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Galeka Farm
Feb 19th

My dear Mrs. Willcox is a
friend for you are a kind
best friend of 13th John.
Brought out yesterday
on his return from
Newbernville thirteen
he went with road no 2
on Tuesday progs again
to Marion with 3. We are
all more than satisfied
we are rejoiced, were it
not for the stock we could
be there by the 1st of April
but this makes as of day
used to day "be to be sold"
it he must be in Marion
& receive freight. unpack
etc. as I can do very little

he went up & him holding
up his stick & he soon calmed
him. tho' he was still angry
at feeding time. When you
further put Birds in her stall
at milking time she took
her head & stood in a
mournful, dejected full way
but showed no signs of anger
Change those Quilt heads
should have known it was
desperation. tell Henry M C
Patt from the Baldwins
brought them & paid 40,00
each. I hope his brother
will come to day & buy the
sheep - he has also engaged
55 bushels of corn from him
there is no money in the
country for horses to be
off 1000, or dollars last
year & that has compelled
all the red checkings &
broken traps in the country

We will know freight a
car & go to them before returning
on Saty. if we take a car then
will go in it. Stock is very
dear in Carolina he thinks
he could not get more than
200. m. (two hundred) for the
two miles. how does three
& a mile flesh rate in New
Orn. he told me to ask you
He had an exciting & cruel
pitched scene here the other
day. Heard Jack bellowing
fearfully. went to the first
m. & asked your father
what the matter was.
Jack is going home
but the dullkins' he said
glancing out of the kitchen
window I saw. shot a dart
like a pair of little froine
angels. being driven off by
a strange man Jack &

Bess. both following &
giving every indication of
distress. & anger. gun & the
with a big stick running
after a Jack. While Ruby &
Grover were in the rear
also much exercised
loudly Bess started
at a fall off round the
garden while your father
was driving Jack down
the road with chicken
bone. When Bess got
there the gate was shut
& the others outside. She
got down on her knees
try up the dirt with her
hands. there was a dashed
about bellowing & shaking
her head. Jack shined
light & looked as if about
to attack your father but

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Albany New York
old Albany
Presbyterian
Mrs. John G.
Lyon

going to walk up there to see
the illumination. Sunday I
want to go to church till
Ma has not as yet consented.
Julia is still in Danvers,
and does not speak of coming
home. What has become of
that bad boy Archie? He
has not written to me for
a long time. Is the Bishop
the chief subject of conversation
in Blackburg? Every body you
see, every where you go, every
paper you read down here is
Bishop, flowers and altar
cloths until it makes me
right sick. Now let me tell
you something; don't write all
of your letters to Australia. Give
my best love to cousin Mary and
tell her she ought to see what a
spoilt piece I am. Will soon to
Your fond Haines

209 N. Grace St.
Richmond, May 28th

My own old girl.

I believe a
month has passed since I
wrote to you or heard from
you; and right here let me
apologize for not acknowledging
the beautiful album you sent.
I put it in a saucer and
left it right by me so as to
enjoy it all the while. I am
getting quite fussy yesterday
I slept the morning with
Aunt Oliver, going down in
the buggy with Pa in the
morning and coming back with
him at dinner time. I missed

a visit from my dear doctor by so doing but I surely did enjoy my day. Every body seemed so glad to see me and made such a fuss over me that I felt quite important. It was very much like old times to be down there. Cousin Jennie is very busy with her practices for her Cantata. Katie is to sing so I hear a great deal about it. I should dearly love to go but am afraid of the crowd. By the way, May Powers was here this morning and desired me to deliver a message for her and request an answer. She says she hears that you have made some remarks about her and wants to know what they were. It is all

Duties to me but I say what I was asked. A great deal of talk is made just now by May Lee's getting married. You remember she has been confined to the bed for two years with a dreadful disease, and now she is going to be married. Dr. McPhee says she can never be better unless she has a dreadful operation and then she has only one chance in ten for her life. I hear that Selanaga has been in town but he did not honour me with a visit. Tell him I am surprised at him. The Baptists folks had a garden party last night at Laird's. It is to be continued tonight so if it is bright I am

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JUN

VA.

Miss Bessie Boggs
Blacksburg
Virginia

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Dear Bill, I wrote this note several days ago, as you may see by the date. I believe it says what I want to say, and as I am crowding for the examination, I have no time to write another. Be assured I will make as much haste as possible to return you.

Yours
Wm. H. W.

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had my longest sleep
since I came north &
I expect to get along &
have some time to
spare to sketch up if
I can't have a day or two
with friends of mine
and they about
date before I can
get off. I have been
here all day & have
the leisure
that might have been
enjoyed by you, though when you
read you will see that no one was
to blame. I got Aunt Edna's order
Sunday & made Will's Funeral
as good as I could
say from his saying he had
written to Mr Taylor I thought
it was fully. The first telegram
came at 2 P.M Friday
the next from Uncle Will often
got at the Depot early afternoon
saying especially respecting the news & why
he came. Sunday I was
so exhausted from the shock
and fever I think. Monday
was terrible weather - while
we saw the mail Aunt E's letter

& I can think of him as often
during his quiet sleep - but I
could not have looked upon
his dead face had we been so
here we could only have given him
him to the shades of the dark sun
& I doubt not that the Saviour
whose I ^{think} he was, comforted
him & me in this arms across
the river of death - it grieves my
trials but whatever trials there
may for us he has entered into
his rest but it is hard hard
to realize that his superb form
his loving nature his many gifts
of person & character should be
so soon lost to us - I hope to
hear from your Father to-morrow
I died mid-time after I hear I
shall know what to do - I work here
at my Mission school this afternoon
Saw Mrs Elle & Mrs Conrad I feel
somewhat exhausted but you can
see from that that I am much stronger
Today I could scarcely walk without
assistance & today went to the church

They had already written
to Mr. Thaxter & him for
the offer & accepting it. I
had however say to him - that
it's build too much expense.
Mrs' Pet's offer as some business
implications may compel
him to change his mind
& supply some one else so
he has felt not at all certain
for I either - but now the
house is secured I feel
very much more comfortable
I have tried not to worry
but it has been right hard
to be separated here - & don't
know where I was to go there
or even if it was to go. Mrs. Thaxter
the rest of the furniture
we shall need a dining
table some chairs & a set
of furniture for Paetis
room - unless we could
pick up bargains. I think
it is cheaper to get the set

than the separate pieces
tell Paet & enquire to let
me know results - I shall
have my bedded with its par-
ticular bed & mattress - in
addition two beds & two hair
mattresses - one small bath
will have to be fixed over
mild. I do for I think trust
you to do it. There I have
the small feather bed &
mattress belonging to the
little bed - except for Paet
at any rate & think we
can manage the sleeping
question without buying in
this beds or bedsteads. The
boys can make themselves
furnaces. We shall have plenty
of games as the furniture
is all crated. In parlor I
have the two round tables
one wood table & piano I
thought a rocker or two &

in any chair I could do
that. I shall make a low
lounge & ottomans or
something of that kind
after George's I have seen
here. The little stand I
see in the dining room
here - the tops can be
by backboards. but they
have one for myself. & that
the furniture needed is
living table - dining room chairs
safe - bed room set - backboard
chairs for parlor store will
the floors need matting

I am glad someone
got his quilt. I told Mrs. Hunt
about the Diamond's Quilt
she thought it was very good
as it was - Have not heard from
my machine yet - Mr. Williams
is passing up here this end
Merry & C. has wrote me the P.P.
will make good the loss they
had in other cases - fortunately
I have no work now that requires

I shall of course need some
furniture - if you have
time a farm girl & like
I suppose I could get along
with one too - is it for coal
or wood? you can engage
her too & I will advise
you how to draw it about
you - the fence arrangement
is perfectly satisfactory -
Then I read your letter
Aloud & came to that
part - "Knowing you
would not meddle with, said
you would do so" I saw his
face fall & then he had
finished he said - "Well brother
does that mean Brothier
let does not want me &
do not tell him of your
intend in one of your letters
that you believed. But only
intended employing him if
he came to Windham as

Afternoons and evenings I am not in great
expectation of it being up very early and is
rarely up before 7.00 a.m. During the
evenings I go off to work in something since over
most of your time you are so spread out
you will hardly expect me until very late
and you may go to bed early and a few hours of
afternoon. The cars strike from ~~Franklin~~
to Franklin are all so bad up that
way, that I had to march down
Franklin and I know every body
thought it was the ragged school
coming by. Of course I enjoy the an-
ticipation of this evening very much.
This squad was more than the ones
I had in charge, that evening coming
from "rat drill." Doth you remember, your
cousin Edith and Mr. Dame? Aunt Olina
told me today that your Father
was coming to the fair. I will be
so glad to see him but even as
much gladder if he would only
bring you along. You would be surprised
if you could see me today arrayed in
my Salt Pond costume. I washed my gray
follownise up and had it washed. It
looks like new. I took all the plaited oak

leaves and down in the back instead
of books really vain. I
had promised me one but
is unreliable. What
do you think about it? Here is
my fine auto. I
will go by crossing
the river at this point
as it rains, and as the
plains gathering down, I think
I think of this. Not being
able to do this
indulge in a "curl" of my
hair as brown from Mr. Hall's
grainfield. I wrote you a little note
yesterday about today I think I
will have time to have a talk
with you, but as that is an
unpleasant talk to have
ways in fact the only way, of com-
munication. Hence Sunday afternoon finds
me repiling to you. As I observed, it
is raining consequently I am unable
to go to Sunday School. My scholars
do not come on rainy, wetter so
it don't see any use in my going. I will

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says I shud teach them better than
that. I am almost crazy to see my
friends in your part of the world
and I believe I would not cry if
forced to behold you. I must confess
I am fatterning on my grief. I
am a great big gal now, weight
129. Nevertheless, Mademoiselle, I do
want to see you awfully. I have even
so many questions to ask you. About
various and sundry things. There is
one question I must ask and I do
not want you to say any thing about
it. Have you ever mentioned any thing
about a certain gentleman and my-
self to any one? I hope you have
not and if so please don't. And
another one. What has that gentleman
said to you about me? Now I want
you to answer these questions in your
very next and please don't tell any
one, at all, what I have written! I
have a particular reason for it. We are

very excellent friends, don't imagine other
wise. All is exactly right between us
and it is only a little thing of a
private nature that I want to find
out. It is perfectly lovely out. The rain
has stopped and the sun is shining
beautifully. I think I ought to go to
Sunday School but Ma thinks it is
too wet.

Oct. 22nd. Just at this point, I
went down and persuaded my
Mother that I was "neither sugar
or salt;" of the latter fact she
was well aware, but of the former
I had some difficulty in making
her believe; but finally she allowed
me to depart. So I went up and
was rewarded by having my class,
which consists of six or seven of
the rough looking little brats you
ever saw, accompany me home, in
order to find out my residence
that they may call on me this

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Miss Bessie M.
Care Gen. Wm. R. off
Blacksburg
Va

Send me a
little
of your
old paper of my own down stairs &
you'll have
no trouble to
get up for any or twice me a
sheet from your
house hills side - which I
usually write -

I was very glad to get from Alice
some time since and have intended doing
nothing with it - but one thing and another
as usual prevented, for I confess I am poss-
ing copy & may often put off things now - for
no real good reason - I was very much
troubled with - May's Easter card and her
name on the back, I think it was very much
of her to write it to me -

I speak hardly a Tuesday in N. Y. staying all
night at Cousin Ely's - They give up their
house the first of May & move up to the Lake.

I am so glad you liked all your things &
thought you would use the blanket for a
while & some single down & therefore
selected it of rather subdued colors thinking
it would harmonize better with other things.

Yes, I should think you must have
quite a number of Quilts Quarks unlike the
generality of people - a few like odds & ends

do go a long way in giving individuality to
a person - I am so glad you Mother and
I have such good taste in purchases - for she
(A) feels a little worried, as they were some of them
just what she had been told not to get. How
you may up you can tell yet - but I presume
you will - I have been trying to get some spring
& summer clothes - we have not felt any need of them
until this week. I have my heavy cloth suit
for travel with comfort last week -

These are of course expensive things & to
see anywhere - & one is perfectly tempter to
spend money, I did allow myself an afternoon
raze - a pretty little pair of solitaire diamond
earrings - It was some money I had
more than a year ago - a lady lent out - & has
just been repaid -

Do you think you would like me to
come & see you in June? I shall be in Rich
mond in May a day to get my wardrobe fixed
up, so that I shall be settled in the new
house for several months - But Mrs. McKinley is
simply perfect here - all here are perfectly nice
I have taken a ride, now, I do not know - but I do
know I have it very uncomfortable - And for
this the robes for me - & take a just care of

I saw you & Harry last
just a few days -
as h^r Miss Elizabeth
she is quite well now.
I am sure have h^r asked
her to see when I
come -
I have a letter from
Fridy from Santa Fe
and your cousin John
had been sick with
croup - don't you think
he is too big or try & be
having such a baby sick
less as croup -
See the snow we
have a heavy snow and the
air very cold -
I am writing this letter
so you will know about
the weather -

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just a few days -
as h^r Miss Elizabeth
she is quite well now.
I am sure have h^r asked
her to see when I
come -

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Fridy from Santa Fe
and your cousin John
had been sick with
croup - don't you think
he is too big or try & be
having such a baby sick
less as croup -
See the snow we

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677 Jerome St
Brooklyn N. Y.
April 4th 1888

My dear little Grandmama -
Very many thanks for
the pretty Easter Card
you sent to you red han-
dic and some of these
days I shall give you
a kiss for it. I think
I shall have to come
down to Brooklyn in June
to see you all. & to learn
to know your little neacentic
folks - for you were not
very big the last time I

got my wings - the only thing true
to a letter - I enclose one we
choose by writing - having almost
four weeks day & hours. They come
so close together that you can't help
one for both - & Elizabeth is off now
for another time -
trust you will receive this soon
as I am anxious
with a great deal of love from
your much obliged -

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For Miss Mary L. Taylor -
Care of Mr. Barnett Taylor
Wadmal -
Fayettville Co -
North Carolina -

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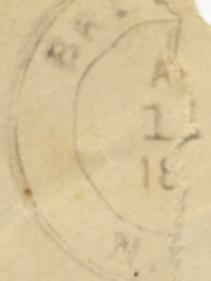
beginning & thus Spring
the service berries are in
bloom peaches are off
blooming also bloom the
Stewart's maples are out
in their bright red & crimson
but the tender green
of the pussy willows the
effect is lovely - all of the
trees are budding - three
of the chrysanthemums
budding - five bunches of
Phlox - 2 of ribbon grass & some
5 or 6 cal pinks are doing well the
purple violets are budding the
spirea shrub so light of life
as yet. nor has the shrub come
up above ground all the
white periwinkle is dead
and half of the purple is
blooming - Good for Black

off a bad place & wrote
out there as well as let
you occupy it.

I had from Aunt
Edith last week she
says she is not coming
to Bernard when the
other two of the "clover leaf"
as Uncle Bill calls them
come. She is going home
around a little - on the
whole I am rather glad
of it as if she were here
she would do a great deal
treasure me & I want
you home to see in all

its completeness the
life his farm managers
in the first of the evening
read. The hawks have
pecked my chickens &
rest. I have only 1. 3
of the first 8 - they are as
big as Poms & his workers
were when I left & last
summer. The others have
grown up but not as
fast. As the first lot did
not feed them as well & I
have one duck hatched the
1st. Carry hatched 1. & Martha
1. They've been out of her
lot all day & here as
usual. The country is

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Mrs Jm B.
603. Federal St
Lynchburg
Va

it we are all members
the Methodist S.S. C, celebra-
tm. I am musical con-
ductor & this specimen
is one practicing. The second
Aunt P. is leader & last
Sunday our first meeting
she spoke amazingly she
was just as nice & sweet
as she knows to be
how to be & charmed all
al. by singing & manners
while she went through the
furnace of affliction &
she certainly has been
purified. She & Edith her
young she is most fully
patient with Ed's vagaries &
consequently exercises a most
beneficial influence over
her. Good by dear child
All good wishes for you & mine
from the home folks. Christmas

to
Misses & God's blessing
to you & your son
and the earnest
hope that the daughter of bigova
will go to Hendersonville
to graems & takes a bundle
to send you. such as Henry,
would say "some little tricks"
as I had written, Trellies
name on the back of
the enclosed card. Aunt
P. thought it was an
infingement of the
mail laws so I took it
out & send on this. I
send you a Japanese
card receiver. Such a nice
Henry a bracket of his
own make which he

Brevard

Hans Co. N.C.

Dec 22nd

says "Brother Pet" must
put together for you
& he thinks your banjo
gun will about fit it
& the paper knif^e be made
for "Brother Pet" your
Uncle John speaks
for steel - & I know you
will advise it as much
& we have all knees?

I hope your marriage
will prove a happy one
as it would I know conclusive
ly - that all was right &
your meanwhile you
must exercise patience
I don't understand your
feel like keeping quiet.

I think your Maria
did excellently well in
your investment of
the wedding present
certainly got lots proba-

money - The Piano
got here on Sat^{urday}
last & it is a beautiful
instrument which in
time & finish a real
Chickering. All. Smooth
& clear in tone there is
not in my estimation
any other to compare
with it. Aunt E. has
made our bed nicely ever
by "the baby" - as that is
the name it goes by in
the family. Bass's Uncle
lives. So when you look
at my diagram of our
settling down. You can
place the piano. & think
you can see me at it
& hear Aunt E. sing
clear & cool which has
such a lively accompa-
niment - & say of playing

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Mrs Jm B. Taylor
Liberty Bedford Co.
Ga

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Soly Yours wynn father recd yesterday
contracted for. & there was very
little we as the climate has
only to favoy 1st go forward
very made for work after that
time & your fathers questions
 unanswered. About his tracks
since your father had written
him & told him he had had
to get some corn on his own re
 sponsibility & it was now .55cts
& still rising & that comes this
letter & the question "Why didn't you
not get corn when it was cheaper
& if you have hot enough for your
stock can't you let it run on
grass & sell it." your father
wrote for oats to plant neither
sent. No price taken. Nor did
he say last fall. I find myself
hampered you must do the best
you can & give your father a
right of choice. But how he says
I can do nothing where we live

and for another year
I will not let him
have 250 fresh eggs
there is 400
which is very roomy
so I will not say more
I got out of my spares
eggs & got a fence
up & a fence every day by
pa wrote to little Mary to day
as I have finished up all my
needful work & don't feel
like sewing on Good Friday
will take a chat with you
we think you a champion pack
er. The peonies are up. The first
blooming was when it came
in place several buds are swelling
one lily looking very green
above ground I rec'd a package
by mail today in an envelope
of Mrs Broome's but have no
idea whether it is standard
or true it was budding & set in
the ground. We have planted
some Rhododendrons, Laurel

bayberries white ligulaea, & one
holly & today sent you the
little pence for Mrs Guy. Which
will I hope live. Your Uncle
talks of coming down in May
I hope he will. He may there
be June in farm with this
"unfortunate farm" as he terms
it in his last letter to your father.
I don't know whether he has
met with losses some thing or
doubtless is amiss. His letter is
not pleasant to read nor do I think
about I cannot help thinking
unless as it is that your fa-
ther had declined the lack of
trying to help him know his
own mind. We chose this farm
in this inaccessible place & God
tricked him into buying it so
that he could feel he was a large
landed proprietor & without

a house or needed outbuildings
just to make him spend more
money. Last spring he found
fault because horses were not
brought over hilly & heavy valleys
meadow was full of old drifts of plans
& schemes your father was too
slow to tell him. This spring
he has "no money" & can assist
in no operations. He has required
a monthly statement of all
work done, money expended, & money
on hand. Which he has had. In the
fall your father wrote him
of the freshet injuring the corn
again in Dec. That corn would
be needed was then \$55.00 a bu-
no money, no answer, in Jan'y
comes a check for \$70.00 with
orders to pay up all accounts &
meet no debts heavily encumbered
the money was to pay for lumber
bands etc. That the T. P. I. had

3 Forsythe Cross have sent
back your Uncle & much safer
to reply to your Father's question
about buying them.

I wish I had my lovely baby I
think a good play with her
would do Grannie June good
than any thing else. She does
not feel angry only sore & hurt
& the little soft cushioning thing
would help to take the ache
out

I keep wonderfully
well with all my work & ex-
pect this is a blessed climate
& I believe I have passed a better
winter take it all in all than
Aunt P. has been with Salomini
Matrices & "Annie fat" from
Little Kirkie but one of eggs hatched
not fertilized she was dreadfully
distressed & comes to me as if she
would ask me for her babies. I have
12 young chicks & am nearly through

round hand & foot as of
course your father cannot
say. Send some one to look
after your farm & I'll look
out for myself elsewhere. I
have never liked "understand-
ings" they generally end in
misunderstandings of the
worst kind. & I cannot say
all the blame on your Uncle
it was as much of a bold move
as for your Father to start
off on Mr. S's lead without know-
ing what he was expected to do
as it was for Mr. S to spend all
his money in buying the land
& then have nothing where with
to make use of it. The improve-
ments put upon it & the
little fixing up round the
house we have done will
make it a very pretty place
the working place & I have

No doubt he could sell at
a considerable advance
for it is very valuable land
your father is delighted
with the way it turns up
& responds to cultivation
since it has been cleared
up & cleaned to the root
of the hill it makes a lovely
lawn & by summer when
the plants are growing green
green & flowers blossoming
it will be a lovely spot.
Your father has made a
good lease to Sammey who
has gone to work at Steele since
soil & cleaned up all that
thicket he is to build a fence
get the orchard lot ready for
apple planting & clean up the
creek banks of that strip by
the Begon house on Island

Ird road & have what
crops he can make this
field will fall when the
contract expires he is driving
his brk well & it costs the
farm nothing. I only wish
a few more could be made
of a similar character.
Well, dear child I have written
a semiode. but much to tell
we are both not a little buried
& I as I said before feel buried
with two. your father has
worked so hard. harrowing, spa-
ding, digging & has done so much
with very little. & he has lived
hard this winter. Peter has
been my only dependance
yet I have made butter enough
to do twice a day until last week
now we only have it at breakfast
Ruby is appealed every day the

so late & lately
 was such a little
 pebble when he last
 saw her - Aunt E.
 says "you know wife"
 wants to sell the farm
 yesterday I was very
 blue - hit to day of this
 no use worrying - but
 the ordinary uncer-
 tainties of life is super-
 added this one of not
 knowing what to do. it
 is hard to be patient some
 times - I can't very
 myself about the every
 day cause & leave the
 rest in God's hands -
 Good night my con-
 fiding child your

~~I am so glad to have you home again~~
~~and to have you~~
~~stay here~~
~~for a week~~
~~and I will~~
~~not receive~~
~~I am so~~
~~glad the fire friend~~
~~has been caught &~~
~~I hope he will be sum-~~
~~much dolt with to~~
~~that the people here~~
~~have some feeling~~
~~securely - your carlton~~
~~came & we all laugh~~
~~ed over it. Had a~~
~~letter also from~~
~~Aunt E. She has~~

been sick with colds
Aunt F's living in back
is in N. Y. & she ap-
proached Thurs day
last for the Dr. to make
an examination as
she could be there Morris
being still absent from
the house I really feel
very uneasy about her
of course her age
complicates matters
will be right to be good
to her oh poor women
some of them do have
to suffer because in
the flesh. We have
had a week of rain

poor Edith she
does try to keep happy & bright but this
very hard on her -
Bob Brewster came
out Wed. it was pour-
ing & he only stayed
about an hour & had
left before tea. I said
he couldn't possibly
stay all night he has
the money but he
has developed of course
but he shows the effect
of living away from
female influence
Edith seemed to
astound him she

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Mrs Fm J. Taylor
617 Church St
Lynchburg
va

Dr. L. Kuhn,
for balances has H. G. Miller
in charge, New York.
Enclosed is R. S.



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The Farm
May 6th

in Richmond today
leave tonight for
Spaetisbury & shall be
glad when the evening
is over & done with to hear
headed a male they so
much - fast it has always
had some social status
before now I am "Mrs. Morris's"
wife on Mr. Symington's farm
& it goes against my pride my
bedding & lin. I have acknowledged
the fact. being my first farm
wife. I wish I could see her
hope you to allow to come
this fall & see us - a wife
money to scarce & believe
not to be left. God bless you
dear child & children health
we give & keep you.

Ever true loving wife

Dear Jessie

Yours of
Apr 28th rec'd. But this
day. I had just in
time Molly Horne
far back should have
the linasses. Maud
& Lucy but their little
hephew was there
also. So I had not a
bit of a nice visit though
your joke is very pretty
but not as pretty as your
other pattern. Lucy
had it put in a chemise

her things are very
pretty though she did
make up her mind to
over shadowing fancy it
lace edged Snow & Jade
bonnets over my short
front - her in yesterday
the pretty white dress
of Edith's & she took
it just as I meant it
& I am very glad

The Laird & wife were
here on Tuesday day
evening - Aunt Edith
is in Phila. for some
time & Indiana & myself

shonee to Richmond
I shall be very glad
when Edith comes to
~~Richmond~~ Pigeonbridge & see you
& baby doll as dear things
when she will have another
chance - I believe
your father has com-
menced to let her be taken
over to Washington &
transferred to the train
by one of James Coulter's
sons & then meet you
and Edith at Dan-
ville - but he may change
his mind again
I must go on

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Mrs " "
603 Letterar --
Lyuehburg
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to be made so they will
be busy. The trunk &
bundle were brought me
by John from Hender-
sonville on Ed. East
your father sends you
the receipts by which you
see they refuse to acknowl-
edge the payment
that they are honest those
railroad people

I was going to send you
your dollar but will wait
as it will make the letter
too bulky - & maybe I can
get the stamps so as to
send the whole amount
1.50 which was what Adelie
paid for the dress.

Good night. All send
you love & hope all are
well. Kiss my darling baby
& much love to Pet Edge & his
sons. Much -

Farm
Feb 31st

My dear daughter Adelie
as yet sorry for this
letter. The baby is pretty
and come to one from
Aunt Edith her way
a single dove. While babies
was "whole lots" a hour from my
the little bitch must
be. The hawks are
meanful. They have begun
now on my second brood
of chicks. I have 5 of the
first left & 4 of the second.
I think the frog that
is certainly hounding the
chicks are nearly all
showing signs of paddling
The poults are nicely up

you could hardly
know the place it is
so much improved in
appearance. The weather
has been very favorable
lately the eye looks so
peachy & green - we have
swung up as up. & I tell
you I am glad there is
a prospect of a change
of diet. I am tired of
Swamps seed. Ruby has
a fine calf (heifce) four
days old & I think she
is going to make a fine
pulifer her bag is full
& large & full seems
the kick or quakely so
our waiting has been
for something. Bees
is doing pretty well she
breeds her own. I have

not I tho of telling the
fact to Mr. & Mrs. - each week
the grass is sprouting
out & she is very fat so
today I made about 1/2
lbs. & hope to make a few
on this day after that
I shall have some bulk
from Ruby then I hope
to have plenty for use
Ruby seems to be
but to day she is deligh-
ted with the dresses you
must get for her one
is a reddish brown silk
the other. her parcelling &
padding does is a blue
silk skirt & a check in
shades of blue worked over
does I suppose she
will get her pink next
week - all her dresses have

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Mr. J. M. G.
Likely
Bedford Co
Ga

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Grs Jm B Taylor
603 Federal St
Savannah
Ga

See her Grandpa's hand
dry & eye Dolly & Ike
her knees etc. I do wish
I could see her shaking
her little pink toes &
wriggling them up & down
as she is so long before
any to look like she may
have very little trouble
why watch her knees &
that let me help when
you do - for dear heart
be careful to note the
color & of any signs of which
hers have good advice
for her at once -

Good by - Ahum &
dinner time. & then
goes to church after

The Farmer
May 13th

Is it not
a good idea
to get
the horses
shod
now &
not wait
till
fall night. I am
glad Willie liked my
letter for his certainly
gave me great pleasure

Aunt & Uncle arrived
in bad afternoon like
seems to be I think per-
fectly at home now.
Jack makes hay in
such a place I could
make no preparations
we have bacon & corn
bread. Milk & butter &
that is literally all
fortunately Boys &
Ruth have both come
up in the pasture

& I made last week
over 6 lbs of butter &
J. likes clotted, curd,
& milk does not take
ba. a coffee & hucle will
like's carry bread. But
I don't. I stayed there
in the lower room & I
went down to the cabin
where I do enjoy my
big bed once I have it as
I am very little in
my room & it is not
at all more convenient
in fact for clothes sorting
etc. it is much more
convenient to me.

I wrote to James Col-
lier today to ask him
about telling me of his
yo concert Edith to
Washington & see her
safely on the train
for Lynchburg. I have
not heard from Edith
yet as when her va-
cation begins had no
letter from her this
week. She is very busy
now & likely to have
Yerence does not take
advantage of any off
privileges she may
have to do so -

something for you. She knit
you a very small pair of socks
in case you might want such
a thing. I am going to be
selfish & keep them myself
for they were the last things
she worked on. Bessie did
you succeed in getting a duette
you wrote me about Romeo
& Juliette? I will lend you
Mama's copy of it if you
would like to have it.

What is your Papa doing?
Where are they? Are they
still in Blacksburg?
Give your Mama my love
and sympathy. I would
like so much to see you all.
Do you ever hear from Cousin
Dix? They are all at Cape May
I think Cousin Dix has an
addition to her family she
expected one before this.

Remember me to Mr Taylor. Tell
him I wish he would take a trip
out this way & bring you with him
With a great deal of love
Annie L.

St Louis

Sept. 6th

Dear Bessie.

Your letter was received with
sorrow as well as pleasure. I was
as much shocked at the news it-
contained as you were by my
paper. It has been such a long
time since I have had a letter
from you that I almost thought
you had forgotten me. The last
one was written from Richmond
I answered that one & directed
to Liberty. Did you get it?

Bessie dear where was Archie?
I thought he was with an
uncle of yours, one of your Papa's
brothers, I think Bessie that
there is nothing that draws
friends together like sorrow.

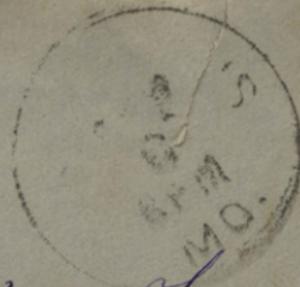
and having been through it oneself. Friends may think they know & feel what it is and try to comfort you but wait until they pass through it themselves, then they feel very differently.

When Grandma died I thought I could not feel any worse or miss her more than I did. You know she was almost like a mother to me. but when Mama was taken then I found out my mistake. You know Bessie dear that I feel for you all in your trouble. But you must try to think that it was for the best that Archie was taken & that he was saved from sorrow & trouble. I try to feel that way & ought

not to grieve for Mama. I don't think I want her back again for she ~~has~~ suffered so much for the last year, that it would be selfish. No one knows how much she had to suffer, she was never free from pain unless sleeping & for three months did not sleep unless under some opiate; How thankful you ought to be to think Archie did not suffer. I wish I could say the same. I don't think you know, & I hope you never will, what this is to see a dear one suffer and not be able to do anything to help them. I think I would go crazy if I had it to go through again. I suppose God would give me strength as he did before.

Bessie you know I wrote you that Mama was making

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Mrs. Wm. Taylor.

Liberty

Va,

of
Graves & Taylor.

My Elizabeth
Dear Jessie

The baby
is very bright & sweet
& is in such a good
humor. I'm so glad
you sent her. I'm so
sorry not to see you
again. Give best love
to all at home &
next time you must
stay longer & spend
more time with us.

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Celia is out or she
would join me in love
to you & all at home.

Your sincere friend
C. A. Paine

I hope you will be
able to make out
the Recipe!

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Mrs Taylor
Leigh Street

She is willing to take
a very cheap - I have
written ^{on} very well all
things considered

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Florence pitied me
very much poor soul
I pity her as the other
"in law" is very ungrateful
she in fact considers
the supposed prospect
a direct injury the secret
talks of the "misuse"
of Spelling rules etc etc
I have said to me several
times that in all J. took
she knew no one she could
afford to be with her - & today
she told me she thought
she would not get through

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are negroes. - & I think
you will agree.
and H. J. Brewster
has a telescope -
and we all probably
have some degree of
knowledge of the
sky that came in
the morning. Please
give my daughter &
my little "joy" my
precious Dolly daily
news father moves
in answer to your
letter - can you carry
out his suggestion

If you will come & baby
could come how nice
it would be & how
much good it would
do all of you. Mrs
Smiths here would
pay the cost of the
trip wouldn't it? &
you would be perfectly
safe in staying 3
in the weather is
good, or how are
you farred last
year. Vegetables are
coming in now. Do
what we are sure

of some thing heat
& in summer a
little meat goes a
great way. See
Clothes a \$100 & doll - \$70
etc is your true money
the other \$50 give Dolley
Dahy I add to her bank
store. I could not make
her get her any thing
for her preordained 1st real
birthday. But just
I squeeze & kiss her for
Gean - a million times
I get a girl tomorrow
Dahy - but Adelie stays.

came to see me last
night. She was here on
Friday at the first usual
time. When all else had
left me. I send you down
a bag to-day, containing what
you sent. This keeps tired
me so I had to rest. I had
ended the butter last week
for you thinking I would
take it down yesterday or
today. I cannot come now.
I have favored three dear
friends here. & I shall stay
among them until your
father comes for me or
sends me word what

to do. By the way in a letter
of last week he says you
must decide what to do
about Pickett.

I gathered up what I
thought would do for Sarah
Martha & return & sent them
& there are now three buttons
that are worn. The new ones
are placed in the primery
of the dress. She must put
them on & she hot going
to write me at all. I know
she feels this sorrow acutely
but she must ^{bury} more especially
as she is a woman. I think
of others & how it is right

to try & strike the arms
of others even if he slept
with no causes no pain -

I cannot but say some
I am too kind -

Love to you all

Your loving mother

Thank Mrs Garrison & Mrs
Browne for me they are being
very kind & thank them for
comforting you — when I
can come here be glad to see
them

May 25th

My dear daughter

I have had
telegrams today from Uncle
Will & your Father the Father
wishes me to come to Augusta
but I am so hysterical & her
sons - & too perturbed bodily
to undertake the journey -
It would have been a great
comfort to me if you & Sarah
could have gotten here on
Saturday - I have not thanked
for anything as every one
has been so kind & tender
to me - Mrs Christian got up
from her sick bed &

Pittsburg

April 4th

My dear Little

Woman

I reached Notawandia safely yesterday morning
Spent last night there
& had a pleasant time
as could be expected
from you, the weather did
not come up until late
yesterday evening, & it was
scattered this morning when
I awoke in my carriage.
Colonel Butler told me
then, that he did not
think it necessary for
me to remain longer, I
told him I would like to
go to Richmond & he told
me would give me a

ticket as far on the
way as he could, which
is to this place where
I am waiting for the
train to Richmond.
How I do wish I could
have you with me
do you? I do not expect
to remain in Richmond
more than, a day or so
I am getting really home
sick already.

Give my love to Cousin
Ellar Bush I really donot
think I can spare any
for her or any body else
I want you to have it
all.

Decorated
Willie



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Mrs. W. B. Taylor,
Liberty, Va.

Red Sulphur Saturday morning
 My dear wife passed
 I judgeing apiece
 love for me, bannine, for again, I
 know you will, be any com to hear
 of my afterdays Commissary. The first
 movement I made was a mistake,
 instead of taking the road by the ~~8~~ half
 which my mule wanted to, I took the
 one to the farm & did not find out
 that I was on the wrong one until I
 had ~~an~~ other, some distance, But don't
 you think under the circumstances
 I was excusable for any absent mindedness,
 I came back, went through the Cal-
 ligon grounds to the turnpike. After
 that, I depended on the better judgment of
 "But," just hunting the prairies & the hills
 saddle to let her go alongside & he bade
 as there was but one gait she could
 consider travel & that a very slow one.
 The roads were hazardous than I had

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on his way over there & as he
had ready to start I didn't stop
neglected to leave good bye for
John you will please do it for
him & give my love to your mother
& father & the rest of the family
They all from here send love to
you

I must say good bye my dearest
& may the same God who has
promised that all things shall
work together for good to them
that are his children, keep you
to preserve you, with the protection of
your travel.

William

Please excuse the
soiled paper of
lately letters the
children handled
it thus

spare. Rev. Mr. Jones in my ^[1228] little
case. But the prayer book -
Sainted Angels give me the
holy gifts that you have given
me to be your guardian angel
of precious pearls where ever
my body goes to be the mother to
such a one.

I am stamping to say - Henry is
right. Hale this morning after
work with I went to Dr. M.
Young & Mrs. Blair yesterday
at 11 AM to help her prepare
what we see has consented me
to almost go and staying in my
place I think Hale so will say
that am this back to make her
visit & I want her to go to the part
Indy to stay the Monday. but he
dont seems in the action of it
Our Father is in little trouble
with a right & rail road salary
but I find him some glycerine

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Mississippi M. Boggs
c/o General Boggs
Blacksburgh,
Va.



Last Sunday evening
 I was passing by Mr.
 Faxon's, Miss Starkey was
 sitting at the window
 so I went in. She is
 looking better than I
 have seen her for a
 long time. I have lots
 to tell you what she
 said to me, but will
 have to defer it until
 to day week when I hope
 to be in your company.
 One thing I will tell
 you now, & that is they
 have found out that
 I was in Blacksburg
 Jacqueline & I went to
 Petersburg the other
 day. His sweet heart
 Miss Calendar is the
 daughter of a Scotch
 man of that place.

Thursday night
 February 15th
 my dear Miss Beecher:
 Before
 this, I reckon the note
 I wrote day before
 yesterday has reached
 you, I believe I told
 you that Emily was
 going out with me.
 We spent Tuesday at
 Mr. Grant's. His wife is
 confined to her bed,
 nevertheless she would
 have us sit in her
 room most of the
 time. That night we
 went over to Anna's
 cousin Gertrude's cousin
 Virginia gave us a very

cordial welcome, they
have three of the
most interesting chil-
dren I ever met. The
little ^{folks} are always fond
of me & those did not
prove an exception. I
don't know why they should
fancy me unless it
is the same reason
that the teacher gave
for the lambs loving
Mary. Just across the
Chickahominy about
a mile & a half lives
an old colored woman
that used to mind
my mother when she
was a child. I felt
like I wanted to see
her, so E & I went over
yesterday evening. She

was mighty glad to
see us. When my
uncle died he left
her several acres of
land. She has had
a log cabin built
& seems to be very
happy with her grand-
children. We stopped
at Ingleside where
my mothers Sister my
Aunt Patsy lives. She
will come in and
spend Saturday &
Sunday with us.

I am going to Dr. Hayes
to night & will call
to see our Aunt Edith.
I am very glad you
wish me to go as I would
like so much to see her
& know her too.

& she has a brother
that lives in New-
Zealand & I went over
to get a letter of in-
troduction to him.
I heard from them
this evening & the re-
port over there is
that she is going
to Australia with
me. A big lot of my
Blair relations have
just come in, and
as I am writing in
the parlour & as
they announced at
the door that they
came to see me,
I will have to stop.
But I reg'larly you
have heard enough
from me about my

relations for awhile,
unless you write me
tomorrow or today
which I hope you
will or have done,
I will not receive it
before I leave Rich-
mond.

This time next Friday
night I do hope I
will be with you
my dear Miss Basie
I am yours truly

Willie

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Mr. Bissell Bogg
c/o General Bogg
Blacksburg
Va.