

town - My pink evening
dress was quite finished -
the top part of it but the
lining was still quite
good, so I had it covered
with that cream silk
Indian lace. you may
remember a dress of it
hanging up in a shop
in Nanjing Rd. That
pink silk lining is
beautifully cut & the
perfectly plain lace dress
over it looks very smart.
It has a sari belt - rather
high up as it was before -

a deep piece of satin at
the foot & little folds to
finish the sleeves at the
elbows - in a light-
apricot shade - it just
tones with the cream lace
& pink silk - & I had
the silver trimming put
on again. I hope you
found some use for those
black Manchurian
feathers Lief gave you. I
did not know at the
time that they are very
expensive & they make
a lovely trimming -

a good idea as the picture
was much higher than
the Bodal. & therefore
appears narrower at
the top. Another thing -
the electric light fittings
are all reflected. I am

very selfish of her parents
not to let her travel with
someone else, as they
have plenty of money &
can't go themselves, for
she is not a child any

more. Leif did not know
the Shanghai man you
mentioned. Mungshin -
Thanks for the Nippono Man
letter card. It is a particularly
pretty one, & had a dinner
menu on it. I always
keep them. Leif told you
we had a dinner party -
didn't he? It was quite a
success. Leif's friend
Urban Kelly is staying
here at present. He is
Secretary & Superintendent
of Police in Chinkiang.

Rasmussen, also from
Chinkiang spent a week
with us. I believe I told
you. When he went home
he sent some lovely
Chinese brocade. I had
two cushions for the
drawingroom made of
it. Of course I prefer
cushions that one doesn't
mind wearing out, but
that piece of stuff seemed
unsuitable for anything
else. Liif got the book by
Jay Druley for you. will
post it next time I go to

Liif got 9 for me & I have
them in a white hat.

Liif is getting on so well
with the banjo. It is
wonderful how quickly
he learns. I don't get on so
well with the piano -
however I practice every
day. Yesterday Miss
Thomson was married
to an American called
Landers. The wedding
was in the Union Church.
Mrs Posar & I were not
invited of course, but went

to the church & quite
enjoyed it. Leif went to
the reception afterwards
with some of the ~~Swedish~~
men, & said that Mrs.
Landers particularly
looked very happy.
They both looked very nice
in church. I must
write to Leif's mother.
I had a long letter from
her & some Norwegian
books. With love from
us both -

Your affectionate daughter
Blanche





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