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My dear Mother:

Your nice letter  
came to-day and I  
was glad to get it as  
usual. Thank you very  
much for letting me  
have the tennis racket.  
I have used different ones  
until I can't play half  
way decent at all because  
I just get used to one  
racket when I have  
to get another.

I have some very  
bad news for you.

I asked Miss Bridgely  
about our vacation and  
she said she would  
try and arrange it  
so that we might have  
our vacation to-gether  
I told her if she wanted  
to let us go in July  
it was all right just  
so we got to go to-  
gether. She said she  
would try and arrange  
it. Well to-day she  
told Miss Turner she  
couldn't give her her  
vacation until the  
first of September. I  
don't want to wait

that long for mine  
for all the girls will  
be back at school  
and we won't have  
near as much fun.  
And even then I don't  
know whether Miss  
Bridge will let me  
wait until then. I have  
a strong feeling that  
she will send me  
the first of July.  
and if that is so  
I'll be home in  
two weeks. I think  
it will be best for you  
not to come down

after us for I guess I'll  
bring my trunk home  
and if so I would  
have to express it  
up. I wouldn't bring  
a trunk if I could  
get a suit case but  
you see I only have  
this one and it wouldn't  
be large enough. I  
might be able to  
borrow one some where.  
What do you think about  
my trying to wait  
until Sept.? If I should  
get to come by the

first of July I'd want  
some new clothes  
not many. But it seems  
I haven't hardly any  
at all. I have fixed  
up that white shirt  
I had last summer  
and it will do all  
right I think but  
I would like to have  
a plain white dress  
and a waist or two.  
I am not going to get  
that sweater for I  
don't need it and doubt  
if I ever wear it. if I

were to get it. Then  
I would like to have  
a white hat and  
another pair of slippers  
(always wanting something)  
The other day I went  
down town the  
day I went to look  
I saw some sport  
hats for sale and  
I got one to match  
my wisteria dress for  
\$1.50 I borrowed the  
money from Turner. It  
was such a good

farguin I couldn't  
let it go by and it  
is dark enough to  
wear late in the  
fall. Then this winter  
I'll have my green hat  
re-trimmed and not  
get a new one.

Well I believe that  
is all the clothes  
talk for this time.

Harry Chapin graduates  
in the morning  
at Grover Cleaveland  
and he was good  
enough to send me

a ticket. The exercises  
are at 10<sup>00</sup> and so  
I am going.

You asked about that  
basket. I think it does  
include the case  
but am not real sure.  
I have been wearing my  
middy and either my  
white skirt or my  
suet skirt. We play  
in the mornings  
after I come off duty  
I have been playing  
with Miss Dulow and  
she is on N.D. too



ever since we have  
been playing, I have  
beat her every set.

Yes I come off No. 1 the  
first I think that is  
one reason I think I  
might come home.

I got a nice long  
letter from Charles  
the other day and he  
says that since he  
has been in Texas  
every day but two have  
been boiling hot. He has  
gotten so stoned that  
he almost looks like

a quesser. He is planning  
on going back to N.Y.  
before long. It seems his  
whole company are to  
to a camp near N.Y.  
He seems to very much  
taken up with work.

Yes I got those stockings  
and thought I had  
acknowledged them  
shortly after I got  
them.

I should say you  
are sporting. Cousin  
Daisy told me about  
the separation. I think  
you have done fine

in selling cream  
you soon will have it  
paid for.

I was talking to Mrs  
Siddeman to day and  
she has arranged to  
have one of the members  
of the Maplewood O.E.S  
give me instructions  
in their work so  
I won't have any  
trouble getting in  
any lodge I choose  
to attend.

Here I have written  
about twice as much  
as I expected to

write in the first  
place so I'll stop now  
so you won't get tired

Love to all

Chic

P.S. It seems Nell is  
spending a great deal  
of her time out at  
your house. Pretty  
soon Mrs Martin will  
be wondering what it  
all means. Well she  
can be daughter while  
I am gone but I want  
my place when I come  
back