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[letter from Henrietta Bruce to her Mother Mary E. Bruce, Aug 1877; envelope addressed to Mrs Mary E. Bruce, St James Hotel, Kansas City Mo; postmarked Covington, Ky. Aug 3]

[Note: letter says "April Fool" but the envelope was sent in August]

April fool.

My own dear Ma -

Happy indeed your sweet letter - made me after your silence. Ma why dont [don't] you write or have the girls write me often. - It is such a great pleasure to me to hear from home and when I write a letter. = I naturally anticipate an early answer, O. Ma. I do get so lonesome. staying by myself. - and I long for some one from home. to make me a visit = In Pollie's letter which I received last night. Lillie talkes [talks] of coming on with Mrs Cristman and Madge. telling her not to take info [?] out in talking I shall expect them in a few day's as it some the fusit [?] and wish she could get him in time for the excurshion [excursion] = I havnt [haven't] written Lin since

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the club met here. it was the card party, but we have music at our own expense, and everybody seemed to have a good time = I do wish I could have exhibeted [exhibited] my pretty cushion and boxes. My house looked mythenul [?]. We got a new parlor carpet and new curtains and changed around generally, the last party was at Mrs Hemingsalfs Friday night: May, is the proudest child of her apron. - every body [everybody] comes I must show it; It couldnt [couldn't] fit her better if she had been with you to fit, she is wearing little drawers now. and she tells every body [everybody] she meets on the street. She is the smartest child if she is mine I ever saw; she took a long sleep the other day when she woke I asked her how she felt - very much Mama was all she said = I had such a fright about her Friday Susie went to the dressmakers. about eleven in the morning I thought could only

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be gone a short time and never come home until nearly three - I sent the cook every where [everywhere] I suppose she might be but no body [nobody] had seen her, she said she was talking to dressmakers and seem [seemed] surprised I should have been uneasy. - May was so hungry and tired when she got home - I was so mad with Susie had half a notion to send her right off - but thought I might do worse. and better not do so.

Lucy Burdsall has a new boy baby Jennie ~~expects~~ was down and staid [stayed] all afternoon Friday. she expect one about June. Cousin Ell [Ellen] Morgan is lo [sic] again. She has had them mash [sic] too fast. - While Richard was away Lon Ford staid [stayed] with me most of the time. her beau from Virginia called and staid [stayed] to supper one evening - he is just one year younger than her Ma - is right bold, but seems to be a very gentleman. - has plenty of money they say = This is a

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real March day. blowing a perfect gale. Our yard is being to look very pretty. - My flowers are going so nicely now, but I long for the time when I can plant them.

Dont [Don't] you think Ma Mr Finch never sent Richard the money he owed him - he wrote to him since he came home and he never even answered the letter. Richard has given me such a handsome black silk I am going to have Ella Demedy make it she is same head dress maker at Lexingtons, I tried to match my blue silk to have it made over and cant [can't] match it any where [anywhere]. - I hope Bruce has gotten [gotten] right well by this time. - I never hear that Mr Dmas was here = With much love I remain devotely your child

Henrietta.