Monday night Jan 13, 1902

Dearest Mamie

I got the pamphlets Sunday morning and they were all right, and what I wanted. I wrote my hygiene report in the afternoon. Tell day he was a duck to send them.

Your letter came this morning. How interesting the story is about cousin Kate! I have thought about it every once in a while all day. The little poem was awfully sweet too. I haven't read the longer one yet. All this afternoon -- that is after classes which was from four till half after five -- I skated and had a perfectly glorious. Everybody was there -- Marie and Dora Waring among others, and oh so many who are just learning to skate! I don't believe there was a minute when somebody or other wasn't down, but they jump right up again and go on. I believe all the professors skate, and the other, and the greyer, the more they skate. The men can simply do anything!

To night I have to get a Greek lesson, write a theme interpreting a Boticelli Madonna, and an essay on Mona Lisa. I have been out three hours or four every single day though, have been in bed by ten, have taken hot foot baths galore, have slept till after seven every morning, and feel as exasperatingly healthy as the devil on skates. It is perfectly surprising, the number of freshmen who stayed at home after Christmas. The class will be much smaller too after the semester exams. Grace Norcross and Phyllis both have to drop a subject on account of their health, oh and Stella Hubbard too. Of course it is math! Ah me.

Well I must go to work so fare thee well Slews of love Peggy Give my love to dad.

Here is Miss Helen's note. I just stuck my finger wherefore the red spot at the end of the note.

1107 Mary Street.

My dear Margaret: --

I wish this afternoon that you were right here with me, that I might tell you how deeply I appreciated your [lovely] token of remembrance sent with merry Christmas wishes. Thank you so much dear for having thought

of me. My "Year Book" is very interesting with its' many quotations. [What] fun when different names appear upon its' pages.

Grace is [unclear] packing, out in the hall-[soon] [lo be] with me and hear of your food times, for I do not think I am wrong in Geometry that you have had a glorious vacation.

This [house] has been packed with company until now -- this minute I hear strange voices in the "den," just [unclear] my sanctum. Margaret -- as I cannot see you and as hundred of questions, as girl fashion I would love to do, instead accept this little note carrying my thanks and heartiest [unclear] that this New Year may be one filled with happiness for you and a [joyal] good time in store for you in dear old Vassar. I shall not soon forget the fun we all had together in [November]. Thanksgiving afternoon and those two [semester] quarters. Grace Norcross came

[here] with Grace for a few days. I think she is a dear girl. The Graces will tell you how good Santa was here [with] us all. Grace Panatt will tell you about Friday evening and the perfect time we had. Last night [Doctor] and I [went] to another dinner, today with all gayeties comprised have concluded that I have had "too much vacation."

This has become more than a note, so for the present -- I must say au revoir. I would be very glad to hear from you. With love

Your affectionate friend

Helen--

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Skating-Schedule of day -- some about themes -- etc.
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