

ELEANOR'S LETTER

Dear Penelope: The other day Jack received a dozen negligé shirts from New York. He said he was glad the negligé season was at hand, and he selected the prettiest shirt in the lot and when I saw him with it on Monday he said he had put off society for the summer, and for three or four months would keep to his roll collar and tan shoes. About two hours later he invited me to go to the german at the Lincoln hotel that night. I went, and Jack didn't wear a roll collar or tan shoes. If half of what he said to me was true he had a good time, too.

The german was arranged for by three or four ladies, and not by Mr. and Mrs. Beeson, as I said last week. I think the idea was to show some attention to the visiting ladies, of whom there are a considerable number in the city. There's Mrs. Valentine, of Sioux City, and Miss Huston of Michigan, I think, who are Mrs. F. W. Brown's guests, and Miss Rinehart, who is at Mr. and Mrs. George Woods'. Miss Mae Mount of Omaha was here as Miss Maud Oakley's guest, but returned Tuesday. Miss Mount will visit Lincoln again later, when she will be Mrs. Lew Marshall's guest. Then there is Mrs. Oliver Pierce of Lafayette, Ind., who is remembered by many of the Lincoln young people as Katie Miller. She is making her first visit in Lincoln after an absence of three years. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. J. Greene, and will be here a week or two longer. Mrs. Henry Branch is here, the guest of Mrs. C. W. Branch. Mrs. D. E. Thompson is entertaining Miss Hudson of Cairo. All of these ladies were at the german. It was a very pretty party. Captain Guilfoyle led. The captain is a good leader. He treats everybody alike and is sweet tempered. Moreover he is ingenious. He introduced a number of new figures. By the way, one of the girls told me that Frank Zehrung told her he met Captain Guilfoyle for the first time that evening and then he had to introduce himself. Imagine that! Shades of Ward McAllister and Berry Wall! Things have come to a pretty pass, indeed, when Frank Zehrung neglects for six whole months to make the acquaintance of so important a person as Captain Guilfoyle. I am afraid our impressario is not so careful of his social duties as he used to be.

Almost everybody was at the german. To be more definite: Messrs. and Mesdames A. G. Beeson, W. B. Hargreaves, F. W. Brown, C. L. Ladd, C. L. Burr, W. M. Leonard, W. B. Ogden, R. J. Greene, D. E. Thompson, Carl Funke; Misses Bertie Clark, Olive Latta, Grace Oakley, Maud Oakley, Henrietta Hollowbush, Mae Marshall, Mae Moore, Mae Burr, Lucy Griffith, Alice Slaughter; Messrs. John Dixon, Frank Zehrung, C. E. Spahr, W. Morton Smith, T. L. Lyon, Sam Low, D. G. Wing, John Mallalieu, Mattson Baldwin, Ray Welch and a number of others. The favors were pretty but not striking.

To my mind one of the very prettiest dances this season was the senior promenade at the capitol Friday evening of last week. How these university functions have improved in the last three or four years! Jack says that formerly the town awed the gown, but that now since the university has so many students of the class of which John Dixon is leader, the town is in danger of being compelled to take lessons of the gown. Anyway, that part of the "student body" that goes in for society does its work well. There were a great many pretty girls at this dance—and most of them students, too. Jack knew most of them, but I didn't. But I knew the men, and some of them are mighty nice fellows. The contingent from the city was not very large, but I noticed Miss Marshall, Miss Moore, Miss Maud Oakley, Miss Bertie Clark, Miss Grace Oakley; Messrs. Joe Mason, Joe Mallalieu, Tom Wing, Harry Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Altken "and others."

Harry Krug has come back to Lincoln, after nearly a year's absence, and he says he is going to stay. I don't know whether you remember him. He was a prominent merchant and at one time he affected society. Mr. Faucon will not make his departure from Lincoln until about the middle of the month. I am very sorry to hear that Dr. Spahr is to leave Lincoln in a few days. He has disposed, or is about to dispose of his practice and for family reasons will go back to his native place, York, Penn. Dr. Spahr came here about seven years ago, and I understand he achieved a very considerable success as a specialist. He is an enthusiast in his chosen field and has devoted himself to his profession so assiduously that his reputation as an oculist and his practice extend beyond the state's borders. The doctor was not a pronounced devotee of society, but he is popular and has many warm friends among our "best people." It's too bad to see such men as Mr. Faucon and Dr. Spahr leaving Lincoln.

Mrs. D. E. Thompson, Miss Hudson and Miss Mae Burr spent Thursday in Omaha.

The flower mission was organized Thursday. I don't remember all of the officers. Mrs. Lew Marshall was elected president and Miss Maud Oakley was made flower collector. The girls distribute flowers every Thursday, I think it is.

Miss Ura Kelley is coming down from Omaha tomorrow for a couple of weeks' visit. She will stay at the Houtz's. Mrs. Nance came home this week. Miss Bernice Becker entertained a few friends Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald are getting ready to go to the seashore. Ray Welch has engaged passage for his trip abroad. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mitchell have rented a cottage at Sixteenth and Vine.

Do you have soda water "openings" in Omaha? Well, they are a great institution here. I believe a good many of the girls are in league with the proprietors. Whenever there is an "opening" they flock down town, and if a young man joins them the party somehow steers itself into the store where they are selling soda water and ice cream with a music and flower attachment. I had occasion to be in Ode Rector's store several times Tuesday when he had his opening, and I was amused to see the same girls, with different men of course, appear two or three times. The girls listened to the music, drank the soda and accepted the flowers as if the whole thing was a novelty. And Mr. Rector insisted that there was no conspiracy.

Miss Maud Oakley entertained a few friends Saturday evening. Those present were: Lieutenants Hines and Wells of Fort Omaha; Misses Olive Latta, Marie Marshall, Mae Moore; Messrs. Mallalieu, Baldwin, Mason and Hurlbut.

The cadets went to Beatrice on Wednesday for their annual encampment. With their guns on their shoulders and the paving in their eyes they marched to the depot with the wind playing forty knots an hour and the band only four. If it does not rain hard while they are in camp they will enjoy it. A wet camp and wet soldiers cannot be very happy.

Miss Helen Harwood sails in three weeks for Europe. She will travel about this summer with a party from Boston and spend next winter in Paris.

Professor and Mrs. Allen are going abroad, the professor having resigned his chair at the university. Mrs. Casbeer entertained for Mrs. Allen Monday and Mrs. N. C. Abbott gave a reception Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. G. L. Meissner gave a Kensington Tuesday afternoon to the friends of Mrs. Allen.

Many will be sorry to say farewell to Professor and Mrs. Allen. They came here as strangers in a strange land and they got to a country a longer distance from Early English than we from the scalping-knife, but we know enough to like nice people and to be sorry for ourselves when they go—don't we Pen? The Allens sail for England June 6.

Mrs. Todd of Oak Park, who used to be Mary Miller, is expected here short-

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