

"Hibernia" Car -
Nebraska -

Dear Father: -

This is the 3^d day out - we being now going along on the plains - It has been as comfortable and agreeable a trip so far as I ^{could} think, well to - Our car is one of the newest - of a cedar colored wood - with only eight or ten in all - it has varied a little at times but now more than two - and only one child - a boy of eight - up to this morning it has rained or blown slowly the entire distance - making me greatly surprised at Nevada Reno was pretty - both in its setting - but especially in the coloring - autumn colors - they said - very clear - There was snow at Truckee and later on the Washatch Mountains - To-day's scenery is the least interesting - the sun is out but - and the plains bare - It has been enjoyed with regret ever since starting that I did not buy tickets to persuade Mamma to come - She said she did not want to - that our trip is to be too short - that she was not feeling well enough for it - etc - but I am confident it will be a very good one - There is so much to interest one - no doubt whatever - a complete change - I will know now, however how to ride here in the spring - It is beginning to come far off - & gives me a shock to hear people speak of California - yet Washington seems just as unreal as ever -

When I went to ask for leave of absence of Mr Taylor, he consented to grant it for a month - then promised me to get his book and read it on the train - I grumbled & assented - "The Light" is in most trashy paper form - one form only with 1 1/2" red scroll borders to each page - It cost a good night's work - which when one has received the book - makes one wonder if it might have been better spent - A promise is a promise however - worthless here it is the 3^d day out or not read -

I had to tell Sheffield S. S. out of courtesy - also - of my going - "What the girls be amused with's comment - which showed he is still young - and he said Miss & Lavinia had been scornful of his teaching two years ago -

Saturday - Nov. 2^d 1901 - This is the day after
arrival in Washington - I have been regretting
from time to time all day that I was so
stupid as to forget to bring your letters from
here - so that I might have read them as
we go from place to place and so have
in a measure had you with me - The
days are all our cold wish for weather -
We stopped off over Wednesday in Chicago -
spent an hour or more in the Art Insti-
tute there - then took a cab and
drove till noon going down Michigan
Ave to Washington Park from the end of
which could be seen the University of
buildings which reminded me of you
again - then drove back along Maple
Boulevard & Prairie Ave - We were tired
& dirty - so would have gone on to Jackson
Park - In an hour in that city I collected
more dirt than in the whole rest of the
trip - We spent the afternoon riding on
the elevated out into the north -
western part of the city towards
Evanston - coming back by ground -
It was a revelation to me to see the
size of the monster in all respects -
as to the number and kind of
horses - means of locomotion - factories -
etc - We left it for Washington by the
Baltimore & Ohio RR - which takes one
through what seems like miles of
freight cars - & hundreds of tracks -
The road ran for some distance
along the shore of Lake Michigan -

There turned down - Friday morning we
rode almost continuously along the
Potomac on its canal - one of the
prettiest runs I ever saw - especially
when we stopped at Harper's Ferry of
John Brown fame -

Sunday - Dear Helen: -

We have just come in from
dining with Mr & Mrs Larned who live in a new
house over by the Gov. Mr L. is in Stark's Depart-
ment - Mrs L. is a Marylander - and a most
perfect housekeeper - They gave me an extra good
pastor dinner - in such a pretty dining room -
all the woodwork was painted white throughout
the house - The reception room walls were soft
green silk and dining room - red - upstairs was
a sitting room with a very pretty papered wall -
and Mr L's bedroom and bath - while on the third
floor was Mrs L's room - her picture - a girl of 16 - &
another such a pretty bathroom - It is as
complete and pretty a small house as I have
ever seen - It is of pressed brick outside - & good
taste inside - After dinner we walked over to
and through the Gov.

This morning we spent over at Arlington -
going down to the bridge in the car & walking
across and over to the grounds. The Curtis house
was all I expected it to be - and the view from
it - but the cemetery proper did not seem to me
pretty - though facts were interesting - There are so
many new monuments - even dated since you
were there -

Yesterday we spent some time in the
library - I find my eye good for straining some
frequently in looking at interiors - only for a very
short time - so that there is still much that
not yet seen - even of the main rooms - That
does not disappoint me - From there we walked
down to the Monument - where the elevator had

made its last trip for the day - The view was beautiful however -

As for the Capitol is considerably different from what I had anticipated - I had thought that it would be so much larger - though in about the same proportions - only taller - They are making elaborate repairs inside where all is torn up from the central dome - through the Representatives end -

Monday - Nov. 4th

This has been an active day - First to the Treasury building where your letter was waiting enclosed in one from Mamma - I hope the suit is a fit and pretty - I'm glad you got it - Mamma would so much rather you did - & don't give up the ship - in the way of getting her to go & fetch you home - The Gull is so glad that she's started - over away she is always ready to stay if possible - I wish I were through my school so that I could put all my energies to work to help get her off - It is going to be a hard pull to get through for it is - with this break - because as it is - The senior year is in April - I think - after which of course I could be home regularly to see to the house - I do not apologize for this rank selfishness - but still for a that - there is no reason Mamma could not go any day & let us persuade on - I have not studied at all on the trip - which is bad - but we may never come again & there is so much to see -

10:30 - My Miss Jos. Harris - my colleague's brother has just spent the evening here - sadly colliding with my letter - He is very fond of him and for a Heb. for is good-looking and no fool -

There is one idea you have that I must hastily change - That says you must think we travel in a private cab & buy everything in sight - I have no Keiths - I wrote that for had thought but - it was the impossibility of it that caused me to do so - No. I would like to go to - but don't - you can not see the prospects -

To-day we went on a boat down the Potomac to Mt Vernon - & spent the afternoon in the National Museum & Smithsonian Institute - It is hard to say much of them - The latter hadth been surely gone through of course - and the former was limited in time - but it is a beautiful place - for had to keep on the spot extra time to try to avoid a preliminary look by an all-instructing teacher in charge of it -

With very much love to you
La Corilla - Emma -