

The pink sample is like the dress Sarah told to me
I wish you could get something as good and be sure that it
is neat and pretty. ~~at the~~ Gainesville Aug 28th 1865

My dear, dear Sisters - Mr Lodge and his son Henry were
out here this A.M. and say they expect to start for the North
early next week and they are willing to carry letters for us
or I will embrace the opportunity to write by them (I am
rather embrace my Sisters than an opportunity!) This is very
poor paper I am afraid it will not be intelligible.

You at the North do not know any thing about the war - it was
too far off - you did not feel it - you were not blockaded did
not have to wear Bow-low shoes and Cat skin slippers or brand
feet for your children and I am glad that you did not feel
it and am sorry for those here who are suffering from want of
the necessities of life. There is scarce a day passes that we do not
hear some poor woman here to get a little corn or meal to feed
her children. We all thought here had been many set out of home
and homes by the soldiers returning to their homes - one night
we had eleven stop to get supper and all wanted their
horses fed too. I fear there will be suffering in the South
before the Camp is made. Tell Ruth that I rec'd her letter by the
of fence and wished she had written on a larger sheet. Tell her I
want her to write and describe their new place and the house and
every object in it. I should love to see the place. How is old
Maudie if she is most as tall as our Sarah - I believe she is only
nine months older. Our Sarah is tall and spare (either comely)
fair and most everyone that sees Elizabeth's likeness think it was
taken for Sarah. I showed it to Mrs Pick and she says "but
did you have it taken?" - I went to see all our nephews and
nieces as well as the rest of you. How does Mary occupy her time?
Tell her that old ladies can say the bread as well as the can-labis.

learned it at Sunday School - He and Sarah go. - The war has ended as we wished it ~~not~~. But there are some who must be bitterly disappointed. Mr Hall for one - he was rich before the war and he strained every energy to gain their cause invested his property in Bonds (Confederate) had two hundred thousand dollars invested in them. He is so much disappointed that he talks of leaving the country. — The ladies were entirely devoted to the cause they were always knitting for the soldiers or doing something. Last ^{Fall} ~~Winter~~ they commenced having prayer meetings ^{to pray} for the success of this cause - held them every P. M. till the weather became too cold. I never attended one of them or knit a sock or took a stitch for one of them. I was asked to contribute to buy something for shirts for the first company that went from here but I told them I could not conscientiously do it. So they left me in peace and quietness but I do not expect they wished blessings on me. The lone passed through safety which I feared sometimes we should not do when I would hear of有名 men being killed. The worst thing that ever happened here in Gainesville took place early last Nov - some twenty four Confederate soldiers brought about the same number of men prisoners from Pickens and the neighboring Country said they were part of a home guard that was organized to keep out of the army. The next day they sent twelve of these prisoners on to Atlanta and after about noon they took the other twelve and carried them a half mile the other side of the village tied them three and three together and shot them down. They borrowed speakers of Mrs Banks and told her they were going to make the men dig their own graves. They did not do it they

went off and left them all in a heap and the people from
the village went out the next day and buried them. We
did not hear of it till ^{the} ~~day~~ afterwards. The ~~judges~~ were with the
soldiers and helped murder them. They are desperately
picked men live in Pickens. The men never had any form
of trial and the soldiers would not go out to shoot them till
they had got some spirits to drink. One of the men killed not only
sixteen years old and begged pitifully for his life. But there
was no mercy in the men. Such lawless doings as that
terrified me. — Miss Philo Banks was married about a

month since to a Sicut Henry Blackhass said to be a fine
young man of four or five years younger than himself. I think
& I wrote you at two years that Susan was married to a Mr
Pledge Presiding Elder. That is something ahead of a Circuit
Rider. — ~~she~~ Brown has a young son - her first
child which Anne Brown has a dreadful eruption on her face
has had it more than a year - has recently been in Augusta for
medical advice & is now staying at the Sulphur Spring. —

We have been living early Peas for two weeks we last and best
peas are just beginning to bloom. Wheat and Rye are headed
up. Did Mr Stephens take a great interest in the progress of
the war? — Did you not get discouraged in the early part of the
~~war~~ by the success of the Confederate arms? Did Cornelius
make any "Peace marker"? I saw an account of one monitors that
he made - the "Catskill". — Sarah and Ben are expecting to
be here - they have behaved well ~~and~~ during the war. Sarah
& told me a story last year to make Sarah some dresses of it
agreed to give her a new calico for it when the war
ended. If any of you come out here

This Summer I wish there would by me a good calico some
thing neat and pretty - she never buys anything gay - has good
taste. It was kind in her to let me have the dress. I will pay
for it when you come out. I hope some of you will come west
in peach time. The trees are loaded. I am as full of happiness as
I can be - my skin is full because the war is ended and the
Jeff Davis dynasty is ended - we were tired to death of it and
him. What are you going to do with him and Genl Burnside?
Some people here seem to think that all the land is to be confis-
cated and the negroes set free. George does not believe that
the negroes are to be freed without it is done by the States
themselves neither does he believe in confiscation except in
the property of the leaders of the Rebellion. June 2nd Mrs B -
has Blackshear (Philo) and Mrs Hamer. are not here any longer
today. Mrs Burns thinks the negroes are free by Lincoln's proclama-
tion. I tell her that was a strategem of war and not Constitutional.
She thinks that we are going to be colonies (or says so!) She is bitter-
ly disappointed at the way things have turned out, I can make allow-
ance for her feeling disappointed but not for her proneness both
to Mrs Hamer's either. I wished in my heart that she had stayed
at home. She (Mrs Burns) says they will go to Mexico to live as
soon as they can get money to take them there. Her son James has
been a Union man all through and I guess he gets disgusted with
his sister's talk. She presented a fay to the first company that
went from here. — Give I tell you in this letter that I wrote
after you day that Mrs Shettie Hamer was dead. She has left
three little girls. Third day I went up to see her George and bid them
good-bye. They live where she has been sick - by the cathedral church. She
expects not to stop in New York but go right on to Maine (Dover)

another writing but as you don't know my name or my way of expression
any P government man is always your master & you know it.
Her daughter Louisa (Miss Lou everyone calls her) will stop in
Brooklyn and make a visit at 120 Congress Street. I hope
thee and Mary will call on her. I think you will like her. She
is a great favorite in Gainesville. They have lived here three years
and it would be pleasant to thee to see her and talk about matters
and things connected with the place. I was sorry that Mrs Dodge
was not going to stop she is such a lively person in appearance
and character. I admire all of them. The Father & mother & one daughter.
I told this so that I am going to ask thee to call on her
I bought his Dodge's sandals. I have been without Indians Rulley
three years. None more thick soles. They did not make leather
here that would wear like the leather we used to get from
the North. I saw Mrs Brewster's little girl at Mrs Dodge's the other
day - she had on a pair of cloth gaiters (Porter's make) her
mother bought them in Boston in the winter for \$75. for them
Hannah my eyes were to see something pretty - if any of our
folks come out here this Summer or Fall I want thee, Ruth,
Mary and Lucy each to send me samples of all the dresses
you have had since the beginning of the war. I have had a
new silk that Spring the war commenced and did thee would
send me a sample of it but it never came. Mrs Rivers is reading
that story that I was reading in the Sunday Times that John Deb
one entitled Earl Sperne or the Earl's daughter. I expect to get it
and finish reading it. I would like to get hold of that Story
but I was reading in the New York Times. The Silver cords - it
was very interesting and I have often thought of it and ^(ed) wonder
how it all ended. What has Ruth done with that fine silk she
had - a purple and black plaid, a beautiful thing, I thought
I never saw the dress but the samples.

... enough to have off my hands & you may send me one or two pieces
taken this winter please tell me how Cicero's bill - very
light I expect. I will send thee a sample of all the dresses I have
had through the winter. At the beginning of it I bought two
dresses like the sample enclosed and those are all the new ones
I have had. I hung on to all my old ones just as long as I
could make them last and I often thought of the Titanic's cruise.
If it had not been for the good supply of things I brought from the
store that I bought and things that were given me I think I and
art have weathered the storm. The little blue cloak that
Lucy gives over for Sarah - she has worn three winters - last
winter I suppose it up another toward and let out ^{what} turned
up at the top and I think she will be able to wear it another
winter. The Bible says "as your day so shall your strength be"
I can't help thinking sometimes that the buck is not strong
enough for the burden, especially when it is come.

First day. P.M. My back feels strong enough to day for any
borders. I am feeling very well - have been up to Club about
called in to see Mrs Dodge - I gave Miss Fox a pair of stockings
that I knit for Sarah and the has outgrown them I thought
they would suit Adah - Ruth's little girl - I asked her to give
them to her to give them to Ruth - inside of the stockings there
is a pocket cushion for James - She can give ^{it} them to him after
she sees him. Hannah will take care for my sake takes Miss Fox
down to Ruth's place to see her - I wished her to write to
me and tell me all about you when she got to Maine.
I want her to see and get acquainted with Ruth. And for
myself I wish I had something to send to all of you - I hope Miss Fox will
show thee the little that are braided here. I bind much for babies
and Sarah they are very durable. I will write a page to
send to Ruth in view of this - love to John, Mary "Pa" Cornelius
P.M. A. St. Anthony