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Julia &

I are at present very much engaged in catching zoological specimens. We went out to-day and caught five grass-hoppers. Perhaps you will say that is not much - nothing but grass hoppers. But just you wait until you see them & WMH if you not agree with me as to their beauty and of the finest kind too

I am much mistaken. We have a stretcher and each one has to be spread until it is perfectly dry. We were so busy when the tea-bell rung to night that we preferred to go without our tea and get them all fixed. You would laugh if you could have seen us as we started out this after-noon. I had on my little sacque which you know has two pockets, in one I had a bottle of benzene and in the other a bottle of alcohol. Julia had the box to put them in and you can imagine what a picture we presented racing up hill or down wherever we saw a specimen. We expect to have our nets tomorrow & then for the Butterflies. I don't know whether I should have prevailed upon Julia to make a collection if Cally had not have been so anxious for her to but now she is full as enthusiastic as I. The practising in Gymnastics is very much like dancing. I can describe it in no other way but when I come home I can show you. I practise from nine to twenty minutes of ten in the evening and as we only practise every other evening I shall have to practise next Wednesday eve. so dont be surprised if I write Tuesday or Saturday instead. However I shall write to you again before that. It is almost time for the last bell so I must close this. I have have had to stop twice to kill and stretch some millers which come in, attracted by the and I so much. Can you not get a ? green. If not do as you think will be prettiest if you decide to get it. I am very anxous to hear you are really living in the house again though I suppose I need not expect to in a week or two yet. Your speaking of having Nellie excuses special dinner Pres. Raymond's long sermons!