Friday, April 28, 93

My dear T— your rec. I cannot imagine Dr L— tiresome unless he were tumbling in love then I can picture him as absolutely offensive — is that the matter with him? — but pshaw how or where can such a made human as he have a heart hid? — No doubt you are surprised at my mind taking this matrimonial turn for you — but it's the spring-time here — two of our teachers are to marry widowers, two others are quietly falling in love, — and I am surrounded on all sides, in it, but not of it, and naturally I picture you in the same predicament. I do wish you'd marry a foreigner — I want to come and stay a year with you — Hurry up I'm growing old.

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you may think from the light tone, that my ~~heart~~ heart is light — its false false-hearted Clarence! Sin in the depths. The Pres. was to visit me to-day — and I made a perfect muddle — Ed you know no one can muddle so boofully as I can when I do muddle. It's lucky my recommendation is in for next year, or else it would never be — I abhor the thought of another year of it — but let us draw a wail (I hear so much broken english that my vs and ws are inextricably mixed).

I saw the May Chautauqua, but nothing in it by you — wouldn't it be just like him not to have your article appear; Has he paid you for them?

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This no. was a poor one. Miss Nettie J Hunt, who sits next me on the rostrum, had a little poem in it. I have not heard from any one lately, but then they write nothing whatever so it don't matter. Eldee, Miss Cooper and some others are to go the first of June. Does Mary Henry write you any thing? A letter from her makes me tear it into little bits — why don't she tell whether her hair is as curly as of yore etc — anything! Annie sails to-day on the Berlin same boat we came in last year. I shall see the girls the week I am in Chicago. Chet is in Chicago, one of the Columbian guard. They give $60 per month and bunk to sleep in. The guard, he says is made up of

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preacher, lawyers, drs, students, roustabouts. Monday May 1, it is set a-going by Mrs. Cleveland in Washington. Did you know there was to be a second Miss Ruth ere long. I have not heard from Mamie Tupper for a long time I fear the baby is ill.

I'm delighted to hear how you are "getting on." Do tell me the editor of the Scribner's name. We have been asked that half a dozen times lately, but no one knows. It is fascinating even to me to hear of your "goings on" with the descendants of Madame Roland, and to the people that don't (or haven't seen) see behind the scenes as I have, it must seem too

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delightfully too-too, to think of you in the "midst of them!" When I think of it & am teaching sentence analysis, I fairly take their ears off, when I think of my unhappy fate.

Have you any new duels? I'm having every thing made over. The brown plaid with a black, the green with blue stripe, with green, the blue serge Paris dress with blue. My red hat pinched into another shape, my brown 7 set with another feather, and behold my Paris goods do me for another year! I haven't spent $25 for clothes since I came home. I can recall no Titusville news excepting

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Nellie Cornell is to marry young Archbold, and mother has the rheumatism, and our old horse, Prince, has demised of a throat trouble. Don't fail to give me Miss Boice's address - I've been trying to get into communication with her all year, but have not succeeded.

Poor Mlle. Louise, but jolly Madame G— But mark me if Madame & Monsieur C— should unite there will be war, they are both so spirited. Does Mon. C— still continue his English lessons? I have great envy of your French attainments by this time.

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Oshkosh is not so slow. We had a little tornado of our in Lake Winnebago the other day, and the waters roared like the waters of the very deep. Almost the first of May, and in flannels yet. Rheumatism, grippe and sick like abound. The faculty is all "stove up." I'm about the only member of the faculty who has not missed a class. I'm having a fine time this term; no teaching in the afternoon and one day three in the forenoon and again four. I wouldn't mind it all, if I were not so deathly afraid of Prexy — there I've thought of my favorite phrase I have not used it this year — "It beats the bugs"

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why I should be such a fool. There poor old fellows who had so many plagues, and made (or tried) tricks without all the indigents didn't have a much more time than I have trying to teach school without brains or trying to write you a long letter without any thing to tell you. I understand the condition. I really believe I could write sermons — I can draw such acute parallelles (that last word is spelled à la Tarbell).

This bright cheery letter of mine must come to a close and I must pull down my little sofa bed put on the nice little sheet etc and get there in.

Honi soit qui mal y pense — J.H.
The only French I could (recall)

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