

Vassar College.

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Dear Carrie,

Your letter with the pattern of the transparency came just in the right time. It came Wed. morning and that day was a holiday, so that I found time enough in the afternoon to make one. I was only about two hours making it, don't you think that was quick to do it? My room begins to look a little more cheerful than it did when you were here. X have put those two little bird pictures which mamma brought sue, into the straw frames the JF res. and Miss Lyman were in and the two latter I have had framed in a very simple style called "passe-partout." My two favorites, Prof. Van Ingen, van Ingen, and Miss Kapp, are in a white thread frame. X have made of perforated board a letter bag which is a very pretty ornament but is not a particle of use. The bracket in the corner with the wolict set finishes the ornamental part of my furniture. X want now a larger picture and a colored motto and I hope to get them during the April vacation. X should feel very well contented if you were only here to share my parlor and bedroom. We might have such nice times together in my doay little rooms. I would not give them up for any others except a single room on the second corridor and there is no chance of my getting such a room. George W. Curtis has arrived. He came into the Dining room after we were all seated, and if he is at all bashful he must have been somewhat discomposed by the glances given him. There was indeed a great deal of peeping around to see him, for he is very handsome and rather young, and Feb* 24, 1871 - 2

quite a sight to us, shut out from all intercourse with the other sex.— In mentioning the little articles X have in my parlor, I forgot a little frame made of cardboard, In which I have put Papa's photograph. These frames are all the rage here now and as they are very little work and quite pretty I have made several. Until about two weeks before the examinations, I had not done one bit of fancy work, but while our classes were being arranged I found some spare time and made some little things, a cover and cushion for my bureau fee. Now I find very little time, and if I can only get into the freshman trench class, will have still less. It seems as though some of my letters could not have reached you. I wrote you soon after my return great loag letters telllag of all I had doae while at Bingham ton. You ask of what sewing I did while there and what I had done to my teeth, and I have writtea you all about it loag ago. I only had one tooth filled, but that was a very bad one. There is now nothing of it but the shell, the inner part is of gold. I told you that my blue silk had been made over very prettily and my old brewn altered some, for a school dress, and the calico made and this is all the sewing that I accomplished. I wrote mamma at that time about what I wanted to do about spring clothes but she had never written me anything about them. Please answer my question, for I do not ask any but those I want answered, and do not think that because it is so long after my letters are written that I have forgotten them. Perhaps the reason of your not knowing what I write is that you Feb. 24, 1871 - 3

cannot read my writing, and not that my letters have not reached you. My handwriting is ruined by scribbling so much, but I shall try and write

plainer in future. Do not fail to tell me if you cannot read my scrawling. I am expecting a french letter from you every day. Thanks for the green-not

backs. I willAweary you by writing any more at present, it must be a tedious job, trying to decipher this crossed page, but I am very economical with my postage stamps and more than two sheets of this thick paper needs two stamps. When this paper is gone I intend to get french for it is much cheaper in the end. I have my home letters for this week and cannot expect another until next W ed. I wish that you could find time to write oftener. With much love to all, Julie

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