

first receipt

July 21, 1915.

My dear Miss Spencer:-

I have been out of town for some little time and the matter of your bill at the Arts Club has only just been called to my attention. The bill has been paid so that you will have no further trouble. I feel that I should say a word, however, as to the reason why it went to you.

As you will remember, of course, I said to you, at the time of our first interview, that in putting you up at the Club, I could do nothing more than give you the right to use the dinning room for the two weeks that the privilege lasted. I was greatly surprised, naturally, after this when I found yourself and mother installed at the Club. I went immediately to the Secretary and told her my arrangement with you had been that you should use your card for meals only, that I did not feel able to pay for the room for that length of time, nor did I feel that it was right that I should after what I had said to you. You and I both agreed that probably you had some other means to meet your expenses particularly since you have borrowed sums of money at the desk. I realized that before you left that we were probably wrong in this supposition and that it would be my business to take care of the bill. I told you that I should do this and of course, I meant what I said.

The Club, however, felt that it was not right that the matter should go in this way, and so sent you the bill that you received. I have settled the entire sum and, as I said before, you will have no further trouble with it. Both the officers and I would have felt different, my dear Miss Spencer, if it had not been that certain other facts that come to our attention in regard to your dealings with people. Miss Lecky feels that you have treated her very wrongfully, using her name to obtain credit in at least one case where she had no idea that you proposed to do anything of the kind. The Club has also received letters from members saying that your dealings with them have been such that they felt that they must warn the Club that they would not be responsible in any way for you there. I am putting this blankly and frankly, my dear Miss Spencer, because I feel that the course you took at the Arts Club is ~~kindwhishisbound~~ to ruin your chance of success wherever it was known. If, in my case you had felt that you must have rooms at the Club, you certainly should have come to me and explained the situation. Nothing can testify the fact that you took quarters there after my understanding with you without any warning or permission. That is the kind of thing that is not done and when it is done, it forever prejudices the person in the minds of those who know the truth. Again, Miss Lecky's case would be regarded as ~~undervestand~~ very questionable nature. ~~Readily~~ how you might have come into the situation where you find yourself. You probably were over confident and over ambitious in your undertaking; but once there it was particularly necessary that all your dealings with strangers of all places should be frank and dependable. I very much hope that there has been no irregularity in regard to Miss Ruiz-Rees. I beg of you, if there has, to go to her at once and tell her; saying that you have been so driven that you

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you have lost your chance of square dealing at moments.

It is unnecessary to tell you how much I regret having to write this letter. I hoped that you were started and, of course, I hope so now. I assure you that I should not have spoken to you about the matter of your room if the other cases had not come up and if the Club had not felt so strongly that I should explain the matter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Edwina Spencer,
Rosemary Hall,
Greenwich, Conn.

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The officers of the Club left that it was not right that I should do more than I had agreed to do with you and so sent you the bill that you received. I doubt if they had been told that it had not been that they were notified by the members of the Club who claimed to have had dealings with you that they could not be responsible in any way if you used their name.

My dear Miss Spencer:-

I have been out of town for a little time and the matter of your bill at the Arts Club has only just been called to my attention. The bill has been paid so that you will have no further trouble. I feel that I should say a word, however, as to the reason why it went to you. As you will remember, of course, I told you, at the time of our first interview, that in putting you up at the Club, I could do nothing more than give you the right to use the dining room for the two weeks that the privilege lasted. I was greatly surprised, naturally, after this, when I found yourself and mother installed at the Club. I went at once to the secretary and told her what my arrangements with you had been; that your card should cover only meals. I added that I did not feel able to pay for your room, nor did I feel that it was right that I should do so after what I had said to you. I thought it possible, at the time, that you had some other means to meet the expense of the apartment. Before you left the club, however, I realized that I was probably wrong in this and that it would be my business to take care of the bill.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Edwina Spencer,
Greenwich, Conn.

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The officers of the Club felt that it was not right that I should do more than I had agreed to do with you and so sent you the bill that you received. I doubt if they ~~could~~ have done this if it had not been that they were notified by out-of-town members of the Club who claimed to have had dealings with you that they could not be responsible in any way if you used their name. My

I am putting this frankly, my dear Miss Spencer because I feel that the course you took at the Arts Club is one which is bound to ruin your chances of success wherever it is followed. If you felt that you must have rooms at the Club, you certainly should have come to me and explained the situation. Nothing can justify the fact that you took quarters there on my card without consulting me after my understanding with you. That is the kind of thing that is "not done" and when it is done, it forever prejudices the person in the minds of those who know about it. I can understand, readily, how you might have come into the situation where you find yourself; but once there it was particularly necessary that all your dealings with strangers should be frank and scrupulous.

I very much hope that there has been no irregularity in your dealings with Miss Rutx-Rees. If there has I beg of you to go to her at once and explain.

It is unnecessary to say how much I regret having to write this letter. I hoped that you were started and, of course, I hope so now. I assure you that I should not have spoken to you about the room if the other cases had not come up and if the officers of the Club had not felt so strongly that I should speak to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Edwina Spencer,
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