

FROM THE OFFICE OF
LYSANDER CORK FACTORIES INC.
Nº 20 SHIPSIDE ST., STOCKHOLM

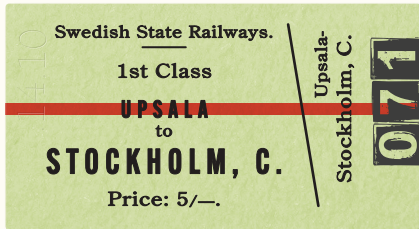
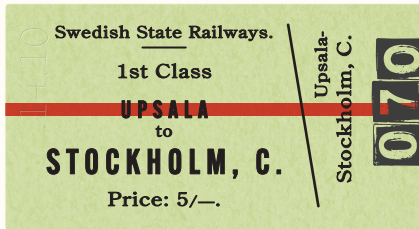
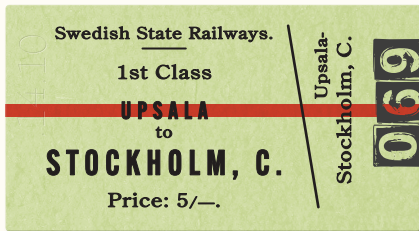
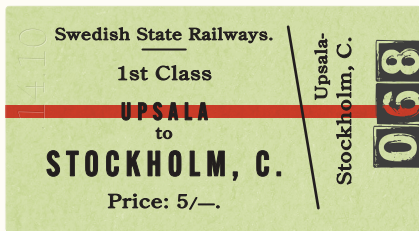
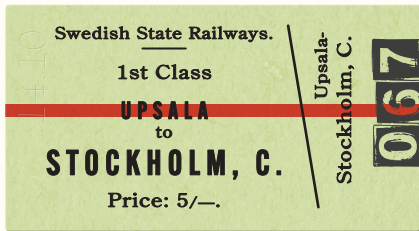
Esteemed members of the Society,

The capital is in need of your expertise. Four weeks ago, there was a brutal murder at the Royal Opera and my friends in the police are at a loss. The tenor Sverker von Erren is dead! One of the nation's most sublime voices has been silenced in a way that sends shivers down the spines of us opera lovers. So many evenings he carried us all to the heights of Elysium with his singing!

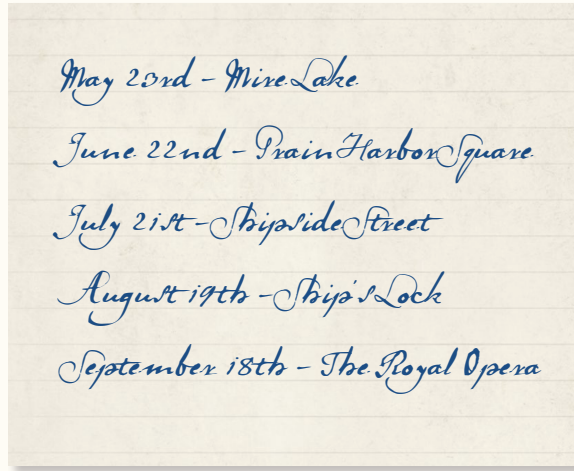
I cannot tell you any more about the murder in this letter, but I have reason to believe that the culprit is not human. Fear is spreading through the capital, and I do not want this murder to stir up further conflict in the city – the situation is tense enough as it is. I am an old friend of the Society and know that some among you have abilities beyond those of the police.

I have asked Police Commissioner John Gabriel Mtterson to invite members of the Society as special advisers to the investigation and hope that you will accept this invitation. I have taken the liberty of purchasing train tickets, which are enclosed with this letter, and booked accommodation for you at the Golden Peace. I will of course cover all expenses, and the Society will be amply compensated for your work.

*Yours sincerely,
August T. Lysander*



1B: Train tickets



1D: Uttersson's list of previous murders



1E: Friedrich Baum's drawing

City Gazette

Saturday

October 14th

REVOLUTIONARIES PROTESTED IN COIN SQUARE

A protest instigated by revolutionary radicals escalated into a riot in Coin Square on Saturday. Two dozen of these troublemakers were thoroughly thrashed and later detained by the capable constables, who quickly restored order in the city.

Inspired by revolutionary movements on the continent, several such protests have recently taken place in our capital, and members of law enforcement have found inflammatory proclamations circulated among the people.

As a result of these events and the worrying developments in Europe, Governor Jakob Wilhelm Sprengtporten and Police Commissioner Gabriel Utterson have mobilized police and military forces to quell further unrest.

NO ARRESTS FOR THE MURDER OF VON ESSEN

Almost a month after the horrific murder of Mr. Sverker von Essen, one of the nation's most prominent tenors and star of the Royal Opera's famous production of Giuseppe Verdi's *A Masked Ball*, the police have not been able to apprehend the perpetrator. Nor have they identified a suspect.

Assuring the public that justice will soon be served for this monstrous crime, Police Commissioner Gabriel Utterson made the following statement to the City Gazette's reporter at the new police headquarters on Coin Street:

"Our best officers are on the case. We ask for patience as we proceed with our investigation."

The ill-fated tenor was killed behind the Royal Opera House on the 18th of September, in a particularly cruel and barbarous manner. His murder was the latest in a series of equally brutal attacks, which have previously been treated as a settling of scores in the capital's underworld, as the victims came from its deplorable ranks. But with the death of von Essen, a new fear has gripped the city, for this murder shows that no one is safe from the killer's wrath.

In the role of Gustav III, von Essen's is replaced by upcoming star Rufus Holberg, who told City Gazette:

"It is a terrible tragedy. Nevertheless, I want to assure all opera lovers that our production of *A Masked Ball* will go on as scheduled, despite the sorrow we all feel. Every night I shall sing for poor Sverker, my friend and role model."

Von Essen's widow, Bernhardina, has declined to comment on her husband's passing, saying that "the grief is too great."

DISEASE SPREADS IN THE SLUMS

The honorable physicians of the Seraphim Hospital hereby announce that a severe and tenacious fever has taken hold among the hapless paupers of the capital, particularly in the White Hills slums in Southside. Among the afflicted are several wretches already deficient in limbs, missing an arm, a leg, or other body parts.

A considerable number of deaths have been reported in recent weeks, and doctors warn that this pestilence may spread further. Decent citizens are therefore encouraged to keep such beggars and destitutes at a careful distance, either by means of a stick or, if necessary, with a firm boot.

A. N. BERGGRÉN. Institute of Penmanship for Ladies and Gentlemen. No. 16 Small Water Street, 2nd Fl.

Note. Only 40 hours of instruction are required to improve a previously inadequate handwriting to the highest degree.

Mr. A. N. Berggrén from Gefle, instructor of penmanship, has demonstrated extraordinary skill in cultivating in his pupils a *beautiful, fluent, and neat* handwriting, as clearly demonstrated by the samples of styles which Mr. Berggrén can provide.

F. Asker,
County Governor.

The undersigned fully agrees, with the addition that three of my sons, including a minor, have recently *benefited tremendously* from Mr. A. N. Berggrén's teaching.

L. B. Falkman,
Director-General.

The undersigned can also attest to Mr. A. N. Berggrén's ability to improve pupils' handwriting through his teaching.

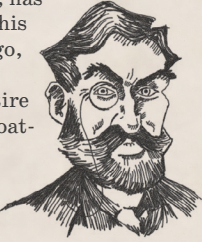
P. H.
M. Professor.

CORK MAGNATE LYSANDER RETURNS FROM HOLIDAY

Cork Magnate August T. Lysander, born Torstensson, has now returned to our beloved capital after a long stay at his summer estate on the scenic Goose Isle in the archipelago, near Waxholm. Built for his family, the stately villa houses his only son and heir, Lucius, as well as their entire staff of servants. In addition, Mr. Lysander has had a boat-house built for his slender sloop, the *Aegir*.

Lysander Cork Factories was the first company in the world to automate the production of bottled cork, and has since grown into an empire with factories on the continent and in the Baltic States. Imported from the

Mediterranean, the cork is transported to the Nordics aboard Lysander's own freight steamer. Today, Director Lysander is one of the capital's most prominent and prosperous gentlemen, often seen at the most prestigious gatherings of high society.



A Grand Ball

will be given on Monday, Oct. 16th,

at Dr. De la Croix's great salon in Brunkeberg.

New, modern dance music will be performed by a large and full orchestra, according to a program announced by posters.

Tickets are sold at De la Croix's Café in Brunkeberg Square.

Entrance Fee: Gentlemen 3s, Ladies 2s.

The ball starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 2 a.m. Note that no food or beverages are served after the end of the ball.

The Academy of War Sciences postpones its meeting to Friday, October 20th.

The Swedish Crafts Association convenes in a general annual meeting.

Town Hall, Wednesday, October 18th, at 6 p.m.

The P.B Society 5th

Degree and Above will meet at the Stock Exchange Building on Sunday, October 22nd, at precisely 1 p.m. — Dinner is served at 3 ½ p.m. and tickets must be purchased at the Stock Exchange Schweizeri no later than the day before.

Meteorological Observations in Stockholm:

Oct. 12, 2 a.m., Barom. 258.05, 9° C. cold, WNW, light wind, cloudy. 9 a.m., Barom. 257.42, 9° C. cold, WNW, light wind, clear. — On the 13th, 8 a.m., Barom. 257.75, 9° C. cold, WSW, light wind, clouds. At 2 a.m., Barom. 258.05, 9° C. cold, WSW, light wind, clear. At 9 a.m., Barom. 258.57, 6½° C. cold, calm, clear. — On the 14th, 8 a.m., Barom. 258.70, 6¾° C. cold, WNW, light wind, clear.

Highest temp. on the	12th:	11½° C.	warm.
• • •	13th:	11¼° C.	
Lowest • • •	12th:	8° C.	cold.
• • •	13th:	6° C.	

Meteorological Observations in Haparanda, Hernösand, and Stockholm:

Haparanda:	October 13, 8 a.m., Barom. 770.1, 6° C. cold, SW., light wind, cloudy.
•	October 14, 8 a.m., Barom. 765.0, 5¼° C. cold, SW., light wind, cloudy.
Hernösand:	October 13, 8 a.m., Barom. 769.7, 6¼° C. cold, calm, cloudy, fog.
•	October 14, 8 a.m., Barom. 772.8, 6¼° C. cold, O., light wind, cloudy.
Stockholm	October 13, 8 a.m., Barom. 763.2, 9° C. cold, WSW., light wind, occasional clouds.
•	October 14, 8 a.m., Barom. 770.9, 6¼° C. cold, WNW., light wind, clear.

Meteorological Overview for October 3rd, 7 a.m.

Cities	Barom.	Temp.	Wind.	Weather
Hernösand	731.8	+ 3½	SW. lt. wind	Mostly cloudy.
Riga	747.0	+ 9½	S. wind	Cloudy.
St. Petersburg	745.5	+ 8½	SW. wind	Cloudy.
Stockholm	740.0	+ 7	WSW. wind	Clear.
Groningen	752.8	+ 3½	W. lt. wind	Mostly clear.
Brussels	758.5	+ 9½	W. lt. wind	Mostly clear.
Paris	760.6	+ 9½	NW. lt. wind	Cloudy, rain.
Bordeaux	763.2	+ 11	N. lt. wind	Cloudy.
Florence	763.9	+ 15	NE. lt. wind	Clear.
Rome	764.7	+ 17	E. calm	Mostly cloudy.

VILMA AF ZIMT HOLDS EXHIBITION AT BLANCH'S ART SALON

The artist and spiritualist Vilma af Zimt will be exhibiting her work this weekend at Blanch's Art Salon in King's Garden. Vilma af Zimt is a willful lady whose paintings depart from the artistic conventions of our time. Even at a young age, she was drawn to the mystical and esoteric which has since come to characterize her work. With her brush she explores a world beyond the visible, where colors and shapes become symbols of a higher reality. Her images are not merely depictions of nature, but visions of a spiritual realm, far removed from our earthly existence.



Spectacles: THE ROYAL OPERA

Today, Saturday Oct. 14th, for the 86th time, also on Sunday and Monday:

A Masked Ball.

A tragic Opera in three acts, by Giuseppe Verdi; after the Italian original and C. A. Hagberg's translation, adapted for the stage by Nils Arfvidsson.

Dramatis Personae:

King Gustav III of Sweden	Mr. Holberg
Count Anckarström,	Mr. Dahlqvist
the king's secretary	Ms. Lind
Amelia, Anckarström's wife	
Madame Arvidsson,	
fortunteller	Mrs. Hedin
Oscar, the king's page	Ms. Sandberg
Count Ribbing, conspirator	Mr. Hanson
Count Horn, conspirator	N. W. Almlöf
Christiano, sailor	Mr. Kinnmansson
Amelia's servant	Mr. Elmland

Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at approx. 10 p.m.

THE SOUTHERN THEATER

Next Monday, for the third time:

The Wisdom Tooth,

Comedy in 4 acts by Lambert-Thiboust, translated by B. Grangé.

Then, for the third time

The Shepherdess of Monthabor Street.

Guest comedy in 4 acts by Labiche and Deleucar. Freely translated. No free admission this day.

Next Tuesday: Same plays.

Ladugårdsland Theater.

Tomorrow, Sunday, October 15th presents

A DRAMATIC SOIREE

performed by amateur actors.

Tickets are sold at the fruit stall in Gustaf Adolf's Square and at the theater's ticket office. The soiree begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.

For the benefit of Mr. Oscar Lundell Monday, October 16th

Courting According to Prescription

Comedy in 1 Act.

Followed by:

Mlle Sundblad Wants to Get Married.

Comedy in 1 Act.

7 p.m. — approx. 10 p.m.

THE SMALL THEATER in Gothenburg

Is available for rent from November 1st to December 15th this year. Further details to be announced by author J. Philipsson

address: Trade Paper Bureau, Gothenburg

THE ROYAL OPERA.

Next Tuesday, for the sixth time:

Duke Magnus and the Mermaid,

Romantic Operetta in 3 Acts, by F. Hedberg.

Music by Ivar Hallström.

Dramatis Personae:

Duke Magnus of Östergötland	Mr. Arlberg
Sten Åkeson,	
Lord High Constable	Mr. Obisson
Brynnof, his son	Mr. Arnlundson
Peder, old fisherman	Mr. Willman
Ingrid, his wife	Miss. Lublin
Anna, their daughter	Mrs. Stenhammar
Lisa, fisherwoman	Mrs. Strandberg
Ulfr, the duke's cook	Mr. Dahlgren
Monk	Mr. Sandström
Older fisherman	Mr. Westerberg
Peasant Woman	Miss. Magnusson
Courtiers, the duke's servants, guards, fishermen, and peasants; their wives and children. (The story takes place in 1566, in and around Wadstena.)	

Next Wednesday, the 18th, for the 107th time:

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark,

Tragedy in 8 Acts, by W. Shakespeare; after the English original and C. A. Hagberg's translation, adapted for the stage by Nils Arfvidsson.

Dramatis Personae:

Claudius, King of Denmark	Mr. Dahlqvist
Gertrude, Queen of Denmark,	
Hamlet's mother	Mrs. Hedin
Hamlet, son of the late King,	
Claudius' nephew	Mr. Swartz
Ghost of Hamlet's father	Mr. Hanson
Polonius,	
Lord Chamberlain	Mr. N.W. Almlöf
Laertes, son to Polonius	Mr. Kinnmansson
Ophelia,	
daughter to Polonius	Miss. Sandberg
Horatio, Hamlet's friend	Mr. Elmland

Starts at 7 p.m. and ends approx. 10 p.m.

Tavern Keeper Öhman Defends Turtle Soup

Henrik Öhman of the renowned Golden Peace tavern expresses deep regret that his once beloved *Potage Tortue* — the famous turtle soup — has fallen out of favor. This has been the case since Mortimer Cronstedt, conductor at the Royal Opera, passed away six weeks ago, shortly after consuming said dish. Rumors are circulating that the preserved turtle meat is toxic and causing fatal botulism, but Öhman firmly denies these accusations.

"Our turtle soup is of the highest quality, and I have it myself every day," he assures our readers.

GERMANIA Life Insurance. Company in Stettin.

3,261 New policies amounting to.....£ 132,010

were concluded in September increasing the company's

Annual premium income by.....£ 5,400

At the end of September, the company serviced

89,222 policies worth a total of.....£ 6,329,200

The company's annual profit is £199,800.

The company provides all kinds of services related to the life insurance industry.

Our premiums are the cheapest
and our terms and conditions most liberal.

Further details are provided, prospectuses supplied free of charge, and insurance applications received by the company's agents and the undersigned. Letters are answered promptly.

H. FRANKE, Stockholm, West Longstreet N° 68,
General Agent for Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

Agents wanted in Sweden, Norway and Finland. Applications should be submitted to the General Agent, with references.



STAGNELIUS MOURNS HIS FRIEND

The poet Erik Johan Stagnelius, a close comrade of the tragically deceased tenor Sverker von Essen, deeply mourns the loss of his beloved drinking companion. Many a time have these two gentlemen been seen in merry spirits at the Golden Peace tavern, where Stagnelius is a longtime patron and resident. Overcome with the heavy burden of grief, the poet expressed his feelings to Stockholm Dagblad's reporter, in a painful farewell to the friend whose passing has darkened his heart and mind.

*Putrefaction! hasten, oh beloved bride!
to ready our lonely lover's couch!
By the world rejected, by God set aside
thou art my only hope, I vouch.*

MAIDS MISSING IN THE WHITE HILLS

The Southside Police Department hereby announces that several reports have been filed concerning the disappearance of young maids from the White Hills slums. Most of these girls, the majority of whom recently arrived from the countryside, have neither family nor relatives in the capital, making the police's work of tracking them down particularly laborious.

Poverty and solitariness seem to be the common lot of these poor girls, and one can only lament the many difficulties hindering the authorities in their efforts to bring clarity to this sad affair.

Announcement.

The City of Stockholm's five percent loan of £160,00 in bonds of £50 each, with annual coupons, is offered to the public. The loan is to be repaid over 25 years and the bonds will be sold at a price of £45 for each bond of £50. Further information is included in a prospectus provided by the Stockholm City Accounting Office.

Stockholm
Loan Delegation

BERNS' SALON.

Tomorrow, Sunday,

Professor Liebholt gives a grand performance of magic, etc., ending with the evocation of Spirits and Ghostly visions.

The performance will begin at ½ 8. Monday, the day after tomorrow, at ½ 8 p.m.

Professor Liebholt will give a magnificent

Matinée Physicale, according to a rich and varied program.

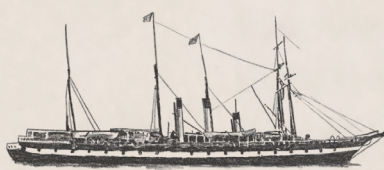
In the evening at half 8:
A Grand Performance.

Ticket prices are:
Numbered seat..... 3/—
Unnumbered Seat..... 2/—
Gallery..... 1/—

Tickets can be purchased every day at our office in the courtyard and from 6 p.m. at the ticket office.

H. R. BERNIS

Steamboat Trips.



The swift, and superbly equipped for passengers as well as for the transportation of cattle

steamer MARY,

commanded by Captain Thisleigh, will still maintain a regular service between Gothenburg and London, departing from the former every other Tuesday morning and from London very other Thursday morning, namely:

From Gothenb.	From London
Oct. 3rd, 17th, & 31st	Oct. 12th & 26th
Nov. 14th & 28th	Nov. 9th & 23rd
Dec. 12th & 26th	Dec. 7th & 21
Jan. 9th & 23rd	Jan. 4th & 18th
Feb. 6th & 20th	Feb. 1st & 15th
Mar. 6th & 20th	Mar. 1st, 15th, & 29th
Apr. 3rd & 17th	Apr. 12th & 26
May. 1st, 15th, & 29th	May. 10th & 24th
June. 12th & 26th	June. 7th & 21st

A conductor from the Rural and Agricultural Society of West Sweden accompanies the ship on every trip.

Further information will be communicated by the undersigned. Gothenburg, September 16th.

August Leffler & Co.

Stockholm—Lübeck

As in previous years, the steamers L.t. Torstensson and Brävikén will maintain regular services between the above cities, stopping at Norrköping, Calmar and Ystad.

Note. Both steamers have undergone significant repairs, and a superstructure on the deck now provides comfortable shelter for passengers. The ships have also been specially fitted for the transportation of livestock.

Olson & Wright,
Shipside Street N° 21.

The Steamboat DANA

Departs southbound from DALAR ISLE tomorrow at 8 a.m. Stockholm, October 14th

C. W. BERGLUND.

The Steamships

Franzén Captain O. A. Öberg

and

Nore Captain F. W. Brau,

will make regular trips between Stockholm—Wisby—Kalmars for one year. The Franzén will depart on the morning of Thursday, November 2nd, unless prevented by ice. Further details to be announced by

C. O. STRINDBERG.

The Freighter HERMES (Cpt. Tycho Boberg) will begin service to Carlstad, Cristinehamn, and Gothenburg at first open water. For more information, contact

P. WIGIUS, Mälarsquare N° 49

70—80 ARTWORKS,

such as oil paintings, drawings, etc., raffled off by prominent artists and students at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, for the purpose of giving a young artist of modest means the opportunity to continue his studies abroad. Tickets are available for 5 shilling each at Messrs. Levertin and Sjöstedt, Fredsgatan, Lederer, 35 Queen's Street, Holmberg's Bookshop, 16 Big New Street, Åström's Cigars, 12 Gustaf Adolf's Square



Subject 1b: 25 years old male.
Good general condition. No sign of
pulmonary tuberculosis. Weight 45 kg,
height 160 cm. Laudanum administered
preoperatively.

Graft: right forearm, 21 years old
male, retrieved on October 27th from
the Sofia Churchyard. Chilled for
three days. Course of procedure:
Amputation successful. Blood loss
acceptable. The graft is infused with
saline. Necrotic tissue minimal, can be
attached after debridement. Indications
of perfusion in the transplanted tissue.

Day 1: Patient receives regular analgesia.
Develops fever and chills in the evening.
The graft shows no signs of perfusion.

Day 2: Patient unconscious. Feverish.
Clinical signs of sepsis. The graft
is removed. Time of death: 16.37.
Body discarded in the usual place.

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Dear friends,

*I hope it's not presumptuous of me, but after our collaboration this autumn, I do consider you good friends. To thank you for your efforts in solving the murder of Sverker von Essen, I hope you will accept my invitation to a few days of well-deserved recreation in the beautiful archipelago. My steamer *Aegir* departs from the Grand Hotel Quay in Stockholm tomorrow at four o'clock.*

Besides you, I have invited other individuals with knowledge of the occult to a private conclave, where we will discuss matters of concern to us all. You may have heard of Konstantin Konstantinovich, Count of Gamburg? The ethnologist Nuala Fitzgerald and the poet Florian Schiller will also be present. I look forward to seeing you on Goose Island!

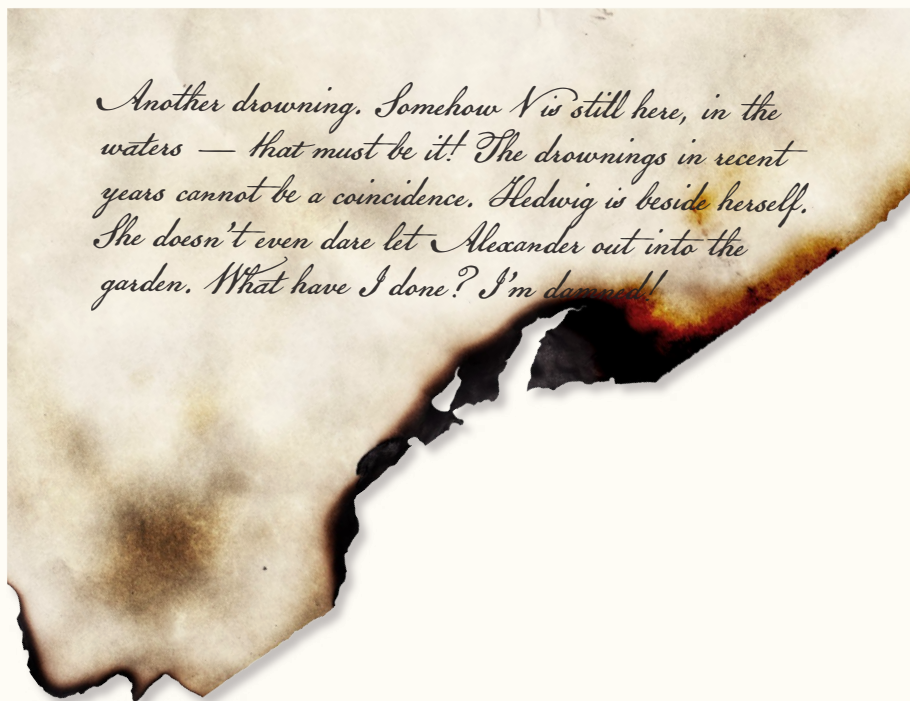
*Yours sincerely,
August T. Lysander*



2B: *The portrait of Vesper Stiernkors*



2C: The newspaper clipping



2D: The burnt page

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Dear friends,

I hope the months since we last met have been kind to you. I wish I could say the same for myself, but the events on Goose Island haunt me still. I have buried my grief in work – running my cork company, of course, but also researching the glorious history of the Society. The latter began as a mere pastime, but in the process I have uncovered secrets that I now feel compelled to share with you.

You may have heard of botanist Carl Linnaeus's scientific expeditions to Dalecarlia during the last century. As you probably know, Linnaeus was gifted with the Sight and later became the esteemed leader of the Society – a true pioneer in vaesen studies. You may also be aware that Linnaeus inexplicably left the Society and his research on vaesen a year after his expedition to Dalecarlia, which he called *Societas Itineraria Reuterholmiana*.

His sudden departure has long been a mystery in the history of the Society, a wound that never healed. But I'm on the track of an explanation. I am convinced that Linnaeus left behind notes about what happened, and I need your help to find them. But that's not all – I have also learned that our rivals, the vainglorious Rosenbergers, are on our trail. We must find Linnaeus's secret library before they do.

Once again, I ask that you come to Stockholm as soon as possible. I will meet you at the Golden Peace and tell you more. The fate of the world is at stake!

August T. Lysander



3B: The map of the catacombs



3C: The floor relief



3D: *The doors*

My worst fears have come true! The odious Reuterholm has taken everything from me, and claimed for the King all the precious artifacts I have collected in the name of truth and wisdom! The lyre of the Neck, whose origin and power I can only imagine, is now lost to me and has become a tool in His Majesty's armory. A disgrace without parallel!

But this is not my greatest misfortune. Reuterholm also robbed me of my lucky charm, the little worm that has been my faithful companion since I was a boy. Without this specter, which gave me the Sight, I am lost! I can no longer see the vaoen that were once visible to me, and the world around me now seems a dull, gray chain of inexorably passing time.

I have no choice but to renounce my membership in the Society and hide my writings on the supernatural beings I have studied, for the risk of these volumes falling into the wrong hands is too great. The King's greed knows no bounds, and I have not the power to oppose him. Therefore, I am forced to retire and spend the rest of my days studying the more mundane creations of nature. Forgive me, O Lord, but I have no choice.

—Carl Linnaeus

Friends of the Unseen,

My name is Vilma af Zimt, an artist and medium based in Stockholm. I am writing you because of a message I received from the spirit world during a séance I recently conducted at The Swedenborg Society. The message came to me and the other participants through automatic writing on a Ouija board. A powerful spirit sought contact. He seemed deeply troubled and insisted on conveying the message directly to you. When I offered to pass on his message, he became violent, knocking over several candlesticks in the room. Several participants fainted in terror.

Therefore, I invite you to a séance at my apartment at 19 Charity Street in the Town Between the Bridges, so you may have direct contact with the spirit.

*Yours affectionately,
Vilma af Zimt*



4B: The poster advertising *Matinée Physicale*

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE MUST BE HEARD!

A Call to All Honest Citizens

GATHER FOR A MARCH OF PROTEST AGAINST THE CROWN!

For the king's excesses grievously
oppress the toiling masses!

We suffer under taxation, hunger, and injustice,
whilst his court feasts upon the fruits of our labor.

Our Patience Is at an End!

We Do Hereby Demand:

- Bread upon the table of every household
- An end to the squandering of the people's purse
- Parliamentary authority over royal prerogative
- Freedom, justice, and equality for all!

Come with **drum
and banner** and
steadfast resolve!

**Men, women, and
children—all of
the people shall
arise!**

SUNDAY THE 7TH
OF MAY, AT THE
STROKE OF NOON

Castle Slope,
Stockholm

— FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE —
AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF THE CROWN!