

Dearest Papa,

I was much surprised to find your parcel & note last night. The books look charming, & will just be what I need as the Misses a day or two have been so much read & these seem more modern & scientific.

As far the money. What shall I say? I don't know that I ought to refuse money to augment the fortunes of the young ones, for I certainly wd like to have money to give them every educational advantage, though as I was explaining to mother last night, they are becoming quite wealthy in a small way. But what do you suppose I sh^d do with

\$3000 - I have no upstart
tastes, & to squander such a
sum on harpies, such as
sewing women or dealers in
vanity, surely w^d be shocking
Then really it is for you to
save up & grow rich yourself
if possible - though how you
can manage it, unless you
c^d find a small dragon to
inhale your pocket - I
remember all you just there
in, I am sure I don't know
you are always so good
to all of us, & so willing to
give us anything or everything
that it is too bad for us to
prey upon your generosity.

I shall see you tonight
I hope - but - certainly I
don't think any one ever
had a better or kinder
father - & I thank you with
all my heart -

Lovingly

Anna

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