

Vassar.

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Dear Carrie,

That postal at Cincinnati was never written, for want of the card.

You know I forgot to take any from St. Louis and none could be procured on the cars - The trip was as comfortable as could be expected, when the weather was so cold. The conductor you spoke of was extremely kind, being much of a "ladies' man" he told me - Indeed every one along the way was so kind that if I had not before believed in the "milk of human kindness" I should now be compelled to do so.

Had not the slightest difficulty in being excused for tardiness -

Before I asked for it Miss Terry handed me an excuse. If I had been a month late I do not doubt but it would have been the same, so great is her devotion to the Class of '75. Miss Terry looks well this Year, and says her health is good, perhaps that is one reason why she is so particularly amiable.

Your cards were received, and also the papers containing the marriage announcement - And every day since I have been expecting a letter from you. Thinking you would not remain long in St. Louis, I wrote home merely, and am glad now that I did not waste a letter on St. L.

Found all my Class back and hard at work - The first night of my arrival a rehearsal had been arranged, in which

Miss Kapp was to take my part if I had not come. And every day since there were rehearsals, sometimes two or three. Friday night the play came off, and very successfully, the audience say, and I should think from the peals of laughter with which it was received - Several times we were compelled to stop until the room was quiet before continuing our speeches.

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The costumes were all good, and my satin greatly admired. The entertainment proved so satisfactory that I think Miss Kapp will feel like trying again. But we actors comfort ourselves with the thought that we will next time be audience.

Dear, I am homesick for you today, and for the dear father and mother.

'Till now I have had no time for thinking and could not realise that I had really left home again. I hope Mamma is well, and that the excitement has not used her up -

It seems hard to return to such cold weather. The thermometer says 10° and it is still growing colder. Every thing goes on runners, and I think I shall have to have some attached to my feet, or I cannot keep myself safe, for I have already had several falls-

Two or three days ago Mrs. Livermore visited Prof. Mitchell

(Maria Mitchell j, and in the evening was persuaded to give us a talk. Her subject was "what shall we do with our daughters". We were all delighted with her and what she said, for all the opinions which she expressed that evening we could heartily second. Nothing was said about suffrage, in which subject many of us differ from her. She thinks, as who does not, that every girl should have some aim, and some means by which to support herself in time of need. Tet few of us poor women could eke out a livelihood If necessary -

Randolph sent me a copy of his poem, and the poor letter travelled from

the College to Texas and back again.  
Do write some and tell me about every one -  
Love to all - Julie  
(Julia M. Pease, '75)