

exceedingly good, and I am glad to have it to be able to show to the Pattesons and others. It gives one a splendid idea of your lovely home. Please tell the children the pleasure their card to "Uncle dear" also brought to me. Also tell Harry Jr. how much I enjoyed the card painted by him. I think it is exceedingly well done, and indicates real talent, which I hope he will develop.

I must not proceed further without saying how sorry I was to learn of the operation which little Harry had to undergo on Christmas day. You certainly must have had a very anxious time of it, and the day would hardly seem like Christmas, but with your anxiety relieved yesterday you would, I hope, be able to enjoy the dinner you had planned for last night. It is a very fortunate thing for little Harry that he will have his appendix out of the way for good. You never know what a 'stitch in time' in matters of the kind ^{as the old saying is} may save. In this case, the figure of speech may be taken literally, as well as metaphorically. I shall await further word of Harry's progress, and hope it will be all that you can expect and wish.

I received this morning all the loving letters which came in acknowledgment of the little present I made to each member of the family for Christmas. Along with these letters came your own

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