

Vassar. Dec. 16, 1875

My dear father and Mother:

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Have just finished looking over my things, I mean just felt as though I could stop trying on the hat and smoothing the muff long enough to write you and thank you for them and tell you how perfectly satisfied I am with all my Christmas and I am almost crying with joy for I feel as I did when I received my watch, so happy and yet as though I have been so naughty" so many times and yet you look it all over and get me everything I want. I was never so perfectly satisfied with my Christmas from papa and Mamas as I am this year. hat hat is lovely and fits me all-right. The muff and boa are the nicest I ever saw. The girls all say they are not sealskin they must be otter and I think so too. All I can say is they are beautiful. I knew of a word more expressive I would use it. Can't I know how much they cost? The shawl is very nice. The gloves are a splendid fit and a very pretty shade. The neckties are just what I wanted, handkerchiefs, ditto. I am so happy I can not tell you how much. My cloak did not come until to-day, and if I did not worry all this week before I never did. Yesterday Corie wanted me to go in town with her and I went more to go to the express office than for any other reason. I thought maybe he had forgotten to put V.C. On. And they told me two packages, one from the north and one from south came yesterday and would be sent out to-day. That relieved my mind I assure you. I did not wait for them to be brought up to me but rushed Helen down to carry one of the for me, as soon as we were throughginner. I think about as Pa does about it but then it will do very nicely, only if it is a mile too big and will see when I get to S.S. if the sleeves, any way, if nothing else can be fixed, can not be made a little shorter, for they come to the ends of my fingers. Mr. Sill's note explains the delay. I sent him a postal saying it made no difference. I bought Ben

a dressing-case, black leather, containing comb, brush, clothes-brush, tooth and nail brush, shaving brush, two razors, case for shaving soap, razor-strap, and hand-glass. It cost \$10. If he only likes it I shall be so glad. I was a little lonesome last Saturday when I came back to the college, but not one bit homesick, am 2:3: I'm contented since you have both been here. And do send everyone to see me that comes near Po*keepsie that I know. I am writing in such a hurry, for I want this to go out in the mail at five o'clock and it is almost that now. I took the out of the satchel. The conductor did not send it up to the college, but left it at the lodge so I did not get it until I went here for it. Did you get you a silk dress? Do write me all you did and got. And Papa that \$10. made quite a hole in my \$25. I bought my ticket

and it was \$.h0 more than at the depot. Now when I come home I dont propose to pay two or three dollars more for it and shant I get it in N.Y. in April?

Mrs. C__wrote me to take a freight train that has a passenger car; on it to come to Waterford and said they had written so S.S. to see about Small-pox and would tell me when I came there. Answered Jame's postal for you. Now good bye give my love to all and kiss the babies for me, will write Sunday to Oshkosh. Wrote G__ to come for me Tuesday at Glens Falls.

From your loving and happy daughter

Addie Thompson