

Jan 24th, 1866

My Dear Parents.

I have very little time to write to-night but I do not know that I am very sorry for I do not think you deserve a letter at all. I have been very much disappointed every mail that has come yesterday & to day for in Mother's last letter she said she would write again Sunday and I have not yet received the letter. I should be quite worried had not Emily received a letter yesterday in which she said she saw Mother and Auntie at church Sunday and to-day I have received a 4e+ paper from you, and that makes me think that there is no necessity now of your sending the Independent as we have it here in the library. I am so tired this evening for I have been trying to write my composition besides my lessons which had to be got the same of course. Our rhetoric class have to write compositions and Em lc I are both stewing over them. None of the other girls have to and It makes it all the worse for us I think. Mollie Bartlett has been up here this after-noon for some time. She said Mr Bartlett is in Sing Sing at present. We have quite good skating here now and I have improved it several times. We are obliged to walk fifty minutes now every day and report Monday evenings to our corridor teachers-- It is awful to do and I think we all dread it as much as any one thing of our college duties. It is so disagreeable to walk because you have to -- I have not yet made any arrangement about renting a piano; do you wish that I shall. I suppose you are having a gay time in Binghampton at present but I wish you would think of me once in a while and try and find time to drop me a few lines. I received a letter from Kate to day which was what I call sensible. It was three sheets full. I shall answer as soon as possible if for no other reason than to get another letter as nice. I think of nothing more in particular that I care to write so I will close. If you don't think it worth while to ans- more than one letter a week I will not write but once for it is very hard sometimes to find the time Wed- especially if I think my efforts will not be rewarded by an answer.

I remain your loving daughter

Ellen

all day yesterday. I was rather provoked that I had to go to the Society meeting that evening as it took just that much time away from Julie but I had a very pleasant hour in the society especially as our side gained the debate. I am so anxious to hear more about how the house is to be arranged. I can just imagine how I shall enjoy coming home and finding. I want something of that kind so much when I get home. If it is necessary to use it for that cannot the little sofa bed-stead be put in there so that I may have it for my purposes or will there be a better place in some part of the attic or over the dining-room. You must take into consideration that when I come home I shall probably have a host of rocks, skeletons, bugs, etc. that you will be glad to give me a place to store in. I think of nothing