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March 20th--first day of spring and snow on the ground!

Dearest Nell:

I couldn't resist sending the enclosed picture of our little Nell to you. We just love it and were amazed that s school picture could turn out so well. She continues to bring us untold joy, and I can hardly believe that she will be in first grade next year. Right at the moment she is singing away and setting her dollies hair. She loves her book of poems that you sent her for Xmas. We have such a good time reading them, and of course I adore Tasha Tudor's illustrations.

Tom continues to read constantly and so enjoyed Stuart Little. It was a perfect **Exhim** choice. I hope his thank you note arrived safely. He is knee deep now in **cub** sc**outs**, and I am barely surviving being a den mother. Those things always take up more time than you planned for--8 little 8 yr. olds are really a handful but still lots of fun and of course very rewarding.

The news from Arizona does seem good, and I'm so glad that Mac is feeling so much better. We are planning a visit to the Cape the last week of July and first week of August and do hope that we will be able to see you then. It seems like such a long time since we've had a chance for a good visit.

Jim continues to work hard-twill ever be thus, I guess. The plant is doing well, and our trip to California in November was a big success. It's always good to get away, even if it's for a short time. Florida too was more than marvellous with every day more beautiful than the one before. We played lots of tennis and just relaxed and enjoyed ourselves to the hilt. Both children were well and have really be just fine all winter long, quite a feat with so many nasty viruses going the rounds!

Please write soon if you get a chance and catch us up on your news. We all send our dearest love to you and think of you so often.