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My dear Mamma:-

I have just come up stairs from my recitation in Rhetoric. We are studying the Merchant of Venice now or Shakespeare they call it. I have a spare period now and so will write you a letter. I have had the best time this week that I ever had in Gorham I think. Last Monday afternoon a crowd of eight of us went to Riverlon in a team. If you remember it was a lovely day and we started at one o'clock and were gone until five. When we reached Riverlon we went all over the grounds and all over the Casino. I had never been there in the day time before and had

never been over the Casino.

We went up in the dance hall and I played for the girls to dance. On our way home we came by the silk mills and going over we went by the pulp mills. After we got out of Westbrook instead of taking the direct road to Gorham we went through a part of the town I have never been in. We met by what used to be the Old Longfellow place. Mr. Hanson the man who drove our team spends most of his time out West but is home for the summer & fall. He told lots of interesting stories of Western life and he also knew all about the different places we passed. One thing was the bed of the old canal which used to run through Gorham and Windham to Portland. I think we all had the best time we

ever had here in Gorham.

Last night Joan, Miss Clark and Miss Mitchel and myself went after some rock ferns.

We had to take quite a long walk out of the village to some woods and there we found some lovely ferns. We were gone over two hours, and we had a real nice time.

The Miss Clark I spoke of is Mr. F. Clark's daughter. I think she is real nice. Miss Mitchel comes from Poland ~~to~~ is a friend of Miss Clark's. They are both in the entering class.

One night this week Joan & I went out to walk and got caught in a shower and got pretty wet.

Grace said she would carry

a shirt wait ~~long~~ for me if I  
wanted her to so I will send one  
now if it is to-much of bother  
for you to do it up do not do it.  
It is rather warm to put on  
thick waists yet they keep the  
rooms so warm that they  
<sup>shirt waists</sup> are much more comfortable  
that Grace and I have a new  
lad just now and that is of  
drawing pen and ink sketches  
I had made four. "Whistling  
Rufus", "The Football Girl" "The  
Bicycle Girl" and "Golf in Cornell".  
It is great fun to make them  
and not very difficult so rainy  
nights when we cannot go to walk  
we do that. I have finished  
that ceiling piece that I have been  
to work on so long and wish  
I had some more to work on.

We have change our classes  
again. I take Algebra now in  
place of Physiology and Mr C-  
has made us drop Zoology for

I come  
before  
you  
again.  
Harriet.

a while but the Algebra is  
awful hard here. They say  
it is the most difficult study  
we take while we are here. It  
takes a great deal of our time.

Mr. Marshall is finishing  
those pictures up and he says  
that I may have them the last of  
next week. They will be about  
six cents apiece.

If you send back my shirt  
waist will you send my pearl  
cuff stud that you found. I  
have missed it a great deal.

It has been raining this morning  
quite hard but has stopped now.  
Charles has not decided yet about  
going home. She will go if it  
pleasant but probably will not  
if it rains.

You should see our way.

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It is growing very fast.

Will it grow if we do not have it where the sun will shine directly on it? We have it on one corner of our bureau now and that is not directly in the sun. We want it there so that it can run up around the top of the mirror and around our photographs.

Well I haven't any more time to write so must close

With love to all.

Harriet.

You had better send me a little money to pay for those pictures with. I ordered a dozen and a half and as I only had two dollars when I came back you see it will take a good part of what I have left now which about a dollar and a half.

Any time before the last of next week will be all right or even later as long as I have it