

breath. She wouldn't say anything for
she looks as bad as I do. yes worse and
she is talking just as mean as she
possibly can to me. She only come
down here to get me to say something so
she could "win and tell out." Well I
shant say nuffin mary a word.

Dear me Bro langed so much that
my side aches desperately. Mollie keeps
me laughing fit to kill myself. I'm
going to run away with Clark this week
but then you said I might get a Sub
to fill your place and his the only one
I know of around here. You neednt worry
about the Bounty either. There I guess
E'll subside dont you think its about
time? Mate and I talk some of going
to Salamanca with Clark to get our
fortygraphs taken. Have you any object-
ion? make it manifest - now or forever
after hold your peace. My brains have
all "gin out" so I guess E'll quit.

write soon and answer this ere letter or

the subject of her to share an even as
needd grow from but I think she overdoable
and you a bundle of many grand objects if you
E'll pardon my own words - Clark, I can
Home May 28th '65

My Dear Husband:-

I am all alone
this afternoon for the rest have gone to
church I did not feel well enough to
go so stayed at home. I went over
to Sabbath School and thought that
would do for me. Saw Myron and
had quite a chat with him. He let
me read some letters he had recd from
the "consins." You had better be jealous
for Myron and I are fast friends.

I had a present yesterday. Clark
gave Mary a ring but was too large
for her so he told her to give it to Sallie
She did so and when any one asks
me where I got my ring I shall tell
them Clark gave it to me. Clark thinks
Mate and I are two of the worst plagues
he ever saw. I guess we are for the
poor fellow is in trouble all the while.

He bet his match yesterday against
ten cents that he would stop chewing
tobacco. Matie says she is not afraid of
losing her 10 cents at all.

Uncle Abraham came over here yesterday
and wished me to read him your letter
I read what I pleased of it and he said
"Well what Adrian writes is sensible and
to the point." Please consider that as quite
a compliment. I guess if he should read
one of my letters he would not compliment
me as much as that. I wrote to Mother
but have rec'd no answer yet. Nell wrote
that ^{he} would be home the 4th of July and
wished Minnie to prepare for his coming.

He said as Sallie had changed her
name he would not write to her but
would make her a good long visit when
he got home. Won't you come too Add?

If you will will save an extra bit of
strawberry shortcake for I believe that is
going to be the bill of fare when you
will get home. Ill quit and stop, see

In my room Sunday evening
Mollie is here and the way she is
carrying on is a caution to sober old
married folks like you and I. she says
she is going to take your place so she
has perched herself on the bed "indisparably"
(I dont know what that means but its
a big word so I'm going to put it in)
with a geography in her hand and her
pen goes scratch, scratch, over the paper
I expect she's slandering somebody awful
Hope taint this child!

Well it is, and Sallie is acting
worse than I dare to be look
Marse too for her hair hung
in grace full stringlets all over
her head and — and well
no matter now I tell you the
rest when you come home
That's what I call downright meanness
to take a letter and go to talking in that
style just because I took my suit off and
loosend my clothes so I could take a long

Good bye were going to bed now turn
your face to the wall or you might
be skered.

Well here it is Tuesday

And this letter now finished.

Mrs Bullard is sick & I stand
with her all day yesterday.

Henry is quite sick this morning
I don't know what ails him.

We have sent for the doctor

no more this time

Write soon to

Mary Gay

1865

Shintown May 20th

Brother Add

I recd your
letter a few days ago (can't remem-
ber just how long) but anyhow
I got it & a terrible scolding too
(I don't say just what I deserve) for
not writing oftener to you.

Now I can't say I don't write
half as often to my kinsmen as
I do to you "so I don't."

I'll tell you ^{what} ~~what~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is}
Slendering, it is no such a
thing what she is writing I don't
know what it is though, yes she
does too for she's been picking over my
shoulders for the last half hour. I bet
she wants to "earn" how to write to her
jack. Well, I'll give her the benefit of
my experience with pleasure

Well I reckon her experience
would benefit me out all at all
And I already know how to write
to Jack

I suppose you'll not
object to my staying with your
wife tonight - providing I get
home before six o'clock in the
morning she says she objects
and will kick me out of bed if
I don't behave I'll get the
back side then she can't

If she does run away with Clark
she'll pent - so she will she had
better not take him for a sub
for Provost guards are plenty
I'll have them under guard in
short time

Now dew be a kind
and obliging Hornabund and
honed your peace for we
want our forty gards reput - bad

My dears should do
not give yourself any uneasiness
on our account - for we are
perfectly ration - al to me and either
we are going to start for a Lunatic
Asylum tomorrow or at least Mary is
for she'll be the death of Sal if she stays
in these diggings much longer. I
expect however she will soon depart
into the state of matrimony for Clark
is omnipresent - and folks say that
stranger things than that have
happened. May they have the same
good luck Mary Galhins wished you

Phet's downright abuse do
you think I'll leave my native
State of Single blessedness
before the war ends no air I'll
not give up my Strachman

I've heard folks talk before about not getting
married till after the war is over but alas!
they often change their minds. I never do
don't believe in it myself Do you?