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December 17th '31

Laurie Dear:

Bless you — here's my
check. And O but I'm glad
you have so much work
to do! Oh my you don't get
all worn out trying to do
it. You're practically the
only one I know who's really
busy. Most of us round here
are just twiddling our thumbs
& cussing. Eliot's having
a show in Washington now —
Splendid write-ups & crowd
of visitors. I'm going down on

the 22nd to spend Christmas with them, coming back the following Monday.

Speaking of Christmas - I was up at Mrs. Hervey's the other night & she showed me some new "Charcoal Black" paper, made by a firm in San Francisco, which she liked the looks of. So, not having enough imagination to think up a better present for you, I wrote this firm to send you some paper to try. (So if it comes, don't think it's a mistake & return it!).

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You may not like it at all.
Your work & this H¹ are so
totally different, maybe your
papers should be likewise.
Anyhow, do what you want
with it. I'm so happy to
think I'm going to get my
pictures of you at last. If
the S. Y. paper comes before
the other that you ordered, make
mine on it - why not?

I've been thinking much about
Betsy these days, with all the
newspaper accounts of fearful
blizzards in the Indian country.

I bet she's doing wonders for those
poor people! If only she can keep
well, herself.

I had tea with our friend
Lacy the other day. She's home
for the holidays, staying with her
brother at 509 West 121st St.

She's wondering if you have &
will return to her some plate holders
she loaned you years ago?

If you can locate 'em, & can
get your rec'y to parcel-post
'em to the above address, I
know Lacy'll be mighty grateful.
She's the same queer guy, but
looks simply blooming. Works
in Rome mostly now, with side
trips to Munich!

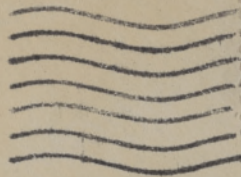
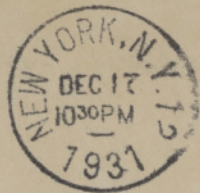
Darling, I must wrap up Christmas
presents - Goodnight - Love you
Brendie



At the right is the
cottage - which with
trees & land & another
tiny house - we've bought
at our beloved Goose
Rocks Beach, Maine.

E. may build a little
studio & have a general
summer watercolor
exhibition there - also
classes.

422 Come & visit us.
Love Phil



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