

Sunday, May 8, 1904.

Dear Dad,

The money came all right on Friday and I'm ever so much obliged to you for it. I did have such a good yesterday and to day. Ms Underhill was in Poughkeepsie yesterday and she had Ruth and Ester and me to luncheon at Smith's. "Field day" was in the morning and it was fun to watch the running and jumping out on the green grass. This morning Miss Mann and Katharine French and Elsie Rushmore

And I had breakfast together at half past seven and then started off for the ferry. The day was heavenly -- just not too hot. The trees had lovely tender little three-day-old leaves on them, the sky was blue and the water green and sparkling. After we got across we walked for about four miles, then rode on an open trolley car to New Paltz. There we left our hats and coats and made arrangements for dinner, and started off to walk again. Miss Mann had her field glass

Along and we saw the most beautiful birds you can imagine. She knows all about them and is very much interested in them. I had no idea that such gorgeous brilliant coloring existed except in picture-book birds, but with the aid of the glass you could see all the little fellows magnified and brought quite near -- oh those lovely bobolinks and orioles and red wing crows and bluebirds and yellow birds! There were quantities of wild flowers too along the way - conslips, violets, hypatieas, bloodroots, and anemones! As we went on it got more and more hilly and we climbed higher and higher till we were almost to Mohunk. Then we turned back--they neither receive nor dismiss visitors at the Mohunk hotel on the Sabbath day you know. We were good and hungry I'll tell you when we reached the hotel at New Paltz, and we did justice to an extremely good country dinner there. We all felt in such good spirits after dinner

that conversation waxed most lively on the return trip. Altogether we walked ten miles, rode about fifteen by trolley, and had the ferry rides which though short are always enjoyable. Now wasn't that a nice day of it? And I just feel fine -- not abit too tired but just comfortable and drowsy. My nose is sunburned but don't you care. I'll be able to work hard all this week on the strength of

this day out doors.

Well, four weeks from next Thursday I'll be with you at 1010 North Delaware Street, and I think the time will go very rapidly.

If you see cousin Fanny anytime soon give her my love and tell her how much I appreciated the box of candy she sent me. Of course I wrote her a note right away, but it wouldn't hurt for you to tell her over

again. How is Mr Kiefer these days. Is he better now than he was in the winter?
Well, I'm engaged to give a short concert on the banjo on the third floor presently so I
had better go and be done with it before I fall asleep--good night daddy
Oodles of love
Peg.

About a trip -- 8 miles walking etc [with] Miss Mann
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