

Oberlin O.  
Apr. 3. 1908.

Dear Mamma:-

Enclosed you will find an illustration in a recent Cleveland paper of the Seldom Inn Knights in girls' costume. This is the bunch of fellows with whom I am negotiating for the rent of our rooms next year. I showed them the house and they like it very well. They have the nicest kind of rooms and furniture where they are now staying at Dr. Landers' new house on West College.

What they want to do is to rent

the whole house. They'd take in two or three more fellows and use the dining room and maybe kitchen for bed rooms and keep the front rooms for study rooms. Of course they'd have all the responsibility of fuel, light, water, care of the rooms etc. I told them what we are getting for the house now but did not tell them that you would be willing to rent them the house or that if you did you would expect what you now get for it. I told them I would write and find out. They don't like the idea of renting rooms as there would not be room enough up stairs and it would not be

very convenient to rent the father as there are no closets and privacy from the hall or outside is not very practical. I haven't any advice to offer on the subject. I think these boys are as careful as any you would find. They seem to be careful of what they have now but I suppose they would be rougher than the Nevells. Probably you would have to raise the rent ~~any way~~ but if you did I'd tell them you had planned to any way so they would think that the extra price is to pay for damage that they may feel free to give. I'm rather in luck that

this bunch of fellows will be able  
to get a house somewhere, as I think  
Oberlin needs some more places like  
that. Of course I suppose you would  
rather rent to a family if you could  
be sure but it is hard ~~to~~ to be sure  
especially as we have a rather large  
house, rather far out - too far for  
a boarding hall and for easily getting  
roomers and too large for most Oberlin  
families. Considered from the stand-  
point of economy it would be cheaper  
to rent to some one than to rent  
rooms even if we could be sure to fill  
all the rooms before school opened

For you may lose your roomers which  
renters would be responsible for the year.  
Then the most expensive part of the  
house is the first floor which is  
impossible to turn over to roomers.  
It may be a little harder to rent the  
house this summer than last on  
account of the money stringency which  
may keep some out of school.

I wish you would answer as soon as  
possible and please be sure to answer  
these questions. Would you be willing to  
rent the house to the Eldon Inn Knights,  
and at what price? If not do you want  
to rent the house or rent rooms? If you  
want to rent the house, shall I put it

into Mr. Bugner's hands or who?  
If not what rooms would you want to  
rent and at what prices? Please be  
sure to answer as to the prices. You  
didn't mention that in your answer to  
me. If I can't get this bunch of fellows  
I don't know just how to go about it  
as I don't know of any bunch that want  
to stay together, but I'll do my best.

Mrs. Newell wants to know whether  
you want any thing done to the yard  
as they won't have any advantage from  
it. The lawn is pretty badly cut up  
where they drove coal in during soft  
weather.

I hope as soon as you get time  
you will answer in regard to

what your plan for Elden for next  
year. What did you think of my plan  
of having him stay out a year? I  
may be mistaken but it seems the  
best way <sup>to</sup> me. I don't believe he  
is strong enough to take the freshman  
year's work at Purdue. That is an  
awfully stiff course and takes all  
the vitality a man has to master it  
and Elden would find it pretty hard  
I think because I don't believe he  
has a very good grounding in mathematics.  
If a year out did nothing more it would  
give him strength and he has grown  
too fast to have very much of that.  
Even if he were a brilliant scholar

I think a year of school would be very  
hard on him next year. A person that  
matures slowly is better I think for  
not being put up against things that  
are too hard.

If Selden is to be in school next year,  
of course it will be a pretty difficult  
thing to plan to take him west with  
me this summer and I'm afraid it  
would hardly be advisable. I hope you  
will write to us pretty soon what you  
think of his next year's work.

Affectionately  
Willie



#### SPECIAL TO THE PLAIN DEALER.

OBERLIN, O., March 29.—Rebellion against the advance of the co-ed, the petticoat peril of Oberlin college which won mention in President King's recent annual report, has spread to the men of the institution.

So far there is nothing of bitterness in it. It has taken the form merely of burlesque and masquerade, for the men appear to think the safe course lies in the direction of laughing their sister students out of their high seats.

A number of college men have been living in Seldom inn, a place where

they found things comfortable. They take particular delight in their house because they, of all the college men, came nearest having the dormitory life which is made a feature for the women. A few weeks ago they heard that with another year they were to be turned out and their quarters given over to co-eds.

They started a small revolution, just of the size to learn that there really was such an intention, whereupon they began their campaign of burlesque.

These "Seldom Inn Knights" chose the occasion of a varsity basketball game for the first staging of their

production, and if the plaudits of the multitude count for anything the premier was a success. They timed their entry, these knights, to that quiet moment just before the teams are called to their places on the floor, when everyone is waiting for something to look at. Then they filed slowly in, carrying all the dignity they could attach to skirts and hats and veils and things—with just a touch, you know, of powder here and there.

And to observe the traditions of processions of protest they carried a banner which bore this strange device: "Seldom Inn—Next Year."

Acad. by two letters

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