

My dear Willie.

I wonder if you have done anything at writing those articles that you said you might try. I hope you have, for I believe with you that you probably might get them published. Any of the subjects you suggested would be good. It would be fine if you tried it, if you could get photographs to illustrate the lumber camp one. I am really anxious to hear if you do it, & how you prosper at it. Can't you get the money some way, borrow if nothing else to stay in

college? But the writing
might start you aside from
the money you'd get out of
the special price.

Just now I'm working
at a piece of drawing which I
am going to take a few lessons
in & hope to get some thing out
of. Maybe I am promising
to sketch I can do any thing
at it for money, but I'll
have the lessons, practice, and
thing itself any way.

The faculty here is going to
give a play Sci On Park Francisco
which is to come off a week from
Friday. Calculated we have W

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have Charles in the parlor -
all this to divert the girls at
this bad time after Christmas,
to keep them in a good humor.
It is the worst time. They are
more despondent the night after
Christmas than at any other
time.

Here's the real. I've already
written at this letter two or
three times.

Don't you think Mary is
getting rather worn out? We
thought so at home by the
tone of her letter. Isn't it too
bad "Crazy" is not a different
sort of man? Mary says she
doesn't think he could behave
like a gentleman.

Was your glen club trip during vacation? Where did you go? Did you go out of the state? Did you know that Yale and Harvard play football in basket ball this year? That's some thing, isn't it?

Well, the ball again.

Friday. To-night we have a piano concert by Mr. Hans Richard of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Miss DeVore says he is one of the finest pianists in the country.

I wish I were more fond
of such things. I would
enjoy myself much more do-
ing what I was at this after-
noon, painting in the studio.
I'm copying Emilia's head
(in the Bulgarian costume)
in water colors and am per-
fectly fascinated with it. I
am giving myself a present
of a lesson or two.

O, we had such a
fine vacation. If you and
Mary could only have been
in Berlin too. The cousins
would have been specially

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glad to have you and they
thought Mary was "the sweet-
est thing" when she visited here
in Texas. They like our
family without reserve which
is different from the rest of the
relatives.

Good night, Billy Boy.
You know I wish you the
very best luck although I
am so powerless to help you
get it.

Very lovingly, your sister,
Ellen Emma Alden.