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Dear Mamma,

I have  
been studying U.S.  
History for about two  
hours steady & think  
I shall have to stop  
for a little while &  
write you a few letters.  
I began my teaching  
last Thursday morning  
and I have to study  
all of the time and  
I have to teach music  
and U.S. History  
I teach music for about  
merely minutes &  
then I have U.S. Hist.  
for 35 minutes  
I have to go over to  
the grammar school

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and yesterday morning the  
snow was pretty deep but I went  
just the same. Mr C- told us  
we need not go to-day & I tell  
you I was glad because I was  
not at all prepared for the  
History. Oh! it is horrid! I never  
can teach in this world.  
The History is the ninth  
grade & they are taking  
civil war. I have the whole  
school in music and they  
can't sing at all.  
Grace is down at the primary  
school teaching & Charles & Eunice  
are not teaching anywhere

My teaching work comes the  
first thing in the morning &  
so i have to get every lesson all  
ready the night before.

Eunice has been sick for the  
last three days and did not  
go to school. I guess she is  
afraid she is going to have  
rheumatism. Don't tell her  
mother for she would give

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me the old Harry if  
her mother should  
find it out through  
me. Grace has  
written for Helen to  
come out & spend  
Sunday with us but  
we do not know  
Whether she will  
come or not. I hope  
so. I have not seen  
her but twice this  
year. You ought to  
see our room now  
it looks great. I tell  
you. We have our  
lace curtains up  
and geraniums are  
in blossom. We  
have some more  
of the Perry pictures

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on the wall and  
think it is the  
prettiest room in  
the building  
My picture I had  
taken with those

old clothes now are  
good & I will send  
one home the  
first chance I  
get to finish one  
up.

We have had  
some awful  
storms lately &  
the walking is  
terrible. I have  
not been down  
town but twice  
for about two weeks.

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if you could see my study  
table you would laugh I  
guess. There are half a dozen  
different history two topic books  
my notes I had to make out  
& learn and maps of battles  
rank cards out lines of the  
lesson. Pitch pipe, metro  
& three music book. I have not  
looked at my Botany, Geography  
Psychology, Algebra, Drawing  
Literature or my own music  
lesson which we have to get for  
Miss Andrews so you see  
I got a little more to do  
to night. I have got a paper  
to make out in mental  
arithmetic which I had  
almost forgotten about so think  
I must stop and go to work  
write to me soon & tell me  
all the news.  
Tell the boys I wish they would

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write to me even if  
I cannot stop to answer  
all their letters. I don't  
have as much time  
as they do.  
With love to all  
Harriet