

Seattle, Wash.

Jan. 2nd, 1908

Dear Will:-

Another year has begun. I hope it holds much happiness for you. I can hardly realize that Xmas has come & gone. The Bride & Groom are on their way to New York and we are very lonesome.

I thought surely I would get a letter written to you before Xmas, but you will understand how very busy we were getting ready

played her accompaniments. As soon as they were through Szytte & Percy and the Minister took their places in the bay window in the sitting-room and were married.

After the congratulations we all went into the dining room and had refreshments, - meat salad, sandwiches, shoes, pickle, clear-strauns, ice cream, cakes, & coffee, candy and eating nuts. Szytte Sunday School boys did the serving & they did it beautifully, too.

After that the guests and the Pills' went

for the wedding. We did not have much lunch, - did not exchange presents with each other or send to our eastern relatives, everything was wedding. As you know, there were no invitations sent and everything was very simple and informal. Szytte & Percy received the guests at the door and as soon as they were all here Fanny sang "The Birthday of Our King", "Because", "Call Me Thine Own", and "God is Love." Szytte

home and we and Uncle Gen's family
were left to do the honors to the bride &
groom. You never in your life saw
such an easy couple. Percy had even let
Harry order the room at the Washington
Hotel and also the hack. When he ordered
the hack he also ordered an automobile &
told the hack driver to go slowly so that
we could get there first. Percy & Sybil
never suspected anything. Of course we
showered them good with rice in the house

Dear Orill: -
Another year has begun. I
hope it takes much happiness
for you. I can hardly realize
that I was here once & gone.
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and when they got into the
back. The minute they were
gone we all flew for our wraps
and piled into the auto three
deep. When we got about half
way to town we could see the
back jogging along at an easy
pace. They had been so open
about all their plans that Wheeler
said he didn't believe they were
going to the Washington at all
but were simply trying to give
us the slip. So we decided to
follow them instead of going ahead.

his life was so surprised as if when he
looked around and saw me there, - for
I happened to be ahead. Of course we
showed them good. As last Percy came
to his course & grabbed Szytte and
they flew up stairs. He wrote a
check and hung it on their door, saying
that they were nearly married and did
not like to be watched as they were shy.

In the mean time Uncle Sam & Aunt
Minnie & Harris had taken the auto & gone down to

But they rode right up to the
hotel as big as life and got
out and walked in as if they
owned the place. We stopped just
across the street from them & the
minute they were inside the door
we rushed across the street &
into the lobby after them. You
never in your life saw such
surprised people. I really thought
Szytte was going to cry she looked
so startled. Percy said the
next morning that he never in

get the 11:30 interurban for Tacoma and
we had gone home so that Mama would not
be lonesome, so that just left Fanny & Harry
& Wheeler and me. Some one suggested
what a good joke it would be to go down &
show Aunt Mame & Uncle Sam & make
people think they were bride & groom. But we
had no more rice. So we went to all the
restaurants until Harry finally succeeded in
bribing a waiter to sell him some rice, and
we got into the first car that came along and

when we reached the intersection
there sat Uncle J. & Aunt M. as
big as life. We rushed into
the car before they saw us &
just showed them good. They
were so surprised that they couldn't
say anything. Aunt Mame got
up near as if she was going to
explain to the people that it was
only a joke, but sat down again.
All she could say was "I'll get
even with you." We really did
not stay long enough for them to

Victoria for several months. But Percy got
a telegram saying to start for N. Y. at once,
so they came down Monday night and left
for N. Y. Tuesday night. They will have
a glorious trip and I do hope Syzotte will
get good & strong. You never saw two
such happy people. They are just like two
little kids. Well, Well, I didn't intend
to write a volume when I began, but
know you would be interested in everything
about the wedding. I suppose you will see

come to their senses and throw
the joke onto us. Then we
came home and were tired
enough to get to bed without
more foolishness. The next
morning M. & Wheeler got up &
swept the house before we were
up. But we are still sweeping
up rice.

The next night Syzotte & Percy left
for Victoria intending to come back
for New Year's day as we were all
invited out the Hillis' to spend the
day. Then they were going back to

the hide & grown in Oberlin some time in
February. Now I must stop, and write
them a little note.

With best wishes from
Your friend
Edna.



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