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My Dear Parents,

I received two letters from you Friday and great was my delight I assure you to find you were all well and had not quite forgotten me though from all appearances I think Father's mind must have been occupied a good deal with his coming court duties. What say you Father? Did you think of "Vassar" Monday morning? But it is all just as well now and though I will own up to one good cry I laughed when I had read your letters and began to understand it. It made me very anxious to be home to have Mother write that she was all alone. I think she must be getting very courageous to stay with only Lisale Treman. I am very sorry of course that you think you cannot come & make me a visit this Spring but of course as you think best. I shall only look forward the more anxiously to June, If you do not come, Julia is hoping her Mother will come this Spring and we had talked about your coming to-gother. Julia has got to have some things sent to her and we

were wondering if you could not put them all together and make an addition of some "goodies" as Julia says that is the way they used to do at Saratoga. I am very anxious for some more cookies etc. the others I brought were so good, I believe I think as much of that as the dress etc. you will send. But I suppose you are waiting to hear what I want in the way of a dress. I don't think I know any better than you what I want - You know I have no light dress but my linen here and that I shall not be able to wear probably until just before I come home so what I shall need most will be for Spring. Cannot you send me some samples of goods that you think would be suitable and then I can judge better for I have not seen any Spring goods yet, Julia is to have some dresses sent her I believe perhaps you can tell something from what she will have-- Julia and I took it into our heads yesterday morning that we would like to walk down to Po'keepsie in the afternoon and see Mollie, as it was a lovely day. So we asked Miss Lyman who gave us permission and

immediately after dinner we started. We had a very pleasant walk but unfortunately we did not find Mollie home so we took quite a long walk and saw some delightful residences, one where a fountain was playing in the yard in the most charming manner. After walking until we felt quite tired we went to the Gregory House and made tatting until the omnibus came & then rode out to the College. I feel a little tired and lame to-day in consequence of my long walk but I can put up with that since I enjoyed it so much. I have been troubled for the past week with quite a severe cold but I guess it will wear off without any rum & molasses. Mr Bartlett sent me yesterday that sermon which he said he promised Mother while in Ithaca he would send her. I have already read it and will send it to you. It is very good I think - very much like the one he preached last September when in Ithaca. The one in the evening I think, if I remember right. I wrote to Auntie yesterday but I was so hurried that I fear the letter was not very interesting. I am going to try and do better soon. I got so hungry for apples yesterday that hearing they had some down stairs for sale I sent our chamber maid to buy me some. So you can imagine me feasting to-day They taste so good - are these little russets that Mother likes If I remember right. We are to have Mr Corning of Po'keepsie to preach for us this afternoon is it not splendid. The Pres. invited him. I am so glad for I have heard so much about him I am anxious to hear him. The answer to that conundrum the "trade of the sun? is "a tanner." What do you think of it? We have you succeeded in guessing it - I do not feel like writing any more now so I will close - Remember me to my friends-- With much love from Ella

Sun. eve.

We had an excellent discourse from Mr Corning this afternoon and only 35 minutes long Think of that- When we usually have over an hour. I must seal up this now as well as Mr B. sermon and then I am going to bed soon I am so tired—Write as often as you can.