

My dear Ellie.

I am sick
at heart to think of darling little
Mary being sick. I only wish
I were near enough to come, in
& help take care of her, or, to do
something to aid you. I hope
she is not as ill as I fear.
If she should get any worse
do please let me know. It is
dreadful to be so far away
from my little precious child,
I declare I don't know how
to stand it. Not that I think
my help is so valuable but only

because the child is so very very
dear to me. I do hope Ellen
will not, as usual get sick
too. Oh! I don't see how I
can stay at home and let
that little one be sick. I
can scarcely wait to hear just
how she is; Do some of you
please let us know at once.
If I can add any to your help
I'll come if I have to have one
of the wash tubs from my room.
I was homesick enough to see the
children before, but now it is
dreadful.
With much love, & hoping that

you will get along all well
I am as ever
Your loving sister
Caroline.

Ellie .

Kindness of Letter .

Oxford. March 15th 1883

Caroline
Ellee

Dear
Miss
Ellee

it really is almost im-
possible to find a note
* write
Dear

From what you wrote
I supposed you were not
willing for me to have the things
that I asked you for, as of course, I
wrote no more about it. When Mary
came home she said, that you had
said, that if "you knew whether
I wanted any of your Turkish
things for the Fair, you would send
some of them with her. Did she
know any thing about it," etc. I know
of course that you knew whether or
not I wanted any thing, so I can
not think anything else but that
Mary must have misunderstood
you. She also said that you had

asked her if she had any idea of
what I would like, which of course
she had not, & of course you had,
as this seems to be another mis-
take.

I have lost, or rather mislaid,
your letter about the things, so
I am unable to answer your
series of questions exactly, but
will try to do the best I can.

I do not want any of the things
to be more or used but, simply,
as I believe I wrote you in the
first place would like to exhibit
them.

I have written to Boston, from
where I will be able to receive some
things, but it is possible that they
may not be here in time for the

instance when I ought to have been
"whipped" for leaving the sharing cloth
down open in your house in Samokov.

This is only one of many instances that
I recall, when such things have been
said of ^{my} carelessness, while living
in your house, & if you still think
the same things it certainly would
be a very rash thing for you to trust
me with articles that you prize.

Father is in the city, & would be
willing to bring out anything that
you feel like sending, that is of course
supposing that you care to loan
any; Or they could be sent in a box,
or a box, or any way that would be
most convenient to you, & as you
may remember I told you the C. G.
will pay expense of transportation.
In an all very busy working for the Fair.

first evening of the Fair.

I should not have said anything more about the things, only that they seemed to think that you were willing to loan them, but if in this she was mistaken, as well as in the other ideas she had from you, I shall not expect you to pay any more attention to the matter.

I felt rather free to ask you for the things, than I have felt to ask most people, because of various of my things, that, as you know have never made their appearance, since our coming home; I supposed also that as to my being careful of them! You if any one would be able to judge, whether or not I ^{am} ~~was~~ a reliable person to take care of them. I know I am not always careful, as for



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