

"Vassar"

Dec. 12, 1872.

My dear Carrie (written in German script),

Just now, oar wee bit of a letter has reached me, for which I am you truly thankful. You know, "small favors are thankfully fee." I quite envy your lessons in German, for I am just crazy to begin it. You do not say where Mrs. Keupfer is living. Do you have to ride away out to Mr.

Studors beautiful roofless cottage. If so, the ride om pleasant days, must be as delightful as the lessons. Let me advise you, Carrie, if ever you come here not to take Literature, it is a slow mode of death. The rack would be infinitely preferable, for that could only continue days while and from this months only bring relief.

I count on my fingers four essays already written, and no one knows how many more are yet to come. The harrowing thoughts of those to come, and the shame felt for those already finished,—is not this a dreadful picture—But joking aside, I hate Literature and wish, by some means, I could go out of the class. We Sophomores are given our choice of studies, but as we are compelled to take three and only three are put down in the Catalogue for this semester, my penetration has not yet been able to discover where the choice is to be made.

I will send the belt as soon as I can make a trip to town and get it. Please forgive me for no telling you before the proportion of oil and bayrum, but when I sit down to write half the little matters escape me.

One part to four is what I used to put together but your hair is naturally oily and I think would not need more than one oz. of oil to fire of the spirit. But Dr. Avery (don't laugh because I quote her) advised those who are losing their hair to rub the head thoroughly every night with cold water. Some of the girls have tried it and find that it prevents the hair from falling out. Green tea is also very good, I am told, by good authority, if advice is good for anything, with all this, you aught not to lose a hair.

How many new people there must be at home. In every letter you speak of some one I have never before heard of.

I send two of my photographs which you will please give, with my affectionate regards, to Emily and Aunt Folly. You remember telling me that they were desirous to have them.

Can't you stir up Lilla G. and Susie J. so that I may hear occasionally from them?

Lovingly

Julie (written in German script)