

Dear girls,

How HOTEL JEFFERSON nice it seems  
EAST FIFTEENTH STREET,

MANHATTAN. together. We  
to have you  
are taking real pleasure in think-  
ing of what a nice time you are  
having. But I can't understand why  
Ellen went by Chicago. I thought  
she was going by "the river". We  
have received both of her postals  
and will probably send them  
on to Mamma.

Selden took your package down  
last night, Tuesday. I did not  
put the white rique skirts in  
after all. Probably you wouldn't  
get them ironed and fitted in time  
to be much good, and it costs  
so much to send anything by  
express. You each have two  
anyway & Mary can use the  
dress if she needs another long  
white skirt. Mamma has been  
intending sending the red waist

since before Ellen went. I wish you were better fitted out for your trip to St. Louis. There are things here to make over but perhaps you will need to buy something cheap like shirtwaists. Mamma said that you probably had better get some. Wont your hats all right? Mary said she fixed hers. Dear, wouldn't it be nice to be able to go into a store & buy things like other folks. Aunt Mary sent three suits, you know. They are all tight fitted jackets. I am sorry to say. One is brown, one blue, + one a nondescript gray. They will all have to be quite altered but are splendid material, though not particularly to my taste. Mammae didn't seem to think you had

better get suits in St. Louis, but of course you know best. I think Mary asked about this so as Mammae is not here I'll tell you what she said when we read the letters. Ellen will know how we all drop our work intransigently and rush down stairs with our capons in to listen to any letters from a certain college or public high school. It was my imagination to send Ellen's necklace and bracelet as I don't care about Mr Smith's thinking Mary was selfish enough to hear all the jangling. How they get there all right and make the correct impression on the surprised young gentlemen Ellen, how do you like Margaret? It would be

fun for you to bring her home to commencement.  
I can't understand why Marcia has never  
acknowledged your picture which I sent. That  
makes me think today I ordered two dozen  
Bulgarian pictures of cheap finishes. I don't  
know what to do with so many but as long as  
Mamma + Grandma get them they can have  
as many as they like. How does Mary like  
them? I hate to bother with my own pictures  
but these don't seem like pictures of me somehow,  
rather of the dress. Grandma says now I'd better  
pay a dollar extra a dozen and have platinum

finish but I think two dozen  
is extravagant enough.

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EAST FIFTEENTH STREET,  
MANHATTAN.

Oh I have a bit of news  
that interests me immensely but  
may not you. I am glad it did  
not happen last year for I near  
would have gone back to High  
School if it had. Miss Ward  
came up to me and as if by way  
of preface asked where my sisters  
were going to be next year. Then  
she burst out with the news that  
she was going to teach English  
in the high school at Steubenville  
on the Ohio river, next year. I  
asked her if the place here was  
filled and she said, almost.  
How I hate to have her go, my  
last friend, except perhaps  
Miss Froot who is not more than  
an acquaintance, in my dear  
old high school. I don't know  
why but I can't like her

Button, and I think the feeling is quite general. Gertrude said today she supposed when she got acquainted she would like him better, but it rather goes the other way. He's one of these people whom you can't find any fault with only you don't like him. Something like Mr Smith "the usurper". I should judge I wonder if Mr Button will be back.

Oh. Emma Martin was married today. You remember her, don't you, the oldest of the girls. She copied Mary's story. They, the Martins, live in such pretty rooms over their new block. I'll be interested to hear about the wedding.

Well what do you think about Evangeline's announcement? Here a boy came to look at rooms. I was so ashamed for none of us knew

the prices.

Katherine Fairchild is I hear, was married last evening. I wonder if we can't find a few more people to get married this month.

I will send Mamma's postal to Mr. I am so glad she can be there but I wish some one would invite her to stay longer. The Merrills have spoken of asking her to now would be a fine chance. We had such an interesting lesson in "The Knight's Tale" this morning. Discussions on how the descriptions are developed & what impression is gained from the different temples. I have chosen, this man, he has such a fascinating way of telling things & such a

rich sense of humor. If we only did not have to look  
up so many words.

Sarah asked me today how much you would charge  
for tutoring in Virgil. I said 50¢ I supposed but would  
write to ask you how long the lessons would be & how often  
she would need to come to get these four books. She has  
not had the first two terms & expects to do it all in  
summer. Can you answer soon?

I wanted to send this letter to hear from mamma as she has  
not probably written you. Received Mary's letter last  
evening. Wed. Mrs. De Vore sent Mamma invitations.  
I am so glad M. is having easy time. We handed in our names  
today for diplomas tho I don't expect one, now. I gave Mrs. Ward  
one of the Digest blanks but afraid it is too late. Love Phil.