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My dear Mamma:-

This is another stormy
Sunday so the girls are all in the house
It has rained ever since I got up this
morning.

This morning Grace and Charles were in
here and we did not do much of anything
Miss White told us after dinner that
she would repeal the law about calling
Sunday's for this afternoon if we would
not make to [*sic*] much noise to disturb
those who want to sleep. I have been in
Grace's room since dinner but I think I had
better write my letters now.

If it should freeze to night [*sic*] we would
have an elegant crust. It is just as
smooth and shiny.

We are going to have a reception next
week but I don't know what night
Thursday I guess.

I don't know what it is for.

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Shall I bring my white dress home or shall I
leave it here? When I come.

If Ernest or Herman want any notebooks
or anything of the kind let me get them
over here because they are so much
cheaper than anywhere else.

This last week Mr. Corthell has been
awful cranky and is laying down
the greatest rules you ever heard of.
One morning he distributed a lot of
what he calls Honor Cards and when
you break a rule or look across the aisle
or whisper you have to hand it back.
Then when you hand it back he gets
mad and delivers a lecture a half hour

long. Oh we are having a hard time
if they keep on this will be as bad as
a prison.
Have finished Physics and begun Chemistry.
I know I shall enjoy Chemistry much
more than I did Physics.
We shall have an examination in
Mineralogy next Wednesday and will
not take it again until next November.
From the beginning of next term until

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then we shall take Zoology. In this
we shall have to chloroform [*sic*] cats,
frogs, lobsters etc. and cut them up in the
class. I know I can never do it. I think
it is awful. We will have our last
recitation in Geometry next Friday
and next term we will take Astronom[--]
Geography.
We are reading Evangeline in our Literature
class and every Saturday morning we
have some of Shakespears [*sic*] works. My section
are reading The Merchant of Venice.
I am way back in my copying. Eunice
Grace and Charles are all at work.
Grace & Charles are copying and Eunice is
doing her drawing. I think I shall have
to do something of the sort soon.
Last night we were down in
Miss Ficketts room most of the evening
I took a flash light of her.
One night after school Grace & I took

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her snowshoes and went out back of
the school buildings. We took turns
walking in them. The crust was quiet [*sic*]
strong in places so I would walk
on it. We went quiet [*sic*] a long way &
I got so that I could run on them.
Once I thought I would try sliding
[in] them but just as I got started

both toes got under the crust and
Grace said I got into more attitudes
in a minute than she could count.
Our apple blossoms are getting along
real well. Several of them have blossomed
out.

Charles wants us girls to go
into Portland with her Friday afternoon
and go out home at night. If the
others girls go may I?

I took a fine picture of our room last
week. It was taken in the daytime
and is the first [tiny] picture I have
every [*sic*] had any luck with. I think that
it is fine and so do the girls.

Eunice says when we were going to have it taken now all we want is the
room so we want to get where we

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won't be in it so she stood very near
me on the opposite side of the room from
the part we were going to take.

When we got the plate there was Eunice
in the looking glass as nice as you
please. We were both surprised and
If I had been a little nearer Eunice, I should
have been in it camera and all. The next
time we take a picture we are not
going to have any looking glass in
it.

My rank in Physics would have been
very good if it had not been for one
test in which I got very low rank. All
~~the~~ of my others were over 92. I believe they were
92, 98, 98, 94, 95. But that other took me
down so that my average was 83+ or
about 84.

I don't know what I shall get in Geometry but
I hope better than that.

Well I don't think of anything more to write

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just now so will leave this and do
my drawing.

It is now nearly half past eight so I
will finish this letter. I have done a
little drawing since I left this letter &
then went down to supper. After supper
the girls sang for nearly an hour so we
stayed downstairs. When we came
up we went in Grace's room and
have been in there until a little
while ago. If it freezes tonight so there
is a strong crust we girls want to go
sliding tomorrow a little while.

I have manufactured a blueprint
book which I think I will bring home
for you to see as there are some
pictures in it that you have not seen.
I have a picture of the Cong. Church &
Chapel. High School & one of the streets
I may not write again before I come
home. Charles was asking us again
to night [*sic*] to go in and spend Friday
afternoon with her and if you are willing
I would like to go. I think we would
have a nice time. Write and let me

[*The following is written along the top of page 1*]

know by
Thursday
anyway.
That reception
will probably
be then I
would like
to know
what they
are going
to do.
Tomorrow
I have
got an awful
lot of

studying
to do and
a lot of
copying
that has
got to be
done or
else I

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shall have
to do in
vacation.
I am awful
tired so I
must go to
bed and
get rested
or I shall
not feel a
bit like
studying
tomorrow
so good
night
with love
to all
Harriet

[The following is written along the top of page 5]

This is an
Elegant
morning
It is a
lovely sight
to look
[off] toward
Portland
and
see the
tree
shining