



place it in The East at That time .

After your show at Cusie's would you like one out here ? I can anauge it if you like .

We are ake well, after the flu which Icept The vacation quiet . It is a joy to have Anne home - She is out here till Jan 30th !



THE ELDER DOLLS' HOUSE 1845
The Elder Dolls' House is remarkable in that it was played with by only one generation of children, who were most careful of its contents. Both house and furniture were made by grandfather Elder, and his careful craftsmanship is very evident in the gleaming chestnut and shining horsehair. Interestingly, the cabinet form of this house and the discrepancies of scale echo the style of the earliest houses, the Dutch cabinets of the 17th century. Like them, the Elder House is unusually serious—a teaching toy, used to instruct the girls of the family in the care of household objects.

The faded drawing room carpet has been covered to preserve it, an enormous piano has been removed, and dolls of the period have been added to the existing family. Otherwise, the house is exactly as it has always been—its drawers stuffed with linens and neatly folded clothes, its beds neat with fat feather pillows and with patchwork—a perfect evocation of its time and place.

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Much Much love always grette

your show will be in September. I
have anything I can do for you?
I am so hoping that Polaroid will
be calling me early in March - so
I can get extra time and come
visit.
I am hopeful that 1987 will be an
improvement over 1986 - I have a
small grant to do my dance pictures
of the Temple of wings - is being
together the historical print also - so
I am sure that you have a show
printed by Fall. And I will try to

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Dearest Nell.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness — your usual magic, this time a communication just right for us stargazers! "Reaching for the stars" — That's what Life is always calling us to do. That is the intangible quest!

How I long to catch up. I keep meaning to pick up the phone on a Sunday, hoping to find you cozy by the fire. I seem to be working too much already - after vowing I would not. I hear from Cusie Pfeifer that