

I was pleased to hear that
you were surprised, ^{and honored} with a birth-
day celebration last-year, but you
forgot to send me the account
of it; as you promised. By the
time this reaches you another year
will have passed, and I wish you
many happy returns of the 28th.

You spoke of the fine moving
pictures you have seen, how
wonderful they are, we have had
some in Peoria.

My sister joins me with kind
love to Mrs Doane.

Very sincerely

Alvin J. Herasing -

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April 21st 1915.

Dear Mr Doane,

I was pleased
to receive the Easter greeting
from you and Mrs Doane, and
your letter a few days later.

Our Xmas letters passed each
other on the way, if it were
not for the Christian festivals
I fear we would never hear from
some of our friends.

Easter was quite mild and we
had heavy rain in the morning

and a hail storm at night -
accompanied by thunder and
lightning, but - very little damage
was done here. A friend who
passed through Omaha last-
week said the residence district
was a mass of kindling wood.
Since then the floods in Ohio
and in southern Illinois have been
even worse than the cyclone. We
can hardly realize the loss of prop-
erty, and the suffering it - has caused.

The *Trollius* (*T. nivale*) were up,
in our wild flower bed, March 24th
but - not - one of them bloomed this
year, They do not - live very long

after being brought - from the woods.

A few days later the *Hepaticae*
were in bloom, and now the
hillsides are covered with *Spring-*
beauties, (*Claytonia*) *Licentia*, and
Lentaria laciniata.

I have a plant of *Twin-leaf*
(*Jeffersonia*) that is more than
twenty-five years old, It - is
blooming now but - the petals fall
almost - as soon as they open.

The peach and plum trees are
in bloom, and the poplars and
maples are leafing out. The woods
are so attractive at - this time
of the year that I would like
to take a "tramp" every day.



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