assar College N.Y. Oct. 4th, 1868. My Dear Sister, What a grand lonely time you must have had, keeping house at Gibraltar three days, all alone! why I couldn't have been hired to and never saw "Dickey" either, now, that was too bad, no wonder you were lonely! It was too bed that Will Moorhead, John Butler fee, fee, unconsciously deprived you of the pleasure of their company. It was a great deprivation, and you have my most sincere sympathy in your affliction! I thought that I had told you all about our rooms. It must have been Aunty. Well, Miss Lyman would not let Sallie Camp room with me, because Sallie Ripley had drawn the other half of my room, and of course she could not move her, but between you and I, I don't know but it is just as well as it is, for Sallie Ripley is a lovely girl. Sallie Camp rooms with a Miss Gamsey from Saratoga, and Miss Clark from Sronton, Ohio, both very good-hearted girls, and all that sort of thing, but not very nice. Libbie Hubbard and Kittle Reben room up on the fourth floor together, just because Miss Lyman put them together. Eva Gross rooms on the same floor with me, only four or five doors off. She has a double room all to herself, and only one other person, a senior, in the parlor, isn't that funny? I don't really know anything about the girls examinations, only that Lib. and Kittle

both passed better than Sallie did, and I didn't see Eva's paper at all. Hattle Downs isn't engaged to a cousin of Eva's at all. he is only a friend; isn't that ridiculous, I thought that she said a cousin. Hattle is from Birmingham, Conn. I didn't see very much of Arthur, after we left Buffalo, but since you ask me, I don't like him much, I don't know why, but I think that he is just a little mite, or rather a good big mite conceited. I suppose that that is a sufficient reason for my unaccountable He did not say that he got off just to be with the girls, but he said that he was going to wait in Po'keepsle for the next train and stop at a friend of his, (a college friend) "He would not get in there until eleven o'clock and then had a several miles to ride before he got there, and as he was not very well acquainted with them, he didn't exactly know whether he ought to go there so late or not"! rather doubtful, don't you think so? I forgot to say that the reason that Eva took such a fancy to Kittle at first was because she had heard so much about her through Orvie, but I guess that she does not think any more of her now, than she does of the rest of us. She is in our room quite a good deal, I like her very much. I have heard of that Miss Kittle Tilden and heard too that she was perfectly lovely, who does she visit in Sandusky. Bessie Storer rooms right next door to me. I haven't seen a great deal of her yet. I was up to her room the other night

for a little while. She has had a lame foot since she came back, a good deal. Do you believe, the other night Sallie Ripley was going to bed early, and she went to get her night-gown out from under the pillow, and out jumped a little mouse! She was so frightened and we both screamed around there a little while, when Sallie declared that she wouldn't go to bed before I did. So I went to get my nightgown, and feeling something cold, I dropped it, when out popped another little mouse! Well do you know we were so frightened, we were afraid to go to bed for fear little mice would jump out, but we went and got a trap, and set it and after peeping under all the covers, and feeling every little elevation, we thought that we would venture to get in. In the night I heard a sort of a little distressed noise, thinks I, ha, ha, Mr. mousey, and sure enough the next morning there he was in flesh, and blood! But last night was the most absurd, after the light was out, I took it into my head that I wanted to let that beautiful moonlight into the room and as I did not know that there was a pitcher full of water sitting on the window, why of course when I opened the blind there was a slight crash! Sallie Ripley said she heard a smash and the next thing she knew, she saw me come rushing over to the bed with a chair-full of clothes, she did not know whether I was going to put them on the bed or not, but it looked

very much like it, but really it was horrid, for there we had to get up and light the gas, wipe all that water up, pick up the pieces of broken pitcher, fee, fee, and I can tell you we had a nice time rushing around in the water with our bare feet. The next morning the girls below us, wanted to know what in the world all that noise was in our room. (Answer to letter 2nd) O! The other day while we were sitting by the window studying, there was four young ladies from "the city" rode around the college, on horse-back, just like the wind, with those horrid old stove-pipe riding hats. you don't know how funny they looked with their hair sticking right out straight behind, and those great tall hats on top of them; it was perfectly ridiculous.

There is a young lady here from New York, Miss Beech or Beach, who has a horse of her own here and she rides whenever she pleases. Isn't that elegant? Her father is immensely wealthy, and owns a summer residence up here near Po'keepsie. This Miss Beech has her room furnished with green furniture, like that over at Gibraltar you know, at least I have heard so though I haven't seen it. She is the fairest person I ever saw almost, and her hair is almost perfectly white, which she wears frizzed over the top of her head in the funniest manner, but she is perfectly lovely, well I don't know what I am telling you anything about her for, for I don't know her, but I will tell you about a young lady, from Brooklyn, whom I do know. I don't know whether you know it or not, but one

day before I came here at all, I was reading over the catalogue, and came to the name Blanche Wilder! I exclaimed to Jessie, O! isn't that a lovely name, she must be perfectly lovely if she only corresponds to her name, and of course I was going to get acquainted with her right away, well when I came here last year, I found that she was not here, and was dreadfully disappointed, well, what do you think she is here this year! and she rooms just two doors from me, and sits next to me at table! Isn't that splendid? She is perfectly lovely, but she doesn't look a bit as I expected she would. She is dark rather than light, that is she has dark brown hair & black eves, but she is rather fair. She is so sweet, but isn't it funny? I had forgotten all about it, until I heard some one say that Blanche Wilder was back this year. There was something else that I wanted to write, but I can't for the life of me think what it was. I suppose that I will remember as soon as I seal my letter up. Now Allie, this letter is as long as both of yours, for I have written it so close. I have marked where the answer to the second letter comes in, so you must answer this real soon, for I shall expect your letter. Good-night, for I have to go and put my clothes out. Your loving sister, Sallle.