

My dear Mary,

I'm on the train for Oberlin,
only about an hour now from Toledo.
This train seems so shaky
that I don't know whether I can
write or not. I left Glad-
at 7:40 this am. I reach Oberlin
at 7:00 tonight. awful trip
with it!

The last letter I had from
home (which by the way lay
in Glad- for seven ~~days~~
one morning the evening
the next day when I got it -
at dinner said our dear lady
was very ill again. But I am
hoping to find her better. It is
a good thing that Miss ~~Town~~
did not go home with me.

I have not sent you any letter
this week & I wonder if you
have been looking for me. Yester-
day came your letter about the

Birmingham place I'm awfully
sorry I couldn't answer by re-
turn mail as you asked me
to, but I was awfully busy
yesterday. Right after school,
in fact before the last period
of my teaching was up, I left
my class & went with Harriet
to Walnut Hills to the dentist.
She is having her teeth straightened
and has to go twice a week. She
wears a cap with rubber
straps which press on a nickel
piece that presses against her
teeth. It is like a bit - only on
side her mouth - awful. Then
we went into the city & did
a little shopping. We saw
a sale of sample shoes & each
got a pair at \$1.95. Mine are
beautiful. I guess about \$3.00
shoes. All the prices were

the same \$1.98. Though I don't
think they want more \$2.00.
Then I wanted to see the style
in hats which I did. (Of
course my tan hat was my
very best. I feel guilty wear-
ing it so long, but I am! It
is being, but I won't get it
out.

As to Birmingham: if
you were pure you would
be back in Tacoma. (Of
course you will laugh)
I should feel it an awful
blow not to go so I think
coming as it did, ~~you will~~
I would be able to get in
N.Y. + all too. But the
last time for home em-
ploys me that I feel like
to go too far from home.
I mean it seems as if
we both ought not to be

so far. This is an awfully
hard year for poor Squint.
Of course now they are
planning to be away
four hours. I meant to say
at least - the horses, but
maybe now they won't.
O, many, will mamma
ever get well, do you think?
It came across me this morn-
ing that maybe she won't.
But she may. You see she
never gets her strength be-
town. These attacks - just
as soon as I get home if
she's better she won't be.
I don't know whether I
know enough about pub-
lic school methods any
way to take that place.
The election I might get
up in the summer. But

I really don't know any thing
about public school. You
see we haven't any of that
familiarity that comes from
having studied in public
school. When I had some
special of experiment public
school friends I often think
how unacquainted I am
with it. Still, I don't
know as I should be paid
to take it on that account.
Don't it be the way of fate if I
miss this & you are out there.
We just keep missing things
together. I always think of it
when I go through Spanish
middle field, which I do when
I travel by the Big Four.
- Will finish later. Loving
Allan.

I told. As I sit here, there is no
other an Oberlin girl here. I know

it by her suit case which has an
Oberlin flag on it. I usually see
some Oberlin identification and I
usually want to speak to the
people although they very often
aren't & particularly the kind I
~~was~~ care for.

I have just eaten two bananas^{1.05}
which with 10 cents worth of Hershey
chocolate will do me for food. I
started 7:40 for Glendale + got
home 7 P.M. Don't had anything?
I have combed my hair, washed
my face (forgot towel too used
clean handkerchiefs) and now I
feel real respectable. I usually
want to be pretty decent as soon
as I leave Toledo for he is likely
to see Oberlin people when one
gets this far. I put on clean tie
& collar + I have on my gray
suit white linen shirt + tan
hat. ^{gray} I love this hat !!! I mean it

O, Mary, the chance of being
with you, or so near as Belling-
ham sets me crazy. Think
of the difference in salary too.

Do you see Willie any more
since he left Seattle?

I don't know at all success-
ful in getting up a European
party, but I should hate to go
any way if Maunna wants
very very very much better.

O, Mary, I do feel so badly for
our dear Lady. But may
be I'll find her quite herself
again when I get home.

I'm so awfully glad I
planned to go home this vaca-
tion. Don't you worry. I al-
ways hesitate when I get
news to tell you because I
always feel that by the

think you get the work that
every thing may be all right
again & then I think that
it is better so that you know
you must be asking all the
time & I guess you want to
know even if it does worry
you - I do. I want to think
that if any thing is going
badly that they will tell me
& then if I don't hear I
can feel comparatively
restful.

This D.O. is going to be
away this vacation she
is awfully worn out. She
is going to a sanitarium
I do think awfully lot of
her, or a good deal.

Well, this seems to be

students all around me. They
are not all for the same
college.

I'm staying in C.H. D. State
~~until~~ as long as I can
because it is so much
better than the State School
but I'm going soon in the
beautiful omnibus & so must
be in time for the next one.

There are signs of the
flood every where down the
southern part of the state.
Some trains aren't run up
yet. They say here is an
other flood predicted.

How is life going with you
Miss Poppy? I'm so anxious
to hear about the faculty
elections. And I'm asking
you to tell me that.

It has chanced off & is beautiful
and now, for which I am
unusually glad.

You have a little work
to do for Mrs. East this week-
end, painted belt & maybe
more.

Well, good bye. My love, Puffy.

Your loving Miss Parris.

March 27, '07.

I'll write you the decision
about Bellingham to-
morrow if I can. But
I guess it will be best
not to try. But if I can't
I'll see if I can find some
one else.