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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I actually got up early enough to write this before going to lab.

I have to spend an hour in line today waiting to order my Pullman to go home. I am taking the eight-thirty home. I had a telegram today from Aunt Bessie telling me to take it, that we would all have dinner together in town. She also offered to meet me to shop Friday afternoon. Please let me know definitely if Miss Alice is coming. If she is, I suppose I had better do that. If not, perhaps I could get my stuff at home. Or is it too early in the year for the Pittsburgh stores to have anything in?

Vassar certainly pursues the policy of educating its audiences. Millsy, in accordance with the request of Peggy Bliss, spent the whole lecture hour Monday in giving a brief survey of immigration. I did not learn anything new--nevertheless it was excellently done. Last night Peggy Bliss made a ten minute speech on the subject in chapel. It was a welcome relief, as it was substituted for one of Prexie's endless prayers. By the way, the night before, the girl who sits behind me and whose head therefore almost touches my left ear during the prayer, remarked, "He's gotten everything in now. Too bad he can't think of anything else".

I was out debating last night again. There were the two first alternates and four regulars. I hope I'll never give a worse rebuttal. It was supposed to be a crazy stand, so as to get the negative out of their rut. It surely was crazy and leaky, as the dickens. Lucy was there again. Every point of mine had something the matter with it--it could not have been otherwise with such a stand, but after the debate she picked it apart piece for piece, as though I did not know all that stuff before. I guess she thinks I am feeble-minded!

Today the regulars are going to go through their last debate against each other. They are going to start at four. Somebody is going to bring their dinner over to Students', then they are going to hash, and on the strength of the hash, go through the whole thing again. Millsy, Miss Newcomer, and Sue Burr, all asked to be allowed to come and listen. The Ec department certainly will be strongly represented. It is a fine idea, but I am afraid the alternates will have to come about ten o'clock and carry them home on stretchers! They Wellesly bunch leave tomorrow night, taking the midnight train from Albany. Lucky dogs! But then, a couldn't you just see me, with ally my need of sleep, taking a midsemester in Ec Monday morning, after getting in at two Monday morning! There is a compensation in all things"--as the philosophers and Pete say.

Love, Fannie