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# Correspondence to William Barrett Taylor, May 4, 1878 - April 18, 1880

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D64]

Norfolk

May 4<sup>th</sup> 78

driving, swimming,  
& shooting, and  
having a good  
time generally.  
Grazing is too  
summerside from  
we injured our  
selvies so much  
that Mr Taylor  
who took us,  
wants us to go  
again. I am  
so glad you like  
Katie. I have not  
written to Harry  
yet, but mean to  
soon. Good bye  
next time I will do  
better & not keep you  
waiting so long

I hear Mr Taylor  
I received your  
second letter, last  
night, and must  
confess it made  
me feel a little  
ashamed of my  
self. It is true I  
had written you  
a letter, that very  
morning, before  
breakfast, but  
could not raise  
a stamp in  
the whole house  
told, and where  
I went to the

post office for you  
it was closed.

I have not the  
fairest idea  
whether I shall  
go home. Mother  
says I need not  
come yet, if I  
do not want to.

So please I would  
rather you did  
not charge down  
west Patrofay.

I am not ten  
years old & will  
be there. The old  
days grant me  
to stay with  
them, as well.  
They have a

lovely home, did  
you ever see it  
to you; it is right  
on the river. The  
bookers thought he do  
not want me  
to go. I mean to  
say the less.

I have been so  
busy since I  
came here, I've  
scarcely time to  
breath. It seems  
to me there is  
so much to  
go to all the time.  
We had a delight-  
ful excursion  
to Old Point, &  
I have been in-

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Mr Wm B. Taylor  
and His Cameron  
Richmond Va.



P57

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After getting up  
I will look  
over. It is  
proably in the  
morning & fall.

but as its beauty con-  
sists solely in trees &  
flowers, it looks very  
bleak & dreary in win-  
ter. I am hoping it  
will stay clear & think  
it will prove the ap-  
pearance of the stars.  
They look clear, & cold,  
& so beautiful. I was  
so intent on looking  
at them, that I could  
not pay proper atten-  
tion to where I was go-  
ing. Archie had to give  
me frequent reminders  
that the road  
was very muddy  
& I would not find a

trunk please not. &  
& I went over to Christ-  
iansburg for some  
papers, one day last  
week, when we start-  
ed it was just glo-  
omy, the sun just  
warm enough to be  
pleasant & we prom-  
ised ourselves such a  
nice ride. It had  
been raining hard  
for several days, & we  
knew the roads  
would be heavy,  
but still we expected  
to enjoy it so much  
we would return  
through the pine &  
woods

[2577]



Mr Wm B. Taylor  
Care Alex Cameron & Co  
Richmond  
Va.



Blacksburgh  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1859

My dear Mr. Taylor, you want me to answer at once to you. See how obedient I am. On this lonely scrap of paper too, but you see I have only about ten minutes to write in, & if I stop to go up stairs for some time, you would stand a poor chance, for even as short a note as this will be. Shall I expect you to be a great mind to, won't go single riding is not any snow. I am very glad you are really better, hope you will continue so & not have any more sickness, also that you will get a great deal of flesh on your "long bones." think it would be better coming. Dinner is ready so good by, excuse this awful haste, & be kind mine your's sincere friend  
B. H. B.

P.S. If this is not mailed right off you would not get it till Tues day.

B4]

fragment inside  
envelope

Mr Wm B. Taylor  
and A. G. Cameron & Co  
Richmond  
Va

riued & offered to lead my horse  
but I declined, for I knew if I  
gave up there, I would have  
another battle when I came  
back, after recovering my whip,  
and the minute you quelled his  
[S6] Lordship, I had no further trouble,  
it was by no means a grace-  
ful performance, though, for  
I had to hold to my reins  
so firmly with my left hand  
while I belabored poor Piccott  
with my right, Katie too af-  
ter she'd once got the mastery  
behaved beautifully, they were  
both very much fatigued, wanted  
to go fast, but as we did not  
want to be splashed, made  
them go slowly all the  
way over. I am very glad  
you're quieting Piccott so  
remained well enough to know  
what style of eyes I had, please

[245] Your letter was received this  
morning, and I hope you are  
deeply impressed with my  
obedience, and obedience. Mr  
you were wise to say you would  
not ask me to "answer immediate-  
ly, because you knew I would" do  
you not suppose sir, that I  
saw you only did so, because  
you thought you would the  
better gain your point, will  
having done so I hope you will  
be satisfied, if would you like  
to know, I am writing to  
night, when I am real tired  
for fear I shall not have time  
tomorrow, and I want to be  
sure this leaves by the  
monday's mail. I have been

Very much afraid, you had  
taken cold, on your way over  
to the depot, if I heard you  
go, if I did not see you it was  
so blustery that morning,  
Katie says the robe came  
back all safe, I had not thought  
of it at all. The "daily round and  
common task" were very hard  
~~to~~ taken up that Monday morn-  
ing, and I didn't get off with-  
out a very bad attack of the  
blues, but I have gotten over  
them now, and as I do not  
wish to communicate them  
you will change the sub-  
ject. The weather has been  
as mild as a May morning,  
Katie would say, so Katie  
and I have been visiting  
the horses frequently, yester-  
day went over to Christians-  
burg to see Henry Powers. I do

wish you could have seen the  
sensation we created, a saltee  
our horses. In front of one of  
the stores, on the main street,  
was a heap of drift, that  
madam Kate made up her  
mind not to pass, Katie had  
so much trouble that he asked  
for my whip, and just as  
soon as Pickett saw that  
article transferred, he thought  
he could do as he pleased, so  
clanced, & passed from one  
side of the street to the other.  
He & Katie were not always par-  
ticular to keep out of each others  
way either, & would come against  
each other in a way not alto-  
gether pleasant, it was as good  
as a circus to the people, judge-  
ing from the clouds collected  
on the pavements. Two gen-  
tlemen I know wished for

you have done what I asked  
and not told them in letters  
cause I am truly grateful. Do you  
know sir you must begin  
practising a small hand, for if  
I remember rightly you told  
me there was only a small one  
in trucks from Australia. To  
think what a quantity you  
will have to write in a long  
letter. You must be sure to  
give me your N.Y. address  
in plenty of time to send all  
that is if you still intend  
stopping there. I feel like  
a healthen almost, but they have  
not seen the inside of a church  
did go up to Sunday school  
& teach my girls, but from  
there came right home, did  
not even go to the big church  
as we did that Friday.  
I because you were not here to

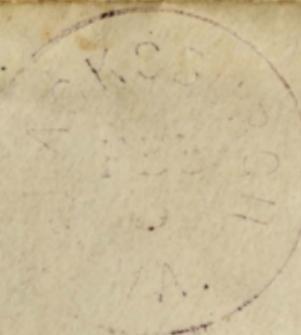
[167] Blk 1 Feb 2d 72

Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, your last  
letter just completely took my  
breath away, going to sail on  
Sunday I can't realize  
it's out. I am very glad that  
it is out of my power now, to do  
any thing but consent to your  
wishes, for I am very much of  
the opinion that if it were  
left all up to influence would be  
on the scale, to push  
you into it & yet my better judge  
and judgment or something  
else tells me that all your  
best friends advise you  
to be best. than I think you  
would do yourself so try  
to get back, I am very glad  
you are going across the Pa-  
cific instead of the Atlantic,  
have felt better ever since

you undertake so, you may  
think it foolish, but I read  
a duad of your crossing the  
Atlantic in March it is gen-  
erally such a dangerous  
month. Are you coming  
right up here now & you  
mean to stay some time  
do you not. & I do hope the  
weather will not be like it is  
today, the wind is equal to  
what it was that Sunday  
you were here. Archie left  
us on Friday, & I feel as if  
a great big piece of me  
has gone too, luckily does  
not express it. He must be  
in Charleston, by this time  
safe I trust. Col Berkeley  
looks him, & cousin Blair  
who has been up here, over  
in a great big wagon four  
in hand, Shottet & went

too to set him off & both of us  
rather enjoyed it, not the  
slewing off, but the ride. I  
wish you could have seen the  
mountains this morning  
through a driving snow  
storm, they were grand, we  
have not snow enough to  
run a sledge in now though  
for the wind has blown it  
all away some where, if it  
just blows the roads, land,  
& sky, can't we just ride  
when you come up, &  
that will be so much  
better than sleighing  
with our Blakesley  
youths, I suppose from  
your mother, & Emily  
sounding me their love,  
they have utterly forgiven  
me, for not trying to  
keep you in America or

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Mr Wm B. Taylor  
No 606 Leigh St  
Richmond  
Va



Blacksburg  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 79

Dear Mrs Taylor,  
I am very glad you expected  
a letter from me last Sunday,  
as it had the effect of making  
you wait to me your letter  
came just in time I was want-  
ing to know you too, so see it  
is no bad good I read her-  
after, your conies speak about  
me & my daughter she wants  
to see me, if this! Jessie is  
the only one who objects to the  
arranged Mrs Pearce  
marriage. If so — That is  
is happening in the Y. M. C.  
What is its object, it must  
be very successful, from your  
particulars of the crowds, that  
it is said. I wish you could  
see our Buoy today, mind is

not adequate to express it.  
what it was when you were  
here is nothing to it. I went  
up to S. school in the delusion  
hope, that I was safe from it.  
with a silent curse over me  
hope, my slaves were nedd to  
the very tops of them, & my  
spirit I think weighed several  
pounds. If you are in such  
mood as which you will  
give me something for me.  
It will not be very agreeable to  
you I expect, that is go to  
see aunt Edith, she has  
returned to R. and knowing  
of our engagement, asked  
me to send you to see her.  
No one else in uncle A's  
house knows it, & in fact  
none of my kind people  
do, though do you know  
cousin Blair told me when

he was up here, that a per-  
son he thought me had been  
ever since I left R. He was  
trying to find out from me,  
but I told him to wait &  
when he hears you are  
going to Australia, I expect  
he will jump to the same  
conclusion Harvey has, that  
I have treated you so badly,  
you want to get as far from  
me as possible. Is it so?  
Poor Harvey; she seemed quite  
doleful on the subject.  
I am sorry you may not see  
Will, though the miserable  
fellow says my letter, was  
a two hundred pound bomb-  
shell, & he has not recovered  
sufficiently, from the effects  
to answer it, he has been  
singeing your praises to  
uncle W.H. at a great rate

[D63]



Mr Wm B. Taylor  
No 606 Leigh St.  
Richmond  
Vt.



[72]       
Mar 22, 1872.  
Start all  
way tilted  
So gone since  
so buried  
so many have  
been written  
so much  
is a set  
this left no  
so much so  
many more  
so much  
so good & so  
Bucksburg  
Mar 24th 72

left home & is home from his  
trip, but as she only expected  
to be here a short time, Frank  
has to go call. Baldy Column  
stays, a very small structure  
which used to go down with  
him sometimes, he advised  
to let me know when she  
got home, which he did.  
most faithfully; he came  
in nice Wednesday, but it  
was so cold, damp & rainy,  
that both father & mother  
said it was foolish to think  
of going, so my uncles  
confined his horse,  
but yesterday night &  
early was back again,  
& told me that even if it  
had been snowing, it was  
then quite clear but no  
much good roads, so I tried  
it, he also said if Pickett was

very fiskey to take his horse  
which has very girth, but  
I preferred my own, & glad I  
was after while for a more  
vicious little animal than  
this I do not want to see.  
Pickett was very restive for  
a long time, & kept his head  
& cut a few caps, not  
many though, but when  
we got to Matamoros, he  
gave his head a very  
sharp toss & turned the  
cud back inside down in  
some remarkable manner.  
When investigated we  
found the chain, that  
belongs under his chin  
(if horses have chins)  
was inside of his mouth,  
& wedged between teeth  
way down at the gums.

to devote ourselves to his And-  
Ariah. Weather was very cold,  
so I made her a hot toddy as  
I did not want her to be sick.  
& she made Colitti & myself  
take a sip. The baby looked on  
in as toris bewilderment, as he  
had found the glass wasn't  
passed to him, evidently  
through the we were very in-  
solite people; he aids too  
shy to cry, so continued  
himself quiet looking very  
serious & solemn, & would  
not be appeased till I had  
gotten a tumbler of water,  
put a spoon in it, & given  
him some, then he was  
satisfied. We have heard  
frequently from Archib, he  
does not seem particularly  
in love with Charlotta,  
but I expect he feels some-



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Mr. Wm B. Taylor  
No 606 High St  
Richmond

A circular ink stamp. The outer ring contains the text "RICHMOND VA." in capital letters. The inner circle contains the date "FEB 16" and the word "REC'D" at the bottom.

This image shows a heavily damaged, yellowed, and stained document page. The paper has a textured, mottled appearance with various stains and discolorations. Faint, handwritten markings are scattered across the surface, including large numbers and letters. On the right side, there is a circular postmark with the word "RICHMOND" partially visible. The overall condition of the paper suggests it is quite old and has been handled or stored poorly.

Sunday night  
March 2d 79

My dear Mr Taylor.

Your letter reached me a few moments ago; it is much less to say I was glad to get it, for I had felt very anxious. I do not understand why it should have been so long getting to me, if certainly brought it over on Thursday. It had not been mailed at all though, for there was no post mark. What a dreadful time you must have had, getting back to the Red. Did Emily think me very bad to let you go? I wish I had not. You said they were anxious about you, did they think you had started the day before & been brought back? Thank you very much for the enclosed letter from your brother. I sincerely echo all his wishes; I sometimes feel very anxious about the future but as you say we may surely trust it all in God's hands, for he knoweth what is best for us, and fits the back to the bucket. All of the church windows are in now, & they are beautiful. The chancel window was the last; that was put in yesterday, and is I think one of the hand-

Emilia

have had

and made me quite

about

and aunt Cathie

brought as

not at any

place in them, so

I could hear of

have just

Ultice

Kornfrany

accident maid

asked for me

as come for that

Maria has departed, & I will

make a pencil of this; over it like

these two usual, sort of letters,

his side. The first one you

are sending to Sidney, will be

the same order, but after

the other.

Mother said

she went out, that

you must give you her love, & tell your

sweet I ever saw. Mother was quite anxious  
about it, for you know it was indeed thought  
her, & she felt in some measure responsible  
fully. I do not know whether she told you  
not, but it is a memorial to Grandmother.  
Johnson was quite disturbed when he came home  
the morning you left, and found you gone.  
He did not know you intended leaving  
then or he would have been here to bid  
you good bye. Last night I ran over & spent  
the evening with Mrs. Dame. And, being  
away, I took over my present from aunt  
Terasa, which had at last gotten here. It  
is an exquisite silver cross, thin filigree  
work, that looks like pearls. I do not am-  
bition its being so long on the wall  
though. She admired it intensely, for like  
me she has a fancy for all sorts of pretty  
trinkets. She said she thought it would  
encourage you to come over to see her, & she  
was so glad to have the opportunity of  
sending a message direct to her father.  
She was very much annoyed when I told  
her how you had to go to the kitchen  
get it. I started a letter to you in just a

bit today, but did not write much. It does seem  
evident to me writing, way off there while  
you are really at the Red Springs 42 miles  
from here. But you see I am getting it  
ready to mail on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Good night it  
is sleeping time & I am sleepy; the whole  
household are writing tonight & there is  
nothing but frenzied scratching all around  
me. 4<sup>th</sup>. Good morning to you, sir.  
Your second note reached me ~~back~~  
yesterday in the mail. I felt  
considerably more comfortable after get-  
ting up feeling a little blue when it  
got here, but it cheered me up. This  
is somewhat large writing is it not,  
but then the paper is large too. This  
paper will not write small without  
the most fearful scratching, & the  
end I usually write with, has just  
quickly refused to make any  
mark at all. I am very glad to  
see you inclined to be less obedient  
in the matter of writing about  
all your new acquisitions.

Dear General George  
Little is the rich. nation  
to what it. ought.  
Blunders bring trouble to

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Mr Wm B. Taylor  
Car Dealkneet Bell & Co  
San Francisco  
California.

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your farewell  
wishes have frus-  
tled him.

Let me tell you  
that my lame  
gess, is ope no  
longer for by the use  
of a very simple  
remedy you may  
a little hot water  
and soap; I took  
it well out.

Good bye: Give  
my love to your  
home people and  
believe me always  
yours  
Beside.

Blackstone  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 77

My dear Mr Taylor  
I got your  
note from Liberty  
today, we so  
glad you found  
your sis tch well.  
and I hope she  
went on to Rd  
with you. You  
did the little old  
man take your  
early mornin?  
did you find  
out his name?  
Mother got a  
letter frpm Willie,  
today, he sent  
it from Salina

to which point  
his journey was  
delightful he  
said; he sent over  
of the proofs in  
the game at the  
depot here, and  
quite a number  
of his future pro-  
piles were packed  
up at the various  
places in all. one  
of them was your  
brother from him-  
self, he said.

Brother says I  
must give you  
her looks asked tell  
you, that she  
know you would  
come to the nego-

way of the audience;  
and reflectivity. don't  
tell her I am  
writing "Pinafore"  
and that you  
"can't tell at  
what I'm doing"  
I hope you en-  
joyed her Grays  
company to Sa-  
lmon, and I also  
hope that if he  
ever sees brother  
again myself again  
he will know us  
for he certainly  
looked pleased enough.  
Was he trying  
to decide whether  
it was you had  
come to see if we

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Mr Wm B. Taylor  
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Richmond  
Va.



ful and duties as far as he knows them, only he says every thing is intirely Baptist, he is I believe the only one connected with the college, that is not of that denomination. The town has 3,000 inhabitants, of whom 1800 are Baptists, & he is boarding with a Miss Sect. who has two nieces with Miss Currie, they are also nieces of Dr Currie in Rd. His students friends here are very much annoyed because he has had the offer of some extra classes in a girls

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Conducted his  
Planned his  
By 25<sup>th</sup> Aug  
was  
Taxis for  
Spoke  
and  
had  
This  
visit  
the  
is  
a  
close  
and  
at  
society  
the  
two  
have  
been  
over  
his  
you  
your  
would almost make

we believe they were  
already in Australia,  
for it is exactly like  
Spring; I wish you  
could have heard hu-  
Danne today, his ser-  
mon was excellent  
and not like his  
father's, you should  
have heard too, our  
florient singing, our  
other was sick, and  
a Miss Bragge  
from Lynchburg took  
the organ, she was  
for lots of singing  
so my Darde &  
told her, that as  
she would have it  
all to do to please  
herself and we  
would do all we  
could to help her.

This congregation is spin-  
ning, I am afraid  
was not flattering.  
Don't you hope the  
weather will stay  
nice, for if it does we  
are going cross country  
on Wednesday and fri-  
nies of that fixed  
eye so nice. It would  
be delightful to have  
you with us we  
would make you so  
useful, you know you  
are such a nice light  
for thrashing trees  
and your manganese  
fire will burn  
well & brightly.  
Willie's last letter  
was enthusiastic  
he likes place, for

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Mr Wm B. Taylor  
No 608 Leigh St  
Richmond  
Va



the first excitement,  
and hurry; than it  
would be if I staid  
at home, for a while.  
I am truly glad you  
are no protégé of Spar-  
rowe, than I am, for  
although I like to go  
to other pupils, still  
when I am personally  
interested, I want  
it as quiet as possi-  
ble. Luther thinks  
it best to have the  
curving performed  
in church; as at  
that early hour  
it can be done with-  
out any fuss at all.

I think Janie Soul-  
ware was one of the  
most sensible women  
I ever heard of. She

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Blacksbury  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 77

My dear Mr Taylor.  
I received your letter  
and the *Splinter's* yester-  
day, but did not acknowl-  
edge the receipt of them  
at once, for I wanted  
a talk with Luther.  
She by the way is  
of the same opin-  
ion, that I am,  
that is, that the  
big hat picture is  
good, but the other  
one most excellent.  
She wants me to  
give it to her, but I  
do not feel inclined  
to do so, although I  
think I ought to

give her anything she  
wants now. I failed  
till her she might  
have the other, and  
with that she is said  
to be content. I did  
not tell her I was go-  
ing to write to you  
about it, but I daubed  
to ask you if you  
had told the photographs  
to destroy the negative,  
if not when we reach  
S. F. we can have an  
order for another one  
& have it sent to her  
from there, I would  
tell you to send her  
one now, only I  
suppose you have  
more left. They are  
better taken I think  
than any pictures  
I have ever seen.

Now to answer your  
questions with regard  
to time and place.  
If the train, at  
that time, is still  
as late as now, I  
would prefer being  
married just as  
quickly as it can  
possibly be done, early  
in the morning of  
the third, and going  
right on to Prof. that  
same day. Mother  
and I talked it  
over a few days ago  
and then she did  
not altogether fancy  
this arrangement,  
but now she thinks  
as I do, that it  
would be easier for  
her to give me up  
& for me to go in

time, she was too far away, to come here to see the last of me, if getting a boat were quite practicable, in that part of the world. She would come up to Denver or some other point on the road, to see us.

Good bye I think your eyes will hurt by the time you get here.

Always yours truly  
Bessie.

I said it was ridiculous to attempt a wedding up in this country, at that season of the year, & the one must simply be married, so she dressed herself literally in her travelling dress, not a handsome visiting costume called by that name, and left very quickly after the ceremony. I do not know if it is still so or not, but it used to be necessary to take the horses, at the latest, round town, in that case you will have to give yourself 24 hours extra, because by the

time the train gets  
to Bangs' office.  
Leave his Christians  
bring me over. I do  
want you to come  
up if possible, before  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> though you  
guess rightly we are  
very very busy just  
now. And I do not  
know where we would  
put you. The more  
you had being re-  
united by a divine  
girl. but it may wait  
be so after another  
week although I  
would not like you  
stay long, still we  
might be able to  
arrange things better  
if you were here, though

I do not know that  
it makes any differ-  
ence that is quite a  
volume on the sub-  
ject is it not. you  
see I have not the  
power of congrega-  
tion; will have to  
get you to teach  
me. I hope I have  
made myself quite  
clear to you, and  
that may please  
much with your  
approval. I got a  
very sweet letter  
from aunt C. this  
today, in which  
she sent you her  
love, is very sorry  
you took just the

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[Dad]

"Your mother" is very much obliged indeed for  
the nice present which to-day she received through  
"Her daughter". It is an admirable likeness -  
will be much valued I assure you. I am  
<sup>glad</sup> very [drops the third person] that you are coming  
up next week for though I haven't many "ques-  
tions to ask" I think there are some that  
I would like to put. Sincerely yours

Mary S. H.

silence but do not say  
what you think of them.  
I want to know at once  
because I have been get-  
ting ready for Australia &  
summer time, and  
that would not do for  
America and Winter.  
I do not much stand  
now you can help go-  
ing back, for you wrote  
me from Sydney that  
you had contracted  
with your firm for a  
year, and when you  
read here you thought  
it would be best to go  
back, & I accepted it as a  
fact and made up my  
mind then to do so. Now  
however it seems dead-  
ful to me to write this  
way, so I mean to stop  
right off. Hitherto yours,

My dear Mr Taylor  
is now feeling very bad  
today, & I am taking  
call of the climbing  
rock pile, and bri-  
ing to you instead  
of birds in church,  
as I might, but it is  
such a dull time Sun-  
day, and I have a  
sort of feeling that  
Col Beale by will not  
give them much of  
a service, & that  
was only a scrap of  
letter that I got  
from you yester-  
day, though I must  
thank you for stand-

ring up from me, to Lils.  
she knows perfectly  
well that she is not  
prettier. Your friend  
Miss Gray must  
have something  
of a long tongue, for he  
told the Palmer  
girls more about you  
than I know my  
self. They were here yes-  
terday, and said even  
so many nice things  
to me, I deserved  
my going so far a  
way, &c. etc. but though  
it must be very nice  
to see a new country  
in which I agree  
with them; you see  
I try always to think  
of the trip across the  
united states, one

I have wanted to take  
all my life, at least  
since I was old enough  
to want anything,  
and the living has  
been another thing I  
have always wanted to  
do, and last but not  
least the saving the  
few pounds, I have left  
in St Louis, and I  
have the thought of  
living in Australia  
to be thoughts of  
when I get there; but  
sometimes I do not know  
whether to think I am  
going to do all that or  
not. Do please tell me  
in your next whether  
you are positively going  
out or not you speak  
of various offers and

the photo taken in  
the big bonnet, that  
is the one we like best.  
I have not told her  
that I had written to  
you for one for her, so  
I will tell it to her, I  
want to surprise her.  
Many thanks you sent me  
a dear sweet letter a  
few days ago, she is  
so kindly and patient  
under her trouble. I  
will be so glad to see her  
again.

That was a cute trick  
of Emily and Sidney,  
you see I have them  
named very flat (to  
use slavery) & I am  
trying to accus them  
herself to calling

Dear Mr. Clark I  
may not feel so strong  
till you go to the Lyons  
reception I heard of  
some right funny things  
that transpired, it must  
have been a big affair cer-  
tainly. You did not say in  
your last whether you  
had engaged, when you  
must sail 22d of Dec,  
1st of Jan, I want  
you to let me know  
just as soon as you  
do hear.

Good bye I think this  
quite enough for a sum-  
mer letter I give my  
love to your mother &  
sister and believe  
me yours truly.  
Beckie,

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To let you know how  
you I thought it was  
of you to write me  
such a nice one, at  
most at the same  
time that I was  
writing you a see  
one. I have not been  
in Pickelt since you  
left, but intend to  
return again to  
you if the day  
is like this has been  
perfectly lovely, I  
do so hope it will  
not turn very cold  
hope you will be happy  
if we can have  
some nice mcs today  
Good night, I will tell  
you how nice I think  
you placed are when  
you come up. Always your  
very best friend.

Blacksburg  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - 19

My dear Mr Taylor,  
Your last letter and  
the photograph came  
today, our other lit  
at 11<sup>th</sup> got two days  
ago. The latter was so  
much gratified, at  
seeing the picture,  
but I believe mutual  
and writing her own  
thanks, which I  
will enclose in this  
letter. Father says  
"you must think  
& yourself quite a  
good looking fellow  
to get yourself up  
in such style."

he did not intend me  
to write that, but  
you see I have, and  
I let me tell you, that  
means very strong  
affection, from him.

You can assure  
all very good things  
very easily facility in  
deed and I hope no  
one to ask at your  
service, and you may  
well assured that  
when I have some  
more time, you will  
hear more. You need  
not be long a day  
or two before you come  
up, so that we can  
send over for you,  
in time if I expect  
to receive from the  
elephant behind Picket

and Kato, than a day  
other horses and men  
of us that others are  
less numerous, I am sending  
you my letter of yesterday  
tomorrow will be my Grand  
for my yesterday I was  
all night acting, and  
do not mean to close  
any more, they seem  
to be picked up here  
just now, and I think  
I got off very easily, tho'  
but the drivers to have  
been afraid of some  
firing, or other I do not  
know what. I expect  
a letter from you today  
so shall not answer  
the other one before I  
have a great mind  
to, that day I got it.

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will be torn & the books  
as if she had been ill  
and disturbed all day, con-  
stantly weeping. She has  
not been confined to her  
room though, as I said.

I am so sorry Flanny  
suffers so, you do not  
know how it is any more  
acute & longer it will last, I  
mean you think I will  
certainly see her, I do  
want to so much for I  
love her so clearly. Ellen  
McCann is to be married,  
sometime soon to Mr James  
Fisher - Chapple, so I hear,  
do you know any thing  
of Fisher he is to be  
or has Warren is still  
triumphant, I am glad of it.  
tell fifty that if he is in  
peril when I am there I  
would like very much to

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see him now, you can say  
you are more than  
I am, and I would not be  
very glad to say  
you are at least  
good enough  
I am beginning  
to get a better  
business and  
I think after letter  
you be so good all by  
yourself, if is time, I  
will look a little of it, you  
have been very late in  
and lately about writing  
looked in vain in  
our letter today, for  
here you said, at  
last time to expect  
you, you only say  
"some time this  
week, now I want to  
say it you that I send  
this week, need I  
tell you also tell you only  
the same girl, this  
have a little time, I

set off for this week in  
that I would have an  
opportunity to trouble you  
while you are here,  
but she is alive again  
and seems very  
well, and until she  
is well, I will be con-  
stantly visiting, I  
think it would be  
very nice for you to  
spend your last  
weeks here, and come  
up the latter part of  
this week, and stay  
over Saturday, until  
Tuesday evening, but  
I am not sure. I am so  
glad you liked Patty,  
Wallace, but please  
say money to me, just  
time during the expecta-  
tions of your family a

little bit, I am afraid  
after all they have heard  
about me, they will  
find themselves un-  
necessarily vis-a-vis you,  
I had a letter today from  
a cousin of mine in Pat-  
terson, who said she  
had heard of you & con-  
gratulated me on taking  
a "good Parson's wife".  
she is a blue bird,  
her name is Anna  
the widow B. Nichols, I  
suppose "Eddy G."'s sister.  
I am glad you are in  
such fine health, and that  
your cold is gone. it must  
have been as you said,  
Eddy has scolded her  
to keep him off my  
beads, and good girl  
has no time to think it

to be clydeful. At all too un-  
less little changes have  
occurred she will have  
a fair, very few possill  
time to office on Tuesday  
and I think it would  
be pleasant <sup>now</sup> to have  
you and ~~W~~ to leave  
some time to stimulate her  
was quite as, eligible  
Jack being a stranger,  
would do, and last  
but not least & dist  
she expressed a  
particular wish; then  
the other day I guess he  
would come. I have  
no doubt that will  
be a great considera-  
tion with Jacqueline.  
I don't know whether  
she thinks you in  
the family up to  
night, as it has been

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I was unable  
to go to the  
workhouse  
last night  
My work  
most, just off  
the street that the  
old colors is black  
seal brown &  
clear blue & yellow  
I am sending  
you my  
hair  
for  
so  
long  
in  
fact  
that  
last night I brought  
my laundry mate  
to have  
had  
it to you, and  
here  
I  
have  
let myself  
go  
so  
foolish, to pro-  
mised him because I had  
said (also to myself)  
that I was not go-  
ing to write until  
I had  
you  
a morning, I expect you  
will think the foolishness

say in ever saying any  
such thing, only to my-  
self only. Still I am go-  
ing to try to make up  
the whole by writing  
immediately much things  
you just prepare yourself  
sir, for a long they expect to  
trust all we tell you in  
my name, and bottom,  
that when we ask pos-  
sible to sometime stay in  
stay in other houses we  
choose whatever we say,  
and care generally  
arrange to the great-  
est to suit, and we  
intend for that  
one day longer, to  
at the same time  
do the best she  
could without us,  
will say take you  
to see handsomely. P.s.

One who is anxious to  
meet you. She says,  
she believes you know  
by initiative that  
she was very angry  
with you, and in  
tried to say many  
such foolish things,  
and that was the  
cause your friend  
such urgent business  
to call you back; when  
however she particu-  
larly requested me to  
bring you to see her,  
I did not hesitate  
to do so. But we know  
the next time you  
visit will bequeath  
time will be up or not  
I hope he will, because  
now if it is to be such  
a very quick affair,  
we still not be so off.

n not, do not tell him the  
last if you think it  
will grieve him.

I can not send you  
a sample of my glass  
for the only one I had  
is broken. The colour has  
not come yet, so I  
cannot send a piece  
now which, but I hear  
the colour is dark  
brown. I am going  
to enclose a note to  
Bessie in this &  
will try to give her  
some idea of what  
shape of hand or  
she will be able to ad-  
sist you. I am very  
glad your sister Mrs  
H. is going to call before  
R.C. I want to know  
first as soon as of  
your first visit.

am sorry Sydney will  
not be there to. I am  
a man of much in-  
convenience to travel  
a certain route, as  
there will not be an  
English people; in my  
life ever exceeding  
so glad you are able  
to take advantage  
of them. Company  
will come in regular  
time for the present.

Confining in the  
shape of one of  
the docks, has just  
left as it is late I  
will cut this short  
and write my  
little note to you  
Good night.  
Always yours  
W. C. Hale

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Blacksburg  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1880

My dear dear old man  
you see I am beginning early this  
morning, before I am likely to be in-  
tensed, and am going to write you  
over so long a letter, all by yourself, which  
you are not to let any one see, & not to  
burn up after reading it. We had a  
very nice trip up, but we had not  
gotten ten miles from Liberty, before  
I began to think two weeks a night  
long tires, & was so glad I had not  
said I was going to stay longer,  
and can you imagine it, I do  
not but half enjoy being here, & see-  
ing all the kind people who are so  
glad to see me. I wonder if it is be-  
cause the biggest half of me is not  
here, can you tell? At all events, brother  
Edith, Eliza, Pickett, & Kate, all met me  
at the depot, and I was so bounded  
about, & kissed, that I was by no  
means sad there & the horses  
did not come in for some of it,  
though for your comfort I will  
tell you that I do not think  
Eliza did. We had a jolly, jolly  
jolly home, & I was so tired, that  
I tumbled into bed, & Edith's arms  
especchialy to go right off to sleep, &  
dream of something I wanted to  
do very much, but in spite of  
being so tired, & having the even-

rest of the bed I could not go to sleep,  
would get nearly so & then wake up  
with a start, wanting something  
& found that it was, one good strong  
man; in the place of 8 little  
tiny small ones, and a good  
broad muscular chest, for my  
head's resting place, instead  
of my soft pillow, but I am  
evidently too stupid to notice you may  
have of such foolishness, and see  
if I am capable of your sense  
at all. I get sent a Bk delegation  
to call this morning, so am  
waiting in state. Remained re-  
ceiving my tastes had spent all  
Saturday morning in Tommies  
creek fishing, and had a nice  
dishful for my two day morn-  
ings breakfast. Tell cousin Agnes  
that the flowers were as fresh &  
pretty as possible, & brother was  
delighted with both cut flowers  
& slips, the latter came in so  
nicely for they terrible rats had got  
ten at brothers plants, & ruined  
quite a number of them. Thank  
youing for them, father was  
fairly behaved as he sniffed the  
wall flower, & yellow jessamine,  
so that they made him feel like a  
boy in Georgia again. Mrs  
Mary Poston & the old lame  
to see me yes today, I gave  
some of the jessamine to Mrs P.  
who was as charmed as father

& it started them both on stories  
their youth, she is from South Carolina.  
She is a good girl as it does in  
you, she particularly enjoyed it, as it  
was from the Burroughs, left them  
that the Col says he thinks a  
nub's holliday will do him off,  
& the old lady good, & will come  
back with me, but I am not cer-  
tain that he won't change his  
mind. I have just had a talk  
with Henry Carr, a Bkt cleaver-  
er, he is a half violin & great ad-  
mirer of the Boggs family, is  
the only one who has not told me  
I was looking so well, but he de-  
clares I am not as fat as I was  
& that I ought to be, if I want to  
be good looking, & has given <sup>as</sup> his  
opinion that I ought to make  
you pick up your factory & move  
it here because this is such a  
healthy country, further told  
him, she had lived in many places  
& she thought the Drs were just as  
busy, & there were as many cases  
here as other places, where which  
he said that people would get sick,  
& when they got so sick they could  
not get well, they were bound to  
die, but that did not alter the  
fact that it was a healthy coun-  
try, & every body that could, used  
to live here. Mr. Dugger has rallied  
very much, but looks very weak  
& feeble, his Palms thriving

did him a great deal of good. Mrs  
Dame is looking very well & has  
great need to, if she were not so  
busy put with chicken pot. She is  
a bright looking little creature.  
I must stop writing my  
talk to mother, have not had  
time to take a real good look at  
her, will finish this later, &  
order if you will need it all  
through yourself. I have  
it over to myself, to do it for you, as  
I am not used to do it myself.  
Mother is going to write a letter now, so I will  
finish mine. It is after tea, & I had a nap  
this afternoon, so feel quite refreshed. I got  
your letter & aunt C's today, am so glad you  
miss me. Mother got a new lot of books  
from your Willie today among them  
were the manuscripts of Flaubert's papers  
complete, so I left her to read that first  
then send it to you. It was so vividly  
this afternoon that I could not take  
a ride on Pickett as I intended doing  
expect to go tomorrow. And I send her  
very best love to you, & thanks for the  
picture says she thinks it so nice of  
us to want her to stay with us when  
we go to house keeping, & that she will  
certainly do so. I have seen a good deal  
of company today, of course, and every  
lets me that I do not seem married at all,  
have just been away by the winter.  
All good bye, and here is a good  
night kiss from your own loving  
little Warne.

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