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Dear Mary Jane,

As I was getting ready to go to bed last night, your grand-mother and I began to talk of the early days of woman suffrage. Now it happened that suffrage was a very important matter to the women's Club of Louisville (the building still stands) and we wrote and listened to many speeches on this subject. My older sister, Janie, was one of the speakers and I don't know how many times she was speaking. As I was in the club house by myself, I hurried back to my desk to write my story. Later on, it was printed in the paper.

But the suffragists were clever women and members among them were Mrs. Resha Breckenridge, Mrs. James Land, and Mrs. Patty B. Somm and others who...
well known in Louisville.

At this same time also, it was decided to hold a big convention here, and to bring important women from all parts of the country.

From the strangers, we selected a committee to go to Frankfort to address the legislature for woman suffrage.

Among those speakers I heard Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, who spoke without notes, and whose voice was beautiful. All the reporters sat in the first row and very proud we were to be. I still remember what a remarkable speaker Mrs. Breckinridge was, for though I tried very hard to make notes, on what she said I could not keep up with her.

The best reporter, in the city camp
to the meetings and all the speeches carried full reports on what was said.

We did not have the kind I better the English suffragettes had to put up with. These women brought notes and tied themselves to tree boughs so the policemen could not drag them off so easily. But it was different in London, for many were arrested, imprisoned, flogged, threatened, hot and heavy, in trousers. The name of their great leader was Mrs. Pankhurst which I think you will remember and what she said was printed in the London as well New York newspapers. She was a very small woman with a fine voice that carried to every corner of the hall.
We also organized processions and I walked in one of them with ten friends on each side of the street.

So you see suffrage was a big question here, in spite of the fact that Henry Watterson, Editor of the Courier Journal was set against us.

If he wrote an editorial about us, which he often did, he called us "crazy janets and silly callyes"