

I need be very
much obliged
to you if you
will tell me as
soon as possible
if there is
any possibility
of your sending
me the money.
I rather think it is
worth time now
as I cannot
tell you
about my
plan for going
to Norwich.
It is not yet
determined
but there is an
opportunity for
my going there
in necessary
work for a time
at least.
I thought you might
know Caroline.

This letter as you very soon will
see is not a continuation of my story of my tour, but is
strictly business. The letter that I sent you last
mail day I am going to ask you if you will be kind
enough to send it to some of my correspondents as it
will relieve me of writing for a little while. First
I should like to have as many of the Oxford relatives
as wish to read it. After you have finished it please
send it to cousin Mary Albright & ask her to send it to coz's
Helen, Emily & Laura Bell. Please ask the Philadelphia coz's
to send it to aunt Caroline. Aunt Caroline to send it to
Mary Cooper, Mary Cooper to send it to Ruth Kleger, and
Ruth Kleger to send it back to you at Oxford.

Now to come to my important business, I have three plans
in my head at present. First, William has already
written to mother telling her of his intended trip to Vienna,
& of my purpose to take care of the babies during that time.
Also he has said that if I stay in this country for another
year, that both he & Ellen think it best for me to have an
entire change for a time, telling you the reason, so you
will not care to have me tell you all that over again,
but come to a more important part - viz - that of
asking yours & Mother's advice & assistance.

The first proposal, as well as the second, cannot be carried out without your aid, for to go to Constantinople & to stay long enough to have a sufficient change to do me any good will cost a good deal of money. The fare to & from Const. will be as much as \$30. Supposing that I am there a month I shall want to pay my board, for though the missionaries here be very cordial in their invitations to me, still they are all poor, & I don't want to be an imposition.

Before I tell you my other plans - or ideas - I want to tell you that I am in debt to William now about twenty five dollars (\$25) for I have had to have some expenses besides clothing. & I have borrowed the money from time to time.

I wrote you two or three letters when I found that I was in need of money & have written you one or two since I have been in debt, but either you have not received them or else you have been unable to supply my want. I am sorry to be any burden to you my dear Father, but I don't see how I am to help it, & may be some time I will be able to support myself. I am only emboldened to ask these favors of you, because I have cost you so little comparatively for the last year & a half. for at least I never sent you my board, & too my clothes here do not cost as much by half as they would of at home, for here in Saucor, I have worn clothes that I could not have appeared in in Oxford even.

It come to my second point which is about coming home this fall. William has looked up expenses from here to America

& I will give you his figures exactly as he gave them to me, for a direct journey from here to home.

Expenses homeward	
Fare, by wagon, 3 days, from Saucor to the Danube river	10.
Fare from Lou Polauka (Danube) to Austrian Liverpool, via Vienna, Cologne, & Amsterdam	60.
Ocean fare	60.
Expenses on journey, say 20 days, @ \$1.50	30.
Add for contingencies	40.
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	\$ 200.

Mr Locke, who you know came here from America, last fall thought his expenses were as moderate as any one could, be, but I think he paid about \$25 more for one person than the sum I ask for, but I think I can get along on \$200.

If I come home this fall Father, there are some things that it seems as if I cannot get along without, as my stock of clothing is very low. I will tell you what I think I cannot get along without for my journey homeward & put at low a valuation on them as I think I'll be able to get them for.

Skirts	\$ 3.	Hat	\$ 3.
Blanket sheet	3.	Gloves	3.
Shoes	5.	Woolen dress	15.
Stockings	3.	Knit ties, collars, & sundries	3.
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	16		24 = \$ 40.

If I should go home with a party in the same circumstances as the one I came with I might be able to get along with

what outside wraps (beside a shawl) I have now, but if I go home with any one else in better dressed, it seems to me, & Ellie thinks too, that I will need a cloak or some outside wrap, Beside; this as well as some other things that I will mention to you I can get much cheaper this side of the ocean than the other. This list that I will now give you are things that I ought to have as soon as I get home, so thought (as it seems necessary to have some style) I better tell you what Ellie & I think that I can hardly get along without, that you may be able to consider if you can give me money to get them.

+ Hat or Bonnet	\$ 5.	+ Silk dress	\$ 40.
Gloves	3.	Stockings	2.
+ Shoes	2.	+ Cloak or wrap	35.
+ Umbrella	<u>3</u>	+ Sundries	<u>5.</u>
	13		72 = \$85.

Since Ellie says that "unless you go home with a very plain party you will need most of these last list of things before you reach America". We both think that the following things will be ~~necessary~~ ^{necessary} if I am obliged to go more expensive party - silk dress, outside wrap, shoes, umbrella, hat or bonnet, sundries. This list of things looks a moderate one to me, especially as I am now so very badly off for all sorts of clothing. In my anxiety to make my request small, I may have put these things, especially the dress; which if I have on the way home I will have to be made. I may have put the price too low.



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List of Articles
received from
reuben

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