

Plain City Ohio  
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My dear Helen: -

You seemed to take very  
meekly all that I had to say and I  
really believe we have done what is  
the right and sensible thing. Please  
don't go to flattering me for I  
am terribly conceited already and  
am too light headed to stand much  
praise safely. I be people at home  
all tell me my letters are so interesting  
that I have fallen into the habit of  
perusing my epistles before sending  
them away to perceive where my  
genius has crept out unwillingly  
so to speak. If I could afford the  
space I should keep a copy of each in  
order to beguile my weary moments.  
The only thing about which people

don't seem to flatter me very much is  
my personal appearance, so I have  
been examining my countenance in  
the mirror very carefully, and I  
really am very much puzzled to see  
what can keep all voices from  
being eloquent in their praise of it!  
[That's to show how conceited I am,  
so you will tell me something bad about  
me now.]

I am getting to enjoy my work very  
much and guess I've finally got  
the ball to rolling. I'm awfully  
slow to catch on to anything new  
but after I once get it through my  
thick head I don't forget all  
in a moment, so maybe you  
will hear some startling reports



from me before long.

In I. C. Mendenhall, the president of the school at Worcester where your father teaches? I was just wondering because there is an endorsement in my book from such a man who has several B. H. D.'s etc. added to his name and president of Worcester Polytechnic.

I don't believe I ever told you what book I am working for, did I? Well it is a one volume reference book called the Century Book of Facts and will answer any practical question you can ask and has been endorsed by all the big bugs, Pres. Roosevelt & Cleveland, Gov. Nash of Ohio, Senators, & orators and Hoar

Chas. Skinner, Supt of New York public schools, and presidents of colleges, governors of states, ministers and every body. I've sold one to every minister, in town and the Supt. and I've sold a number of teachers. We sell the book especially among the teachers and scholars.

Plain City is about eighteen miles north east of Columbus and the same distance south east from Delaware and has about two thousand inhabitants. It is situated on what is called the Darby Plains but no one would know it was on the plains if he were not told so. Of course the country is flat just like Berlin. I did see some little hills on my



way down here on my wheel. It made me  
home-sick to see the mountains once more.  
Just think, I haven't seen anything higher  
than a half sized hill since I was seven  
years old. I don't see how any one could  
be contented in such a flat country as  
this, where there aren't even any stones  
and where the rivers and streams are all  
the color of mud. I just wish I could  
see the mountains once with their clear  
springs and rocky rivulets, and the  
ocean too. If I ever get a chance to go  
East you may be sure I'll go immediately,  
and I hope the time isn't so very far  
away.