

JEAN ELIOT'S LETTER



A Chronicle Society

My Dear SUSAN:

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admiration of everyone. The naval and marine officers, including General Barnett and General McCawley, added much to the picture in their white uniforms. General Kuhn was grabbed on all sides by friends, for never was there a more popular man.

Edythe Howard's Wedding A Pretty One, and Lots of Fun. Then there is Geraldine Boush, whose engagement to Civil Engineer Glen T. Burrell, U. S. N., was just announced; also Barbara Hoge, who announced her engagement yesterday to Laurence Stickney, of Englewood, N. J. Barbara is such a nice girl, and will make a beautiful bride.

Dr. Richard Bland William, of the Army, is the son of Dan Lee, who is a brother of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and a nephew of the famous Gen. Robert E. Lee. Captain Lee's mother was a Miss Ficklin, of Frederickburg, Va. So, you see, both Belle and her fiancé are real F. V.'s.

Many Pretty Compliments for "Bee" Crawford, Bride-to-Be. "Bee" Crawford—now there's a beautiful girl! "Beaux, my dear? Why, she has had more beaux than any girl I ever knew!"

Antoinette Ray, who announced her engagement this morning to Joseph West Montgomery, says she is the exception—that she will not be a war bride. Mr. Montgomery is an United States district attorney in New Orleans, where they will make their home. He has another home at Lake Providence, La.

Dr. Gatewood is back in Washington for the present, after having been away on duty, but being in the service, he, of course, can only make plans from day to day. Mrs. Gatewood and her three daughters hope to be together for at least part of the summer. Just now, however, the eldest, Mrs. Henry E. Jenkins, is waiting to hear what her sister, Mrs. Toy Dixon Savage, who lives in Norfolk, Virginia, is doing.

Dr. Gatewood's sister, Lullie Critcher, who is now making a short visit to Judge and Mrs. Lewis Barley, in Alexandria, will return shortly to stay with Dr. and Mrs. Gatewood until they close their house—if they do close their house. As for Kate Critcher, she is already at Provincetown, Mass.

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Government—and that's all his friends know about him. One doesn't discuss too freely these days. It's "not done."

Victor Kauffmann Will Spend Season Largely Here. The Victor Kauffmanns expect to remain in town most of the season, instead of going to Camp Percy, in the New Hampshire foothills, where there is a gathering of the Kauffmann clan every summer. Their younger son, Sam Kauffmann, will be detailed here by his new job, and the family don't want to leave him. Sam Kauffmann is too young to go into the army or the navy, so he has compromised by setting out to do his bit for the present in one of the new Government bureaus which have sprung up like mushrooms since war was declared.

The elder Kauffmann boy, Philip, has enlisted in the naval reserve, and is aboard one of the patrol boats which make Newport their headquarters. His captain is "Lou" Thacker, an American consul general at Paris, whose daughter, Eleanor, he now Mrs. Frederic W. Cauldwell and lives in Washington. The junior officers are all devoted to their commander, and are delighted at being able to serve under him. Philip Kauffmann was home recently on "days' leave, but had to get back to his post in short order.

Woman's Party Riots Become Amusement Park. "Come on, let's go to the riot! I'm afraid it's too late, but never mind, there'll be another one at 3 o'clock." That's the sort of conversation that which we've been treated during these days of suffrage demonstrations—or, rather, I should say of Woman's party demonstrations. It came to be a great joke, or would have been if the whole performance hadn't verged on a high crime—reason, and still it arrives at Bretton Woods, Bethlehem Junction, or whatever resort he happens to favor. Many of the Diplomatic Corps have signified their intention of paying visits to America's Switzerland this summer because of the facility with which the resorts say be reached.

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riety of reporting the instance to the child's mother, perhaps to be insulted, and one's patience of all kinds. Doubtless the majority of nurses are faithful to their little charges, or at most but a little careless, but it does seem as if there should be some way of dealing with those who are vicious or recklessly careless, since every mother must trust her children to the care of nurses sometime.

Here's a suggestion one new father made for dealing with a problem which is giving him great concern just now. Let the nurse maids be licensed, just as chauffeurs are licensed, and let them each be given a number. Then, if any public spirited or humane citizen sees a nurse neglecting or mistreating a child, she could be reported to her mistress, but to the municipal authorities, and an investigation could be made. To obviate trouble-making on the part of the spiteful persons, it would be necessary to require that all complaints be backed by three reputable witnesses. If the offense proved too rank or the offender a "repeater" of too heinous character, the license could be revoked. There doesn't that sound eminently sensible and practicable to you?

Many Washingtonians in New Hampshire Summer Colony. The new train service between Washington and the White mountains of New Hampshire, the Switzerland of America, is a distinct feature in the summer resort travel this season, and by going over the new Hill Gate bridge, in New York, the trouble of change and delays incidental to the trip are avoided. One night from Washington, the breeze-blown heights of the granite hills will prove tempting for week-end jaunts from the city, when one may step aboard his sleeper and not leave it until he arrives at Bretton Woods, Bethlehem Junction, or whatever resort he happens to favor. Many of the Diplomatic Corps have signified their intention of paying visits to America's Switzerland this summer because of the facility with which the resorts say be reached.

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every one else I know who has any talent of any sort, singers, dancers, artists, and entertainers of all kinds, please to volunteer their services for this good work. Ask any one you hear of who might be useful to communicate with Elizabeth at her residence, 1721 I street. Mary Howard, her sister, like Elizabeth, a talented young person, is going to leave Washington in about a week to join the Florence Florentine camp in Connecticut. Mrs. Howry's plans are still in the air. White Sulphur is her favorite resort; she usually spends part of each season there and frequently goes down several times during the year.

Miss Allen Leaves Nursing; May Go to Los Angeles. I just heard that Grace Allen is in town and has been here all winter. Do you remember Grace, daughter of the late Gen. Charles J. Allen and Mrs. Allen. General Allen died about a year ago at their home, at Ashville, N. C., where they have made their home for ten years or more. They went there from Washington because Grace was in poor health. She looks fine now and is as attractive as ever. She always had an endless string of suitors. She is taking a course in nursing at the Columbia Hospital in this city. I suspect her of entertaining the idea of going to France, and is preparing herself for it. Mrs. Allen is living in Q street.

Cora Barry was taken very ill last week with an attack of appendicitis and was operated on last Wednesday. She is improving rapidly now, but surely gave her family a scare.

Garden Work Suffers For Lack of Labor. I have gossiped enough for today, so am going to close and go out a while in my garden. I have a fine vegetable garden this year. Following the advice of the Agriculture Department and Herbert Hoover and other Government officials, I plowed up a half-acre of my lawn and turned it into a garden. Yet the same Government, if not the same officials, have done much to delay my garden and discourage gardening herabouts.

Labor has been difficult to get for some years, but now it is impossible to get men to do any sort of work because the Government is paying such enormous wages to the men to encourage them to work on the cantonments and the army camps around the city. I know the Government, like every one else, needs labor and needs it badly; also that it is in a hurry to get the work done, but it has no right to pay such salaries that we folks in modern circumstances cannot afford to pay. The Government should commandeer labor if necessary and pay them the usual wages so that when they are through with the war the same labor will not be dissatisfied with the wages they have gotten heretofore. We gardeners have learned to do most of the work ourselves but there are some things that we have to help to do. Also one cannot afford to keep a team of horses to plow and harrow just a small garden. It is not only the man who works on the lawn and in the garden that is impossible to get, but carpenters, painters, and labor of all sorts.

But if you don't stop soon you will think I have a grudge, so good-by; write soon.

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