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My dear Mamma:—

We have just got in from a walk. It is blowing hard and so the mud is drying up in places. We saw a large flock of robins and black birds. I never knew you saw the two together before. The grass is quite green in front of the school building. Charles stayed out this week. She says that when she goes back to Portland she is going to walk to Westbrook and then take the electric. Miss Lawrence, the negro girl in our class was on the train at the time of the accident and she was so frightened that she has been sick ever since and has left school.

I suppose it was the same train that I came out on Tuesday night but I am not sure. Last evening we four played whist most

of the evening.

One morning last week I thought I would print some pictures so I went to get my plates and I dropped the one of papa's store on the floor and smashed it all to pieces. You know when I was at home I said I had never broken a plate so you this is the first one.

The picture that I tried to take that noon is awful you all giggled and it is a queer looking sight. I have not tried to print any. I took two the other night after school some thing is the matter with them over exposed I believe. The one of the cow that I let the photographer fix is all right but the other one has the house for a back ground and there is not enough difference between the color of that and the cow to make a good picture. I did not think when I took it. I will send you one of the good ones it is not as good as it might be

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in color for I left it in the tanning solution
to long. I have not had any time to
do anything to the others but will if
it is a pleasant day to morrow. I have
the picture of the shop that I had so you
see I have one good picture of it. If
you will send me those proofs that I
printed of Tim, and of the sitting room
I will love them. I have no more of that
kind of paper.

I had to leave this letter here for Grace
and Charles came in and we started
a letter to Polly thanking her for a
box of candy she sent us by one of
the girls last week. The supper bell rang
before we had finished it so we left
that. We had some nice frosted cake
hot rolls and apples for supper

I thought at first it was all a dream
for they have kept us in corned beef
and potatoes all the week.

After supper they sang for a while
and then we went to meeting.

I have not been out to an evening meeting
this year before while over here.

We are studying Mathematical Geography
now so get a little astronomy. After
meeting we stayed out star gazing
for a while and then came in
and looked out of the window.

We found Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Orion,
The Lion, The ~~Sickle~~ ^{Great Dipper}, Cassiopeia, Polaris, Aldebaran
The Pleiades, Hyades, and a few others.

Myra could make out Orion to see him
but I did to night. I think it is fun
to look after the different constellations
We have a planet sphere to find them
with. This is a chart or something of the
kind and we can by moving different
parts tell what stars can be seen

any day at any time.

I don't know what Miss White would have said if she had known we had been out in the portico over the front door star gazing.

She is getting awful strict. We always have gone to the bath room to wash so that we would not have to have water in our room, and every night before study hours Grace + Charles, Eunice + I would go out and wash our face + hands before we went to bed. In we get our hands all covered with ink and lead pencil marks while we are studying. but we can do it any longer for she has laid down a rule saying that no one can wash in the bath room after seven o'clock in the evening or before six

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o'clock in the morning.

If I come back to school here next year I shall not stand here unless they change some of the rules they are getting altogether too strict for me. It is as bad as a prison.

This minister here, Mr Reynolds is ^{candidating} ~~so~~ you may have the chance to see him perform. I wish you might hear him once to see what you would say. Well it is getting late and I am tired so must go to bed.

Good night with love to all
Harriet.