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My dear Mamma,

I suppose now you a\*e alone, that Is, without Papa and Carrie though you will not be alone if you have Mr. Karris and Mary Egglestoa with you. I should think you would have gone to Galveston too, but in that ease the old difficulty of "what shall we ido with tho house" would have arisen. What is to be done with it next summer when you all come North? In a paper last night I saw this sentence which I will copy; it was said to be on the programme for a Concert given at Austin. "Mr. Oliver Wren will present a beautiful silver cup inlaid with gold (which can be seen in the window of R.C. Wells jewelry store) to the prettiest lady as the belle of Austins and a beautiful present to the handsomest mans—to be chosen by a committee of three gentlemen—Mr. J.B. Brush, Don Wilson and Col. Swisher having kindly consented to constitute the committee." As it Is rather a peculiar Idea X would like to know the result, ft it were not for the names of gentlemen being given so correctly I should think it simply an invention of some newspaper editor. But I hope the handsomest pair will be found.

This morning I went to tha Episcopal In Po'keepsie. Our omnibus was on runners, as the sleighing today Is vary good. It snowed all day Saturday and consequently there is snow enough to last some time. While I think of it, I will ask yon If you think I can safely leave my cloak and furs Feb. 4, 18, 1872 - 2

here during the summer? The only danger is moths and It seems as If they could be avoided ss well here as aay where, U my clothes are properly packed. There is scarcely room in my trunk to carry away all my "traps." The examinations come off this week, Thursday and Friday. I dread them a good deal for I am not nearly as good a scholar as I was last year. It sometimes seems that I have grown most miserably stupid, for It is with the greatest difficulty that I can learn my lessons at all, and when I have learned them I cannot remember them long. Then, I think my teachers are none of them very good. Prof. Klnckel jHinkal, who hears our Latin is a splendid scholar but he has not the art of imparting knowledge. I really think X never caa learn to paint and X am very desirous of taking organ lessons instead. X hope you will not feel very lonesome while the others are away. X wish I were with you now.

Lovingly

Julie M. P.

(Julia M. Pease, '75)