

Vassar Collage

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My own dear Mamma,

You will feel discouraged, I know, when you see this immense

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sheet of paper, but I think that I am justified in using it by the amount I have to write you. Your long letter has kept me in good spirits ever since the receipt of it, which is nearly a week, and I fear I shall have to live upon the contents of it much longer, unless my home letters come more regularly than they have for the last few weeks. Just as X had written you that your letters came in the right time they began to come very seldom. However, I think it is because you do not write very often.

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You say that you fear that I can always find time to read your letters, but you are mistaken. It takes much less time to read than to write a letter and so if that is your only reason for not usually sending me long ones you will find that removed by my telling you that I can find time to read a letter even though it be twenty pages instead of half that number. I received a letter from Mrs. Hayes a few days ago. All were well, I mention the receipt of her letter specially because she said that Mrs. Gillette wrote her that Miss Augusta Palm is to be married and I to know

am very anxious for you to tell who the happy gentleman is. I shall be very glad to have you make me a few underclothes, another year I shall need them. I do not want them perfectly plain, any trimming will be suitable except ruffling. Here we can get very nice edgings or trimmings something like ruffling, which look pretty, and are easily washed and
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ironed. If you prefer, you can send them to me plain and X can put something on. X am afraid that you can not make the drawers to fit me without a pattern and as soon as X can cut one will send it.

Gough lectures in Poughkeepsie this week. The President will not let any of us go in to hear him, but has asked him to come here and lecture. We do not yet know whether he will accept the invitation. Although X have heard him several times, I could listen to him as many again and still ask for more. X think X have never written you of a lecture delivered here by Dr. Robinson from Rochester. The gentleman had a very fine face and is said to be a deep thinker. He certainly appeared to be, for his lecture was much too deep for me to follow much interest in it. He touched upon many subjects but only for a moment, leaving us to finish them. Of course X did not, for when I go to hear a lecture I want something that does not require much thinking. Latin uses up about all the brains I possess. Prof. Van Ingen the drawing teacher has commenced a course of lectures upon the "history of Art." To attend his lectures, I have to recite one lesson in the evening privately with two others. This only comes once a week but on my busiest evening, Monday, when there is corridor meeting and I have a bath.

I wrote you the last news which I have heard of Grandma. I am owing Aunt Maria a letter and will answer it as soon as X can in order to hear from Grandma again. In the last letter I have heard from Aunt she said

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that Carrie was owing her a letter, and she told me at Christmas that Papa had never answered her letter. H they will not write of course they cannot expect to hear from her. I must close now and learn my Rhetoric. We have more than fifty words to look out in the Dictionary and find their meaning and derivation^ ^iqfi\$ and it will take some time to do it.

With very much love

Julie.

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