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Dearest Little Sister:

Yours of Mar 29 before me came to hand Apr 13. Wasn't me glad to get it tho? You just mind me more. Yes, I should say time does fly. It is astonishing how fast it does go.

Yesterday I had a party from the Great Mormon Temple Choir to see me and they sang two songs and the leading lady Soloist Soprano sang Last Rose of Summer. Oh but it was exquisite. Altho' they were not equally divided as to parts it was something grand. There were about 40 in the party and such rosy cheeked healthy girls I never saw. Every note came forth as from one instrument and each & all together sounded like some monster organ or symphony orchestra playing in unison. All offhand work too. I never heard the like before. There are 1200 in the Temple Choir and 150 of them are out here on a trip for pleasure and have been prevailed upon to give concerts which they did and as a reward they wound up last night Saturday at Metropolitan Hall by being given a regular genuine ovation. Tonight they give a Sacred Concert. The celebrated boy contralto is a member of the choir & is a wonder. What substantial healthy beautiful girls they all were. They were accompanied by a number of male members also. They were pleasantly disappointed upon seeing me & have changed their minds of me. I was so sorry mamma was not here to hear them. Mrs. Coleman was however & after some of them called upon her & came out to see mamma at home.

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You are having queer weather, aren't you? We had hail t'other day as big as peas fall in through the skylight into the hallway. Now you must be perfectly careful of those "tootsie wootsies" and keep 'em dry as you possibly can Sis?

Ma Soeur chère now mind another thing and that is your ear. Don't wash your hair so often then it won't bother you so much. I wouldn't mind the Frau helping herself it won't break you and if it is the custom you must conform to it to be friends. Au contraire I would invite her to partake of what ever you happen to have at hand should she happen in.

True Amitié is to be gained a tout prix.

I should think Lesser (Herr) is curious it is Très bien to be so at or upon a certain occasion in circumstances but I would not put up with it i.e. too much of it. It shows vulgar ignorance. I suppose you know that.

Do these visitors have to be received in your room or in the general sitting room? Have they such a room for visitors. I wouldn't receive anyone at [your] room 'cept girls. You had better not mar[r]y a dutchman unless he is a rich Prince & willing to do your will see?

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Carrie Bowes got rather a cold shoulder from S. F. Press none of them spoke more than two & 1/2 or 3 inches worth. All the prior announcements of the concert (to be) were larger than the after announcement. As you see by enclosed.

What's the matter with your throat that you cannot keep in voice. That is strange. My but you must do better than that. I hope soon that Herr Prof will get a little money prospects look a little better now. Can't speak for certain though.

Oh I am so troubled. Don't you know the only thing that troubles me most is your affairs. I am so afraid of you being short. If I were out you wouldn't be you bet. Didn't you read 1st Violin here. You know Marie loaned it [to] me when I was ill at home & "Ships to is n.g.[no good]. I never read it but they say it is n.g.[no good]. If you can get "Tricotrin" by Ouida be sure & get it it is a marvel of writing. It is magnificent it sells for 20¢ here (paper) is worth 10x that amt[amount]. She is a (master writer) you can open the book at any page & learn a lesson.

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It is not light or trashy, yet beautiful & holds the attention throughout.

Yes if you have time to take up Prof or Dr. Brandenburg's offer it is a good one especially from such a man.

Oh I am keeping pace with Thesla, Edison & your German & French electricians & their experiments – as far as published in the papers. Aren't they great though. What did you say he Dr. Brandenburg was (a Prof at University?) Oh I am so mad I can't stand it to hear that that careless serving girl spoiled those pictures now!! Whew!! woo!!!! Gee wiz I like to get at her and jig her up a bit.

That is a pretty piece of silk you sent me a sample of. I suppose by this time you have a good time with Lottie. Showed her all about & had a good time in general. Now let's know all about it and as there is no more to say at present save regards to your friends there. I will say Adios for a time with lots of kisses & love.

Lovingly,
Brother T

Here are some more flowers from Mrs. Town, Calaveras Co.[County] Cal.[California]

Post script: Have just looked at flowers they are damp yet only came yesterday. So must wait a while yet sister.