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"House of Correction"

Gorham, Maine

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My dear Momma

I

have just got home
from the evening
meeting and must
write my letter to
you now. I did not
go to the meeting this
morning as the
walking was very
bad but it has
frozen up since
then and now there
is an elegant
crust.

I have read the book
called The little Minister

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Today and I think it is fine.
you would like it I think
I looked for a letter from you
yesterday but did not get one
Did papa find the things
that he lost out of his pocket.
We came out of Portland at
half past six friday night.

So did not get out here until
after seven.

We had a real good time but
I was awful tired.

Mrs. Davis the principal of the
Training School Springfield Mass
was one of the chief speakers
friday and she is out here
spending Sunday. I do not
know how long she is going
to stay. Oh I just happened to think
that I have not any present for
Annie Collins and I don't know
what to do about it. If I had
thought of it friday I might

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have gotten something
but as I had not thought
of going to the wedding
I forgot all about it.

Are many of the girls
there at the center
going do you know?

Grace and I are
planning to go snow
shoeing tomorrow
morning if nothing
happens I think it
will be fine.

There were only five
of us girls who came
out on the seven o'clock
train friday night.
and we had a good

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Time coming. It was
awfull [sic] dark and the
walking was dreadful
So Eunice and one
of the other girls got
their feet soaking wet
tonight when we
went to meeting we
were in a hurry +
the hill was just
a glare of ice and
of course I had to
fall down and
slide halfway to
the bottom of the hill
Has Ernest tried
his snowshoes?
was there a piece
of music among
that which we sent

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for called the Dewey March.
Miss Slovie teacher in gymnastics
has asked me to play for the work
in dumbels but I think I shall
not as I have no good marches
and I cannot keep good enough
time for her as she has to have
everything very exact. I have
got enough to tend to anyway
without that and I would have to

play from now until June if
I began.

I will send Aunt Ida's mittens
sometime tomorrow so that you will
get them by tuesday I think. I
cannot send them in the morning
mail because I will have to mail
the bundle myself as I do not know
about the postage. Probably you will
get them-Tuesday morning.

I shall send my regret to Miss Collins
I suppose.

Well I can't think of anything
to write about for nothing happens
over here to write about

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It is the same old thing
over and over and I
am getting rather tired
of it. I would like to
have something exciting
happen once just for
a change.

I have got a grand deal
of work tomorrow
and so think I had better
go to bed and get rested.

good night
with love to all

Harriet

We chose our class
president yesterday.

Miss Gagin was elected.
She is a girl from

Riverton and we have
always liked her.