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Dear People:-

Well we have been here already a week. It seems years. But I suppose after the newness wears off the weeks will go by in a flash. Nothing very particular has happened since Wednesday when I wrote last. But next Saturday the grandest reception of the year takes place and if

my dress doesn't get here by that time there is no use sending it at all. What is the matter with Mrs. Gallagher. The reception is the Y.W.C.A.

I have joined

You pay fifty cents and sign somethings and promise to give a contribution every month, and thats all. Then we are making beginnings toward organizing our class. Mrs K. has appointed a Com. and we are to have a class meeting Tuesday. We can't understand why she picked out certain of the girls. But I guess we'll get fixed after a while. They are dilligently studying Roberts Rules. Olive Thurston's mother + sister have come up for Sunday. I met her sister last night. Oh that makes me think you have got to write a letter of permission to Mrs. Kendrick saying you will allow

me to see any caller I wish, or go to New York when I wish etc. Or if there is a certain young man you don't wish me to see or if you are afraid I may go down to New York every Saturday on a spree why you must say so. And she will see that I don't do any of these dangerous things. See! I most forgot about it. Miss Crosette is in my division. She seem very nice. I am going to see her today. She had very bad luck with her room-mate but has at last been able to get a single. Lessons have been going somewhat better (we haven't had any Lat. prose, since the first day.) though I have been writing so much that my hand is nearly paralyzed and I can scarcely hold a pen. Fortunately the individual reports are off our hands. I never did anything so awful in my life. We nearly went crazy all of us, and could think of anything but those dreadful authors. Of course we didn't get half in we had read. The other day I went to Geo in. with out having done any of the positions she gave us to do. My heart went pitty pat. But she didn't once

call on me so, I might have had them all down for what she knew. Wasn't that luck? Unfortunately we have got to hand them in written out for Monday, so I have been oblinded to do them. We are having the most killing things to do in English you ever heard of. She flashes up some object from behind a screen and you have to write down what you saw no. 1. Then she flashes it again and you write down the observa-tions made the second time and so on. That is to make us notice what we see first in order to write good descriptions of things It's very amusing. German is awfully easy. Fräulein Bartleman said she thought I might go into the Soph class if I wanted. She said she would put up her office hours and I was to come and see her. But she hasn't put them up yet. I don't think I want to do it any way though, do you? Of course I don't understand about it yet. I don't know what it would require that I should do. Probably take an exam, in Freshman German. Still if I'm not going to learn much in this class perhaps I ought to go. Aunt Flo. sent me the two dollars in her letter. I have spent twenty three dollars and nine cents so far for books and furnishing and so forth.

If you think you can send them all right I would like to have you get us the curtains. Our door is 2-1/2 yds wide by 2 yds 20 ins. high. We have

the pole and rings. We would like burlap I think. Though if you find any thing else pretty in the right color, we should like it. Poughkeepsie is the worst place to get things in I ever was in We need some cups and saucers so, but we can't find any pretty ones here their furniture is dreadful. You never saw such horrid Morris chairs Wouldn't they send a chair up from New York free of charge? We haven't got any chairs, except the horrid little college chairs and we need a big one very badly to give some character to the room. I have painted this little piece of paper about the color of the carpet. The carpet is a little grayer though.

I couldn't get it just right. So get the curtains a little grayer too please.

And get them all hemmed up for we would never get time to do them. About the "Bilder" there isn't any hurry as we don't use it for 3 or 4 weeks yet.

And I don't know the book but will find out the next lesson. This morning Cora and I didn't get un for break-fast. There is the loveliest little store down stairs where the girls can buy fruit and crackers and jam and things. We laid in a suply yesterday. Then there is a kitchen where the girls can go and cook things.

love from

Ruth.

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