



ELEANOR'S LETTER

DEAR PENELOPE—

Powhatan was the sensation of the week. It played here Monday and Tuesday nights. The first night the Lansing was crowded from the parquet to the back rows of the gallery. The W. C. A. ladies, their friends and their slaves worked hard to sell tickets and every mother, father, sister, brother, aunt or cousin of the one hundred members of the show were present besides the grocer or dry goods man who is in the habit of selling goods to these assorted relations—driven in the first place into buying a ticket from them but thankful to their commercial instincts after they got there for introducing them to such a good show.

Maud Oakley sung very well and she was as easy and graceful as in her own drawing room. Her flirting, however lacked the green woodsy flavor that might be expected from a childlike Indian maiden. It was compound of fin de siecle acuteness and accomplished coquetry. She received not ungraciously the roses that were handed to her over the footlights but without getting out of her part.

Harry Reese was on intimate terms with the audience. You know how friendly and joshy he is with everybody, especially girls? He was just the same in the opera.

Mr. Kettering is reserved anyway and he made a stoical Indian lover commettre il faut. I expected to see him stab the successful—Harry Goodfellow—in the back but he did not get a chance, much to my disappointment. I do love excitement so, even if some one has to be killed to provide it. Mr. Kettering seems to be growing more and more serious in spite of his youth, good looks and melodious voice. He is a member of the undertaking firm of Oeder & Co., and is brought in contact through this connection with the most melancholy facts of life which reminds me to tell

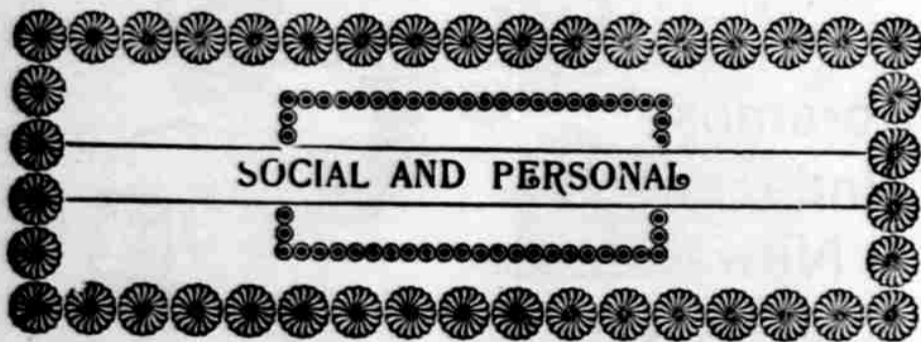
you that there are several weddings in the air. Just as soon as they light so that I can be sure of my aim I will tell you all about them.

The ladies of the W. C. A. will probably make over two hundred dollars but Mr. Baker makes the lion's share of the proceeds of Powhatan. This is not as it should be. The performers give their work in order to benefit the W. C. A. The ladies only consent to sell tickets for the W. C. A. to people who buy them for the W. C. A. But the W. C. A. receives half of the proceeds and must pay all expenses out of their half. In this way Mr. Baker secures the best talent in the city as well as forty or fifty zealous advertizing agents to work for him and deceives them into thinking they are working for a very worthy charity. Mr. Baker may be an object of charity in which case he should go to a home for aged deceivers, for "What is he to Hecuba or Hecuba to him?"

The decennial celebration of the Botanical Seminary will occur on October tenth. After listening to papers by Prof. Bessey and Ward and Messrs. Saunders, Clements and Pound the seminary will become the periphery of a collation—Not that I know exactly what that means but it is more cultivated than to say the seminary will surround the collation. Besides ever since Conway McMillan delivered an address to the seminary and no one but Prof. Bessey understood it. I have wanted to say something profound and obscure myself. Roscoe Pound was one of the founders of this society. By his work in it he has acquired an international reputation. His theses are reprinted in England and translated into German and French. Some time just for the fun of it I am going to make a list of the people of international fame who eat three meals a day in the city of Lincoln, but not now.

Yours,

ELEANOR.



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

It is to be hoped that the speeches which will be delivered in Lincoln next Tuesday by the following famous old generals, will bring a crowd of visitors into Lincoln. It would give to the city a festal as well as a prosperous aspect. These signs of activity are some of the things which we need among other mere trifles. Gen. Manderson and Cowin of Omaha, Russell A. Algiers of Michigan, Corporal Tanner, Gen. Daniel Edgar Sickles of New York, Gen. Franz Seigle St. Louis, (?) Gen. Horace Porter.

Bishop McCabe's lecture on prison life at the St. Paul M. E. Church drew out an appreciative audience of old soldiers and other interested hearers. The lecture consisted of anecdotes and incidents of the war. His subject was, The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison. The pathos and humor in this "chestnut lecture" as he called it were typical of those two sides in the lives of the brave soldiers who fought so gallantly for this country.

The north side circle of St. Paul M.

E. Church met with Mrs. J. E. Miller Wednesday. After a very pleasant afternoon spent in listening to an article on the deaconess' work in connection with home missionary work, refreshments were served. Mrs. John Farwell will entertain them the last Wednesday in October.

Coming events cast their shadows before. Judging by Mr. M. J. Murphy, who arrived in town to-day, in advance of the Chauncey Olcott Company, the latter aggregation must be of more than usual proportions. Mr. Murphy is not only a good size, from a physical point of view, but he is a big man from a point of reputation. As an Irish singer and journalist he undoubtedly stands foremost in this country. In the former capacity he was associated with Hon. John F. Finerty, of Chicago, last season in giving a series of lectures throughout the country.

Mrs. Robert Finley and sister, Mrs. Ranft, started Monday for St. Louis where they will visit friends.

Mrs. Louis Lieberman left for Friend

Sunday, after a visit with her relatives, Mrs. L. Berkson and Mrs. A. Kroner.

Sutton & Hollowbush have invented a cough drop. They call it the H. & S. Sutton & Hollowbush, and it is a good one. Stop and get one on your way to the theatre. It will save you a spasm of coughing.

Cards have been received in Lincoln announcing the wedding of Mr. W. J. Kinsley to Miss Elvira Rose. The ceremony will take place October 1st at the home of the parents of the bride on Conout St., Elizabethtown, N. Y. Mr. Kinsley was a former secretary of the Western Normal college of Lincoln.

Mrs. Altinus Nance and daughter Miss Helen, have returned from a most delightful outing in the Black Hills. A part of the time was spent with Mrs. Nance's sister, on a ranche.

Miss Hattie Becker has returned home from a delightful summer spent in Chicago.

The Rev. H. Smith left for Chicago Monday.

Mrs. Ports Wilson went to Fremont this week to visit friends.

Mrs. Cal Thompson left Wednesday for a short visit with friends in Denver, Col.

Prize Story

\$25.00.

On Monday, November 30, "The Courier" company will give \$15.00 to the author of the best short story handed in before October 31, 1896, and \$10.00 to the author of the second best. The story must not contain more than 2,500 words.

The summer girl is now no more,

The "butterflies" are gone;

The parties now are held inboor,

And not upon the lawn.

The trolley rides have given place

To theatre and dance,

And straw rides, which were in much grace,

Have felt cool Autumn's glance.

The watering place is now a bore,

In tents we cannot dwell;

The country boarders now ignore

"The beauty of the dell."

The stranger to a foreign clime

Comes gladly back to home,

And vows in words akin to rhyme

He ne'er again will roam.

The bathing season, too, is past,

The beach is chill and cold;

And friends they take a look—the last—

And dream love's dreams as told.

The boating songs are not now heard,

The sails at last lie low;

There is no sound of yachtsman's word

Since Autumn's come, you know.

Society regrets, complains,

That Summer joys have fled;

Yet Autumn promises sure gains

O'er Summer pleasures sped;

Then let each one of us desist

From frowning, girls and lads,

And take up Autumn and delight

In all her latest fads.

As announced in last week's issue.

The Courier will give a prize of \$15 to the writer of the best short story received before October 31, 1896, and \$10 to the writer of the second best. The following committee will be the judges: John H. Ames, H. Percy Silver and W. S. Summers. Contributors will please not sign their names to their manuscript in order that the committee may not be accused of being influenced by ulterior motives. The Courier company reserves the right to publish any or all of the stories submitted for the award.

The Powhatan audience Monday evening at the Lansing, was one of the largest as well as the most fashionable of the season. The following ladies

and gentleman witnessed the performance from the boxes, of which all the desirable ones were filled.—Capt. and Mrs. Guilfoyle, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Townley, Toxie Townley, Mrs. W. B. Ogden, D. E. Thompson and wife, A. G. Beeson and wife, Arthur Temple, Wm. Leonard and wife and mother, Misses Mae and Ruth Prentiss, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Marsha'l, Misses Marie Marshall and Olive Latta, Messrs C. P. A. Clough, Sam E. Low, Mrs. Jansen, Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Mayor Graham and Mrs. Graham and son Harold, Miss Georgia Snow and Miss Lillie Harmon.

Miss Ethel Hooper returned this week from a delightful visit with Miss Seba Case at Minneapolis.

Don't let your hair fall out or your face wrinkle, tan or freckle; go to Mrs. Mrs. J. C. Ball, 1414 O street, for treatments and advice.

The Herpolsheimer opening on Friday evening attracted a crowd. Mlle. Marconnot showed some chic gowns and the millinery department was full of lovely hats and bonnets. Cloaks are to be worn more than capes this winter and Herpolsheimer has some of the best examples of the cloakmaker's secrets.

Miss Moser of Sheridan, Wyoming, stopped over a train in Lincoln on her way home from New York and Philadelphia. While in the city she was the guest of Mrs. F. W. Smith.

Charles Chudler of Omaha, is visiting William Reed Dunroy.

The Juniors of the second Presbyterian Church gave a very nice Trolley ride on Wednesday evening. They rode over the principal lines in the city.

Mrs. Sarah A. Rogers and daughters Belle and Anna, and Mrs. Geo. Rogers, have returned from their extended eastern trip.

R. B. Shockey of Ft. Collins, Colo., is in the city visiting his sister, Miss Clara Shockey. He is thinking of making Lincoln his home.

A dainty luncheon was given by Mrs. Funke on Tuesday, for Mrs. Mulford of Omaha, to the following ladies: Mrs. Mulford of Omaha, Mrs. C. L. Burr, Mrs. Carl Funk, Mrs. F. W. Brown and Mrs. R. C. Outcalt.

Mrs. Gilmore of Oak Point, South Dakota, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Slaughter, for five weeks, left for her home Tuesday.

Mr. Myron E. Wheeler and Mr. Bert Wheeler of Omaha, witnessed the Monday night performance of Powhatan at the Lansing.

Mr. Frank Cook, has returned from a visit with his relatives in Michigan and Ohio.

Mrs. Martha Miller of Canton, O., is the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. W. B. Yule of 136 N Nineteenth St.

Frank Dougherty of Lafayette, Ind., is the guest of his brothers, John and W. E. Dougherty.

Miss Ona Imhoff left for Clyde, N. Y. Wednesday, to be gone some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Mary A. Reed, mother of J. S. Reed, started east Wednesday.

George Taylor, wife and daughter left Wednesday, for a trip east.

Mrs. C. H. Morrill is entertaining her sister, Mrs. M. A. Richardson of Franklin, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dobbins have returned from their summer outing in the east.

Mr. Fred Woodward was married some two weeks ago to Miss Sallie Ivers of Cairo, Ill. This was very much of a surprise to Mr. Woodward's friends. However they all join in congratulations to him and his bride. They have been visiting friends through Illinois since the wedding.

Dr. B. F. Bailey and wife are home from northern Wisconsin and the Lake Superior region, where they had a delightful outing.