

Dear Pin=

The beaded stuff came and I think it is *beautiful* and am very much obliged to you for getting it for me. How much was it, McKelvey are so bad about not putting in the purchase check- they hardly ever do when they send things there wasn't more than one piece was there. The way it was done up I would be surprised that some thief wouldn't have got hold of it just in an envelope that was neither sealed nor tied up but just caught together. I am crazy about it. If there was any more in the order tell me right away so I can report it, please.

Your letter was the first I heard that Dr. Taylor had died. How lonely Mrs Taylor will be - she was so bound up in him. Your account of her was very touching. I am glad he did not have a long long time of that suffering.

I thought maybe the Lady would take this opportunity of your being in Oberlin

to go with you as far as Yomngstown on her way to Elmira. I hope she will come soon so we can have quite a little visit before the vacation.

I must go to bed - it is after twelve.

With loads of love,

Mary

Feb. 16

Dear Pin:

Have you any of that white knitting silk that you used on your yellow tricolette dress left and do you want to get rid of it? If you do, send it to me and I will pay you whatever it is worth. The neck of my black dress - the one with the fringe - has never been satisfactory

1 It is too low in the front and to me out in such a way that it won't pull over from the back. So I am going to cut it down in the back to be just as it is in front and then raise the whole thing up by a wider black crochet. Above that I will put white again as in the present arrangement. The white on the whole dress is very dirty and I think it would be easier and more satisfactory all around to just make new with new thread - on both neck and sleeves. I think I can probably get this thread in the skein if I want to, and so it is not at all necessary for me to take yours. I merely thought you might be glad to get rid of it. If the white has lain around in Youngstown it *might* not

be any better than what is on the dress now. In that case don't send. I am going to need the dress when I go to the Oberlin luncheon in New York the sixth of March. So I shall need to fix it pretty soon. This is by all odds the best thing I have for that occasion. Everybody has always liked this dress and I do myself. I hope I can get time to fix it. I just got word of the date for the Oberlin affair today although I had had a tentative statement of it sent to me before. My expenses will be paid. I think it would be so nice if the Lady would go with me and the two of us go to some of the good things that are on in the theatres there now.

I haven't said anything yet to Miss Thomas about the talk on Foote for this vacation for the reason that she got a rather poor grade for her first semester's work with me and apparently feels a little put out about it. I want to give her time to get out of that mood first. Her grade was a perfectly clear case too. The class as a whole did quite badly at the first of t

of the semestre and for a while all the grades were very low. But in the final examination *most* of the class redeemed themselves *remarkably*. It showed, I think, that what I had been doing was all right, for when they found what was expected in the course, they set to work and *did* it. The semestre grades on the whole were not low at all - they were quite as high as the norm given in the Missouri System by which I try to test my grading, and I guess there really were *more* B's. I don't think Miss Thomas is particularly out with me, but I don't know that she is specially *in*, either. So I thought I would put off that other matter a little.

I really think that little scheme is a good one and I hope very much that I *can* get it into operation. I agree with you that it would be a *greater* deal better to have it at her house than at yours. I am afraid I haven't enough confidence in my certainty of "pleasing the public" (as Foote would phrase it) to attempt such a big thing as the Jewish Temple. But I would

lovē to work up to that in the future. *in fact, appreciate the chance*
 I would be perfectly willing to speak
 for your club for nothing any time if I
 have anything they have not heard. I
 wish I had time to work up that movie subj
 ect I have in my head before the spring v
 vacation - but I don't see how I can get
 the time. Did I write you about the idea?
 I wrote it to someone the other day - per-
 haps it was the Lady. If so, I hope she
 will send you the letter. *She didn't
 write me.*

I wish Mamma could come right now to
 Elmira. I fear the time will get on to-
 wards the spring vacation and then she
 will think it isn't worth while to come.
 Do you suppose you could possibly get some
 one in Youngstown to make the beaded dress
 for her if she can't get Miss Hard now?
 Somebody might come to the house and be
 just bossed by you. It seems to me like
 an easy job. I would love to have her
 have the dress here, for she is not very
 well provided with things, I think.

I am making a little birthday gift for
 Peddy - hope I get it off in time and I

hope it is a thing a little girl will like
- I think she will probably. It is nothing
very great and not good work.

Good bye, Pin darlint.

I do hope Carolige's fortune-teller
favored Youngstown. Did he?

With love,

Mary

Elmira, February 49.

Which do you *prefer*, hand-written
or type-written letters - I mean from
me?

Feb. 20

Miss Thomas was just in to see me and I suggested the lecture to her. She is quite enthusiastic and is going to write to her mother and to her two aunts who teach in Youngstown - one of them in Rayan High School - about how to go to work with it. I told her if she would take the responsibility for the business side, I would have the lecture as my part and would divide half and half with her. She wants to use the college club as the medium of advertisement. *possible - college club is not responding* I would myself like to have that used at least of all, as they may remember the lecture I gave there years ago, which does not represent what I can do now. I told her I thought Dr. Lent would be willing to say what he thought about the likelihood of its being interesting if he was asked. I happen to know that he has said nice things about the talk I gave to the faculty here. An alumna that I met here at a dinner told me she had heard about me and come to find out what she had heard was from Dr. Lent, who had told her that I had given such a wonderful address to the faculty!

I suggested to Miss Thomas that her house might be the best place for this. I said that I could probably get you to let us have your house, but that a larger place would be more comfortable. The *real reason* that I would rather have it at her house is that then you wouldn't have to sponser it. It would look a great deal better to have it done by some one out of our family. I hope she can put it through.

Miss Thomas is going to drop college next year and go to Lakeside for a nurse's training.

Dr. Harris was at Clifton over the weekend with her sister and she told me today that she had quite a long talk with Lindsay. He told her that Mary was at home with a nurse taking care of her and Aunty in the Sanitarium with a trained nurse. She said she caught a glimpse of Aunty being taken in a wheeled chair into some room or other. I think she thought she was in a pretty bad state. I am worried about Aunty - she has been in bed so long for her. Lindsay told her they had given up trying to get away by the first of March with all this sickness. He said he didn't have to be in Hot Springs till the first of May and so could put off the date of departure. I feel worried about them all. I wrote Mary I would help her on a week-end with her packing if she would let me. Apparently this is not the time she is going to be doing it. Aunty has been sick too long. It worries me.