

Vassar Nov. 13, 1875  
Saturday, 7 1/2 p.m.

My dear father and Mother  
I have gotten up earlier than usual on Saturday mornings in order to put this in the mornings mail. I shall be obliged to write very hurriedly, but please excuse all mistakes. We have not had any cold weather this week it has been a regular Indian summer. I am sorry I wrote you what I did, for I am afraid now you will worry, but I thought it strange why my limb should pain me, but have not had any inconvenience from it this week, so don't worry. Had a long letter from Kate, and it did make me a little homesick, she is having such splendid times studying German &c. Ben is taking German lessons, but I am not sorry I have commenced French, for can learn as much of it in one year as I care to know, it is fast becoming a dead language, German taking its place. We were going out to walk this morning before breakfast, but some of the old students advised us not to, as girls who did frequently had chills and fever. I am busy every moment studying; last night Helen was invited to an entertainment over in the hall where I went the other evening, so I was alone and I commenced to study at seven and studied right through until ten, with no interruptions, until ten trying to learn my lessons for Monday. But I did not succeed and so must study to-day. I wish I had more time

to spend in the library and reading, for there is so much in them that I will never have another opportunity to meet with. I think pa might write me about his trip, if there was anyone on the train from W. How he fixed his business with Frank. Then pa you need not think ma's letters to me will be sufficient, I want some from you too. Helen's sister and husband from Boston are coming to-day she is going in to meet them, bring them and stay until Monday morning. The other evening one of the girls

who has lately been moved up on this corridor, was in my room. She is from Charles City, Iowa. her name is Fairfield. When I told her I was from Anima she said Prof. Shephard was her old teacher she graduated in his school last June, and that her father was a friend of Mrs. Fine and Mr. Burchard. The next day I received Kate's letter and Prof. S—had asked her to write me and ask me to go and call on Miss Fairfield.

A young lady from Dubuque sent word to me the other day wanting to know if I knew Maud Smith, said she had visited her in D.\_. Don't think there is anyone here from Oshkosh. Did you not leave some of those creams for pa? Have just come up from breakfast; beefsteak, ground peas for coffee, potatoes fixed with cream and celery, and hot rolls. Prof. Ritter has invited Mr Bulen, the greatest pianist of the world, who is in this country giving concerts in Boston and New York

to come to P\_ and they will allow us all to go in. Don't know how much the tickets will be, but I do so want to go. Cant I? Just think of hearing the greatest European pianist, when I have never heard any of the great players in my life. Now I am afraid papa, you think I am spending a great deal of money and am getting extravagant but you can see when you come that that is not the case. I do not like to ask you so soon for some more but that last is almost gone. Now ma you must not hurry pa home remember, how long he has been there alone and stay long enough for him to feel perfectly satisfied with his visit, and if it is possible stay here over Sunday. My pocket wants to be when finished ten inches in the broadest place eight inches from top to bottom. Then turn in about an inch for the frill outside of the [?] cut it an inch longer than the measurements I gave above and turn it in the inch, round it at the bottom and at the top cutting something this shape Don't tell anyone I am taking drawing lessons. Can you tell how I mean. I

shall not feel at all insulted if you should think best to trim the whole overskirt with fringe, but be sure if you get for the tabs only, it is very long and heavily netted at the top. Mama don't get a worsted dress if you have not gotten that brown, get it in N. Y. When you get

home wear your black silk for nice to church, your black alapaca, and gray for afternoon and street and the brown for extra. You would have to pay as much as \$25 for a worsted of any kind and that brown silk would be much handsomer and more stylish and don't think it would cost as much. Get handsome brown pearl buttons for it. Now please do that way it is cheaper and I think you are old enough to wear silk a little more than you do. Should think 12 yds. of silk would fix it beautifully. I will wear my gray faithfully until you come have worn it for the past three weeks. Mollie Keith is seventeen to-day and has invited six of the girls, myself among the number to spend the afternoon and evening in her room. Will try and send an intelligible measurement for my cloak. Have it made any way stylish. I do not mean the latest maybe, but some established style and be sure it is made so I can wear any boa nicely with it. You know how I mean. I put a thread through the \$15.00 sample. Would like it bound or trimmed with this wide braid. Give my love to all and write every particular. Now pa have a good time, and don't worry because the money is going fast. How did you, and when did you get from S. to Uncle. Howards. Tell C I will write soon. Write me very soon a long letter.  
Your loving and affectionate daughter  
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