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Dearest Helen; your wonderful letter -
{ and all the Fotos - and everything
about it was the greatest gift of
all. It is the whole of Villa Serena
you brought to life! Everybody now
is with us, - even Lil, - because
Thomas took just a few pictures....
there was no time for more, - but so
we have him too. I wonder how
you do all you do! you must have a
very special secret, - you manage al-
most three Families. How to achieve
sending a letter - and with such warmth -
in the midst before Christmas.
It is numerous times that I think
of you and how you do all these
things all the time. And Villa Serena
just isn't around the corner for you. -
Since Barby and Lil were here, and
your letter with the Fotos came; it
is to me as if hardly any time has
passed since we were together. I still
see you with little Chris and Peter,
picking up the tiny Baby mice out

Love also to Nell, - the next letter goes there!

of my Chest of drawers at the Dove-Cote.
As you left, you said "well.... thanks
for the mice." The doubt about the
whole deal was quite clearly in your
voice. — In the Foto now you
look really great. Oh - How I would
love to see you and Bill Since
~~it~~ happened that Berby and Lil
came; — we dare to dream about
— dreams to become reality.

Hells Face shows how well she is
taken care of, and that she is very
happy. That Chris and Melodie
are parting must make you feel sad.
To not be able to help at all seems
cruel. We see it with friends
happening and it is in spite of the
highest sensitivity on both parts - no
other way possible.

Thomas is getting a new type of
medicine, very slowly; and one other
is being - very slowly, taken out of
his system. Usually they do it
in the Clinic, but we do it at
home; but in close contact with

Thomas and Henry send their love to all of you - always - Dore,

the Clinic. It all started beginning December, and will take another 5 weeks at least. There is a problem, this new medicine affects his voice, parts of it - very vital for it, have become dry. It is being checked in the hope that it is only temporary. So, he cannot sing, for it could be damaging. But we still hope that may be all returns to normal. If it doesn't, another medicine would have to be tried. (The former type medicine did less and less in stopping seizures.)

So, we had and have a lot of encouragement to give to Thomas for this was never expected, and he gets low. For it also affects him physically in different ways. He could hardly get downstairs, his legs did not move right any more, or he could not hold a cup or spoon; but this happens as long as the doses is not established which he can take. We have reason to hope that this will be better if it works; the Epileptic Center he is taken care of since

a year now, is the best known in Europe.
In trying to find a few Fotos, - Thomas
got in my way. He says I could have
some, any, - but would have to get
them made from the negatives. This
still takes a few days, so meanwhile
I am sending you these, just lousy
snapshots, - but better than nothing.
If I get the other Thomas talks about,
I will send them to Nell, and you
will get to see them there.
This is the first letter I am writing
for Christmas to anyone, If I
keep it up, I will be in time for
next Christmas. - Its ever too late to
say Happy New Year to anyone
now. - Here you can see, why I
am simply amazed how you
can do what I cannot dream of
doing. But I love you as much
as Nell, and Berby, and Henry,
and Thomas, and - and - and;
- because: (-as Nell wrote in a
Book) "... only the fire-barn under-
stand what blue means."
(I think this is by Sandberg.)

Please take care, - and be ever as beautiful as in that Foto from Cello.