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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

It is a wonderful warm day today, so I decided to cut chapel and get a good walk in this afternoon instead. I did not wake up till nine o'clock and then after I had finished with my semi-breakfast a girl in my chem class came up and talked till about eleven. She had a notion that the lab was open today, and she wanted me to go over and work today. She came up to tell me that it was closed--a fact that did not surprise me greatly. Then she proceeded to tell me about what she intends to do in college--take two science courses every year until she graduates, (she is a Freshman now), go to John Hopkins for six years, and then specialize for two years after that. I think anybody that takes two sciences a year all through college must be out of her mind; it would wreck me to spend all that time standing in lab. She says that she is as strong as a horse, that it is her ambition to break down sometime! That is quite an individual ambition.

Last night I was planning to go to bed early, but Ruth Brandsten came in with her troubles and talked till almost eleven. I don't make a practice of talking as late as that, but when it is interesting, I don't mind. The thing that amuses me is why anybody on earth should come to me for advice. I think she is a very fine and interesting girl, very much superior to most of the Jewish girls that one meets.

I finished "Northanger Abbey" this morning. I enjoyed it very much. That is the first of Jane Austen's book that I have read. I remember trying to get interested in "Pride and Prejudice" quite a few years ago. I remember also that I tried without success.

As I said before, i am going walking for a while this afternoon, and then I am coming home and study chem. If anybody disturbs me, she will be shot on the spot.

It is great to be able to take one's time to do things, but I guess that feeling will wear off within the next week. That is what I like about cutting Sunday chapel, it starts the day off so leisurely. (Don't get 'het up', Pete.)

I spent last evening in the library reading the Articles of Confederation and the arguments advanced against their adoption. It was quite interesting. We are going to spend next week in informal discussion on that subject.

There was no letter from you yesterday, Mother.

Love,

Fannie