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Dear Linda -

Do you really believe it - Maida has been here? - It is actually so and she asked to come again so that she evidently was not bored. Teacher's Institute had occupied the week - leaving a good part of the days free - She wrote she would surely come and did after I had sufficiently mixed things first - however. Mamma had a good dinner & Pam was kind - staying in and playing cards with us - Maida became interested over a rubber which Mamma & I were afraid we were winning but politely didn't fortunately - which all took time till it was ^{very} night. Two o'clock when Chip made chocolate - In doing so we found afterwards he had waked the cook - who thought it burglars & never slept again all night being in addition in such a terror of trembling that she couldn't get out of bed to go upstairs - She was pale & weak all next day - poor thing - Saturday morning I went with M. to Berkeley to show the new Frat. house which is certainly the ^{an} pleasantest looking house we've ever had - even the hitherto objectionable upstairs - is

settled now and the back rooms retinted
lights so that they look quite pleasant.
The piano was claimed by debtors but Mr
Cheney assured the girls that the house was
safe - that the man really owned it - since it
has developed that a loan cos. has the
real grip on it & is likely to come down on
us at any moment - They won't worry over
that now though especially as the store still
remains - As 4 girls they are the usual
discouraged unsettled way - having practically
three - however - they Maude Powell - a Kate
Smith of Oakland whose mother wishes her
to wait a couple of months & Kitty Russell -
Louis sister - who they say is very full of fun
& care - & very practical - but who is barely in
college - one or 2 studies only - till Xmas - Don
thinks she is in favor of the K. K. G's who
ruined her well - & Kitty says "Don't you tell
her -" so poor Don worries & thinks our girls
very slow & inconsiderate - Elsie Burr is safe
at the house - has brought her own iron bed.
new matting & tramping - still their money is
behind - Maude was looking very well & seemed
cheerful - she is still looking for a vocation
but appeared much happier than a year ago -
though she misses Della much - especially as
she has the great Miss Ethel Ruby Farham with -
do you remember her? - I don't envy M. as they
board in the same house - Oullie's teaching in
San Raphael to earn his senior year - the sister is
still in Berkeley -

School never was worse for noise & rude children - & with the exception of late Friday I've not preceded in anything but madness & bad work - Finally after being well hit with bread ends Thursday & absolutely no satisfaction in being there - with all the time & money lost. Miss McLeod helped out by getting me into the position where the big cots are - & where quiet is comparatively to be had - They lie on the floor - say a fat boy of 15 - giggle & chew - & have chairs & easels piled on top - an established flirtation goes on continually within 10 feet of me - a dead watch is constant - & eight or ten sitting on the windowills looking all the time - also if one leaves his work another finishes it out with faces etc. I never saw the like - for last term was nothing to it - since they only played by spasms - this is absolutely ceaseless - except when Mr. Soule is there for about 10 minutes - The new place is better however - & forward to better things - Vacation was ^{disaster} ~~hard~~ I'm not even done as bad as when school closed - but will keep it up in hopes that with ability to think of the matter in hand - "better days will come" - Such a trade & - Mr. Stanton is no good - wasn't that fine of Mrs. Flood? The gift is worth \$2,000.00 at least - U. C. ought to know - Oh - Mrs. Kellogg has given the girls 12 or 18 pretty decent flates - There is much talk of Wm. Carey Jones to succeed Presy - It is believed he has a better chance than Herr Mores or many others -

At length I called on Amanda Jacobson again & found her home - pleasant - but so grown you would scarcely know her - She is taller than I - & as thick again - but seems to have outgrown her stolidness - She evidently does nothing - as she strained herself lifting her sick children - & she is pelted with back & head pains

most of the time - Bertha had been home awhile but
returned to her same place - They had gone to Berkeley
last Sunday together for the ride & walked in the
grounds talking a. says of how they used to
walk with you & as you probably did them good
despite the times you had - The house was clean & stove
well polished etc - but its not good for a girl to live with
so little resources that way - she wanted to take a place
but cant with these headaches - & is anxious to be so
low in school - so wont go there - She said Nettie's eyes
have grown so bad this week that they have had to
lead her about - I'll go up there again when possible -
Then wasn't out to-day - Have changed your
sawson returned plow for a fine pair for self -
laced & heavy - large also - \$4.00 down which with
new glasses at the same price - make the
fragrances of the week - With best wishes for
yourself - your new home - & Jwi bund -
With love
Emma Morgan

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