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CONVULS

I beg leave to inquire
Mr. Southgate, what has
become of your conscience?
"A long, long time has, indeed,
intervened since you have
had a letter from Kate."

Whose fault? Should I have
written a second letter just
because the first reached you
too soon? You seem to have
entertained some such expec-
tation. It is well I did not
know of it till now - you
might have realized your
gloomy foreboding & received
several.

Those dear little
vines, if I could invest them
with sufficient spirit of mis-
chief - they would take you for

Thine tumbles, thine twists, twine
pintertwine until you found
yourself in inextricable tangles
compelled to cry to us in plaintive
accents peccavi. See you are
entirely too self-complacent; you
would be more apt to get out of
the way of those winds than
audaciously threaten "we girls"
with dire calamity if they re-
fuse you free pass. I should
require full fare every time.
Oh my absence you have much
for gratulation.

I have not heard from Mattie
in over so long. There are ru-
mors afloat that a buyer of
bright tobacco keeps her in the
parlor till 12 M. Three nights
in each week. I am anxious
over this "business" - would feel
relieved to know more of him.
What's his name & what are his pros-

parts of success with our "Mitz".
This "state of affairs" explains
how her time has become so
much engrossed by her B.T.B.
(Bright Tobacco Buyer) that not even
a well thought of one could
scronge in. I might write
her a plaint against all these
"goings on" without my knowl-
edge, but will forgive her as
she used her influence to in-
duce you to send a very welcome
charming epistle full of all
the topics I love so well to have
you discuss in your inimitable
style. The dearest, darlingest
flowers came over almost fresh
so slightly were they withered on
their way to me. How do I know
where they came from or who sent
them. No need of information
on that point. I know the pe-
culiar fragrance of Durham flowers

the great heart of our best citi-
zen. Thanks, my kind friends!
I appreciate them more than
I can tell. Vines, tuberoses,
butiropes, violets, etc! how hard
you make it for me to send
regrets & thanks to your cordial
invitation to return to your
city of cool breezes & untold de-
lights. You seem not to place
much weight on what Skates
says. Perhaps your memory is
at fault. I will refresh it.

In the happy days that are
gone Skates asserted positively
that Durham should know
her no more until members
of your family or yourself did
her the honor to make her a vis-
it. Her sentiments have undergone
no change. poor little Bessie
has had much sorrow. I hoped
to have had her with me - was

bitterly disappointed. I trust she will run up to N. C. she would be greatly benefitted.

Dear girl I owe her more than I can ever repay for her patience, sympathy & love for my unworthy self.

Yes, I suppose I shall have to make the best of the Chicago nominations - since I couldn't be there in person to regulate these much mooted questions. The nomination of Cleveland was what I expected. Thos. Hendricks' place on the ticket was a surprise.

I'll see that Ga. does her duty - on that score no one has any fears. However you have great work to look after your state which is like "them white girls" you delight quoting

against, it is mighty ass-
certain.

Bessie put me
an extract from a D- paper
quite complimentary to Mr.
Gannett suggesting him as
a suitable candidate for leg-
islative honors. I would be
glad to cast my vote for him.
Hope he will one day distinguish
himself in the National Con-
gress. How cruel to revive
memories of handsome Capt Ed. J.
& then cast a gloom over all by
reverting to the charming unprece-
dented health of Mrs. R. Ah!
That wounds too deeply to be
healed by the balm of your next
sentence, viz. that the fascinating
Capt. smiles blandly & kindly when
my name is mentioned. I think
that proceeding very unkind on
his part. he should pull a
long face, heave a tremendous

sigh, utterly refuse your over-
quits & abandon himself to
grief. Perhaps this helps
tho' worship explains the
"why" you seem to think so
mysterious when you remem-
ber Skates is assess (pardon
the pun - a subject so solemn
admits of no levity.) Mr. Mr.
I'm no misanthrope, I admire
in fact adore the other sex,
what a mistaken idea to
suppose otherwise.

I should like to know if the
boys & especially the widowers
pay you commission for your
services in their behalf. If so,
charge the latter 100 per cent extra
on account of your pleading
being irresistible and - well -
a ^{man} ~~man~~ could keep a secret -
- nothing. - My letter will
exhaust your patience in the

reading them for I must
insert a period here.

With best love to all & hop-
ing your dear ones are well
& happy & that you will not
let them nor your self forget
your very sincere
Skate

I recently suffered a nervous
frenzy attack - This accounts
for the dizzy appearance
of my letter, it partakes of
the nature of my head which
is quite light & airy & moves
with admirable ease & grace.