December 31

My dear Jean:

I must not let the old year slip away without sending my love and best wishes to you and, through you, to all who are near and dear to you. That particular circle has added a very important addition to it since I last wrote to you. It is particularly of the new joy which has come into your life that I would like in this letter to speak.

It was very sweet of you and your mother to tell me of your engagement before it was known to any of the other members of the family. I shall always think of that as a very special evidence, not only of your confidence, but also of your affection.

Maturally, like all of your friends, and, I imagine, relatives as well, I have been pretty well swept of my feet by the rapidity with which one announcement has followed another. It does not seem possible to me that you should be thinking of being married as soon as the tenth of February. However, these are days when the most unexpected events followed each other in quick succession. Nothing should really come to one as a surprise.

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