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My dear momma

This

is a rather stormy day

here and Grace & I

did not go to church.

Miss Murdock Charles'

friend did not go

either. It has been

snowing ever since

I got up and the

walking is very bad.

Last night we had a

whist party in Grace's

room there were fourteen

of us girls and we had

a great time.

I received your letter

and Hermans Friday

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and I think what you must have

had more rain than we did

Monday although it was dreadful

here.

Grace and I are reading Richard

Carvel to-day. We started it some

time ago but never finished it. I think

you would like it.

We are having something a little extra

to do now. Our class has to stay after school every night now. Miss Cloudman from the Primary School is teaching me how to teach the sentence method in reading.

It takes so much more of our time you see we have less time to go out of doors.

Grace & I went down & called on Mrs. Swikes Friday night & she was just making some cookies. She had one of your recipe books and was making some by one of the recipes in it so we had some good cookies. We think perhaps we had better call on

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her another ~~Saturday~~ Friday night if that is her cooking day.

The girls have gone down into the kitchen to pop some corn and Grace is writing a letter & Miss Murdock is reading.

Miss Murdock is very pleasant and I like her very much. She is two years younger than Charles but she looks very much older.

We had a grand cleaning up here in our room last night. We washed

the floor and cleaned
up everything in

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general so we feel very
clean. The floor don't
look a mite cleaner
but I think it must be.
The sleighing is lovely
and I would not
mind riding home
some pleasant day.
Oh! if we only had a
chance to to [sic] ride
or gone sliding or
something else over
here they might be
some fun but staying
in the house and
seeing th everyone
else having a grand
time there's not so much
for in it.

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we can't as much as look at anyone
who is sliding without getting a
lecture for it.
We watched the horse races
down on Main Street one night as
we were out walking. That was
the most exciting thing I have
seen for sometime.
It seems to me it is the best

sleighting I ever saw.

Well here is the recipe for "Fudge"
and if you want something good
try it.

2 cups of sugar

½ " " milk

small piece of butter

a sq of chocolate or

if you use cocoa use enough to
make it dark brown

a little vanilla.

Beat this together. Boil hard
for three minutes.

Put on buttered platter to cool.

It wants to be quite thin.

Perhaps about like this

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put in some chopped
walnuts if you want
something extra fine.

Let it cool a little and
then cut it and put
it in an awful

cold place to

harden. I tell you it

is awful good & awful
easy to make.

Walnuts make it dandy.

Well the girls have
just found out what
a joke we played
on them last Monday
night about being
away on Sunday.

One of the girls who
didn't know we were

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fooling them told
them that we were
here over Sunday
and then someone
else told them all
about where we hid
and every thing.

They have not said
anything about it
to Grace and I yet
but probably will
when they come up
stairs.

Sunday evening. -

Well I just got
home from the evening
visiting Charles, Miss
Murdock went. It
stopped snowing

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about four o'clock and so we
decided to go although the
snow is quite deep.

I have an awful lot of studying
to do tomorrow more than
usual so I guess I shall not
plan to do anything else
tell Herman I was awful glad
to get his nice letter and that

I will answer it before long if
I can find anything to write
about. well the clock has just
struck nine and I have got to
go into my room, I am in
Grace's now, or Miss White will
show me the way there so I
think I cannot stop to write
anymore to-night. I guess
I have told you everything there
is to tell anyway
good night with love to all.
Harriet s. Sweetser.

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Mr. Corthell said yesterday
that we must pay a
part of our board by
the first of next week
so I guess you had
better send me some
money I don't care
how much. Just enough
to pay some. We have
got to pay our entrance
fee's also (\$2.50)
tell Ernest to write.