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Scope and Contents
This manuscript item is the composition notebook of student Ella P. Woodward, who identifies herself as “1st Junior Sept.” early in the notebook. The notebook contains numerous short stories, poems, essays, and other short compositions; each is graded and includes remarks and criticisms from Ella’s teacher. The last entry is dated June 21, 1878.

Particularly notable is Ella’s essay regarding her visit to the famous New York phrenologist Dr. Fowler: “My uncle has for a long time wanted me to go to Dr. Fowler’s and have my head examined; but though I had no faith in the science last Saturday I went.” She goes on to describe the process and her surprise at Dr. Fowler’s accuracy in assessing her personality.

The contents are: Whispers of the night -- Grandma's old chest -- Leaves -- A dialogue -- A nursery tale -- What's in a name -- A visit to the phrenologist's -- Punctuation -- A chapter of chronicles -- Slang terms -- Another goose -- Color -- Musings of a mouser -- [Untitled: “Do not, my dear, let our mistake create suspicion in thy heart ...”].