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Laurie Dear:

Time for just a word with you before bed. I didn't answer your last letter p.d.g. because I was sure that in the very next mail you must have received my long one - about your proof, the violin, etc. And so you'd know there was nothing to worry about. Why dear, so far from being ill, I'm feeling better than I have for a year & more - really O.K. & equal to a full day's work & many of 'em. And I have worked! Today is just a breasting spell - for the past week saw the final design (at least I think it's that!) for the "Puck" completed; the model for the Christ figure all cast & painted up as they want it; the pedestal for the sundial all worked out so Joan & I can now begin on the figures; the marble Charities scrubbed & oiled & two

brusted toes re-carved, ready for Mrs Egan to summon it to Miami Beach. Don't know when that will be, as she's just dashed off to California! But I've done my part, anyhow, & Baillie stands ready to go down with it when sent for.

I had Thanksgiving eve with my family in Scarsdale, & the day itself with the Herveys, bless 'em. They are good to me! The new baby is now thriving, & visited with the whole family all the afternoon & never let out a peep! Funny little thing - looks just like Mrs Hervey!

Dad comes up again on the 19th, & will, I suppose, stay on over Christmas. Hope we can have that with our babies. Desmond came to New York for the first time in his life yesterday. My kitten much intrigued him & he kept saying stoutly "I'm not afraid of him, am I, Mother?" He's a darling boy.

Laura, I do wish you'd write me what to do about your fiddle. You say you want \$500 for it. Can I ask that, when Freeman appraises it lower? Everyone asks what it's appraised at, & then I'm stuck. For if I

don't let on - it has been appraised, & lend it
to any one to try out, they'll go & have it
done, & think I'm trying to put something
over on them. Will you take \$4.00?
Shall I ask that? Are you sending me
a note for Louis Bersinger? I wish you
would, as I know him so slightly. Eddie
Ideler I've spoken to twice about it,
so he's got it in mind & will help sell
it if he can, I know. But you've got to
price it - now that I've given you what
data I could. I can't do that for you.

I suppose you're beginning to be sub-
merged in Christmas orders, now; I do
hope they'll bring in some cash - plenty
cash. It's an awful long wait to thank
~~it~~ to hear of you late, isn't it? But
you'll come on, anyway, won't you, so
that will be lovely to look forward
to. By April I ought to be getting things
pretty well shaped up here.

Just had a nice letter from Lily Pily.

The poor dear doesn't seem to understand about the cross, for she says "I have written to Helen re the Cross. So far we can find no trace of it in the church yard at Chislehurst, but we may by next week, and I will send the measurements, etc, on to Helen!" - - -

I wish I could help, but it's impossible for me, as I have pledged what I can spare to my musical fund here."

Do you suppose ~~she~~ doesn't know Mrs Curtis is referring to the cross in Colo. Sprs.? And that we already have the drawings of & for it? Not that it matters greatly, for I don't suppose Mrs Curtis wants to undertake it alone, even at £300, which was the best price I could get for her.

Have you been having blizzard weather out your way? We've just had a biting old snap (16°) - but tonight it's milder & raining. I wish I didn't hate old weather so! My hands are cracked & chapped already - in spite of Frostilla & everything - Now for my rain-coat & the mail box.
Hope your Dad had a fine holiday. My love to him & to you, darling - your Brendie



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