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Content Description

Three letters from Helena C. Koiner, a Virginia-born missionary working in China, to Elizabeth Van Dyck. The first letter details Koiner's departure from San Francisco to Yokohama for China. Describes the people on the boat with her in great detail, including missionary families, Chinese and Japanese families heading home, a few unattached men, and a group "trying to drink themselves to death" before they left port. She also gossips about a nice Dutch scientist with whom she has been playing Bridge and the musical entertainment on board the ship.

The second letter is decorated with hand-painted images of bamboo and waterfowl. Koiner congratulates "Van" on her school going strong, and thanks her for her last letter. She writes at length about the entertainment available in her area and the "good looking men." Koiner then transitions into discussing her own work in a school.

The third letter has a print of a girl standing next to a tree on each page. Koiner opens by thanking Van Dyck for her Christmas present and talks about how much she has enjoyed her time in China. She details the parties she has attended and the military officers she has met.

The three letters are accompanied by their envelopes and two documents related to language translation.

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