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Dear Edw.

Yours of April 3rd was received Friday and I have read it carefully and thank you for it - your letters are always welcome treats to me - Now, dear girl, won't you let me know what shirt waist and write me just how it suits fit - Annie Brewer was here Tuesday - she is to sail from New York on the 22nd of June and if you hurry up and answer this and tell me what you'd like her to take you she'll take it - you won't get it until your vacation commences - but what can't be mailed she'll take you - she is prepared to spend your vacation anywhere you want to go - she'll not go that place until she can go with you - so I shall feel that you will have company on your vacation that will be congenial and a comfort to you - Annie was real pleasant and looking nicely, she's going to take the blue dress she had on with her - and her new blue & gray hat she had on - Emma don't like the hat - she will stay at the High School to the end of the term - then wait a few days to attend Sister Cushing's wedding - then she will go direct to New Haven and see Eliza a few days and be in New York to sail the 22nd - Miss Packard at the High School had to take a vacation of two weeks - Grace Sutton is taking her place while she is away - hoping to get a position there next term - Possibly Annie's -

I saw Sam and Arthur Womb going up the St
a little while ago and I heard him up stairs
here before they went out - so I infer - he'll be
here to dinner - I wish you could see what a
dear young green everything is, and the clouds of dust
that the wind stirs up every day will soon ruin and
dry up - I read in the paper that there is a Touch of red
in all Paris dresses - No new dress - as I can't de-
cide just yet what the best style people will wear ex-
cept the Reception dresses of silk - and I sort of hanker
after a thin daphnaceous black, they are very fashionable
and could be touched up with red! - If I buy it I'll mail you
a scrap - Sam pleased you didn't mind anything
about those Berkeley babies - young Maybuck really is a
dear - I hope he won't deteriorate as he grows old - as
I'd like you to see him - Thank you for writing to Mrs
Maybuck - I don't know anyone who would appreciate it
more - she feels the way the young people avoid her -
Emma don't like her - I don't mind her - her wrap annoys
me - Mrs Woodbury looks exactly as she did before
she went away, even to the identical skirt shoulder
cape of brown fur - The Taylor young lady is real - for
though it looks like a Taylor - Mrs Miller next door is
surely dying - whenever the pain lets up - she thinks of what
she will do when she gets better enough to go out again -
Emma is very kind to her -
You buy yourself all the new clothes you take a fancy
to, make yourself look nice and feel well -
I fear your shoes were lost as you're not wear-
ing them, and they ought ^{to} have reached you
before the waist - If you don't mention them in your next
I'll mail another pair -

I wish you would buy yourself the real good Summer dress shirts so you'd be comfortable - or a plain black silk one they are so comfortable and cool - to wear with shirt waists.

It is now Wednesday afternoon - yesterday I ran over to San Francisco in the 2.30 train to look at the dresses and things in the store windows, things are very pretty. The President reviewed the school children on Van Ness Avenue at ten a.m. for saw him then so he is satisfied. If Mrs McKimley continues to improve till come to Oakland and see our children. It windy as ever and cold. has been a real cold Spring so far. Aray was delighted with what you wrote about Chaussimuth - to ask the Baby name - I hope you will make him give you good help so you'll come out with it mentions. Do have your "Madame" do your cooking and draw the extra money it would really and truly please me very much. Aray says. She cooks all night and can cook it when she does her own - and bring it down to you - Dado - pray let her - I've not seen Annie Brewer the Great Professor the Whiskey Resigned yesterday - was asked to - I don't know why! - Mr Meade is taking his place until school closes about a week or two longer - Mr McKeeney has been here 30 years. I guess he won't teach any longer. I've not heard from Aunt for a week - she was much depressed about Copie in her last letter I'm very, very sorry for her. She's so wrapped up in her children and so good to them - she may have written you about Copie - she had those faint turns quite often and the Doctor found the cause was in her hip an abscess - but I hope it won't last long and

that she won't lose her gay times - Nina seems
better, and Allie all right - Probably you have grown
up to and beyond trip to Germany so she is not as
uninspiring as when you were young.

I am glad your teeth are done and hope they will
bother you again this summer - and that your
new stairs and plumbing will not make you
ill while it is being done - Mrs Woodbury is building
a house in their back yard - its foundation is laid
and is small - may be it is a parlor - dining room
and rooms above to help out the flat - which
she told me was so crowded they have to go out for
their meals - only six rooms - no place to sleep or
cook - she told me she was going to build - but I thought
it was to cover all the back yard - the foundation
indicates a small house leaving space all around
it - for light - though the dining room windows will come
next to Mrs Martin's Barn very close - but perhaps that is
the kitchen - I'll write you when it is further developed -
She enquired most kindly for you - now I must stop -
change my waist - stem the strawberries for dinner
and feed my cat - Sam is going over to Sam on the
7 train - and I suppose Emma and Mr Monk will
be here at 6.30 - It has all clouded over and
looks like rain but I suppose it is only fog - Wishing
that your health is good and the weather pleasant
with lots of love dear girl - I remain

Yours loving
Ma

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