

Wednesday.

Dearest May Louise

You are a Jim Dandy to have gotten the gloves, and the veil is fine. You are a mind reader for I had just been all over town trying in vain to get a pair of gloves small enough for me, when your letter came. The gloves haven't yet arrived but I know they'll be all right. I think your writing to Mrs Robbins was a stroke of genius! And I'm sure the gown will come out all right. Am I glad to have it? -- well, I just guess I'm most pleased to death! I can't wait till

Saturday morning. Rudge is going down with me, and [Flimmers] is coming back with me so I'll have company both ways. Esther and I are so excited about going to Washington together we hardly know what to do. Oh what joy!

You remember the poem that Elsie wrote to me don't you, My Love is Like a Little Bird? The editors of the Miscellany asked her to write a poem for the poem prize contest -- she said she didn't have time but they could have something she'd already written if they wanted it,

so she gave them that -- and it took the prize! I never was so happy about telling Elsie so she said oh so sweetly and simply "And it's yours, you know, Peggy." There's something so exquisite about Elsie. She said to me the other day after a thoughtful silence -- it would have sounded abrupt from anyone else -- "I think it would be very hard to make love to you Peggy.... It would have to be done very delicately and with a great deal of variety." Why she thinks so I don't exactly know, but supposing she is right, "an" she were a man she could do it, for she is clever enough and fine enough.

The subject of the debate I was on is as follows. Resolved -- that the efforts of the employers to do away with the union shop is to the advantage of the laboring classes -- that is both union and non-union men. Mr Marry is about the only person who is making any such effort and I think he is all wrong, but it is easy to be seen that unions are good things and there is no reason why opens shops and unions may not coexist say the other side, and it's a very interesting subject to debate though a very hard one in which to find statistics to prove one's points.

How grand that the [Contemporary] is to have Henry James!!!

Lots of love

Peg.

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Elsie's Poem

Debate on Labor

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