

Knapp envelope

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My dear Miss Van Rensselaer:

I am coming with a rather unusual request. I recently was asked by an editor to do a short article on the case of Mrs. Knapp, a case in which I have been from the first very much interested. I have been working for some time on the Albany career of the lady, which is what my editor is interested in, but I found that I must know something of her past if I were to make a judgment which would satisfy myself, so I have been looking quietly into her record at Syracuse. I take it that you know that better than I do.

I learned enough, however, to know that Mrs. Knapp was not unpracticed in grafting when she went to Albany. I was told at Syracuse what I had never heard before, that during or after the War she was connected with your College of Home Economics. It was hinted that you had not approved entirely of Mrs. Knapp and the relation there had been severed rather abruptly.

What I want to know is the truth about the matter, for my own guidance, dear Miss Van Rensselaer, and not for publication. If you are willing to write me frankly; or if you are to be in New York City soon and will come to lunch and tell me about it, I promise to treat the matter in the utmost confidence.

I take Mrs. Knapp very seriously. She is not the only one of her kind at large, and it behooves our trusting sisters to understand that better than they do, I think.

I hope you are well. I remember with joy the little visit I had with you last winter.

Faithfully yours

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