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## Letter from Mary to Family- Circa Spring 1926

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Dearest Family.

This weekend has been such a happy one I don't know where to begin I suppose I better take it a day at a time. Lets see I believe it was Thursday when my laundry came with some surprises in it.

I didn't open the box of dates, even to look at - till Mary came Friday. - They are as good as usual of course! - but the little ones - with them (was as clever as could be. - - - - Mother, you're getting to be worse & worse original all the time. -



I love the green shirt and  
 I think I'd rather have  
 bloomers to wear with it  
 than anything else - altho  
 anything would be alright.

And I love the book  
 of poems - just love it.  
 Had you look over it enough  
 to read some of them - I  
 love this one - It's so short  
 I know it already - -

"I'm glad the sky is painted blue  
 And the earth is painted green  
 And such a lot of nice fresh air  
 all sandwiched in between!"

anonymous -

Isn't that dear?



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The chain I had sent  
couldn't be better - I like the  
flatness of it and its just  
the right weight for the medal.  
--- wait till you see how  
it looks - and by the way it  
won't be very long till you  
do see - And I appreciated  
so much your getting me  
one - - when I asked if  
you would want to send  
me Eschers?

Friday morning I went  
to meet Mary on the 8:44  
flyer from Chicago - and  
I didn't believe she was  
coming till I saw her  
get off that train and



~~these~~ <sup>4</sup> we surely did look  
good to each other. She didn't  
sleep at all, all night -  
too excited - but I did - slept  
like a log. Friday  
afternoon we rested and  
talked a little and walked  
around the campus and  
saw people

It is now Monday evening  
and I'm going to finish this  
- Mary came in just as I  
finished the above! - Sun. Evening



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Mary and I are having the finest - nice time. We are taking things easy and calm. and Mary is purer gold than ever. We've both changed - and it's interesting. She has just finished reading from her diary some of the sorrowful moods - that she passed through. This year has been a hard one for her and she's been a "kick" - We went to the "Lib" this evening - she wrote ~~two~~ three letters and I did some reading for History. Exam will be here all too soon.



And I must make good in them.

We are having marvelous weather. It has been showering all day and the air is so fresh and nice.

You should see the two beautiful roses that Miss Gaud and Mrs. McCloy gave me on my birthday. They are opening so slowly and beautifully. The buds of the valerys you sent were just lovely - and I remember the time you sent them last year and also of how you have told me often of the time when the "doctor" brought them to me at the very beginning of my life in this world.



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Saturday morning the  
box of cakes came - I  
couldn't imagine what  
was in that box when  
I lifted it and the  
"baby fellow" is so cute!

But - I don't know  
when I've enjoyed anything  
so much as the look of  
poems. Those poems are  
so choice - and helpful.  
I've read more of them  
- and learned one  
little one.

Leland & Mary and  
Bob and I were together  
most of the time today.



Color Day was wonderful  
 - much more wonderful  
 and slower than last  
 year. - but I won't begin  
 to write that - It won't  
 be long till I can tell  
 everything.

you should see the  
 lovely matinee Boots brot  
 me - "If for Herbs"  
 but it's not the same one  
 I gave Esther. Its beautifully  
 framed. And you should  
 see the wonderful picture  
 of herself that Elizabeth  
 sent me. - Its beautiful  
 and so natural of her.  
 - Shes been writing much  
 oftener for the last couple  
 months



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Evelyn Miller sent me a lovely leather purse with "Bear" stamped on it.

Mary is staying with me - and we've got the choicest way to sleep - I'll tell you about it. Mary's sleeping fine and we went to sleep this afternoon. She's feeling much better these last few days than she has for a long, long time she says and she's much better since she came even. - She's staying at least a week

— Hooray!



We didn't have any  
school all morning but I  
worked in the Tea House  
all morning.

I have been asked to  
take charge of the primary  
department of College Hall  
next year - and that will  
mean work - and I don't  
know what to do. I don't  
know whether I ought to take  
the time -

And - I've got a  
notion I want to stay thru  
commencement, June 11-14. -  
- I would earn a little extra  
here at the Tea House - but  
then I'd be tired - But then too  
I'd like to see my best



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friends graduate. &  
Commencement is a big  
affair - I haven't thought  
it over very carefully yet.

Must close now.

Much Love

to my dear Family

Glean