

stone pitcher was broken round the mouth so she took it Mary and Laura went to seek a better one, which she found in one of the neighboring rooms. They also got us a better bowl and mug. While they were gone for a mug Mrs. Baetty came to our room and asked for Mary so Lib went to bring them in and not knowing what he wanted with them they of course were very much frightened. But he merely wished to give Mary a receipt of the money which she had given him. Sat May 8th

The lessons have to be studied so thoroughly here that ^{they} will keep me constantly occupied. The grammar they use here is entirely different from the one to which I have been accustomed and also the manner of teaching it. I have said two lessons in it and not having a book I stood a very poor examination. It was partly owing to the confusion of my mind that I could not answer one question; which was very simple; What are the demonstrative pronouns. It shows how soon a person can forget what they have learnt for I knew every one of them when I went to Mr. Rand. I have not taken a music lesson yet, but expect I shall this morning or the first of next week. There is at least 1 dozen pianos in the house and two or three music teachers.

There ~~is~~ are about 14 or 15 teachers ~~to~~ as many servants and 1 housekeeper. The teachers are all so clever; some of them are young ladies and are quite free and sociable with some of the girls especially the graduates yet when they are teaching they converse as intelligently as the wisest and sagest old man you ever see. Miss Norton examined me, but merely asked me what I had studied, whether I intended to graduate, and what I would prefer studying. It is the custom with the rest of the teachers to examine each one in grammar and spelling.

Saturday evening. I have been down to Mrs Baetty's room to ask her if I might send home for my books and says that she would rather I would do so. In the intervening time she will supply me with those that I

need. I have bought two books here but think I can get the rest cheaper at home.

I would never be homesick if it was not for the manner in which Mary Ellen speaks to me. She seems to think it is the greatest crime that could possibly be committed to digress the least bit from politeness. They have forms here which I never heard of before that are observed with all the exactness possible. Mary does not tell me I am ^{right down} impolite but I will give you an example or so of her conversation with me upon this topic. Today at dinner time she hunched me with her elbow and I asked her what she wanted but she said she would tell me when we went up stairs. There are four tables in the dining room and I sit on the left hand side of one of the teachers by the name of Mrs Waters and right opposite me sits her sister Miss Julia. As I was starting out of the dining ^{room} to come up stairs I happened to be looking across the room ~~and thinking of my~~ ^{when I was walking very fast and} ~~at the time~~ I ran against Miss Julia. I was taken so much by surprise that I did not say anything to her, ^{although she looked at me very hard} but passed quickly by and called to Mary to come and go up stairs with me. She then told me I had ran against one of the teachers and I said I knew I had but did not know who it was till I had passed her. I intend to rectify this by asking her pardon. Mary then gave me the reason for hunching me at the table. She said that Miss Waters would tell me about it if I laid my ^{dinner} knife and fork any other way than side by side on my plate, ^{when I had finished my} and that the reason why she had asked me the other morning if I would take another cup of coffee was because I had left my spoon in my saucer instead of my cup. She also asked me if Mrs Baetty had spoken to me about the manner in which I ^{handed} a letter to him but he did not. What they consider to be the proper manner of doing it is holding it so he can read the direction; but I held it with the sealed side upwards. If the observance of these rules are necessary to my happiness I must seek happiness west of the Rocky Mountains. I must now give you a list of my wants which must be sent next week if possible. Mrs Baetty told me to tell ^{Mother} ~~you~~ to write first and tell me which boat she will send my boy on so she can send down for it. Give my love to all the