49. Bay mare, foaled 1862, by Henry King (the sire of the dam of Esoperal), dam unknown; 3M to Messenger Duroc.
- 50. Bay mare, foaled 1865, pedigree unknown; in foal to Middletown; is racy and gamey.
- 51. Bay mare, foaled 1869, by Daniel Webster, dam said to be by a son of Mambrino; in foal to Middletown; has great ambition and no road too long for her.
- 52. Brown mare, foaled 1868, said to be by King Herod, by Irish Birdcatcher; won race in 1866 of seven heats, record 2:36; in foal to Buckner's Elector.
- 53. Bay mare, foaled 1866, by Seely's American Star, dam said to be of Messenger blood; in foal to Peacemaker, is a regular breeder.
- 54. Black colt, foaled 1873, by Messenger Duroc, dam by Seely's American Star; will make a horse 16 hands.
- 55. Black colt, foaled 1871, by Messenger Duroc, dam Sharps' Abdallah; has been driven six weeks; can show better than a 50 gait.
- 56. Bay filly, foaled 1871, by Inup's Hambletonian (dead), dam by Esal's Jupiter; never had harness on.
- 57. Bay mare, foaled 1867, by Prince of Orange, dam by Mambrino Premier; extra fine looking; in foal to Wisner's Sampson.
- 58. Bay colt, foaled 1874, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Magnolia; will make a horse 16 hands; fine looking.
- 59. Brown colt, foaled 1874, by Messenger Duroc, dam by Harry Clay (the sire of the dam of Prospero).
- 60. Bay horse, foaled 1869, by Mark Anthony, dam a four mile race mare; is a sure foot gaiter, very handsome and stylish, sound and kind everywhere, can trot all day.
- 61. Brown mare, foaled 1869, by Abies, dam by 2d Alford; this mare is the dam of Tarion, recently sold for a large sum; in foal to George Wilkes.
- 62. Brown mare, foaled 1866, by Rurka, dam a trotting mare, pedigree unknown; very gamey and strong galloped; can trot better than 3 minutes with her hip down; in foal to a Hambletonian stallion.
- 63. Black mare, foaled 1869, by Talbot's Abdallah, dam by Redmond's Denmark; can beat 2:40 with six weeks' handling; in foal to Goldsmith's Abdallah.
- 64. Bay mare, foaled 1864, by Miller's Joe Downing (the sire of Dick Jamison), dam by Howard's Sir Charles (the grand sire of the dam of Jim Irvine); never trained; can trot in 3:00, in foal to Goldsmith's Abdallah.
- 65. Bay roan mare, foaled 1865, by Tom Crowder (the sire of Tom Wander), dam a mare of Tom Hal blood; has lost one eye, sound every other way; fast pacer, has produced two or three good trotters, one that can trot in 2:35, in foal to Goldsmith's Abdallah.
- 66. Chestnut mare, foaled 1869, by Mambrino Champion, dam by Link's Bad Hornet, pacer; shows a good gait, in foal to Goldsmith's Abdallah.
- 67. Brown colt, foaled 1873, by Beckman's Ido, dam by True Messenger; shows good trotting action.
- 68. Grey colt, foaled 1870, by George Wilkes, dam by True Messenger; shows good trotting action.
- 70. Black mare, foaled 1863, by Sayre's Harry Clay; in foal to Imperial, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. This mare trotted when three years old, in 2:21.
- 71. Bay filly, foaled 1871, by Chocross, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam mare No. 70.
- 72. Brown colt, foaled 1874, pedigree same as No. 71.
- 73. Black filly, foaled 1873, by Chocross, dam by Black Diamond; could show last fall a 3 minute gait.
- 74. Ch. filly, foaled 1873, by Chocross, dam by Ratler.
- 75. Bay filly, foaled 1874, by Chocross, dam by Black Diamond.
- 76. Bay filly, foaled 1874, by Imperial, dam by American Star.
- 77. Ch. gelding, foaled 1869, by Goldsmith's Star; sound and kind; can trot better than three minutes.
- 78. Bay stallion, foaled 1869, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Bay Redmond; minimalist; can trot in 2:50. Choice stock horse.
- 79. Ch. mare, foaled 1868, by Fossent's Bashaw; can trot in 2:37; very handsome.
- 80. Bay gelding, foaled 1868, by Ratler; he by Stockbridge filly; could trot three heats close to 2:35.
- 81. Bay filly, foaled 1872, by Woodford Mambrino, dam by Alexander's Abdallah; trotted last fall third quarter in 48 seconds.
- 82. Bay filly, foaled 1872, by Almont, dam by Bourbon Chief; trotted last fall, third quarter, in forty-eight seconds.
- 83. Bay filly, foaled 1874, by Almont, dam by Alexander's Abdallah.
- 84. Brown filly, foaled 1874, by Almont, dam by Bourbon Chief.
- 88. Ch. gelding, foaled 1866, by Stockbridge Chief; can trot in 2:40, and show a 30 gait.

- No. 90. Bay stallion, foaled 1869, by Rice Graves, dam an Hambletonian road mare; this horse has plenty of bone, substance and power.
- 91. Ch. gelding, foaled 1872, by Liza Mae, dam by Tromper; gentle and kind; a child can ride him.
- 92. Brown stallion, foaled 1873, by Mambrino Wagner, dam by Black Hawk Mambrino; has good action.
- 93. Brown gelding, foaled 1873, by Glasgow Black Hawk, dam by Messenger Chief; good form and action; very strong bone and muscle.
- 94. Dapple grey gelding, foaled 1869, by Montreal, dam said to be thoroughbred; sound in every way; guarantee without accident, to show 2:25 in May next.
- 95. Bay gelding, foaled 1865; pedigree unknown; can trot in 2:30; record, 2:37.
- 96. Black " " foaled 1862, by Ole Bull, dam unknown; trotted last season, in 2:25½, and repeated in 2:29, 2:31. Record, 2:33½.
- 97. Ch. " " foaled 1869, by Coopers, dam by Captain Beard, by imp. Yorkshire; splendid gaited; can trot in 2:50.
- 98. Bay " " foaled 1869, by Legal Tender, dam unknown; very stylish and gentle; can trot in three minutes; an elegant roadster.
- 99. Ch. filly, foaled 1872, by old Goldust, dam by Berthine; not broke to harness; a very fine filly; kind and gentle.
- 100. Ch. mare, foaled 1869, by Star Denmark, dam a very fine saddle mare; splendid mane and tail; premium saddle mare of Kentucky; a lady can ride her.
- 101. Brown gelding, foaled 1869, by Star Denmark, dam unknown; fine saddle horse; stylish and well gaited; gentle in harness.
- 102. Ch. colt, foaled 1871, by Starret; he, by Pilot, Jr., dam by Cripple; full mane and tail; broke to harness last fall, and is cored better than three-and-a-half minutes; good square open-gait and a perfect beauty.
- 103-4. Pair bay carriage horses, five and six years old; very closely matched; show well and stylish; very gentle and kind.
- 105. Ch. filly, foaled 1871, by Young Abdullah, dam a Canadian mare; can trot in 2:35; sire of fast trotters.
- 106. Ch. stallion, foaled 1868, by Bonner's Edward Everett, dam by Pilot, Jr.; gentle and stylish; fine open gait; can trot under 3 minutes.
- 109. Bay stallion, foaled 1867, by Hopkins' Abdallah, dam a thoroughbred mare; very handsome; a lady can drive him; has trotted in 2:40½.
- 110. Ch. mare, foaled 1861, by Hickory Jack, dam a thoroughbred mare; has trotted in 2:36.
- 111. Black mare, foaled 1865, by Black Harry Clay, dam by Long Island Black Hawk; sound and kind.
- 112. Brown mare, foaled 1866, by Mambrino Chief, dam the dam of Dove Mambrino; has fine action.
- 113. Bay stallion, foaled 1864, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam a fast trotter, by Old Washington; very powerfully made; extraordinary endurance; gentle, any 12 year-old boy can ride or drive him; sure foot gaiter; will exchange for brood mares or young stock.
- 114. Bay stallion, foaled 1864, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Young Emperor; can beat 2:40.
- 115. Brown stallion, foaled 1862, by Young Abdullah, dam a Canadian mare; can trot in 2:35; sire of fast trotters.
- 116. Bay filly, foaled 1872, by Clark Chief, dam by Roe's Abdallah Chief.
- 117. Bay colt, foaled 1872, by Surplus (he by Ashland), dam by imp. Margrave.
- 118. Bay mare, foaled 1864, by Independence (he by Washington, Jr.), dam by Old Abdullah; in foal to Heywood by Blackwood.
- 119. Black stallion, foaled 1870, by Blackwood, dam by Coopers, Jr.; like Blackwood in size, action and appearance.
- 120. Bay mare, foaled 1868, by Sinsinger's Wood Hawk, dam by Old Abdullah; in foal to Heywood by Blackwood.
- 121. Bay colt, foaled 1874, by Heywood, dam No. 120.
- 122. Brown colt, foaled 1874, by Heywood, dam by Volunteer; this colt has great size and bone.
- 123. Bay filly, foaled 1874, by Mambrino Hambletonian, dam by Rysdyk's Hambletonian.
- 127. Bay filly, foaled 1873, by Mambrino Tramp, dam by imp. Yorkshire; compact build; this filly's dam was the dam of Logan, who trotted at 3 years old in 2:42.
- 128. Mare, foaled 1864, pedigree can be furnished; can trot on any track in 2:27 or 28; kind and gentle; very cheap mare; record 2:34½ to wagon; can trot any number of heats.
- 129. Ch. stallion, foaled 1873, by Mambrino Patchen, dam by King's St. Lawrence; very large, muscular and bony; can trot better than 3 minutes.
- 130 & 131. Pair carriage horses—mare and gelding—3 years old, brown and black; good looking; a lady can drive them.
- 132. Bay mare, foaled 1866, pedigree said to be of God Dust stock; very gentle; a good roadster; can trot in 2:32, record 2:36; good looking; very reliable on track.
- 133. Ch. mare, foaled 1868, pedigree said to be of Star stock; very gentle, a lady can drive her; can trot in 2:40, record 2:47; good looking; a gentleman a road-lap all over.
- 134. Roan mare, aged; good road mares, can beat 2:45; will exchange for 3 good sulky and the difference, or one sulky and a ¾ seat wagon.
- 135. Bay colt, foaled 1871, by C. M. Clay, Jr., dam by Major Brown's Octavia; well proportioned muscular colt.
- 136. Bay filly, foaled 1873, by Mambrino Patchen, dam by Major Brown's Octavia; will be large and well-shaped, with splendid limbs.
- 137. Bay gelding, foaled 1869, by H. B. Fadden, dam an old Messenger; kind and sound; can trot in 2:34½, record under 40.
- 138. Brown mare, foaled 1869, by Pilot, Jr., dam a Topgallant mare; good road and pole mare; has trotted half a mile in 1:13, record under 50.
- 139. White gelding, foaled 1869; fine pole horse.
- 140. Brown gelding, foaled 1864, can trot 3 horses in 2:26 or better, record 2:30.
- 141. Pair Bay Carriage Horses, prompt drivers.
- 142. Bay gelding, foaled 1867; fine couple horses.
- 143. Bay stallion, foaled 1865; has trotted a dash of three miles in 2:45, 2:44 and 2:46.
- 144. Pair carriage horses, black and chestnut; can trot 2:40 single, can beat 2:50 together.
- 147. Bay mare, foaled 1870, can beat 2:35.
- 148. Ch. mare, foaled 1867, by Blanco, dam Pacer Singsinger's dam.
- 149. Bay mare, foaled 1869, by Iron's Octavia, dam by Harry's old Bellfounder; in foal to Bay Chief, by Nicholas, by Mambrino Chief.
- 150. Bay mare, foaled 1867, by Blanco, he by Iron's Octavia, dam by Harry's old Bellfounder.
- 151. Bay stallion, foaled 1871, by Blanco, dam by Col. H. S. Russell.
- 152. Bay gelding, foaled 1870, by Blanco, dam unknown; fast stopper.
- 155. Bay filly, foaled 1872, by Blanco, dam by Iron's Octavia.
- 156. Bay filly, foaled 1873, by Singsinger, dam by Iron's Octavia; very much like Singsinger in make and action.
- 157. Ch. colt, foaled 1874, by Col. H. S. Russell, dam old pacer mare Fiddler; this colt paces very fast.
- 158. Half interest in the Ch. stallion Col. H. S. Russell, foaled 1866, by Blanco, dam by old Besime; can carry two men in a wagon in 3 minutes on the road.
- 159. Bay stallion, foaled 1864, by Red Eye (he by Boston dam by Long Island Black Hawk); gentle, a lady can drive him.
- 161. Black stallion, foaled 1873, by Red Hawk (he by Red Eye), dam by H.B. Black Hawk; very powerful build and stylish.
- 162. Bay stallion, foaled 1873, by Red Hawk, dam by Green Mountain, Jr.; fine action.
- 163. Grey stallion, foaled 1867, by Pilot, Jr., dam by Bald Horse.
- 164. Grey stallion, foaled 1867, by Pilot, Jr., dam by Mambrino Chief.
- 165. Bay gelding, foaled 1869, by Ashland Chief, dam by Grey Pilot; can trot in 2:33 with handling; a full brother to him sold, when 3 years old, for \$5,000.
- 166. Bay stallion, foaled 1871, by Clark Chief, dam by Captain Walker; can trot in 2:31 or 32; good style and drives nice.
- 167 & 168. Bay mare, foaled 1868, by Hitzell's Hambletonian, dam by Bay Hambletonian; in foal to Knickerbocker, and her yearling filly, by Knickerbocker, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian.
- 169. Pair bay geldings, 6 years old fine manes and very long tails; well matched.
- 170. Bay gelding, foaled 1868; heavy mane and tail, perfectly sound and safe for a lady to drive; can step a 21 gait. No. 1 coupe horse.
- 171. Bay gelding, foaled 1867; fine mane and heavy tail; pronounced to be the best family horse in the country he is in; can trot a three minute gait. No. 1 coupe horse.
- 173. Bay filly, foaled 1871, by Blanco, he by Iron's Octavia, dam by Imp. Omo; has good bone, shows a good gait.
- 175. Ch. mare, foaled 1870, by Blanco, dam a Canadian mare; fine formed, good strong bone, good open gait, and good race action; with five weeks' work trotted in 3:15; will trade for wagons.
- 181. Brown gelding, foaled 1867; can trot in 2:30 or 31; elegant breaker, fine style, can show any quarter in 38 seconds.
- 182. Brood mare, foaled 1865, by a Colney horse, dam a thoroughbred mare of Diomedes blood, gentle, for a lady to drive, goodlooking, can trot in 2:50. In foal to Wilkes's Blue Bull.
- 183. Bay stallion, foaled 1867, by a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam a Black Hawk mare; for style, beauty and action, cannot be beat; shows great speed; can trot in 2:35 to the pole.

Your "infamously hypocritically" "Rattling bang"
was received some time since - but I have neither
had time, or felt in the humor to answer it -
You I appreciate "smartness" - but I think you
frequently mistake impudence for wit - You
ask if a certain "paragraph is not characteristic" - The
entire letter can be so called - Now your "Mighty
Misconstruction" have increased - perhaps ^{owing} ~~owing~~
to the "delight of defiance" with which you face the
dampst - Look out! Although well wrapped and
muffled - in the sheet - you may be frozen - or
at least get frost bitten - Your "Mortification" was
increasing ^{very} ~~very~~ - The "big-note" was placed at the
end of my previous letter - to prevent "Mortification" - or
your part - never ^{now} ~~now~~ thinking you "of this" ^{being surprised you} ~~to~~ ^{would} ~~would~~ to
admit such a thing - I have marked your
"frigid contemptible of impudence" "oscillatory ineffi-
cency" - but you refused to withdraw flight to the corridor
re - therefore I branched off - How did you learn
"that my Methodist manner was due entirely to my sickness"
I did not tell you so - you did - I have your letter
to prove it - Your "diagnostic experiments on a
young man" were rather amusing - He may not be
"a sheep" now - but perhaps will "fall in line"
after a few some of these days - The flock is
increasing rapidly - You ask for the "mat" to
work - I think you have forfeited it - "Kumel"
all - Thank you your trouble in seeing the
lumber men - That will begin sawing up a
hundred acres of timber as soon as possible -

He thinks he has arranged to settle his debt on
the place. I am sorry you think me too stupid to
understand or appreciate ^{the} "polished products in
Defense of your Faith" written to Hart. It is well she
is so far off that she cannot keep up with
your fancies. ~~Hope you will drive off your~~
~~"nightmares" and write more~~

The day before or that night it was one of the
small ones. a man made his mistake
to drive (over) stepping & has been ever since
Rough - the way

Greenwood July 16.

Col. Hart Gibson

Dear Sir

Your letter handed
me today by Mr M. H. carefully read
and noted and in reply will say that
I know that not only I but nearly
every one else is considerably behind
though we are making a hard fight of
it. And if good weather continues for
10 days longer I will be through entire-
ly. I like yourself had July calculated
that I would complete the culture of
the entire crop by the 4th but "Man
proposes and God disposes" is a true
adage. at least it was true in my case.
The stubble and ditches in corn which you
spoke of being finished at once, was all
completed except 2 furrows yet to be
strawed out of the middles of 0th year stubble
near about the day you wrote your letter.
And now I have only to break out middles

in about $\frac{2}{3}$ of 1st stubble. And 6 acres plant-
cain. And $\frac{2}{3}$ of old stubble to finish cain.
I am at work on it - now and have '3 of it
now complete. And you may rest assured
I am with the advice of your Bro McT
bringing the thing to as speedy a close
as it is possible. it is impossible for
me to form any idea as to the yield of
the crop. but from what others say I
think the plant will reach your estimate
the old stubble over go it a little and
the 1st stubble fall a little short. Making
in the end (McT thinks) about your
total no "Hds" and I sincerely hope it may
one thing I am sure I have worked it
faithfully for I have not laid any
cain but that was not perfectly clean
in the drill. I shall do my best to
get 1 1/2 cords wood though I shall not urge
it to your disadvantage. your Bro Toly
sent me 5 hands to cut wood at 75 & Rations
and after consulting Mr McT. I put them
to work in woods. I am sorry to announce
the loss of another mule. found her dead in
the stable this morning suppon she died with

showed no signs of being sick (and
thought I might be right. I think in the night. I believe in the night.)



Liverak May 12th

Dear Brother Hart.

Your very kind letter was handed me by Mrs Humphreys on her return from the city. I join you in a most sincere regret that the Greenwood business could not have been arranged amicably and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned before you left the city for Kentucky. I was sure I tried to do every thing that was in my power and would have been delighted to have secured a property which in no distant future may be of considerable value. I suppose there is no doubt with reference to Congress taking charge of the whole building of the loaves thus protecting and rendering fresh sugar property more valuable than the lands which have been for many years uninterruptedly in cultivation. I still indulge the hope that some equitable and satisfactory settlement of the business may be reached and

that all the parties may enjoy the enhanced value and prosperity of the property. I have the consciousness of having made the effort & rendered a service to the plantation and its owners, and really went beyond my ability, but I was so anxious that so large and valuable a place should not be sacrificed, I should have been willing to do most any thing.

My stay here this winter has been so agreeable, the climate so delightful, and the country so healthy, and I think beautiful, that I would give any thing I have a nice little home here. I can't understand the feeling of those who say they do not prefer the "Sunny South" with its "sea breezes and orange groves" to the bleak, unkindly climate of the regions farther north. I am "a born southerner" and feel interested in every thing that concerns the people of the South. By the way, he tells me the Baker place sold for \$15000. - What a perfect shame! The house must have cost originally \$35000. - I wish I had ~~had~~ the money to buy it. What a nice home it would

professions in this city, and yet I know of no place which I think offers as many inducements to young men of ordinary ability and untiring industry. If you were to locate in this city, I believe you would find it as profitable professionally as I know it would be agreeable socially.

For three weeks the upper part of my right arm has been almost covered with very sore boils, and this is the first day that I have had free use of it; you have, however, already discovered from the length of this note that I have freely used it, and if I have succeeded in telling anything important that you didn't know before, I will not feel that I have used it in vain.

Your Friend
Newton Williams

Col. Hank Gibson -

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I believe I could designate five members of the Lexington Bar who have not their peers among the five or six hundred practicing Attorneys in St. Louis; indeed the ^{present} mode of practice is not conducive to a very high order of intellectual development. The law is no more of a "learned profession" here than banking or any other kind of business; it has been gradually but effectually reduced to a purely mercantile standard, and as a natural result the members of the bar have all become Sack Gibbons kind of lawyers; they assiduously acquire all the forms and tricks of the practice, while the literature of the law is almost entirely ignored. I may then announce it as one of the results of my observation in this city, that it requires less native ability and book-lore to make a "first class" lawyer in St. Louis than it does in the country towns of Kentucky.

~~The~~ ~~prospect~~ ~~of~~ ~~succeeding~~
in a place like this, are not essentially
different from those afforded in a
smaller and less interfering
community, the only advantage of
coming to a large and growing city
is to obtain a richer reward and not to
find an easier field of labor. There is
however, one very essential element of
success which is worth far more than
in the West than any amount of fine
book-learning, and that is what is
commonly denominated "push".
Precisely what it is I am unable to say;
those who have it are pleased to dignify
it with the term "force of character," while
those who are unfortunately deprived
of it, unhesitatingly pronounce it
"damn cheek," and I am not certain
but the latter is the more appropriate
appellation of the two. It requires less
of it to succeed in St. Louis than it does in
Chicago, and for that reason I prefer the former place.

You would be surprised to go among
the members of the bar here and see
how many of our most successful
practitioners not only have no speaking
talent, but ^{even} make no pretensions at
being profound in their profession.
They have relied solely upon this peculiar
trait. I have attempted to describe
and they have been amply rewarded
for their efforts. So sometimes it requires
years of the most patient and discouraging
drudgery for a man to establish himself
in business; but then again he makes
what he terms a "lucky strike," right at
the start and secures a competency
in a very few years - This latter not
unfrequently happens, still it is
a contingency too remote for a
man of ordinary business foresight
and prudence to seriously consider
in determining his plans for
the future - Altogether I have not
been favorably impressed with the



Mr. Harb Gibson
Lynchburg
Va.

Before breakfast —

Dear Jack

We send up to day
for our own freight which has
at last been found. Did
Nelson leave my trunk at the
Guth House or at the depot?
Lucy, Minnie, Sallie & the baby
will be broken out with
the moccasins & the Dr trunk &
the cruetion will appear on
Louise to day — She still has fever
but not so much I think as
when you left — I hope you
all had a pleasant trip —
I had a letter from Pa yesterday
all well and plenty of rain
Love to Mary — Yr aff sister
S. E. H.

Oak Street August

Dear Aunt,

Your prompt reply to my letter was received yesterday.

I feel very much disappointed that you cannot make it to your interest to come south this winter but you are right - if you have opened an office in Versailles and taken any prospect of success I would not say a word to induce you to leave. We are too poor to experiment or to consult our letters or even comfort - I hope you may do well and if as the winter advances Mary and any or all of the little ones seem to shrink from the cold, send them down here and we will store them away as " snug as a bug in a rug " for the winter -

I believe your children will be all the better educated for not having the means wherewith to be schooled by some Yankee machine - but Lucie ought to have advantages for music - I joy along with you, but he, like Lucy, has a but little ambition and no tertiary sense still he would stand a right examination in History, Geography, Roman & English and knows more of Shakespeare than boys generally do - Geography, Grammar, Mathematics make him & me

out, by May & since then he writes a composition
every day, learns a speech, a few lines of some of
Demosthenes or Cicero's orations or a piece of poetry
and reads History and something of the Bible.
is now reading Scott's novels - I find having a
companion for him has raised him up considerably.
I think he is growing this summer, taller
and broader and is in the perfect health. It will
take several years for him to catch up with
Leattie & George, but I believe he will.

Mary Thompson has offered very kindly
to send Sally to Holliston's school this winter
beside I find it hard to decide what to do,
but I am inclined to bring her south, believing
she will make quite as much progress in
her education and there the change will benefit
her health besides I must make up my
mind that boarding school advantages in
Ohio will compensate her or me for a separation
of three years.

I have only seen Jim once since he went to the
city, but get blue letters from him very few
days - writes me he has plenty of time to attend
to some missions - he means mine of course.
Have only seen Lobe once in the last few (two)
months - he was very thin. I think he has his
hands full just now - being President of the
White Legion & fire company of Verona.

Mr Gibson

Gayette County Dec 13

Dear Sir - Thinking its probable you
might feel some anxiety to hear what progress I have
made towards purchasing the calves. I avail myself
of the present moment to inform you - After riding
since yesterday morning and comparing many lots
prices of various lots - have purchased & paid for
Eighteen heads of very pretty calves all black - fine
colors being the produce of the best cows of the County
and by thorough bred Bulls generally - I am well
pleas'd with my purchases this year - The average
cost per head has been Twenty One Dollars ^{33/100} -
I have still in my hands One hundred & sixteen
Dollars - Having priced two other lots which
I will go to tomorrow Thursday to see if I can
conclude the trade upon, making in the aggregate
some thirty heads - I shall want about One
hundred & fifty Dollars more, and which I
will thank you to send me by my Son, James
Alden - as my proposition may be accepted -
and I want to deliver them all for James on
Friday if the weather fails - those that I shall
probably purchase tomorrow will increase the price

for Leads - I mean they will cost a little
more for leads and the average upon the whole
lot will then be near Twenty One and three
quarters Dollars. The lot will thus be better at the
average price than it is now upon the eighth
head - You may rely I shall do the best I can
for you, and when I am through I will show
you a handsome lot of little Calves than you have
seen in many a day - and should you not be well
pleased will guaranty them to bring more than
you will have paid for them - Send Check &
not money - Any thing you may wish to say to
any one on your farm you can write Mrs Fisher
I go or send down ^{with} the stock the messages will
be delivered on

Very truly yours -

P.S. If I don't succeed at once in Richard Allen

getting through buying the present lot

will see you and report - I have some suggestions to
make to you for the purchase of the remainder of
the fifty heads first spoken of by you -

Yrs R.A.

In mentioning his having gone to California, I was reminded of some remarks of yours in a letter to me which induced me to write what I did. I do not know that you are, have been, or ever will be - "rivals" at least in a certain quarter. "With my usual luck I seem to have proven a public evil, in introducing the 'epidemic' - Pshaw! it never was in Fayette! - Despite the rather rough 'going over' that I gave him once" &c. You brought it all upon yourself. The above is a correct quotation from one of your documents. You seem to be troubled by "nightmares of misconstruction" Can't something be done to cure you? What has it?