

142 Broadway NY
Wednesday

My dearest Mary/

I received yours of the 4th on Tuesday morning & am sincerely obliged to you for it. Your excuse is perfectly & entirely satisfactory for not writing on Sunday & I would not for the world – for I would be very wrong – desire you to do violence to your conscience -- so tho' I regretted that you could not still I entirely approve of your reasons. I have not yet heard if you have received the locket or how you liked the likeness that as this is Wednesday I suppose I shall have a letter from you to morrow –

I am obliged to go to Phila this afternoon to escort Miss Lane who goes there homeward after a most interesting visit to New York. I shall return to New York by the midnight or owl train so as not to be away from the office any more than necessary – Could I have gone on a Saturday I should have gone out to see your Uncle Peter but as it is now I must hurry back, as I have unavoidably lost several days lately & one was on Monday when Miss Lane had made up a party to go up to West Point in the US Revenue Cutter “H Lane” – We had an enchanting trip – music, dancing, scenery, Cadets drills, etc. – company was about fifty all nice people & acquaintances – Your friend Miss Dora Mason among them – what a very bright & pretty girl she is -- & we had a “good time.” Miss Mason says she is not engaged to Mr. Wright. She spoke a great deal of you & very admiringly. Lieut. Saxton an old friend I invited to join us at West Point & go down to the city which he did was delighted. I have no doubt but that you are having a splendid time now that you have Misses Mary & Margie with you & that letters will be few & short so you see how jealous I am – the Malachites have come at last & Mr. Stoeckl brought them himself – they are exquisite bracelet brooch ear rings & have pins in Etruscan setting.

How would you like to spend a few days at West Point on our way up to the Lake? I think I have heard you express a curiosity to see the Point. My friends the Thierts go to morrow to Lake George for the season.

Business is rather dull at present on all sides & I feel it in my small way too – But I must say goodbye – love to all

Yours truly & affectionately
JBH

