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Dear Miss Gilpin:-

Your beautiful picture came with Santa Claus and we are delighted to possess it and appreciate your generosity. We realize so well what you are, such a gift!

Not long after Lloyd received your last letter (which was shortly following your Guts Club show) in which you asked us to accept a gift of one of your pictures & Lloyd wrote a part of what was to be a long letter to you. It was I thought a beautiful letter - unfinished - in which he started to discuss many points of your work he thought very strong & artistic principles in particular that he is interested in applying to photography and of course technical matters. Photographers always like to talk over with one another. Lloyd makes quite a thing

of such letters which are few & far between &
he won't send them until they are completed.
Before this was finished a brother-in-law of
mine became very ill - here at Walter Reed Hospital
and our time has been taxed to its limit. And
during this summer & autumn Lloyd has been
working intenciously on publications which
are now at the finishing up stage (which
is almost the worst part). I am therefore
his scribe & apologist & have been for some
time.

We are hoping for another field trip
in the Southwest this next autumn. We did
not get to the field at all this year nor did
we take a vacation except for two long-
week-end trips.

The Arts Club has just recently had a
photographic show made up of prints chosen
from five or six local photographic clubs. It
was a contest show, & I ~~as~~ ^{with} a little fewer than
three hundred prints about seventy were hung.

It was interesting & a grand show
but our favorite subject matter was
not represented - a significant side
light on the current urban taste &
one to be attended I feel. There were
no pure landscapes! Portraits &
still life & scenes containing human
interest were in abundance.

We do wish you would let us know
if and when you make a trip eastward.
It would be a great pleasure to have
our paths cross again.

Thanking you again for this
beautiful picture of ^{our} favorite types
which shows your great skill,

Yours cordially

Happy New Year
You.
Fanny Herbert
(Lloyd Herbert)