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Dear Mrs. Eastman:-

Your letter came last night, and I am sorry indeed that you were inconvenienced by my neglect in properly changing a check. I just didn't see the small "Wichita Falls". I was on my way to Dallas and found I had forgotten to take my check book, so I hurriedly made that one on an out of state bank. However I should have thought my hand written Santa Fe, New Mexico was quite clear. Any way here is both the December and January rent.

I wonder if you have happened to see my RIO GRANDE which came out Oct. 17th. It is doing very well, and I hope will continue to do so. At present am not embarked on any new book, but one or two are in the offing and I dare say my publishers are waiting to see how this one goes.

Is there any chance that you would some day consider selling this house? I love it, and feel myself well settled in. I should love to build a studio on the back of the lot and be settled down for my declining years. However, it may a little while before I could even think of it seriously, and I mention it chiefly for the purpose that I should like to have the first consideration for it. I have done a lot in the way of repair and it now looks very sweet.

This brings my best wishes for the new year,

Most sincerely