

My dear sister Ellis  
only a hurried  
note on the train  
to tell you not to  
expect the girls  
before the last of  
next week, unless  
you order otherwise  
and then your wishes  
will be regarded.

I do not want to span  
them sooner. They seem  
to be having such

a good time when  
they are. I have not  
money for winter  
coats for them.  
but I am praying  
and trusting for it  
and want to be with  
them in sh of one day  
this week, and then  
have them come to  
Oxford next Monday  
if that seems best  
all around. They are  
wady to do anything  
and are all the time

smart and lovely  
I hardly see how  
they could leave even  
then before Friday  
and get the fur.  
wants one apron  
fitted and made  
and it may not  
be best for them to  
go now then. I shall  
feel just as lonesome  
when they go as when  
E & I went away  
Please tell me size of Lucia's  
room again. very love  
you don't know how much

I can do but want  
very much to do  
something for dear  
Lena - Don't make  
any plans for Mrs  
Simpson I think  
she will be in N. Y  
this winter studying  
H. G.

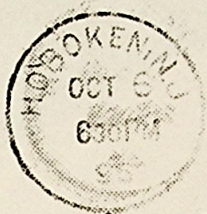
Yrds bye

Your loving Mary

Tuesday

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