

White Plains August 12th 1878
Tuesday.

Dear darling daughter

I know you were disappointed when Monday & Tuesday brought the word "No letter". I have not forgotten you. But my time is so fully occupied with pleasure the days pass so quickly. The weather is glorious and the country is charmingly beautiful. I regret the time of my return to the city draws so near. Yesterday morning I took a walk down to Mrs. Jan. Dick's. The day was perfect, and the air fragrant with the perfume of the new mown grass. I felt I would make a good Methodist, and I did exclaim aloud, "Glorious, Glorious". At 3 P.M. Mrs. Christ called for me (by previous appointment) in a Buggy and drove me to Rye Beach. Mrs. Ballard's ^{happy children} & Mrs. Alwater went in double team with their Coachman in company with us, and I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the drive, we sat on the beach in the sand, watching the

bathers, but it seemed very tame to me
(the waters of the Sound) after gazing on
the majestic and pulsing of old Ocean's
bounding leaping waves, and I felt the
disappointment of not being there afresh.
(don't read the last sentence to the friends) We
had cream & cake and watched a swimming
match of our mile between two contestants -
altogether I had a happy enjoyable day.
This afternoon Mrs. Almon & I make some
calls, and by noon the Sunday School does
their picnic at Fairview. I am invited and
think I will go. Thursday we are to take tea
with Mrs. Merrill - the friends are very kind.
They decide their carriage for us, and send us
home. I expect to return home this week as
I feel I have made quite a stay and do
not wish to wear out my welcome. I would
like to stay till the 1st of November. I expect
to return home on Friday of this week as I feel my
visit has been long enough. I have a little
nearly written poetry I am going to take

home with me if the owner does not claim
it he followed us home. 6 30 A.M. Wednesday
To day the School has the picnic and I
am going with Mrs. Almon. I guess the
day will be pretty warm, but it is in
the Sound and the air will be pure.
I have really had a long letter from
Emma, she was well and happy and
your Father was anxious to hear from you.
I hope you have written to her. Give love
to Annie Johnson and thank her for the
invitation to spend the day while you are
with her which I will not be able to do
but hope some day to see the pleasure of
visiting her. I am going home in the
afternoon train on Friday have sent word to
Emma. Time is up and I must bid
you Good morning with love to the girls and
rememberance to Mr. Johnson & Joe. I will
expect to see a brown just for my girl when
you come home.

With warmest love - Mother.
Mrs. Almon sends love.

With affect to hear from you
when I reach home. I am
smiling in great hope
you will be able to read this
scrawl.

Write me again before
Saturday and direct
Dear Mary, I am
glad to hear from
you. The weather is so
warm, but the
long air is pure. I
suppose we will
have a lot of good
things when you
come home - where
did Anne get her
skill in bookkeeping?
natural shrewdness
I guess. Tell Louisa
I am so happy to
hear from her. I hope
she will be able to
write a good hand.
I came all right Friday evening shortly after
I reached New Brunswick, as I left you that
day in the 4 P.M. train. I am happy to hear
you are having such a happy visit, and if
you have commenced getting fat, where will you
end. I must go back to the land I left
which did seem at last to come suddenly.
I felt I had done Louisa a disservice by keeping
her - till the next boat, hoping she would not
come across you again as I know her company
would not be desirable. I am sure she needs go
to the dentist. I think of you often and imagine
what good times you are all having - give my
love to Annie, and tell her I would love to spend
a day with her and hope to be able to do so
but when I cannot now say. A letter came
from Ted Palmer asking if you could not
shorten the Plainfield visit, and go to the

Brecht desired from there, and urging me to come with you, as he could not accept my answer as final". I answered his letter telling him "when I expected you home, after which time I know you would be happy to visit them." Did you read in the paper of Dr. Schuler's death - we were so shocked and grieved to hear such sad news; you remember Emma went to see him the same day we visited Aunt Ely's Lands, and although he was not at all well Emma says "she never thought of his dying"; he was taken suddenly with dysentery, and died on Tuesday afternoon. Emma went to the funeral service & Peter Thuring (he was hired the next morning) said "he looked so peaceful and so much younger now as he looked ten years ago". We have lost a warm personal friend as well as skilful dentist, our only hope is that Edler may with practice, and the knowledge he has, acquire his father's skill, and meet with success. We cannot realize that we shall never see him again Emma seems to feel his loss deeply, and I am sure you will be pained to hear the news.

Emma and I had a quiet time at home, until Thursday when I went back to Joe's after dinner, and Emma went over to the funeral service. We had not been any thing of the 7th St folks through the week. Jennie had not heard of the news going to Long Beach on Friday, and expected to visit Ocean Beach & see whether they would like to go. There when Jennie's children came with us I think they have given up the European tour for this season, as time could not hold up her mind to go - is so much built as to be the master of the yellow fever. I had her at Jennie's and had told her two to three or four. It seems to me better, she stayed in her room from leaving. She is doing all the best for doing Brecht and had me at the evening - says to 142 St. St. depot, which was an improvement on our riding. Well I wish you could just take a part of one, or better than that I wish I could know how you have for a little while. Who else wanted to see doctor on the lower till engaged in writing, who Norton & Westfield are on the prairie. Who is it that have gone to take a walk - we are through that is about 7000 and Mrs Hamilton & little Marie Westfield (11 years) are doctor with doctor's father.

The grounds are as extensive as the Theological
Seminary grounds, with fine old trees - Statuary
two Summer Houses - flowers, and lawn settees
& chairs - a square house, with broad piazza
and screening - all the modern improvements of
gas, water closed, bath room &c. with a fine
garden and Mrs. Atwater says "give love to
Anna tell her I will expect a visit from her
in the fall and the Pear trees are laden with
fruit." I am having a lovely visit - tomorrow
we are invited to the Ladies, and one day Mrs.
Atwater & I are to have her Sisters Pearly Phadon
and drive to Larchmont. I attended church this
morning the service was delightful, and we
are going this evening. The moon is gloriously
beautiful and we will enjoy the walk. O
you remember last year this time we were
at Ocean Beach (the papers say this is the
hardest moon) and dear Howard was there.
Poor fellow! I fear he is disappointed this year.
Now I must get ready for church. I am
very well, and get along passably with my
hair dressing but I miss you so much, and
know I do not look as pretty as you would
like to see me, but the rest I think I succeed
remarkably well for one accustomed to having
a hair dresser. Give love to one & all the
girls and reserve a good share for
yourself from your loving Mother.

Ans Aug 7. from
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