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Atlantic City (for the last time) October 11th

My dearest boy-

We three "Orflings" have just returned from that noblest of Atlantic City institutions, the Post Office, where I found your letter awaiting me, you dear boy to write to me so faithfully- I don't wonder you found an [underlined] interesting [/underlined] book a more agreeable companion than your stupid old Weekly Notes, but how you

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could possibly enjoy anything more than gazing out upon the magnificent scenery New Jersey can boast of, is a mystery to me. I have been working myself up this morning over Erckmann-Chatrain's account of the battle of Waterloo, it is splendid, only he makes his hero take such a calm collected view of everything that it aggravates me, makes me feel like shaking him. The greater part of my day has been spent in a rather lazy way (poetry, "though I hadn't such intentions") [Larrin?] the

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German which was quite exhausting. We are going to begin the packing to-morrow, so the next two days there will be plenty to keep my idle hands from mischief- think. [underlined] Home [/underlined] Thursdayit's too good to be true! I'm sure I'll fall into the ocean or the fire or something before that day arrives. This is the very last letter (a rarity of "lasts" aren't there?) I will write while I'm seventeen, the dignity of eighteen years will soon be upon me, so beware young man of the airs I'm going to put on. I do hope Indiana will be

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found on the right side to-morrow, take good care of yourself in the wood to-morrow night. I'm not sure that it's wise in me to let you go down town so late, but as a great treat you may- Good night dear boy, a hug for every year of my life- sounds rather leary!

Your loving,

Daisy.

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