

Vassar College
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Darling Mother

I received your letter so gladly day and was much more than glad that father is coming next week. Thought you will probably get a letter giving a few suggestions about his coming. Of course the longer that he can stay the better I shall like it if he leaves home on Thursday he will get here about Friday noon, and if not till Friday, at Saturday noon. I don't think that would leave much time to see the college and surroundings, still less of Poughkeepsie. I have one recitation in the afternoon [?] half past three and quarter past four, but it is Latin Prose Composition and I could

be excused from that of course when either of my parents say so.

We should need two or three hours here I think and then go to the city. When he gets to Po'keepsie he had better take a carriage to the Morgan House and then come here from there as soon as he chose. there are two front fours but he must come up the stairs on the outside of the building and ring. A servant will should him to the parlors and Miss Morse probably will go to him there. He must say that he wishes to see his daughter. Miss Parker to the servant and she will give his name to Miss M. that is all that is necessary I believe for I shall be sent for immediately.

I should like to ride about the suburbs with him more on his account than my own for

if it is at all pleasant, I think I would enjoy it very much. He can get a carriage at the Morgan House to come here I am sure, and perhaps it might be well to reclaim it here till we get ready to go back. I could be all ready when he comes and it would make it take long to make a survey of the building.

You ask if I want anything in the way of clothes. I would like a dressing sacque and if Al has any slippers I should like a pair the sacque may be just a common one made of white checked cambric or any thing similar to it.

I should like some paper and envelopes too if there is any room for fair quality. For know that there was none when I came array except a thin and yellow kind that is not good for much.

I need a new portemonnaie and diary. The latter need be nothing at all nice. All I want is first to put down a few little lines sometimes. What shall I do about my every day skirt?

You know I had one made of white serge and did not have time to trim it at all. It has become really filthy and I can not send it in to be washed with my other clothes. I really don't know what to do about it but perhaps I can get a woman near here to wash it for me. If that one that I had trimmed with black braid last year is clean and presentable you might send that. I was glad to find from your letter that Nell has come back. I wrote her last Sunday and sent the letter to Walinford of course she must get it somehow yet.