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Dec. 29th, 1905

My dear friends,

Your Christmas greeting which will be brought out on all great occasions of the year and which will help to grace our table at all our best gatherings came in due time.

Stella our colored maid for two weeks before Christmas stood at the door every time an express wagon or the mail man came

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and not one of us caught a sight of anything until Sunday when we received them at her hands for she was our Santa Claus, and she was so proud that we enjoyed her joy. We would not let one of the party sample the cake for we had some of what you sent last year left but they said that last year's was good enough that they didn't care for

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anything better. Lucy thinks this year's will be better because the little girlie had a say in it. I told her I thought the say she had was to call you and Gilbert to play with her instead of making cake. We do thank you so much for your loving remembrances of us each year.

I trust the new year will bring you the joy of a continued comradeship and loving trust in each other and that your health

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and strength may be spared that the prosperity which brings you comfort and peace of mind my be found, and that your dear little girl may be kept well. I suppose your sister is as busy as an Editor usually is, and trust all is well with her.

In the hope of meeting you soon I send sincere love in which Lucy joins.

Faithfully, Anna H. Shaw