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Dear Carrie,

Tour pretty present has been received - You guessed my wishes well, lor it is just what I have Irequently desired- What weather you must be reveling in, while now as I sit by the window, nought but snow and leafiest trees are visible - To crown all we had a pretty heavy fall ol snow the day belore yesterday, but today the sun is glorious. I don't wonder people talk so much about the weather, lor with me its condition makes all the difference in the world. I can't be very blue or miserable while the sun shines; at least in this climate, where it is a rarity - W e manage to "put in" our vacation time very pleasantly doing nothing, most of the day - Sometimes it is hard work to do nothing indus- triously, but this spring I am tired enough to find it very easy. In the morning I practise a little, for if I know my piece I shall play it at the next concert; then draw for a while, and sfter dinner sleep or read - Last night we passed pleasantly enough in our Senior parlor, one of the girls reading while the others worked - One of Poe's tales was chosen, and I think it speaks well for Vassar training to say that although afterwards sleeping alone In a distant part of the house I was not at all frightened, neither had bad dreams. But I am not at all confident that I shall be so brave at home - Indeed I know in that robberish land I shall be afraid -

That velour could not be obtained in Po'keepsie, nor in New York either - What's to be done? Shall I get a grey hat and send, or order one made by the time you come on? And had I not better have a bonnet made for Mamma here. You know you must all look your best at Commencement time, for Vassar is a critical place. And although it will make no difference
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to me how you look, other people make remarks. Papa should have a new and *»h*onable suit, especially If he sit upon the platform as Colonel Smith said - Above all things make him buy a stylish hat - What will Mamma have for a dress ? I think that cashmere if made up nicely would be most suitable, and perhaps as you have so much sewing to do at home, tFM it would be better to send it on and have it made here * The time is so near at hand that we must be thinking about such things - Please pay particular attention to the preceding remarks, and answer necessary questions •
Received a letter from Julie fdith a few days since, and it was sad enough - I will write to her today if possible. I hope she can be persuaded to spend next winter with us, for 1 think the society of young people will do her much good - Having one or two other letters to write, so adieu for today -
The "Chips" arrived in safety and were good} many thanks for them, as also the occasional papers. Did X ever write you, your marriage notice appeared in some of the N.Y. papers at the time? Who do you suppose put it in?

(Julia M. Pease, '75)