May 14, 1899.

Dear Julia:—

Last night was the last meeting of the dancing club. I went of course and had a very good time. It was the largest crowd that we have had for some time, and the girls were prettily robed. On Friday night last I went to the Class of Dec. '99 ball. While there I danced some twenty-six dances and arrived home at two o'clock. Next Friday night I am going to Miss Holton's party at Reed Hall. There are over four hundred and fifty invitations out so I guess I will not have very much trouble to get my dances. When I first began to go to these dances I

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bowl - small cut glass dish & set of blue
vases - several small fairy lamps - bonbon
jewelry & cover - gold dragon vase & one -
Spanish vase - & dozens of teaspoons -
also a silver pincushion - all the silver
in this set - for 6 people -
all the knives - forks -
the spoons -
the serving - but no pickle -
& cheese knives - forks - & cake knives -
salad forks - neither of which she has -
Also all the same pattern from you & the

– that makes three possible wedding dresses – Lily is much pleased
with them all & what has reason to be – this very carefully
you should think of them all – they were both so
I thought the [illegible] was glad to hear [illegible] here –
The afternoon [illegible] was Mrs Mainwaring at home
nothing had [illegible] said to prejudice one – but [illegible] of the
affected [illegible] that made one too mad to care to speak to
her – I thought [illegible] and glad Agnes must hurry to
see me & [illegible] – All [illegible] to-be-had [illegible] first
left a [illegible] here for Lucie – with till to [illegible] by Reuben
you her [illegible] Mabel Cowdroy [illegible] dropping
the engagement announcement [illegible] to was
thought [illegible] – Eldie [illegible] pretty green
& white [illegible] – to which she [illegible] here –
Caddie Safford [illegible] – & Agnes – [illegible] San Francisco
They all [illegible] Mabel & her [illegible] are evidently
going to have a [illegible] sister & [illegible] they with much
many diplomatic [illegible] Lou Mc Guire is going as naval
Inspector at Annapolis – practically merely an honorary position

we got to little Rock last evening - She has taken a nice little room at Mrs Ferguson's - a pretty good table & at least five sugars to coffee - a real good night's sleep & lovely cold bath this morning - Can't think that Jessie had in mind that she was going to a sugar country - Of course we shall get used by & by to everything in fact the first day or two all will look strange - but after that all will look like a white doll - for which she has been longing that she got - Her dress is a nice white lawn dress - a white fichu - a black & white gingham plain & one fancier - a number of shirt waists - a silk & black silk petticoat - her new suit - silk lined - her finest reserved in brown & white striped silk - a new hat & several low shoes - Then Freida took of ordinary useful clothes - She bought a good hand set - with a long trained petticoat to go with her newest white muslin & lace dress making a thoroughly with a train & neck adjustable to height or depths by means of a removable yoke - She says it's a beauty & we think she may be married in that

— Have just come back from a quick trip to Berkeley — to take some of Eyer things over to her real wedding dress — She came to us all comfortable — and married — and left us — for Europe — for three — glorious — months — I was mistaken — when I said — she was going to Alexandria to stay — she will be here — Dr Acton is going with her — and they will be married — in Paris — and — look well on her — We will go out to see her off Tuesday — I hope you are well — Do plan a good — Visit — With love — Emma — Monterey — May 22 1879 —

have a cottage. I went out yesterday afternoon
to help them with [illegible] Ellie
and Grace decided in the [illegible]
the corner of [illegible] and
Harry and her mother [illegible] week. Have during the week
for few days. Mother went [illegible] Thursday
and Agnes is going [illegible] the week
she [illegible] to stay. Mr. Spencer [illegible]
also going to indulge in [illegible] for the
week future. Ruth [illegible] that [illegible]
quite [illegible] to say she hopes that [illegible]
juice. I have not [illegible] they [illegible]
yet as it is a poor time [illegible] money [illegible]

did not care very much about
it but although I always succeeded
in getting my timber. How
timber is sawed I don't know
that they put it in the saw pit
and the sawyer stands on
the top of the log and
the other man under
pulling the saw up.

As you have probably heard
I was also to build Mr Wilkes
a new house somewhat
different height. This is a
contract I assure you, very low
between price, and by my mind
very poorly constructed. Inside
it is finished pine for the second
and third stories while the first
is shingled and the corners rough
painted white. The roof is shingled
I have put in three windows
in all right and I was to
build a house I would have