

At home Sunday Morning May 7th / 48

Dear Sister

Well now Princy you know we promised to write to each other often. So for my part "there goes" Nothing has transpired since you left us worthy of note. P & Ma left for Mt Sterling the next day after you did. I suppose for nothing, only to drive away dull cares &c, and I was all alone for some 3 days well Ma staid at home I believe some 24 hours got aboard the stage went back & got home again yesterday. then now I'm for a real newsy foolish epistle. We had a day or too since the pleasure of a visit from a regular built. Ship Wrecked, Mendicant to express common ideas with big words, don't you spect I have been in the neighborhood of a dictionary? says he, are you the man of the house to me no, says I, nothing else. I read his documents & asked him why not work. He says he too slow a way of getting along. say I Toddee Mr Beggar I cant furnish you any cash so he left us. I was up in your Room to day for the first ^{time} since you left us. At it looks devotate deserted & dreadful. So much changed more of your drees as usual heretofore hanging

all well & offhine more so -

W. H. B.

around on the Knobs "you know. I occupy too of
your bureau draws with my shirts ~~cravats~~ collars
&c in them, & I miss you! Some I assure you
no person to Comb my sloggins. I imagine it is
getting moderately "deft" are this. won't I have
to Marry" but I can't conclude whether to
marry a "gal" or "boy" the latter I think would
suit me best. Are you in a strange
native land without friend or foe or do you
feel at home with lots of friends.

I will say to John this. I observed the
morning. You left us. You took some pains in
Shaking hands & saying Goodbye to one & all
save my self. Well. John, I had before that
entertained an opinion that I stood pretty fair
in your estimation. but such kicks makes
my feathers fall. though if you forgot or thought
you had said to me Goodbye &c it's all right
or if you treated me thus intentionally, all
right any how; merely because you don't like me.
You know we can cut short the cultivation
of each others acquaintance. but I think I have
some assurances that it was not at all intended.
(more an anon. ^{man} ~~man~~ for it again Princy,
but your husband make me feel some what
crossways, ask Louis if he got his line I send
he must use it night & day like hell & in
100 Years from this he will be as rich a Astor
Since you took Tom. I have to go it hard

from the doleful sound &c it just makes
a vacancy at the handles of the plough for me
which I fill with a good deal of Grandeur &—
but You know Mr Lord tells us in the Good
books we must go it by the sweat of the
brow. but I do think I go it by the sweat
of the allover any how at all events I am
Content. I feel more than lonesome here
by myself I often wish you was only 6 or 8
miles from us then you know I could come
& have fun & & &c, there is you know no
young men or girls in the neighborhood that I
care to associate with or that is worth the
trouble. but I believe I shall be at your house
this evening to see you, by telegraph if not
too expensive you know I can go it in 2 or 3
seconds. The P—t what P—t fools some is

Tell "Miss Mary" I want to make two bets
with her of 10 cts each. the first is this "that
I knew my letter by you would go unanswered
or in other words be treated with silence—
the next this. that I think the next will not
be treated so abruptly at all events I am willing
to risk on it & give her the privilege of
doubling the bet. I come near forgetting to
say to you the death of Aunt Mary Mrs V. W. R
is daily looked for & Aunt Taylor was
Married Friday can you guess to who Miss M. R...
he is old enough for her daddy's your brother & best friend
Roger

|| This side to John)

Sunday

Dr John

Your horse you left
with me is a (dead one) aint that hell
in the first degree, no but the distemper
is among our mules & horses among the worst
yours wh. has it quite bad & looks very badly.
I was talking to Pa about this yesterday, &
it was his opinion which corroborated with
mine that he wont be in order to sell for
some time to come & says he write to Mr
G. to buy a Piding horse for Princy say for
\$65 & I will pay for it. or if you would
rather have this horse advise me of it &
I will turn him into Cash or otherwise as
directed from you. nothing has turned up
in our City of late worthy of attention. The
farmers generally are done & others nearly so
of planting Corn we are of the former class
I Spencer of the latter but John Q. used
if I am thinking about what I am above
writing my thoughts are these why is it, there
is reason in all things, that you treated me
Cruelly, time will show & prove these things,
write to me soon. My Love & Respects
to our & all your S. family
how do you like your Darkies I think I. is
slow awkward & lazy & not more sense than
a camp meeting of fools. I should have { Yours Truly
R.K.B.