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My dear Hary:

Christmas has begun! A packace came for Jane thday before yesterday-a book, from Macy's, no card. Mrs. Crismone told me yesterday that it was from Mrs. Rmery. She had several books sent out from Macy's, \& after the packages were mailed, they notified her that her cards had been left out of some-they did not know which. We were very glad to know who sent it. Henry reported last night that there was a packere at the office for me from Constance- a fruit calre. He didn't brinc it as he did not come directly home. Then the postman left notices of two parcels at the post office. Of course these may be the one from Constance and the one referred to in your letter, which came yesterdayrtheletter came then, I mean. I've just finished addressing the last Christmas cards, $\&$ have sealed $\&$ stamped those to so out of town, ready for mailing a little later when I co out. Am sendinc out about 200 in round numbers this rear. The addressing \& listing (for future reference) is more lone drawn out then would æem necessary, as there are so many initials \& addresses to be checkeत, \& J always have a list to oo over with Henry. We do not nut "Bergnogs" on this year, thouch we are to be "at home", \& are making up 20 dozen eggs. Jess will spend Christmas with Mrs. Dumberton, so there will be just Jene, Fenry and me here this year. Jane is greatly thrilled over her own preparations. She has mede her list \& remade it, a number of times. I think she has everything lined up now except her present for me. Bas announced that she wishes to mo dom the treet glone one day before Christmes, so I sunnose that is rhat she is coinc to got.

Russien family of four-Mother who is just out of the hospital, father ? two little cirls. There are four natrols in the Co. \& each hook one member of the family to provide for. Jane's patrol had the father. Henry cave her two suits of clothes, a pair of shoes \& some cjgarettes, \& I gave a dress, whi.ch she turned over to the other patrol for the mother. Shoes, dresses, caps \& sweaters \& hose were donated; and the Guides bought some other things $-\infty$ warm bed jackedt for the mother, , \& tinned goods, which they will include. And Henry gave Jane some money to add to the present. This will be fiven as cash, of course. They collected : packaçed the things yesterday, \& Jane \& a little Russian girl, Tamara Vylegjanin (This called as if "tomorrow vallenjohn") will deliver them today or tomorrow. Jane said, "Mother, I think they chol'se me because I can have the car, \& Tommy because she knows them。" The Guides regard my car, or Jane's as they consider it, as a Guide jet. The school is havinc its Christmas cantata, this afternoon at 5:30, \& I went to go, so they will probably deliver their basket tomorrow.

Henry stopped down the streeet yesterday \& traded in his car-the open Hup for a 1930 model-5 passenger sedan. That is a closed car with dirver's seat inside. It is a pretty car, not quite so big as mine. He said he would swap with me, taking my old one, \& the new one would be my Christmas present. He said a few days aço that he was coing to cुive me the money $\&$ let me buy my own fift-then said, "No, he would let the Grandfather clock be his Xmas gift to me" I told him, all right, and the receipted bill for setting it up could be mine to him. I'tu take the clock, the car, or the two new dresses he boucht as my Christnas present, but not even as a Christmas gift will I accept title to the Rhode Island Reds.

Our barbecue passedoff very nicely Saturday. We invited the peonle for 2:00 but they becen to arrive about 1:00. The pichs got done about the time we had planned $\&$ wesat down to eat about 2:30. There were 48 in 2ll. It looked vory threatening all day Priday, \& even rained a little that nicht, so we were very relieved that ${ }^{\text {bat }}$. was not rainy, a fee drons fell about 2:00but not enoush to bother. Bur Sunday A M it pouredx. I've never

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a harder rain then we hed for about a half hour about 12.
A11 I could think was how clad it, did not rain like that the day before with all those neonle here, cominc 8 coinc, etc. And it has rained nearly ever since. It is cold now, \& everythine sonpy wet. Dut all the better chence for cood weather next veol, I suppose.

We'vo just come back from the school, \& have carried the gifts to the Russians-three baskets \& the money. I hope the recipients will get as much out of it as the Guides have. The cantata was cute as could be. Am enclosine the program, as yrou may recognize some of the names. The carol singers were in green paper costumes, full skirts for cirls, short pants for bors, full capes, \& hish pointed hats. They had such a eood time themselves, was half the fun for us. I got to the school early, so went on into the "omestic Science room. The eighth srade cooking class was getting ready for the tea they are fiving their mothers \& fathers tomorrow at four. Jane was mokine a coke, other made cake, candy 2 fillinf for sandwiches. Acain I hone ye will enjoy it all tomorrow as much as they are doing detting roody for it.

My prepardtions for Christmas are alnost finished. I plan to get everything done this week, even/ gifts tied up, decorste the house Monday a.m., make the eçgnog Tues. a.m. Ah, send out our gifts that afternoon 8, take it easy. But I hfopn nlan that, every year. Jess may come for the week end, if she has cotten her orn jobs so she can do so. She spent the least wolk ond with us. Came Saturday noon from the office 8 stayed until yonday.

$\nVdash \notin \phi \phi / n \phi t$ the last three days, so have not heard from her. Henry took the Christmas card-was it foom Kate or $M^{H} u d$, I forget which writing I thought it was, down to her yesterday. Several times I've wented to use the phone, but, on the whole it has been a rest. Wish you could have been here Sitvriay! Whe house looved just lovelymall flovers our om, even to the far of yellow sprine flovers I had forced into bloo. An coinc to try come fruit blossoms now I'v succeeded with these. to had noinsettriane, red geraniuns, ferns wherever they would looknetty $\&$ not be in the way. Am coing to nlace them the same war for Christmas.

Henry has a watch for Jane. Jess is giving her a. long chair or day bed, and I am having the cushions made for it. I also have some ne: linen covers for her table, dressing table \& chifflonier. She asked for these, "so I will not have to put on the old faded ones when the pretty onew from last Christmas get dirty". A set of tee tables for Jess, books for some the the children, cups, saucers 2 plates for the others. We have a footblll for DeeDee Newwome, 2 I've ordered the most adoreble little white rabbit collar $\&$ muff sets for Geraldine and Doris. Jane had one once that was so cute $\&$ the memory of that gave me the idea. I was surprised to find, how$\notin \not \subset \not \subset /$ inexpensive they were, practiacally the same price that was paid for Jane's sever or 8 years agoma little less, in fact; and everythinc is much hicher here now.

Did I write you about Mrs. Cheang Park Chew's death early in November? Well, they had the funeral on Saturday, Dec. 7th, \& sent us invitations. I don't know what else to call them-a perphlet in Chinese, with her picture on the cover. I suppose it was the story of her life. We went to the house, Henry \& I, at three, were met by one of the Enclish speakinc Chinese at the cate, \& \&ive a button with her picture on it. Then were ushered to the temporary house where the casket was, \& there "paid the last respects", bowinc three times to the casket \& once to the side. Then into the residence prover (fortunately we were too late to have tea), $\therefore$ into $\mathbb{N r}$. Cheanc's own room, the walls of which were hung with scrolls sent in memory of her. As the processiona, left the houe, we went down to the çate \& too: the ? places, in our own cars, assicned to us. First a band, then bearers with scrolls \& fancyembroidered thines that lookd like huce lamnshades; wheel barrows with enormous floral designs, some of these wreaths, some were made to look like pagodas (I rot a food look at these $\therefore$ the foundations was a Chinese table turned upside down, lefs covered with flowers, \& wires \& strings attacher to mero the ymona effect). mo other bands were in the procession, 400 mmell boys carrying the banners, etc., were hired for the purnose from the Becrar's 'Guild, $\therefore 45$ texis. Her children walked within a cloth screon to shield them from th申申 rublic view, but Vr. Chome followd in the onen. Adrle were in mourning the decree of kinshin indicated by the mourning attire. Ter children
wore coats $i$ hoods of coarse bacging like cloth, straw shoes, 2: the women with hair cown thoir hacks. Pr. Cheanm's long coat \& cap were of heavy unbleached domestic; the grandchildren a combination of these materials, $\&$ so on until there were some with just a white sash. Mrs. Morris 2 Mrs. B ssett wore miven White sashes before we got there. Also in the processiona were tables of food-m-cakes, etc., a whole moasted pis, \& a whole dressed but raw kid. Our car was next behing the family, the place of honor for foreigners, I suppose. As Mr. Chen, who speaks Enelish, ws with us \& told us with great pride that the casket cost \$1,800.00 \& the procession at leat \$2,000000. In addition there had been Buddhist priests chanting continuously day $\&$ night, $\&$ this would continue until Dec. 29, when the memorial service would be held. Also a continuous procession of visitors to be entertained, \& every charffeur, fiafoo or rickshaw man was given a tip-to cover the expense of going. The nrocession stonped at the Cantoneese Guild Coffin House, $\%$ the casket taken in, where it will be stored for not more then two years. They had a ceremony there, but we were ushered by zig za.g passages to a large audience room. There tea and food were being served to such as wished. I most assuredly did not wish. A little later according to instructions, we went up to 2 sort of altar arrangement on which sat an enlarded crayon photo of Mrs. Cheang (this rode in state in a chair in the procession), the pig \& goat\& \& other edibles, bowed to her three times, once to the side, \& were given a sealed envelppe. Inside this was another envelpee, also sealed, containging piece of lucky money and a hakf."to wine away our tears". Then it was all over so far as we were concerned, \& we came home. It was interestingr but I felt all the time that we were intruding, \& that we should not have been there. Next mornine I wore the same coat to church, \& remembered after I got home to take the picture button off. My hope is that it was hidden under the bic fur collar.

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Tell Kate I got her letter \& vill write in a few daws. Needless to say, I watch eacerly for the home letters \& enjoy all of them. Will deliver the Yomos when your package arrives. Constances fruit cake came last night. Te onened that but held back a package for Henry from Edmond. This is a book.

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