

Vassar College,

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My dear Carrie,

This morning we are, fortunately, excused from Bible Class and we have more time to become rested before Chapel, for our long talked of trip has come at last! Has come and gone and given food for conversation, as well as thought, for some time. Friday, at a little after two o'clock our party were all off. Forty two horses took us there. In eighteen conveyances. One hundred and fifty precious persons. The ride there, of fifteen miles, was very comfortable, and pleasant.

Of course it was nicer to have an adventure, so on* Ifee way out wa had one. One of our noble Fo'keepsie steeds gave out and could not carry us the last seven miles. This retarded our progress somewhat, since ha refused utterly to stand upright, although propped up by two stout men, but after waiting more than an hour we succeeded in obtaining another and went on. Our horse had a companion in distress I tha other one, poor fellow, had to be bled, and finally had to be relefcrad by a horse from Now Palta, the place where we were stopping. Owing to the weak state of our animals and the heavy stata of our wagon, we walked more than throe miles up the mountain. For this reason, we had grand appetites for the supper which was given us at eight o'clock shortly after our arrival. The girls them-

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selves had to be waiters at the table, since there were only servants enough
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carried to cook. The views all about were perfectly splendid, and the

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amount of walking we did in order to see them was wonderful. We accomplished the ascent of the crevice, which is very difficult. Some even came down. Rowed on the lake in the evening, and did all manner of delightful things which I cannot write though I could tell. Prof. Backus had charge of the party. Pres. Raymond and Prof. Orten accompanied us, and Prof. Hinkle with his family.

It is a delightful place to spend a week during the hot weather. I wish you all could see it. Some of the views X will send you. They are very good, but of course not like the reality. Almost all wore their gymnastic suits and found them very convenient while climbing.

X don't feel much in the mood for writing today, and think the bad is the best place.

With much love your aff.

sister.

Julia M. Pease, '75