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356 West 22nd St
New York
Day after Christmas

Laurie dear:

Just a hurried line to you tonight, after a busy day, & a mass of "thank you" notes at the end of it. It was lovely to get your Christmas greeting, but I was so sorry to hear how Fran had to spend his holiday. You say "slight operation", & I do hope it was really that - but a miserable business just the same. Hope he's getting on finely now, & will soon be O.K. This past week must have been a hectic one for you!

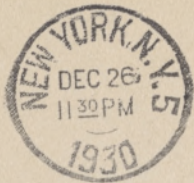
My Dad went back to Washington this morning, after a whole week here with me. We went out to Scarsdale early yesterday morning & had a marvelous day. The children were adorable - simply raved under with gifts, but appreciating each little thing - sharing each other's presents, and having
(the kitten's greeting →)

a truly lovely time. Good as gold all day long, too - never a cry or fretful word. Nancy is a real little girl now - no more a wistful baby. And Desmond a real be-man, working out the mechanics of his toy tractor, & plunging right in to work with the little carpenter's tool box his Grand daddy gave him. It was a lovely sunny day, with just enough snow on the ground to try out the new sled, & make snow-balls.

I went down to see Mrs. K. Tuesday evening, & she tried to make me jealous by showing me her lovely wreath. But she couldn't, 'cause I have mine too, hanging on my front door & cheering up our dark old hall-way. It's a beauty, my dear. Thank you so much - & the beautiful card from Betty, too. The deer's head comes out stunningly, doesn't it. Please thank her for her thought of me.

No, don't write until you have time for it, darling. I know how crowded the days must be for you. I'll be patient.

Meantime, my love to you all,
& all sorts of wishes for the New Year -
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