

Mount Pleasant July 20th

My dear Sister,

I sit down to inform you, that Eliza and I are very well, and I am very sorry that I could not send word soon enough for you to come down and go sailing with us on the fourth of July; the Misses Delmonico Miss Tauxem and all the young ladies went over to Perry's Landing, and we visited the Lake on the mountain picking up some shells on the shore, and enjoying ourselves very much in taking the sail across the river. Miss Mary and two of the young ladies came from New York on Thursday. I am learning Yankee Doodle, and Paddy Cary, and I expect to play them both very well for you when you come down here, the Misses Delmonico and all the young ladies are very well. I send my love^{to} Papa, Mama, and all the rest of the family. I remain your affectionate Sister
Catharine Van Hook.

Catharine Van Wyck^r
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