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Grace, Charles and I want to walk up to Fort Hill after dinner as we have not taken any walk to speak of this week. The girls are playing some pretty duets downstairs so I am going down and hear them. One of the new girls is the best player I ever heard

It is now four o'clock and I have just got in from our walk. We started about two o'clock and have just got in. We have been up beyond Fort Hill. It was a long walk and I am rather tired. We could not see off very much today

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Dear Mamma: -

It is a lovely day and I have just got home from meeting. It is very warm and the snow is melting quite fast.

Emmie has gone up to Cora's so I am alone. Our lily is growing very fast and it may blossom during vacation. Some of the other girls have some that they started since Thanksgiving and they have budded. Grace's is not growing very fast. We do not



know what we shall do with them while we are home. The house is going to be closed.

Last Friday Mr. Robertson.

one of the school committee was here. After supper he was in the library when the girls began to dance. He came out and asked one of the girls if they knew any of the old fashioned dances and she said yes so they tried some of them. All of the girls had to get out of the way for he is an awful big man, he is a great deal larger than papa. I guess you would

have laughed to see him I had more fun than I have ever had for a good while.

I suppose you have got all of your Christmas presents. I will get a box of writing paper for Grace if you want me to. I dont know as I can get the small size ruled but I will see what I can find. I dont know what I can get for Helen.

It is lovely sliding here. It is home? I want to have a chance to have a slide somehow.

It is nearly time for dinner



letter? How<sup>d</sup> did the fair  
come off and how much  
money did they make?

I suppose it will be  
examinations without end  
for the next week and that  
old debate I can never write  
I can't find anything to  
read up about it in and  
Miss Kealliday wants me  
to have it finished before  
Christmas so she can look  
it over. She said I would  
not be obliged to have it  
done then but she would  
like to have me get it  
done if I could. It is a  
horrid subject and I can

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because it was a little cloudy.  
It has not been clear enough  
to see the White Mountains  
for a good while.

The girls are having quite  
a time with the matron  
lately. There are some matings  
on the hall floor which  
used to be rolled up  
every Saturday night so that  
the girls can dance. The  
other morning she told us  
we could not roll them  
up any more so the girls  
tried dancing with them  
down but they got their  
feet caught under the



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edge and of course that  
would trip them up. Miss  
White asked Prof. Cortese if  
the could matings could not  
be rolled up, and he said  
yes so last night when the  
girls wanted to dance they  
started to roll them up  
and the matins said they  
should not.

This afternoon after dinner  
one of the girls was playing  
a piece on the piano and  
all of the girls were sitting  
around listening and two  
of the teachers were in  
walked the matins and  
told her to let the piano

alone. We don't like her  
at all now she is just  
as mean as she can be.  
We can turn around but  
she will scold us.

I am glad you are going to  
get me some handkerchiefs  
because I need them enough  
and two or three pretty neck-  
ties would come in handy.  
I suppose you have got  
my snowshoes.

It is growing dark and I  
must light a lamp before  
I can write much more.  
Who is Teddy Travis that  
Kerman spoke of in his



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stamp on it but one corner  
was up so she pulled it off  
and then put back into the  
P.C. and wrote 2¢ Due on it.

I noticed that they laughed  
considerable about it when  
they handed it to me but I  
never thought but what the  
postmistress put it on my  
letter until they told me!

I must close this letter now  
because I haven't any more  
of this kind of paper and  
perhaps I shall write to  
Heuman before I come home  
I shall be home on the noon  
train Friday if nothing happens

Good night with love to all  
Harriet

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never write it. All the  
new class will be here  
then. just think what  
it will be to have to get  
up there and read it  
before two hundred scholars  
and the teachers I shall  
drop through the floor.

I have been playing on  
my autoharp a little  
while but they are playing  
and singing down stairs  
now and the piano  
and autoharp do not  
chose my will. Tomorrow  
I intend to finish my  
presents made out of the



celloid and perhaps a  
 doily that I am working.  
 I have fixed some pictures  
 and am going to tie them  
 to gether with baby ribbon.  
 I think they will be rather  
 pretty to hang up.

My lessons for tomorrow  
 are rather hard but I am  
 going to try and get up  
 early to morrow morning  
 so that I can get my room  
 swept before it time to  
 study and then I shall  
 have more time left.  
 There is the supper bell.  
 I left this letter to go to supper

and it is now nearly eight  
 o'clock. I have been down stairs  
 with the girls and am now  
 in Grace's room the girls are  
 both writing letters and  
 I got permission to come in.  
 You know I told that one of  
 my letters had 2¢ on  
 it. Well, yesterday the cat got  
 out of the bag. I happened  
 to say something about it  
 and the girls began to laugh  
 but they would not tell me  
 what they were laughing at.  
 At last Charles told me  
 that when she got that  
 letter at the P.O. there was a