
Thursday night January 13, 1870

My Dear Sister Mariam,

I received your nice and affectionate letter today and your promise was a sincere one. I thought you were joking when you said that you would write to me first. Sister, you must not think that I am Ma's favorite because I know she loves us (all) alike, so you have no grounds to be jealous. As for Susie Froman I do not fancy her much. I am of the same opinion as Pa; that is; I think there is a little too much of her.

Man and I had a very nice time going to Cincinnati. I think he is a very well-behaved boy, has very nice manners and I don't think he has any bad habits. Oh I know what is the reason you are asking me so much about him, you have fallen in love with him. Well I don't know whether he has much money or not but if you are thinking about getting married you had better get one with plenty of money, for money is the key to all things these days. And you say Pa likes Ina so much; and so do I. I think she is so nice. Now you see great minds run in the same channel. You need never expect to have any Sister Ina – I expect to be in Mr. Turner's fix.

Give my love to Cousin Frank and tell him that I was only waiting until he came back from Crittenden before I wrote to him. Horace was not on the train that ran off [of] the track. The car which he was on was the one we came down from Liberty Station to Lagrange together and there I had to get off and wait for another train. I ate my dinner in Lagrange. I had to wait until four O'clock that evening before the train came. And in this train I met with three of my fellow cadets, the car got to the junction of the two roads, which was about two miles from Lagrange when she flew the track with us. It was a fortunate thing for no lives were lost. We had to wait then about two hours before another train came along. I got to Frankfort about 11 O'clock that night. I stayed at the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort that night and came out to the Institute next morning. Now I must close. Give my love to all. Write soon to your true and loving brother.

R.B.Gex

Tell Ma I will answer her letter on Saturday. Write soon

P.S. Excuse – Tell Dick that I will also write to him on Saturday. Give my love to Ina

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