

which I designed. - Some unpleasantness occurred between Augusta & me regarding having invited Rev. Mr. Snyder to be present tomorrow. She went into hysterics for a time; afterwards things went along comparatively smoothly.

Sunday 31
Snow (heavy)

My Birthday
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When I arose a handsomely decorated breakfast greeted me, with congratulations from my dear Marie & my three dear boys, who presented me with two useful and desired articles - a large lamp for my library and a pair of scissors for my table. - In forenoon I helped at Father's getting the table etc ready, after luncheon Marie too came down & assisted in the flower decorations, at 3-30 Mr. St. John, Otto, Gretchen & her baby & S. Joseph came from Berlin - this completed our family. -

By 5 P.M. we were all in full dress and gathered together at Father's; all members of the Klitzky family of the Kiel House in America were present 21 in number save Emil who is at the moment in Shustell - England on business. - We proceeded to the drawing room where were the various presents, - after an invocation by the Rev. Mr. Snyder he read an eulogium on father, as a public man and on father & mother as husband & wife. The address was couched in well chosen words and although written by a minister yet was not offensive "salbaderisch". After the address Oskar, Waldemar, Julius & Max recited a German poem suited for the occasion, Oskar presenting a golden wreath to mother & Max a golden bouquet to father, then little Hebe came forward & handed father a golden head case, and little Dora - the great grandchild's mother a golden tumbler. Then the congratulations came after father had read the telegram from Emil now in England - Father broke down for a moment while reading it - his emotions overcame him. I had repressed the tears up to the time of congratulations, but then too I succumbed - there was

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scarcely a day check in the room. — Next father & mother were shown their various presents. The female branch had made a most handsome bed room set - pillow cases - curtains &c. — At six o'clock we entered the dining room. — At one end of the long table was a short cross table forming a T over it was sprung an arch of evergreens; the face of the arch rested upon imitation stone pillars with gold flutings, the keystone of the arch bore a golden crown & under it were inscribed in gold the figures of 50. The face of the arch bore the simple but impressive legend Vater - Mutter. This evergreen tower was illumined by Chinese lanterns & under it sat father & mother. The table was profusely decorated with flowers, besides each one having a butterhole bouquet. After the first course was brought Jacob as the eldest son read a congratulatory address followed by proposing the health of father & mother; — Carl & I filled the glasses with champagne — when young & old joined in a grand "Stoek" each one in succession "anstossen" with the parents. — Mr. Snyder then proposed the health of the children to which I replied; toast followed toast; — one for Emil; — the relations in Germany; Father proposed mine, it being my birthday, he also proposed that of the grandchildren to which Max replied in a most creditable manner to my great delight. — To Uncle Christian the last of the House of Klotz in Germany received a special toast. Waldemar gave two good humorous readings. Over three hours we spent at table. Then we adjourned to the drawing room where music was indulged in, first instrumental, my family of five giving some selections first; then impromptu dancing — walking — followed father & mother both showing that they were nimble of foot yet and coursed around the room once, father danced with the daughters two, & we with mother. — Carl, Max & I sang a bag of German songs followed by the two maids. Jacob collapsed with headache soon after supper. — The hours sped rapidly — and at 2 A.M. we retired. —

9th Sunday