

times and at last found it in the middle of a ball of snow. I saw one of the girls that graduated from here in Carrie Hamilton's class and she told me that Carrie was sick with typhoid fever and had gone home from Fryeburg. Did you know about it?

I have got an awful funny feeling throat and I wish the next time you write you would send some of that stuff you spoke of that day in Portland. I believe it was Chlorate of Potash or powdered borax.

That letter that Ernest wrote me I did not get as soon as I should have if there had been a stamp on it. There may have been one on it when it started but there was not when I got it. You had better use a little more spit next time.

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Dear Mamma:-

It was a lovely morning but it cloudy now and looks as though it might storm tomorrow. I got a lovely box of pinks from Uncle Frank. We did not have a very good day for the Convention but there were a great many people here and we had a good time. I could not go in the evening but I guess it was very nice from what I have heard.

I was one of the ushers and had to wear my white dress. There was a great crowd here at the reception and they all had to be introduced to the ones who received and of course we



who ushered at the door had to do this. We were kept busy for a while and after they had all been presented we had to help about ushering to the dining room. Sandwiches, olives and coffee were served at our table, fancy crackers, Russian tea and plain tea with cream at another and lunch at the third. You should have seen the dining room it looked lovely and after everyone else was served the ushers had their turn and we drank coffee, Russian tea and lunch until we could hardly see. I did not get to bed that night until nearly twelve and I was awful tired the next morning.

In the morning before it was time for the Convention one of the Teachers lost her diamond

engagement ring out of the window. The ground was covered with snow and she hunted for a long while and did not find it. A good many of the girls tried to find it but could. At last the girls went to the Convention and left her hunting for it. About the middle of the forenoon she came into the school room and knew that she must have found it. Mr. Corthell went up to her and said, "Oh here is the girl that lost her engagement ring. Where is it?" She held it up so he could see it and he laughed. I guess the people who stood near wondered what the matter was. She found it by crawling over the ground on her hands and knees and crushing all the lumps of snow in her hands as she went. She had been over the ground several



Eunice's mother sent me some cake by Miss Hewins and we have just been trying it. I have started to write to Uncle Frank and Aunt Ida in vertical writing and it takes so long that I don't know when I shall get it finished. It is getting dark so I think I had better stop writing until a lamp is lighted.

I have not seen Mr. Corthell yet but will write as soon as I do. It is a lovely day the sun is shining bright. It was cloudy when I got up this morning but it is nearly noon now and I must close this letter so that it will go on the ~~regular~~ mail. Eunice is waiting for me so I must close. With love to all. Aunt.

I went to see Mr. Corthell last night about my board and he said he wanted me to pay up to Christmas before we go home Thanksgiving so I will find out just how much it will be tomorrow and papa can send me a check for the exact amount.

I have got some awful hard lessons for Tuesday and I am getting quite tired so I shall be glad then when Thanksgiving comes. The head teacher had to leave suddenly yesterday for N.H. She had a telegram saying that her mother was very sick so we shall not have drawing lesson Tuesday but we may have our Geometry just the same because one of the scholars will take the class. There is only one teacher



Here now and last night we acted  
about as we were a mind to.  
It seems to me that your letters  
are rather short and far between.  
Emmie and I bought a white  
chrysanthemum (I guess that the way to  
spell it) for our room. It has thirteen  
large blossoms on it and a great  
many buds. It only cost twenty five  
cents. I think it is lovely the  
blossoms when full in bloom are  
nearly five inches in diameter.  
Are Eva and Howard going  
anywhere to school or have they  
given it up entirely?  
Did you have much snow down  
home? It has not all melted here  
yet. A year ago to day was the day  
before I went to Boston wasn't it?  
The first snow last year was while  
I was in Boston so you see it is

a little earlier this year. The 164  
mountains have been covered with  
snow for weeks and they look very  
pretty on a clear day.

Last night I went down to the  
Foot Ball Field and saw a game  
between the Gophers and the  
Yankees. The Yankees were  
badly beaten. When I left the  
score stood 40 to 0 in favor of the  
Gophers.

I think perhaps I am going to have  
some kind of a sore in my head  
my ear aches awfully at times  
and my throat feels funny.  
I am awful tired and I shall  
go to bed early to night and  
see if I can't get rested. I have  
been lying down a little while  
but could not get to sleep.

I must leave this letter for a while  
and write to Uncle Frank and  
thank him for those books