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Dearest dear Ellie -

A thousand thanks for your
blessed letter, just received. How
perfectly you understood and
sympathized! I am comforted
and cheered by what you say.
I shall try to believe that I am
of some use, after all. My dar-
ling family all "let on" that
they think so, and that is a
mighty help to me. Now I am
longing to write a big letter to
your precious mother on this
day so full of memories to us
both, but my back aches too
much to sit up, and my mind
is so full of her distractions all

Dear love from
your loving
sister
Ellie

Ellen and Sara and Harriet have had much work done at what seems to us very reasonable prices. The wedding dress is a lovely soft satin; the veil point applique worn by G. at the special request of a dear friend of hers, who was married last December. Sid's Bridal gift will be her only ornament. It is a heart-shaped pendant, aqua-marine surrounded by diamonds. She has received 130 presents up to date, ranging in value from Aunt Eliza's silver service down to $\frac{1}{4}$ doz. hats! The dear spoon occupies an honored place on the tables, and the lovely slippers are going over the sea with their owner. There are many articles of furniture among the gifts, mostly for library and dining-room. There are ^{rugs} ~~carpets~~ and vases galore, and all sorts of ornamental things. Lydia

and Sara are in N. B. this p.m. selecting upstairs furniture wh. will be put in place as soon as the carpets are on the floors. Sid is anxious to have the horses all ready for them to step into when they come home. Sara and Ellen plan to fill the ^{little} preserve closet during the summer. — All promises so well for darling Lydia I can only feel thankful and happy in her happiness. I do wish you all were to be at the wedding! So give my love to your graduates, dear Ellie. What a mother you have been! and I congratulate you with all my heart upon the accomplishment of the work you so nobly set yourself to do. Your children will "rise up and call you blessed" surely. I wish Providence would find a place for you here in our valley where I could see you sometimes! What a blessing you would be to many a lovely woman if only you could

about me that I shall just ask
you to give her my dear love.
I know she is celebrating the
day in her heart, and speaking
to you about it, no doubt. I feel
and the dear girls here are
making the time sweet to me.
Your letter was a keen joy, and
the same mail bro't out from
Mattie Dobson - an un heard of
thing. She is a fine woman.

Everything is going along with
perfect comfort here. I seem
not to have a care or worry.
Lydia is ~~so~~ serenely happy,
and Sid is hilariously so. The
housewife will be got in Brussels,
dress maker engaged to give
her entire care for two weeks
in August to L.'s wardrobe.
It is a fine establishment where