

Vassar College,

March 5, 1870.

My dear Mother;

I enclose a "Rembrandt" which I had taken last Saturday when I had to go down to a dentist. How do you like it? I ordered half a dozen, but if you think this good, I will send for six more; my parlor mates all like them except Miss Cornell who thinks they do not look like me at all.

My teeth troubled me so that it was necessary to have them filled; but the dentist did not have time to finish the work, and I must go down next Saturday; Annie wants to go also, and as I know the way perfectly, and as it is entirely proper for us to go alone, please send us permission to do so; there are always students going to town on Saturday, and it is entirely safe for us to go alone; but as we are under age, Miss Lyman will not let us go without your permission. We don't want either the bother or the expense of a teacher.

Please send by mail, a copy of "Anthon's Cicero" which you will find, I think in my book-closet. Also a piece of black alpaca from my piece-bag, like my over-skirt; I want enough to face a placet-hole. The book is for Annie, and is wanted right-away.

If convenient, I should like a check for twenty or thirty dollars, and I should also like to have father write to Dr. Wood to have a brace ready to be fitted to me when I go home; then I could come back a day or two in advance, and stop in New York to have them put on. Is not my plan a good one? I must have a new brace in the Spring, for the one I am wearing is worn and soiled. I cannot write to the doctor myself, for know

I don't^what arrangement father may make with him. Perhaps father will see the doctor sometime when he is in New York.

I hear from Mary Sanford that the bride is, or has been at your house; and that Rufus has been down Annie Lord writes. How fortunate for me, that my friends tell me about the doings of my relations I We had a delightful lecture last night from Donald G. Mitchell (Ike Marvel) on the subject, "How to make Home beautiful." He threw out some very good hints, and all given in a charming style. He does not believe in "best rooms" shut up, nor in books locked in libraries.

Are you all tired out with company? What are you going to do for a minister? Who plays the organ when Mary is sick? Please write me and answer all the questions the first of the week. Love to all, not forgetting the girls and Miss Doten.

Your affectionate daughter,

Mary.