Excerpt from Women as Letter-Writers: A Collection of Letters

Letter-writing, like so many time-honoured institutions, is becoming a lost art: it seems to have fallen into disuse with the quill-pen. Formerly, for those who were separated by distance, the voluminous letter was the most usual means of interchanging family news, thoughts, and ideas. But nowadays, with the ever-increasing facilities for quick travelling, the necessity has passed for the old-fashioned letter, so often a faithful record of daily life and opinions, and time can no longer be spared for the art of correspondence. It seems You can also purchase this book from a vendor and ship it to our address: Internet Archive Open Library Book Donations 300 Funston Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118. Better World Books. When you buy books using these links the Internet Archive may earn a small commission. Benefits of donating. When you donate a physical book to the Internet Archive, your book will enjoy. Women as letter-writers. a collection of letters. [New ed.] Much like photographs, letters capture a moment in time. They show us what the writer was thinking of, their emotions, and often what was going on in the world at that time. Handwriting is an extremely personal aspect of someone’s character and can offer a connection to the past. Imagine finding a letter from your great-great grandmother and realizing you both write your “g’s” the same way! For more information and inspiration for your letter writing needs, be sure to check out other books on the topic: Letter Writing: Be sure to check Non-Fiction 808.6 and 809.6 when searching the stacks or catalog. The book shows that women writers invented and popularized numerous ingenious similarities between their gender and their occupation. Far from creating only minor variations on an essentially masculine figure, they delineated crucial features of ‘the author’ for the period in general by emphasizing their trials and triumphs in the marketplace. The Pen and the People shows how 18th-century men and women learned to write letters, why and how they used them, and the impact of letter writing on their lives and the wider culture.