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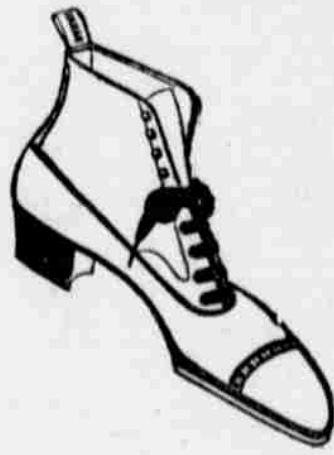
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LETTERS TO THE ONES AT HOME GIVE AN INTERESTING
DIARY OF THE DAYS DOINGS IN THE NEW ENGLAND
METROPOLIS.

May 12—Here I am, located at "Millbrook Hall," a dormitory connected with the New England Conservatory of Music. There are ten girls here, three from the far south, one from Michigan, one from Washington and the rest, goodness only knows where from.—All go to the N. E. Con., except one, and she goes to my school. I registered today at the "School of Expression," met the dean, Mrs. Curry and a number of the students, had a look at the town in the afternoon and in the evening attended the Senior class vaudeville of the N. E. Con. The dramatic department is only a year old but they did fine.

You will see by the program several numbers were given by professionals—The Russian dance was cute; the girls were dressed as peasants in Russian peasant costume, one as a man and the other as a woman. The character songs were given by a girl dressed as a Paris doll, giving stiff movements like one and singing a song, "I've got a pain in my saw-dust," and as encore, "Lening Pie," (meaning lemon pie)—very classical for Boston, don't you think? The "Blackbird Dance" was done by a girl in black fuzzy skirts, completely covered with jet. Spot lights used for these dances made them very beautiful. "The Birth of the Butterfly" was lovely; when the curtain rose the girl was lying curled up in the grass with a brown veil all over her, but you could see her face and she was asleep; then the music began playing softly, the butterfly awoke, rose slowly, spreading its wings, shook off the brown crystals cover and unspreading its wings slowly in the rosy light, began to dance.

Two girls dressed, one in light pink the other in light blue, gave the Grecian dances and were the most wonderful I ever saw—they certainly understood what they were doing. I took a ride out to North Cambridge and Harvard Square; Harvard College stands solemn and dignified, surrounded by ivy-covered walls in the midst of millions of tiny shops in a horrid part of the town. About nine out of every ten wear glasses and pretty girls are scarce, it seems to me.

The public library is just grand—I have been there every day and I haven't seen half of it yet. Yesterday I looked at Bibles, some of them five hundred years old; one was printed in the 4th century. These books are in glass cases and are yellow with age.

The statuary, one fully expects to come to life when you watch it. May 13—I attended the graduating exercises of the "School of Expression" last night—There was an immense class, a large number being from Mass., and the others from Tennessee, Wash., D. C., Texas, Conn., Ala., Maine, Ohio, Del., W. Va., Ill., Pa., Ky., N. Car., R. I., N. Hamp., Georgia, La., N. Y., S. Dak., Seattle, Wash., and Ontario—twenty-two of our states and Canada being represented.

They have been from March 29 to May 12, completing their closing exercises, each graduate having to give an evening all alone or an afternoon at a hall or theatre. For the evening when the diplomas were presented, there were six numbers on the program, impersonations, address to the class and presentations of diplomas and afterwards a big reception—here you stood around feeling just like you were in a Turkish bath, nibbled at sandwiches with grass between—Oh dear, in that jam and climate, I got away as soon as I could, Coos Bay! How cool art thou!! Why must a girl have to go a long three thousand miles in order to realize JUST HOW COOL!!

May 14—Last night one of the little Southern girls and I went over to see "The World in Boston." This great missionary display presents a little piece of each country in its native style, with performers acting out the life of each place. The first place we came to was the Indian quarter.

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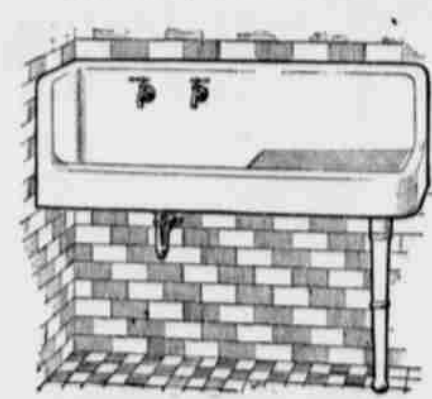
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