

Hamilton, Mo.,
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My Dear Elizabeth—

No doubt you think I am a long time and, you letter, and so I am, enjoyed your epistle very much, was glad you had a pleasant trip, and having a time now. Intended writing you before and had one partly written, but had taken your letter down to Aunt Marys to read her, and somehow it was among some others and destroyed, so had to ask Lura for the address, and will now make a desperate effort to finish this, and "officed."

You know now what a jolly time I had in it, it just delightful, or are ^{you not} carried away

2.
with things in general, only
^{1 mile} I was out among the Rockies
and going to try for a swell
position out that way, eh?

Mother and father want to
Omaha Thurs. morning will
be home Monday I guess, am
chief of most every thing now.

Have not been to St. Joe
yet, had a letter from Miss
Lena yesterday saying she
thought of going about the middle
of the month and I don't like
it very well, guess she thinks
I could do all right not to go
at all, as she asks me if I thought
I had to go, she thought for K.
trade that I could do all right,
and I decided there and there
and told her that I would ^{not} think
of doing so, would think she
ought to know better than
that, The board bill was what

she was thinking about, don't think I shall stay another season, altho' it is a very easy position, can handle wait 'till time to go am anxious to see what will be more.

Mabel W. gave a musical, or recital, Monday night with her advanced pupils, and you should have ^{heard} Lena play, she just did splendid, better than any one of them and every one complimented her highly, I was so glad, said she played more like her teacher than any of her pupils, she will make a fine player I think.

Have been wondering what you are up to this morning, do you think of going to school or taking a position or what? you find wages there, so much higher than here.

4. Have been to Chingston but
once since you left, drove
over one evening and found
Geo. was quite sick, he was
better when I last heard from
him think he did to much
"lectioneering", didn't set well,
he looked rather thin.

I don't know what I will
do this winter with-out you,
shall miss you terribly, if
you know how much that
is, I can't tell, but know it is a
great big lot, then going to
have ~~some~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. more my pict-
ures, had four more, but seemed
as tho' I can't keep them or I
meant to say, have given away
more than I tho't I would, every
one thinks they are so good

Had a long letter from
Maudie, and she is having
another such time as you

taking pleasure trips, camp-
ing out etc. my I just can't
hardly stand it. I must write
to Nell today expect she thinks
I am getting reckless, heard
from her a long time ago,
Lena said she was going to
the seaside, so she is there
by this time, suppose you
knew they had another girl,
I must feel dead, still I that
maybe there was something up.

Nell I see I have written
five pages, so had better ring
off 'til next time, now have
a good time for me, write
me again soon, and I will
try and do better, have been
pretty busy sewing and fixing
my winter dresses, so I wouldn't
have to work all winter, have
been making 'hubbard pants,
lead swell over, miss near there
(over)

where I come to see you,

Have written to mama
and now I will write Nell,
so Good Bye till next time

With Love

Gertrude

"Tigg"

("Kiss de Plum")



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