

Vassar College  
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My dear Mother

I am expecting a letter from home but still thought  
I would commence a letter as I had now time.

I have left your letter to-day as I had to be examined and having  
now passed through that ordeal I am able to finish my letter. I received  
James's letter to-day and was rather surprised to find you had not  
received mine. It is strange to see how contented the girls are here.

I hear of very few cases of homesickness. They have to get Gymnasium dresses here  
and I have engaged mine with some of the rest of the girls.

The gymnastic teacher gets them. There is a dress and trousers of  
gray flannel and it costs about \$12 or fourteen dollars and will do for a  
bathing dress when I get through with gymnastics I have paid \$7. towards it  
and would like to have father send me enough to pay the rest and something  
for school books- I am enjoying myself very much and have two old  
schoolmates at Utica to room with me beside Libby Anderson. Write  
soon to me. I did not see Sophie at Rome when I looked out of the window.  
Please ask father to send that soon for I want to pay the teacher. Please,  
answer soon and tell Henry I shall expect him to write first as he owes me  
so many letters Give him my love- Your affectionate  
daughter Ella.