

Brooklyn, Jan. 19, '98

Dear John, Thank you for your

last letter and also for the drawings, & book for little Olivia, all came safely in good condition. You were very good to send so much of your own work & we appreciate it. Peire is going to send you a line or two before long - thinks that carrying your letter about in his pocket is the first step. But I shall not wait any longer for him - he means well. O, is much pleased with the book, she has two others with illustrations by the same artist, she is getting to be such a big girl - you won't know her when you see her again. Mamma here expected next May, now called little Michel! Why do you bother with the Beaure Arts examinations? If they won't admit women, why they won't, that's all.

Do you remember that Miss Furler who was at the Corvings & whom you met at the theatre I think

When Lalie was visiting them in
Athaca (the father is a prof. in Cornell)
she met your Mr. Van Relt and
he asked particularly about you;
it seems he is greatly liked there at
Cornell. Did you hear we had a
little glimpse of yr. Aunt Julia &
the two girls - only a few hours
but better than nothing.

If Avery joins you what time
of year will it be? How glad
it must make you and what
pleasant times you will have
together. I wish we cd. cross,
but a trip South is all we
can manage this winter as
Pine does not think he can
go very far from his father.

The latter is pretty well just
now & if the improvement
continues perhaps we can go
abroad by summer, though
it is not very likely & I do
not let myself count on it
at all. By the papers I see there
is a fine play now being given at
the Fort St. Martin Theatre with
Cornelia in the cast. I wonder

if you will see it. We saw a gay
piece here the other night called
The Circus Girl, scene laid in
Paris. Very good for that kind
of thing. One of General Wal-
ker's sons dined with us lately.
He is an architect in Boston
& a very nice pleasant young
man. You can imagine an
evening with books & book-
worms. Wish you had been
here. I saw (also in the paper)
that the Club in Rue Chevreuse
had been holding their annual
reception & exhibition of work done
by the members - wish I had
the article to send you. I meant
to have cut it out & then forgot
to. It spoke of the home like
atmosphere, & other flattering
remarks. How very lucky you
are in having yr. friends the May
becks with you this winter. Do
you think many (or any) really
first rank architects - will go in

to that Competition? We are
now in the midst of all kinds
of Exhibitions, lectures, music
&c. &c. Expect to leave it all
a go away for Feb. & perhaps
march. Julia Osgood & her
niece made us a little visit

just before Christmas. Asked
very particularly about you and
said "you must be very proud
of her" when I told her about
I what you wrote us. She thinks
Emma is the "dearest little thing".
She herself is very busy, studying &
giving lectures on "The History of
Art". Now take care of yourself -
if you know her & don't work all
the time. We enjoy your
letters so much and I feel there
is very little to write you in
return for them. Much love from
us both. Affectionately your Cousin

Lucy.
I shall be glad to see Miss Hasbrock
if she will call here, or let me know
where I can call on her. Heard
fr. yr. Aunt J. two days ago. All well &
happy - except the girls' limbs wh. you
know are not quite-right yet.