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Monday April 25-1892

My dear Papa - I have been asked to
write a paper on the Revolutionary War, to read
at the next meeting of the "Daughters". It is supposed
to be something interesting concerning our own
country, their experiences etc. - Any facts
or bits of information in your possession must
be brought forth - Each your own - And if
there is any relative living who can contribute
anything please communicate with them.
Did the Mother a generation ahead of
you? Perhaps she could tell you something
interesting or amusing - Aunt La. Fayette
at Spring Hill - Get up something and send
it to me ^{ready to} read - I will be ready for it in
six weeks - possibly two months, so you will
have plenty of time to put yourself -

My beloved Papa a week ago Sunday after
eighteen days on the sea - So physically much
improved, but his memory is very poor.

And the pitiful part of it is that he realizes his
Condition. At times he breaks down completely
and weeps like a child, begging his wife for
Good Nurse to help him conquer. The Doctor
in California made a thorough diagnosis of his
Case and pronounced it incurable. Three attacks
of the kind mentioned are brought on by the clotting
of blood in the brain, and each one will leave
him in a weaker condition. There is little if
any hope of his recovery. I think he was stunned
while at the Sanitation, for now he has a re-
markable appetite and eats anything. For
two years he was fed on crackers and milk.

They enjoyed their glimpse of Harry and
Mittie. I say they are beautifully fixed, and
the baby is fine. He is quite enthusiastic over
California, and would prefer living there to
California. I believe if he were put in a
business here which is too good to leave he
would leave Sacramento on account of the
climate. The late Spring here is very trying. He

are still running the furnace, and yesterday
and today have an open fire in the library.

I met Mr. Mann here the other day by the name of
Webb, formerly of Frankfurt. His wife was
a daughter of Sam. Harris of Versailles. He had
heard that I was a Frenchman, and asked if
I knew or was a relative of Capt. Gibson. He
seemed much surprised when he learned
the relationship - said he knew Capt. Gibson
well - you told me about the Webb and Harris
family - you run up on all sorts of people
up here -

Please tell Mr. Mann or Mr. Mann
that I intended writing about the pearls - I went
to see about them, and the jeweler had sent
them to an expert in New York to ~~ascertain~~ ^{ascertain} the
cost of setting them in a necklace. I am
sorry Mr. Mann was disappointed.

Write
around now and write me an interesting
paper. At the last meeting a descendant of
Henry Brewster first President of Harvard read
a paper. I would not be surprised if he were

An ancestor of Grandmother, Ask her what
part of England her "folks" came from -
Write down for each and all in which they
joined, I am devotedly

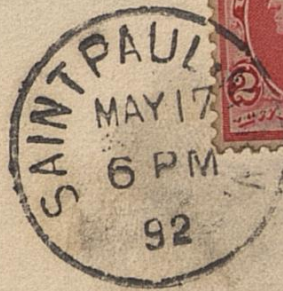
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Please return the articles
on Carlton and his plays.

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May 16th

My dear Papa -

I have just written a
letter to Uncle Lobe thank-
ing him for the Clarion
which he sends every
week, and also making
the proposition that you
and he come to make
us a visit during the
Republican Convention.
Would you consider this

My dear - what an exhilarating course that
you have to be taken to know about?
I'll a history of the Robinson's East African
in your recent binary paper - did you
see the May Century containing paper of
England's Spring Hill - Hadden and others -
and mention my brother's part - I'm
sorry to hear of your absence - all and all
to you - I'll see you & every body at home
and write to you -

Sincerely and very much
make necessary arrangements
I'm as well as I can manage
to have you, and has asked
me a dozen times if I have
written to meet on your
coming - The cattle will
be returned and both
Minneapolis and St. Paul
will be at their best - Now
do come if you possibly can.
It will be raining rain
but hope for sunshine

THE FLANDRAU-SELMES TEA.

Several Hundred Ladies Attend a Brilliant Reception.

The disagreeable weather of yesterday afternoon had little effect on the ladies invited to afternoon tea by Mrs. Flandrau and Mrs. Selmes. The hours set were from 4 to 6, and during the time there were constant arrivals of ladies freshly gowned in new spring costumes at the hospitable Flandrau mansion on Pleasant avenue. The large rooms had been beautifully decorated, daylight was excluded, the candles were lighted and shed a soft radiance under their pink shades. Pink was the prevailing color in the decorations. There were immense pink flowering hydrangeas in the drawing rooms and halls, and in the dining room the table for serving ices and the small tables for tea and coffee were decorated with rose bowls filled with American beauties. Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Furness served the ices, Mrs. Barnum the tea and Mrs. Henry Rice the coffee.

During the entire afternoon the mandolin orchestra, stationed in the hall, played the most inviting strains. Assisting Mrs. Flandrau and Mrs. Selmes were Mesdames Rice, Clarke, Cutcheon, Furness, Robertson, Goodrich, Humphreys, Maxfield, Barnum, Squires and the Misses Forepaugh, Taylor, Stevenson, Lamborn, Bend, Wanzer, Hammond, Rice, Hale.

Pythias,' 'The Mountebank' and 'Richard III.' 'The Lion's Mouth' has, however, been the feature of the season, which is, as you know, from the pen of Henry Guy Carleton. And I must confess I am exceedingly enthusiastic over it. I think its poetic beauty, elevated tone and pure diction, as well as its splendid dramatic power proves the author to be the first American dramatist of the day. It has been admired everywhere, by everybody, and I am constantly in receipt of requests for copies of the play and extracts from its lines and speeches. My personal success in the role of Rinaldo has been most gratifying.

"I shall rest now until the end of August, or, rather, cease from active stage work. Most of my time will be spent in superintending the work of scenic artists, carpenters, property-makers, costumers, and, in fact, all the multitudinous departments that are necessary in fitting up complete equipments for next season's productions. I shall have but little recreation, I fear, but I hope to secure a few weeks for fishing and absolute rest.

"My next season's company will be a very strong as well as large organization. I have engaged Mr. Louis James, who I shall star, in conjunction with myself, in a repertoire of plays, including 'The Lion's Mouth,' 'Francesca da Rimini' (which I have purchased from the Boker estate), 'Othello' and 'Julius Caesar.' I hope to put all these plays upon the stage in a superb manner, and to that end have purchased the entire equipment of the Booth and Barrett combination, with the exception of the 'Julius Caesar' scenery. You may judge of the extent of the purchase when I tell you I have been informed that it would take at least four cars to move it. For 'Julius Caesar' I shall have all new scenery painted, and we shall carry everything necessary for complete productions, including carpets, furniture, properties, scenery, etc. You will, therefore, readily perceive the amount of labor necessary to get all this paraphernalia together and in proper order. I shall carry a company of twenty or more acting people, and a complete mechanical staff.

"The most important event for my next season, however, will be the production of Henry Guy Carleton's new poetic tragedy, 'Memnon.' This, I think, will be a revelation in the dramatic literature of the age, as well as of the author's wonderful abilities. The verse is of the highest order of literary excellence, freighted with metaphor and simile—full of the most delightful flights of fancy, and yet dignified with the most profound philosophy and tragic intensity. At the end of the third act there is a curse scene delivered by Memnon that can be quoted side by side with that of King Lear.

"I shall play the part of Memnon, while Mr. James will assume the role of Sesak, a priest of Isis, a part of remarkable strength, and I think well adapted to his abilities. Mr. Herman, my present leading man, will also be the leading man of the combination, and plays the part of Nebu, twin brother to Memnon, also a strong character. The love interest is in the hands of the leading lady and Mr. Clarence Holt, a handsome young actor, who will be my leading juvenile man.

"The play affords a wonderful opportunity for scenic display and grand spectacular effects. The incidents are all laid in Egypt, and you can readily see the scope of an artist's fancy with such scenes as the temple at Sais, the colonnade of the palace of Thebes and the pyramids by moonlight. I have submitted the play for illustration to several artists, who have been charmed with the opportunities it offers. Perhaps, I speak with enthusiasm, but I will say this, with all candor: It will be the effort of my life. I want no better epitaph than to have it said, 'He produced and played Carleton's "Memnon" with success.'

All my plays will be well cast. In 'Julius Caesar' Mr. James will do Brutus, Mr. Herman Cassius, Mr. Holt Caesar, and myself Marc Antony. In 'Othello' Mr. James will play Othello, Mr. Herman Cassio and myself Iago. In 'The Lion's Mouth' Mr. James will play Angelo, which Mr. Herman is now doing, and he will play Christopher.

"I readily understand and appreciate the fact that the enterprise will be a large and expensive one, but I feel that I can offer no better contribution to my art and that the public will give me their full and hearty support."



SAINT PAUL
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KINGSTON, N.Y.
MAY 25
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not for years that could tell him about his old
friends. He says he can almost imagine he
dined with me forty years ago. I find it
is not looking old but young in ~~some~~ ^{some} things.

Thursday -

A second long letter was interrupted and
I have not been able to resume it - Last
night - Ray and I called on Mr. and Mrs.

Thursday May 23rd
Mary's happy return my
dear father - I wish you
could have sent your
letter by the 10th of May.
I am sure you are having
a pleasant day. I am
sure of your plans to look
for - or something of the
kind at South-west
and on Monday to proceed
to Richmond. May is

The electric car to the town and after
waiting some minutes of an hour we gave
it up. My God! going for the phantom
and coming to the empty car. How he
and lunch. The Pacific a charming old
Irish gentleman - and truly as thirty years
ago was pretty well acquainted through
the Blue Gate region and in Cincinnati
to day. You the only person whom we had

Something like Spring. The
sun is out and it is thor-
ably warm. Two days ago
we had a blizzard and
was in place of snow. The
"Adelphi" inhabitant "paid a
good day - This morning
My old friend John Jones
(or Juan) I call him) took
breakfast with us and it
was my intention to take
him to church but because
he happened to be on time

John Taylor who was at
the New House. Mr Taylor
was extremely cordial when
he learned that I was
"Hark Gibbons daughter" &
gave me another shake
of the hand. He says you
and he are great friends
and when I told him I
had written begging you
to come & passing the
connection, he said if you
would do so, he would
remain over. My Cook

And house maid see both
going to see me this week
Else I would have Mr and
Mrs Taylor see both me -
I will entertain them quietly
at the Inn and Country Club.
They will only be here a week
I hope the Mr Puller reached
you all right - Owing to the
Recent Capin and prospect
of snow I thought it might
not be wise - He hopes to
see you in ten days. Love for
all - I wish Louisiana