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[Letter from Jane Chambers to Ann Lashbrook; envelope addressed to Miss Ann Lashbrooke, Washington, Mason Co., Kentucky; postmarked Paris, KY, May 27]

at Sister margaret's Tuesday [Tuesday] morning

Well my dear Ann Jane Forman and myself have just got here and now it is raining hard and I have taken advantage of the gloomy weather to write to you which I should have done sooner but circumstances to [too] numerous to mention have prevented till to day [today]. Sister m. has called me to drink lemonade – well I have resumed my writing after drinking so much lemonade I feel as if I would burst; I wish you were with me to share the good things. Jane F. and my self [myself] undressed after dinner yesterday and put on our night gowns set a kettle of homemade candy on the fire and then layed [laid] on the bed

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We had scarcely laid down before a carriage drove up with the ladies and the young gentlemen in it and of course we had to get up and dress ourselves and just as they were going may our candy got done and they staid [stayed] to help us make it. Indeed Ann I think you gave me a firstrate [first rate] account of W. Rannell's and G.G.K. Thorpe Mr R.S. belly is not seriously injured give my respects to him and tell him I hope he will have recovered from his wound before I get home. Tell cousin Lorn [?] she cant [can't] see the letter because it is entirely too wimsesical [whimsical?] for he would certainly think I was a natral' [natural] fool! which you know very well I am not. We all talk of going to Lexington [Kentucky] the first of next week G.F. and me have a great curiosity to see the city.

Frank went to Lexingon and had the exquisite pleasure of seeing miss Ann maria Marshall.

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Oh me how fast it rains I do wish most sincere by that it would clear off for I am completely tired of rainy weather. Well, well I beleive [believe] I cannot think of any thing [anything] else to write except that Sister Matilda and Jane Forman send their love to you. Now Ann if you dont [don't] answer this the very day you get I never will write to you again and you must write just as long a letter as I have and as much longer as you choose for I do hate to receive a short letter from a friend.

Your affectionate friend and schoolfellow

Jane Chambers

To Miss Lashbrooke

of Washington

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Pensez a moir ma chere amie [in French]