

Yale College  
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My dear Father

We received your letter which should have been answered before this but that our studies in Mathematics are becoming rather more difficult than formerly which leave us very little leisure I have hitherto got on with them tolerably well yet I am afraid that when we come to the harder and more abstruse parts of mathematics I will have neither health nor abilities to go through with them My health is good at present yet my constitution is not such as will bear much confinement and hard study which will be necessary Mathematics is studied principally here and a persons standing in his class depends almost too much I should suppose, on his scholarship in them I had never a particular taste for such studies though I shate by ~~far~~ hard to go through with them while my roommate thinks no pleasure superior to ~~that~~ steady. My tutor the other day <sup>advised me</sup> to play shuttlecock as a very good exercise I have preferred ~~over~~ walking; my pain in the breast which I had when I left home is almost entirely



gone, and I hope this spring weather will  
together with next vacation drive it away  
altogether. Jewellyn is I believe as much pleased  
with college as I am & I am as yet very much pleased  
with it. The tutor of my division is rather unpopular  
yet I have always <sup>found him</sup> polite and obliging  
& he has excused me every time I have made  
application to him. The other day I went ~~to~~ <sup>would inhale</sup> to him  
and told him that some of the ~~students~~ <sup>would inhale</sup> the exhilarating  
gas and that I had a curiosity to see them he said  
that he <sup>would not</sup> wish it as a general thing but as I had  
been punctual I might be excused. I then went and  
the first that took it had no effect upon the next as soon  
as they took the bag from him began to look into and dance  
and jump about and pull the fellows about. One began  
to fight would chase the fellows all about the room.  
One jumped up and cried out bliss two or three times  
and danced about and sung and talked about Miss Doxus  
(a lady he was particularly fond of) and then ran up  
to a medical student ~~and~~ and seeing him tore  
his pantaloons off just above the knee and left  
his great long hairy leg sticking out naked and  
then running up to another, snatched off his spectacles  
~~while~~ But the two most ludicrous ones were Coit & Robbins  
of the Senior Class one of them (Coit) placed his hat in

the middle of the floor (it was an old rusty  
hat which the fellows were in the habit of laughing  
at him about) and made an address to ~~them~~  
it "O most Magnanimous hat! superincumbent  
on the bare floor! Rex Brainorum. and he laughed  
all the while fit to kick himself, and the other one  
went about bowing and scraping to the ~~company~~  
and ran <sup>tripto</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> at fat fellow in the room and tried  
to kiss him but he was too strong for him, so he  
left him and very unexpectedly ran up to me  
and seizing me hugged me and kissed me very  
affectionately before I could disengage myself  
I coloured and blushed up to the eyes ~~and~~ at ~~length~~  
unexpectedly a salutation and at length succeeded  
in freeing myself from his embraces. I understood  
that Bailey, Mercey, and Fitzhugh, are all candidates  
for Congress. ~~The~~ The election will I suppose be  
well contested, but while they are ~~in~~ disputing  
~~about~~ some one might come in and take off the  
prey. You will vote I presume for Fitzhugh  
if you vote at all. Were I in your place ~~you~~ <sup>rather</sup>  
I would receive ~~an~~ give votes. Will you send me  
a Leesburg paper now and then I wish to see  
the other candidates. Jewellyn desires me to mention  
that he feels rather in need of that loan. But I  
must conclude <sup>with</sup> love to ma and others and with the hope  
of hunting in the blue ridge in a few months.

remain your affectionate  
Charles Powell



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