

Vassar .
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My dear Sister,

Your letter was received a day ago, and delighted me with the exception of one sentence. But then I think you only meant to alarm me when you said that six foot Mr. Killough might perhaps be nearer the truth than many I think in regard to a certain affair. You really would not think of entering the matrimonial state without my distinguished presence. If you should do such a thing, I would never forgive you, my dear, remember. I will send you some plans which I have drawn from memory of those we had, for those are nowhere to be found in my trunk, neither is the sampler of which you spoke - You must have left them in P. I think - There are these plans, but I can not see how we ever arranged the Lewis's house for you, and so I do not send that -

Now while I think of it I will give you Ida's address: It is
Mrs. D. E. Marvin,
263 River St. Troy.
Ida is boarding I believe and of course supremely happy.

Last night a misfortune happened to our delightful senior parlor. It has been the rule for each parlor to take turns in caring for the parlor; of course putting out the gas at night contributed one part of the duty, but the parlor who have charge either did not know their duty or forgot to do it, and the gas was burning all night, with the force of all the gas in the College - It is a wonder that we were not burned out; fortunately however we were only pretty thoroughly blackened and smoked - Without exaggeration the ceiling was as black as coal this morning, and will have to be newly tinted - The furniture is unhurt, only somewhat soiled, but our pretty muslin curtains are a pale drab, and utterly ruined - The carpet can be shaken, and with little trouble and expense we hope to restore it to its pristine beauty of Last night seemed to be a night of misfortunes, for the water was left on in one bathroom and nearly flooded the room, and caused the plastering below to fall - But with so many in one building, and few who are careful, it is strange that accidents do not occur more frequently.

The thought of the painting at home rejoices my heart, and the tinting also. I have not yet had time to try and color, but will do so and send in a day or two. If the painting progresses as slowly as most of the work in our house, I think my letter will arrive in time - But in case it does not, I think you can give all the directions, and decide upon some pale shade of either gray or brown. I hardly think the ceiling should be darker than the walls, but any ornamentation in the room should be darker; I do not remember, but I think there is a center piece and something about the top of the walls - is there not? It is growing late, so I must close - With love