

Haines Falls, N.Y.
19th Jan'y '88

Dear Anna,

How kind of you to send me
so many favors, and just when they are
so much appreciated, too. Yes, I had
quite a set-back, but I have the consolation
of knowing that it was no direct act of
carelessness that brought it on. It's very
strange & I can't understand it, so I won't
try. I'm about the house now as well
as usual & am waiting for decent weather
so as to go out. I don't feel any the worse
for the attack and the only trouble will be
for me to go slow again for awhile. But
I'm going to loaf now, anyhow. I have
so many nice books to read that I won't
want to be out all day. You would be
surprised to see the great transformation in
the parlor. That previously uninhabitable
hole, is now filled with two beds, bureau,
washstand, stand, trunk & stove, besides ten
chairs & sundries, and it really looks com-
fortable. We have caulked the windows &
keep nice & warm except when the wind blows

particularly hard, which it is doing today, but we keep up to 72° & so feel comfortable. I would have answered your "voluminous" epistle ere this, if it had not been for extra excitement here, but I presume you have heard from Maria & will pardon me for the delay.

This month has been a succession of storms & I feel almost contented to stay in doors, but if it clears up tomorrow, I'm going out, not to chopping, but simply for a constitutional.

I've had no end of scoldings from friends, all of whom accuse me of overexertion, so I take them all in & say nothing.

Mother's trunk was a regular prize package, & we had great sport opening it. I thought Mother would be homesick before this, but she seems quite contented, & is now knitting away for all she is worth.

Too bad your chestnut didn't take the cake, & I think Wagstaff's ought to have been ruled out.

Seems to me you had quite a crowd of the "fellows", but that's right, I don't blame them.

I've nearly devoured the Harpers & it is a particularly good number. Virginia is a very pretty story & the article on the Tariff expresses my opinions exactly. You ought

to read it, very few statistics. I've ordered some more of those photos & I hope to send you one. I have used the first lot for my male acquaintances in the West & so am rather short. I have promised three others & to fill the bill have ordered six more so I'll send you one in time.

Lot's dog is like the letter that never came, & isn't here yet. I'm not hankering for him for a week or so yet, but when I get around again I shall be very glad of his company.

This little racket of mine isn't going to knock me out, and I'll soon be on deck again.

I amused myself yesterday making soles for Isabella's new worsted slippers & later on I made the balls for the strings. If I keep on I'll be quite a fancy worker.

There have been two dances since my illness & I have had to forgo the pleasure of a "spiel" with the country dames.

I'm very anxious to go to a country dance here, for from all accounts they must be very crude. Quite a number of the natives have been in to see

me so I am not quite destitute of friends
but the first Tuesday I was ill, I was
powerful blue, It really was the worst
attack I have ever had, and of course not
having anyone around aggravated it,
but don't you care, I'm sticking up yet,

I've heard about your clock & from all
accounts it must be bang up, Don't wear
it all out before I reach B'klyn,

I haven't gathered much gossip lately, so you
must excuse lack of interest in the forgoing,

Mother wants me to go home with her, but I
think I shall remain here, I can loaf
here as well as anywhere else & then it
is much better air,

Regarding length I think this will do
for a convalescent, & I'll pull the string,

I'll return your Harpers this week & must
apologize for its rough appearance, but it
has been thrown around a good deal during
my illness,

Remembering your many
kindnesses & choked with reminiscences, so to
speak, I am

Sincerely your friend
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