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about an inch for the frill outside of the [?]
cut it an inch longer than the measurements I
gave above and turn it in the inch, round it at
the bottom and at the top cutting something
this shape Don't tell anyone I am taking
drawing lessons. Can you tell how I mean. I
shall not feel at all insulted if you should think
best to trim the whole overskirt with fringe, but
be sure if you get for the tabs only, it is very long
and heavily netted at the top. Mama don't get
a worsted dress if you have not gotten that
brown, get it in N. Y. When you get
home wear your black silk for nice to church, your
black alapaca, and gray for afternoon and street and
the brown for extra. You would have to pay
as much as \$25 for a worsted of any kind and that
brown silk would be much handsomer and more
stylish and don't think it would cost as much
Get handsome brown pearl buttons for it. Now
please do that way it is cheaper and I think
you are old enough to wear silk a little more than
you do. Should think 12 yds. of silk would fix it
beautifully. I will wear my gray faithfully until
you come have worn it for the past three weeks.
Mollie Keith is seventeen to-day and has invited six
of the girls, myself among the number to spend the
afternoon and evening in her room. Will try and
send an intelligible measurement for my cloak.
Have it made any way stylish. I do not mean
the latest maybe, but some established style and
be sure it is made so I can wear any boa nicely
with it. You know how I mean. I put a thread
through the \$15.00 sample. Would like it bound or
trimmed with this wide braid. Give my love
to all and write every particular. Now pa have a
good time, and don't worry because the money is
going fast. How did you, and when did you
get from S. to Uncle. Howards. Tell C I will write
soon. Write me very soon a long letter.
Your loving and affectionate daughter
Addie Thompson