Vassar Collage Feb. 25, 1872. My dear Mamma,

This Is a very gloomy Sunday, but very much like a spring day. The last week has seemed aa much like March weather* It has been quite warm with blustering winds which sometimes were cold. Then too the ground is so "soft" that the walking is not vary agreeable* Yesterday, however, the road had become quite dry and Birdie Bell and I were anticipating such a pleasant walk Into Po'keepsie today to attend church, but this morning we were disappointed, because it rained a good deal last night and the roads are again muddy. Miss Tarry la very good to us. Anyone can go In to church the first Sunday In the month and we Episcopalians can go any or every Sunday we please* Than wo can go Into Po'keepsie on Saturdays without a teacher which is very nice. I never go in because I have nothing in particular to do and do not enjoy trudging about the streets doing nothing. In the spring vacation I shall go in however* About drosses which Is always womans greatest nuisance. I think I had better have my last year's suit made over into a polonaise* The waist is much soiled and the sleeves are worn out so that I shall have to try and get some stuff to match it} if I cannot, I do not know what I shall do. I have worn the dross a great deal but still I thought it would last better than it has done. But you remember that I am very hard on my clothes.

There bee been m daughter of oae of the Lelands here at college. Her father keeps the Stuydesvaat jStuyvesant, house 1a New Tork and la building a fine hotel someirhere near the park. This girl seemed rather peculiar, had red hair, a fiery temper and was much to® familiar with the College servaats. Oae day last week her father came to the College bring* lag with him a lieutenant !a the army. Whea Miss L eland received them in the parlor her father informed her that she must leave school immediately and marry the Lieutenant. MUs Leland had only seen the geatlemaa two or three times before and very much disliked him, and so she told her father she would not marry the xnaa for she hated him. Thereupon the father became enraged fc she grew also) it finally ended by her leaving College, with She told the girls that she was In deadly fear of her father and would have to obey him. She left here Wedaesday saying If ahe married at all it would not be until some time this wsek. Great thea was our astonishment at reading In a New Tork paper that she was married oa Thursday, the day after leaving here. It seems her father is a very passionate man, who treated his wife so badly that she separated from him. There were four childrea. The mother took two aad the father two. This oae fell to the fathers she herself says that neither father or mother care what becomes of her. Her father became very much la debt to the Lieutenant and gives his daughter to him for pays isn't it dreadful? Lieutenaat Conckline and his wife start for Texas very soon. Such a thing occurring la our midst has excited us and caused a great deal ol talk. The young lady was over twenty and I think could not be compelled to marry against her wish. I will write to Carrie today and so will close this. Remember me to all my Irleads In Austin.

Accept much love Irem your,

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Julie
(Julia M. Pease, >75)
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