

Vassar College,

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My dear Papa,

This afternoon I have seen Miss Morse, the President's factotum, who says that I have permission to leave College as soon in June as I choose, It would be perfectly splendid If I could go from here on Friday the 29th May, for reviews will begin on the next Monday and those two days would be of no account. The President said that he would prefer to have me write write all about It so you need not expect any letter from him. Do you think that I shall have any company from New York, or shall I come alone? If I do the latter, I should like to leave here on an evening train and go by way of Albany and Columbus, as then I would have no change in a large city until I reach Louisville. Please let me know If you hear of any Company. If Aunt Maria should only be In N.Y. earlier than the sixth matters would be all right. But now I should hate to lose a whole week, for I am all Impatience to be home.

Today your letters were received. It Is such a pleasure to hear that Mamma Is well enough to walk about some with the aid of a crutch. She has had such a siege of It. Does Mrs. Gillette expect to stay all summer in Austin/ is not her health too poor to remain In so hot a climate? It must seem like old times to have her there. All our important College people have gone on to Boston to attend some sort of an educational affair. I don't read the papers often enough to know really what Is going on, so you will find me a great Ignoramus whom you will have to teach all summer about the most common affairs of life. My head Is so full of going home that I find I am not calm enough to write a decent letter. And then, too, I must go and see my teachers and learn if I must be examined before going or upon returning. It Is to be hoped not the latter as everything will have flown out of my head before fall.

I could even worship those "grasshoppers" of which you all so dreadfully complain for they come from Texas, and I am so anxious to be there.

Your loving but scarcely sane  
daughter  
Julie