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Boston. Nov 24. 1873.

Dear Teacher.

Two summers ago I went to Marblehead to see some old houses, there were some a great many hundred years old. There was the old house that was the headquarters of Gen. Lee, and where he received Washington and Lafayette. The staircase was almost as wide as this room, and the pump was so old fashioned I had a drink of the water, and it was the very best I ever tasted. I went to the old fort Scivall. There was an Indian and his family that took care of the fort. They had a little girl about three years old and she was so cunning, she had her father's hat on, it looked so funny. She went round with us all the

time and tried to tell the different things in the fort. When it was time for dinner the lady told us that we could climb over the side of the fort to eat our dinner. The visitors are not allowed to go over the side because it is made of dirt with sods laid on top. After we had eaten our dinner we went down on the rocks. The rocks are very sharp and we had to be careful or they would cut us. The Indian had a very funny cow. She was striped red and white. He had her in a partity in an Indian hut.

Clara L. Guild.

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Fourth Class.  
Nov. 1878.