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July 4.

Dear John:

That is the most splendid piece of news I've heard in many a long day, and with tout mon petit coeur, I do congratulate you on picking a lovely, gracious woman like Nell! You know I

took an immediate, instinctive
liking to her the very first
day we met — at that party
you gave in her honor in the
her photographs. And I am
rarely out with my instincts —
it's only when I don't follow
'em that I fall down.

Dear John, I can't begin
to tell you how pleased &
joyful I am over the fact
that your apartment is
to have a center & your
heart & head a warm
resting-place. You so deserve

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the best. your wonderful, generous soul! And I can truly say that Nell is worthy of you — & you are worthy of her. I think I might find it in my heart to be jealous of another woman you married. or grieved. or loved — but not with Nell. She is a rare & lovely person — my first impression which has never changed. I know you will be happy with her. whether

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she will be completely happy
with any man I do not
know – for she has the true
poet's soul and poets. you
know. walk by their love
like Kipling's cat. and
ordinary folk – not that
you are ordinary! – cannot
follow them. so give her
a wide leeway. But I
know you will. for you
haven't a tyrannical love
in your body.
But did I say it was news?
My dear John. it has seemed
to me that the words have

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practically been trembling as you like this long time! I began to wonder how long you were going to wait. It even puzzled me. I thought twice you were on the very point of telling me — met at Tobacco Road. & again when we went with Miss Rouse to that thing-a-ma-jig at Xmas time! But probably decided. the time is not yet ripe to speak.

Your summer sounds very handsome. especially the

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end Feb. I tried to get
hold of you before I left,
but you were out. I
rented my apartment from May 1
to Oct. 1, & as the Post
didn't come through with an
order, nor another mag. I tried,
I decided to come up here.
The Club seems booming this
summer. many houses & the
Inn filled. Josephine B.
was up yesterday to see
me. but I had not yet
rec'd your letter. Elena
Hunt & Dick, her son,
had lunch with me &

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she inquired if you had sinced married that Russian, yet!
So. You see, you fooled her!
Geo. B. is up fishing + Josephine has been away. She is looking very blooming. I will relay to you regards.
This is a horrible pen, and in addition I have a raw blister on my finger from wielding the paint-brush, painting some old chairs, etc.
My future seems in the lap of the gods, as editors are lovers too, but no

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doubt something nice turn up.
+ I found myself completely
worn out with my strenuous
winter & investigating + writing
+ glad of a little rest. Plenty
of ideas — I generate them
very easily — but at pres-
ent no market.

I'm afraid I have to come
down to town one of these
days with a bad tooth.
+ if I do. I'll give you
a ring + we might cele-
brate your luck at lunch
with Nell, if she is in
town. Please give

her a warm kiss + a hug
from me. + I wish her
all the happiness that is
good for a marriage. She
has had some tough
spots in her life, + I
am glad she is to have
the strength + warmth
of your arms. God
bless you both!

Your affectionate
+ admiring friend
Elizabeth.

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