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Wednesday

Dear Mother

I have just got Evie's letter and as I have (strange to say) a little time before my German, I will try to find something to tell you which you dont know already, though what it will be I cant say now. You would laugh if you could see me now I have on my Gymnasium suit for the second time for we commenced our lessons yesterday: They come several inches above the boot top and have big baggy waists and leg of mutton sleeves. I thought at first I really could'ent wear it but am more reconciled now since I know I look no worse than the rest. We have Gymnastics half an hour evey day It Is ever so much fun a good deal like dancing, since we exercise with the piano, but a fearful nuisance to dress so often.

I wrote a letter to Grandma and directed it to Pottstown, I am so glad you are going there, for a visit. The classes for linear drawing were read in Chapel last night, my day is Wednesday at half past ten the worst day of the week aad the worst hour of the day for me, as Wednesday Is one of the three days of the week in which we have ^German Grammar enstead of Reader and from half past ten to quarter past eleven is the only time I have [crossed out: for] ^to study my History in the morning. I am utterly disgusted, especially as the girls say that it is very uninteresting and teaches you nothing but to measure. The Classes in Choral singing are not yet organized but I suppose Miss Smythe (my singing teacher) will want me to take that too. Algebra is flourishing. Miss Dean said she would soon have a model class. As Sadie Dickie and myself have studied it before she always racks her brains to give us the hardest things she can think of, but we generally come off triumphant. Our History is nothing but taking notes and would be interesting if we didn't quake so, there are about sixty in the class and consequently each one [crossed out]is called on about once a week and then she gets half a dozen questions at once. I have only been called on once and then I missed one which didn't happen to be in the book: he does not go half the time by the book for he says there are so many mistakes in it and what we learn one day he contradicts the next. We have very long lessons in German but a splendid teacher and I enjoy that lesson more than any of them. I forgot to tell you that I received both the Bible and the money and am much obliged to you. We all belong to different Bible classes and have lessons to learn on Sunday as well as on other days. I do not think it is right to expect it. I cant think of anything I have left untold excepting that as I have not been to town yet I have not got my rocking chair, but there are two in the parlor already and I am not sure that I will get one. You seem to have all the fun in Somerville since I have been away, such a lot of fun and companies I never saw. Can you send me the [^newspapers?] occasionally that I may