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Dear Laura-

I was so pleased to receive your letter Christmas Card. do think a little harder, and determine to stop in and pay me a visit - I'd love it, and my housekeeper is always pleased when some of my relatives stop over, or come in for a meal. Last April I had Margaret Miller from Wilmington for 2 weeks, and during that time Cousin Ida Stabler (Charlie's widow) and her two daughters Eleanor Clarke - & Lallie Stabler, came ~~on~~ ^{to} Calif. & Seattle, came for dinner & overnight, and was no trouble at all, so you come - and bring Betsy too, if you want to (do I know Betsy? if not, I'll like to, I'm sure)

Joe Gaggam is in pretty bad condition
at present, in St. Luke's Hospital, been
there 3 weeks, & may be there 3 weeks more.
Minnie, his housekeeper, told me some-
one sent him a fruit cake, and he ate
some. & had a hemorrhage of stomach -
I have seen him several times, and
tho' under drugs, mostly - was quite
lucid last week. Benoit Forupkin's widow
(now Mrs. John Hall - married a Prof. at Washington University)
Mary (Fausig she was) is looking after him, and
doing it very well I think - But - every time
I saw him, at home, I would ask "Any
thing from Lamma lately?" and he'd reply
"nothing for a long time" - then "but you
know she's very busy with her new
book" - no doubt you sent him a
Christmas card, but he would not be
aware of it. Minnie probably keeping
them for him - "by the way is half way
laid by, with Arthritis - on crutches for a while
I am doing pretty well - had my 92d birthday
Jan 7 - but my nieces & nephews "ganged up" on
me & persuaded me to sell our little Chevy - & now I feel
like I'd lost my left arm - Will hope to see you soon.
(Regards to Betty) Affly Your cousin Charlie