

Osborne. May. 1. 1894

Dear Ella.

I am afraid you will begin to think I am procrastinating again but I will try and write this afternoon I ironed & baked a cake for the children this morning as they had a picnic if they are perfect in deportment and attendance for a mo. they have a half day to do as they like and so about 30 of them have a picnic and go to the woods Ethel wants to get some flowers as she has been very busy making may baskets and has no flowers Roger was also helping last evening

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We have been building to our home have two more bedrooms and a closet they are all plastered and ready for the finishing I wish it was all done as I am very anxious to get straight once more we have been torn up as I had to take up the carpet in this room and between the noise and dirt and confusion I am pretty well tired out and I want to get my house cleaning done before it gets too warm.

I have made Ethel a pretty calico dress with ruffles and trimmed with braid I don't believe I will enjoy the ironing but she looks well at it - I board-

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ed the carpenter while he was here and I have Clare Thompson, oldest daughter boarding here and going to school she will be here only seven weeks she came in when the school closed in the country they have an examination held three times in the country at different points and those who can pass that examination can pass enter the high school or a college at Manhattan without any further examination the questions are prepared by a state board and the county superintendent pass upon the papers and give the grade there were quite a no. took the examination they must have

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but he does & tell him when he
J. J. has bought a hold interest in
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and Gram. and Pena, I think this is
all. but people see it is raising
the grade of the country, schools
do hope times will be quieter
when you want to go some about
know but it is safe to travel but
I do not think we can tell just
how things are there is such a
state of unrest among the
working classes I had wondered
if you would take in San
Francisco this summer. Do you
still think of it if not could you
come around this way we would
be very glad to see you I do not
know how far we are out of your
way let us know if you think of it
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