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Christmas Day

Dear Laura

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It is six o'clock & as there is a lull in the day's festivities, I wanted to get in a few lines to you of love & Christmas Greetings & all sorts of wishes for the New Year. Your sweet dear Christmas letter came yesterday, & was so much to all of us, & I have felt as tho you must be here all day today.

Our table cover decorates our kitchen - dining-room & is very pretty indeed. I was very anxious to have it black & now, I'm not so sure but that I'd like it white better. Any way it is very nice & easy to keep clean. There are

none of them here, small or large of any kind.
Night before last Mr. Dr. Loomis called me up
to ask for your address, & couldn't say enough
in praise of your book, your work, & the way
you accomplished it. It was wonderful. He
said the entire book was a success due entirely
to your efforts, so then. Here say, I don't
tell you nice things about yourself!!

We had breakfast here, then I went over to
see Augustus' wife & children, a poor enough
wife, but such gay happy youngsters. They, little
May, Charlotte (lives in Chickadee) & Leta were
all full of excitement.

Then I went to Auntie Munk's for a visit

then to the Connells for a minute, then
all three of us went to Helen Curtis to
dinner with the whole bunch -

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13 of us at the table. We sat on for a
long time around the fire with Mrs. Solly
& Helen, & now Dad is snoring on the
couch here, Fran is galivanting with the
girls, & later we go to the Connells to
dinner.

We all got some very nice presents &
the room is so full we can scarcely
move in it. The principal reason you
have not had a letter from me for so
long is that there isn't an inch of space
to write on here at my desk. What with
my own cards, Francis' cards, & the cards
which have come to us this week made -

quatre deck is bursting full.

I asked for a carpet-sweeper, the blk. lathe-corn
& a hot-water bag. I got all but the last, also
a nice \$20.00 gold piece for Father, so perhaps
I can have the hot-water bag.

I got a Mah jongg lathe-corn for the Gardiner
Andersons, a pair of Clippin buckles for Aunt
Rowena, some lace neck things for Aunt Leila,
& a lot of small trash. Patsy brought me a lovely
bunch of Gap. lilies in full bloom & a pair of pillow
cases. Francis gave Bessie a box of this kind of
papers with her home address on it, I gave her
a pr. stockings like yours, & your present went wrapped
up most be-cause-fully. I saw some lovely dach

brown velvet - on sale at Hibbards & got it
instead of black, & Bessie danced over to
show the yellow & it together this
morn. She liked it much better than black.
or I hope you approve.

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Your last list of cards was were filled
I am sorry to say for there were no cards.
The first list were all filled, except -
Rott. Reid (in U. S.) & Miss Linnally - I left
here to find her address & it got buried
under on my desk, & just this eve popped
up. Your little house made the prettiest
card yet, I think. It reproduced so well.
but it isn't one millionth part as beautiful
as it all was up there on Sunday! There
was such a wonderful clear day
beautiful white sun, spruce & pine, blue blue

sky & the Peak looked like it was cut out
& stuck on to the blue sky, the outlines were
so clear & vivid. There were then seven happier
children than those at the tree, & we all
had such a peaceful happy day & all year
longed for you to be with us.

Next year we will surely spend Christmas up
there,

I am wondering what you two are doing today
I went to the Day Nursery this yesterday aft.
The children are in the new building, but it is
not nearly finished down stairs. no floors laid
&c. The murals that Alan Lane did, are lovely
I thought. Beautiful colors, lovely imagination
& the Mother Goose, great over the fireplace

The formal opening is Jan. first. I believe
after that - the Mrs. Stewart & I went to
the Carol Service at Grace Church which
was fair.

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The final step has been taken & the church
are to unite. Mr. Power has given a
check for \$50,000. Grace Church will bring
another \$50,000, & another \$50,000 will be
raised among the congregation. The plan are
beautiful & churchly & dignified, & now I
wish somebody would give some Chinese -
I long for Chinese or Chinese.

With all these squabbles going on in the
church, I wonder if there will be any real
church left.

Well its time to dress for the last festivity
& I wish I wasn't going but ———
Love from us all Mother.