CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT 404 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

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My dear **Doctor**:

I certainly am a greenie. It never occurred to me that I should wear a cap and gown. Even now I wonder if I should wear it before the degree or only after. I have never seen an honorary degree given. Indeed I've never seen a cap and gown commencement. In England the Faculty seems to wear them all the time and in many Eastern colleges students wear them, but I never knew the ethics of scholastic fashions and am as ignorant of which way the tassel should point as an orang from Borneo. However, I've written at once to the [Albany?] firm to make a preliminary inquiry into the fitting of a Doctor's cap and I've inquired into the making of a Doctor's gown. I remember Dr. Shaw had some slimming red linings which showed off well in a suffrage parade. I'd hate to have them do me up in the wrong paraphernalia, but I'll get something unless the commencement rush prevents. I will let you know how I get on. As bulletins go forth daily from the bedside of the great, so I shall issue official statements from time to time as to the progress of my cap and gown. My, but things are getting exciting!

If I remember aright you took a course at Cornell. Perhaps you you [sic] that here is sort of feud there between "the town and the gown."

All right about Cheyenne. I'll be awake and on the lookout for friends.

Better plan to bring that high blood pressure down to a lower altitude and to come home with me.

Lovingly, Carrie C. Catt

May 16, 1921

Notes:

 Catt was invited by Hebard to provide the Baccalaureate address at University of Wyoming, which Catt did on June 12, 1921. On the same day, Catt received the first honorary degree from UW.