

(November 20, 1870,  
Saturday Evening.

You are a dear good girl Carrie, to write so often to your sister, and X thank you for it, and only wish Mamma would do as well. I have not heard from her for over a week but suppose she is hard at work for one and so I ought not to complain. If you would write a little plainer I could read your letters better. At first I had no difficulty at all in doing so, but the last ones I have had to study over and even then could not exactly understand what you wrote. For instance in one of your letters you say that Mamma has given you something which you like very much, but what it is I can not make out.

Would you really like to have me write you what words you spell wrong ? I have not noticed maay, in you last I think there were only two, "tear" which you spelled "tair," and "ripped" which you had written wrong. Last night Benson Lawson (Lossing? , delivered a lecture before the college. His subject was "chivalry, the past and present." He told us the origin of the name "sirloin" as applied to certain pieces of meat, and also that of the "Order of the Garter," and many other interesting little things. I presume you read the newspapers, and know something of what is going on, but I never do. There are always newspapers in the library, and sometimes I think I will read them but do not get about it. And so X had not heard until yesterday when I received a letter from Mary Rawson telling me of it, of the railroad accident at Grand Junction; you will remember the place, one of the many times we had to change cars on our way North.

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There were a good many of our Texan friends on the train, but none of them were injured although four persons were killed and as many wounded. Mr. & Mrs. Morrill, Mrs. Rives and her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. West and Mollie Duval, and Mr. Raymond and his two nieces were in the party. What a fright they must have had. Yesterday afternoon X was very much surprised as well as delighted, when the messenger girl came up and told me that Mr. and Mrs. Epperson were in the parlor and would like to see me. They have sons attending school in Poughkeepsie, and had come up to visit them, and I think it was very kind in them to ride out and see me when I had known so little of them. Eugenie has been attending school at the Packer Institute. (I forgot to say that she was with them) but she does not like it very well, says she cannot get acquainted with the girls, and I do not wonder, for if I were in her place I would not ask any one to call upon me at Mrs...

(Remainder of the letter is lost,

(Julia M. Pease, '75,