

Vassar College,
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My dear Carrie,

By the time this reaches you I presume you will be at home, resting after the gaieties of Galveston. I hope you found out something of Etta Rise ,7 ,. It is now almost ss hrsd work for me to write a letter as a composition for I cannot dignify my productions with the name of essay. There is literally nothing to write about. I cannot discourse upon yesterdays sermon as I have neither the power nor desire. That is the only variety this week, being by Prof. Orton in place of the President. professor Orton generally keeps us wider awake than the President, for he brings home truths which we cannot help hearing even if we soon forget them. We have been informed that Bible classes begins very soon. It will however be voluntary which is a great point. We can also choose our own teachers. I have chosen Miss Lord but do not know whether I caa be in her class. She is a very lovely woman, and is one of my five "admiration." Profs. Hinkle It Van XngenpDr. Avery, Miss Kapp are the others.

Moilie Hill has begun Germsn this semester and that makes me perfectly wild over it. You know it has always been my great desire to study it, and it is so hard to have someone in the parlor studying it and not be able. I go around continually trying to pronounce "Ich," "Nicht" and many other words which hsve that peculiarly German sound of ch. I shall not be able to study it for a long time. Why do jou not begin German?
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There are ever so many good German teachers at home* Mrs. Kupfer and Prof. Hamvasy fee and I know you caaat help lovlag it. There are so many beautiful things to read la German and so many educated per sous at home to speak it with. Do begin it. The snw is almost all gone agaia* and the days are again Warm and pleasant. It seems very hard work for it to be cold and we are paid for every cold day by several warm ones,
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that is, warm for a northern winter.

You may or may aot have received a note from a friend of mine here, Laura Howe wrote you a note and told me she sent it in which she enquired concerning the number of my brotherow You know the six are a myth and I presume thought her letter (if every received) rather impertinent. It was not intended to be so and was written in fun. Answering it may be at your pleasure. Laura G. (middle initial, is really a freak of Dame Nature. I never saw such a specimen before but we manage to be very good friends. With love and kisses for all

Your loving sister.

{KMia M. Pease, '75,

I send a programme of the string band concert given here last week.
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Feb. 19. It is just s week since the letter to Mamma, which I send with this, was written, and nearly as long since the one lor you was begun. I will finish yours today and send in the morning. I am very sorry that I could not find time to finish these letters and send during the week, for it |is, a longer time than ever before between my letters home. It seems

a most discouraging task to write to you, Carrie, for I have such lots of things to say that I can never write them all. Oh if you were only here to talk to, it would be so very nice. There are two very pleasant girls here from Arkansas. I have not known them very well until lately, but like them so much. They are sisters and have always been together, just as we have, and it makes me homesick to see them together having such a loving time. I like the younger one, Mary Hughey, better than any girl I have become acquainted with, and she is, indeed, the only one whom I should care to know after leaving school. Last Friday night I attended one of the Societies in the Hall. They acted several scenes from a story called "Marion Berkly," and did it very well. The story is one of school life. Marion is at a boarding school where they are not allowed to receive boxes from home, and one of her offenses is receiving one. It is done secretly and the girls bring it upstairs themselves and in doing so, drop it on one of the girl's feet and hurt her quite badly. Her foot swells so much that she can not wear her own shoe and stocking and with great diffi-

culty they procure^of the Lady Principal's, without her knowledge . Then they have the table nicely set for a champagne supper, when in comes the

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Principal. Marion turns the matter off very nicely by asking her why she came so early, that they were going down to invite her up as soon as they were ready. She is pacified by the present of a chicken and cake and before she leaves condescends to drink a glass of champagne with them. It was very tempting, you may be sure, to have all those nice things in view and yet not have any to eat. There were many other nice scenes but I have not room to describe them. I will only say that the gentlemen looked and did very nicely and could hardly have been told from the "bona fide" article. Between the first and second parts of the entertainzmn t Miss Beach personated the U.S. flag and spoke, "When freedom from her mountain high." She looked perfectly beautiful and her speaking was very goods only she did not knew the piece perfectly.— I believe I have never written you much about my new room-mate, and now I cannot write of her as that for she told me this morning that she is to be moved again. I like Miss Woolsey very well, but will be glad to be alone again. She goes on the plan that everything is common and so I find her using my things quite comfortably. My blacking bottle I find quite empty although she has never asked me for permission to use it. I forgot to wind my watch a few nights ago, but wound it in the morning and did not set it, as I did not know th~ right time. Much to my amaaement, about noon, thinking to set it, I found it had already been done for me! It seemed rather a cool proceeding on her part. My watch has one peculiarity to itself. It I wear it only half ; , ' ' \

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an hour it will stop, and not move until taken off—but If I leave it on the bureau it never stops. So I am forced to lay it away and use it only as a clock* It is perfectly useless as a watch to be carried about on the person. Do you ever go to see Mrs. Grumbles? You have never written me

of doing so⁹ but I wish you would go often. It gives the old lady such pleasure, and when she has so few pleasures, I should think you would add to them whenever you can. We have two holidays this week. Washington's birthday, which comes on Wednesday and Thursday Is the day of Prayer for Colleges. The latter can hardly be called a holiday as we must be all the morning in Chapel. And Wednesday Is one of our church fasts.

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It is the first day of Lent. I do not think I shall go to church that day ^ because I have not anything very suitable to wear. Of course we can not attend service during Lent and we have nothing at all tempting to eat which would be a hardship to deny ourselves and so I think of no particular way in which to pass Lent differently from any other time. From this time on to the end of the year I expect to be very busy and fear that I shall not be able to write more than once a week to you all at home.

Wilfe love to all, Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, '75,