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WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

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Dear Laura,

Ever since I received your letter of November I have been expecting the arrival of the two copies of your book which I had ordered from you and which you mentioned in that letter, were already in the mail. As I don't think that they could have taken such a long time in transit in the ordinary course of events, I am writing to ask if they were insured. As I want to give them as Christmas presents, I am anxious to get them as soon as possible so as to send them on their way again. It is surely nice to know that Santa Claus (in the form of Isabella) is bringing a copy my way to stay. I shall enjoy going through it many times. I saw some copies of it in Brentano's a few days ago when I was in Washington but did no more than peek at it as I want to have the thrill of sitting down and really going through my own copy thoroughly. I could see however, what a beautiful book it has developed into.

I was much interested in the clippings which you sent to me. Isabella has been away and just returned home day before yesterday. I will show her the clippings when I see her in a few days and will return them to you.

I am expecting Douglas, Nancy and the baby, Cathy, within a week for a Christmas visit.

Howard, Nancy Lee and Lewie will also be here for Christmas but I am afraid their visits will be shorter than Douglas' family stay.

I hope that you will have a happy Christmas and that waaan springtime rolls around again that you will be coming east again and that we will have a little visit from you here in Winchester.

With lots of love,

Affectionately,

Dorothy -