To: Mary J. Arrington HAG From:

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My dear Mary:

Christmas has begun! A package came for Jane #øday before yesterday-a book, from Macy's, no card. Mrs. Crismond told me yesterday that it was from Mrs. Emery. 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 package at the office for me from Constance- a fruit cake. He didn't bring 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 yesterday theletter came then, I mean. I've just finished addressing the last Christmas cards, & have sealed & stamped those to go out of town, ready for mailing a little later when I go out. Am sending out about 200 in round numbers this year. The addressing & listing (for future reference) is more long drawn out than would seem necessary, as there are so many initials & addresses to be checked, & I always have a list to go over with Henry. We do not put "Eggnogs" on this year, though we are to be "at home", & are making up 20 dozen eggs. Jess will spend Christmas with Mrs. Dumbarton, so there will be just Jane, Henry and me here this year. Jane is greatly thrilled over her own preparations. She has made her list & remade it, a number of

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times. I think she has everything lined up now except her present for me. Has announced that she wishes to go down the treet alone one day before Christmas, so I suppose that is what she is going to get.

Her Guide Company is giving a Christmas basket to a poor

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Russian family of four-Mother who is just out of the hospital, father & two little girls. There are four patrols in the Co. & each hook one member of the family to provide for. Jane's patrol had the father. Henry gave her two suits of clothes, a pair of shoes & some cigarettes, & I gave a dress, which she turned over to the other patrol for the mother. Shoes, dresses, caps & sweaters & hose were donated; and the Guides bought some other things -- a warm bed jackedt for the mother, gloves, tea, & 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 & packaged 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 choise 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 having its Christmas cantata this afternoon at 5:30. & I want 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 ago that he was going to give 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'lt take the clock, the car, or the two new dresses he bought as my Christmas present, but not even as a Christmas gift will I accept title to the Rhode Island Reds.

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Our barbecue passedoff very nicely Saturday. We invited the people for 2:00 but they began to arrive about 1:00. The pigs got done about the time we had planned & we sat down to eat about 2:30. There were 48 in all. It looked very threatening all day Friday, & even rained a little that night, so we were very relieved that Sat. was not rainy, a fee drops fell about 2:00-but not enough to bother. Bur Sunday A M it poured f. I've never To. Mary J. Arrington-p 3 12-19-21? 34 probably

a harder rain than we had for about a half hour about 12. All I could think was how glad it did not rain like that the day before with all those people here, coming & going, etc. And it has rained nearly ever since. It is cold now, & everything soppy wet. But all the better chance for good weather next week, I suppose.

We've 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 enclosing the program, as you may recognize some of the names. The carol singers were in green paper costumes, full skirts for girls, short pants for boys, full capes, & high pointed hats. They had such a good time themselves, was half the fun for us. I got to the school early, so went on into the "omestic Science room. The eighth grade cooking class was getting ready for the tea they are fiving their mothers & fathers tomorrow at four. Jane was making a cake, other made cake, candy & fillinf for sandwiches. Again I hope we will enjoy it all tomorrow as much as they are doing detting ready for it.

My preparations for Christmas are almost finished. I plan to get everything done this week, even/ gifts tied up, decorate the house Monday a.m., make the eggnog Tues. a.m.#, send out our gifts that afternoon & take it easy. But I $\frac{1}{414}$ plan that every year. Jess may come for the week end, if she has gotten her own jobs so she can do so. She spent the last week end with us. Came Saturday noon from the office & stayed until Monday. Our phone has been <u>dead as a door nail</u> $\frac{1}{414}\frac{1}{444}\frac{1}{444}\frac{1}{444}\frac{1}{444}$ $\frac{1}{4446}\frac{1}{444}\frac{$

times I've wanted to use the phone, but, on the whole it has been a rest. Wish you could have been here Saturday! The house looked just lovely-all flowers our own, even to the jar of yellow spring flowers I had forced into bloo. An going to try some fruit blossoms now I'v succeeded with these. We had poinsettians, red geraniums, ferns wherever they would lookpretty & not be in the way. Am going to place them the same way for Christmas.

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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 new linen covers for her table, dressing table & chiffonier. 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 tea tables for Jess, books for some the the children, cups, saucers & plates for the others. We have a football for DeeDee Newwome, & I've ordered the most adorable 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-####/ inexpensive they were, practiacally the same price that was paid for Jane's sever or 8 years ago --- a little less, in fact; and everything is much higher 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 pamphlet 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 English speaking Chinese at the gate, & give a button with her picture on it. Then were ushered to the temporary house where the casket was, & there "paid the last respects", bowing three times to the casket & once to the side. Then into the residence proper (fortunately we were too late to have tea), & into Mr. Cheang'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 gate & took the p places, in our own cars, assigned to us. First a band, then bearers with scrolls & fancy embroidered things that looked like huge lampshades; wheel barrows with enormous floral designs, some of these wreaths, some were made to look like pagodas (I got a good look at these & the foundations was a Chinese table turned

upside down, legs covered with flowers, & wires & strings attached to make the magoda effect). Two other bands were in the procession, 400 small boys carrying the banners, etc., were hired for the purpose from the Beggar's 'Guild, & 45 taxis. Her children walked within a cloth screen to shield them from the public view, but Mr. Cheang followed in the open. All were in mourning the degree of kinship indicated by the mourning attire. Her children

wore coats & hoods of coarse bagging like cloth, straw shoes, & the women with hair down their backs. Mr. Cheang'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 & Mrs. B ssett were given white sashes before we got there. Also in the processiona were tables of food--cakes, etc., a whole moasted pig, & a whole dressed but raw kid. Our car was next behind the family, the place of honor for foreigners, I suppose. As Mr. Chen, who speaks English, ws with us & told us with great pride that the casket cost \$1,300.00 & 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, mafoo or rickshaw man was given a tip-to cover the expense of going. The procession stopped at the Cantoneese Guild Coffin House, & the casket taken in, where it will be stored for not more than two years. They had a ceremony there, but we were ushered by zig zag 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 a 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& a other edibles, bowed to her three times, once to the side, & were given a sealed envelope. Inside this was another envelope, also sealed, containinga piece of lucky money and a hakf."to wipe away our tears". Then it was all over so far as we were concerned, & we came home. It was interesting; but I felt all the time that we were intruding, & that we should not have been there. Next morning I wore the same coat to church, & remembered after I got home to take the picture button off. My

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hope is that it was hidden under the big fur collar.

Friday a.m. The sun is out, though it is cold today. So I am going down to finish up my shopping, so Jane may have a free hand tomorrow.

I asked Henry about a proxy to send you for handling anything

that may come up in regard to my shares now in your hands. He s said he would ask Mr. B_assett (as an American lawyer) what was necessary, & have him make out a form for us, if one is needed. So I will probably write you abouth that later.

I have the statement of bank accounts, also purchase of shares, with receipts from Jim Bunn. And have filed it. All this is satisfactory. When Jim makes another payment, I think it wouldbe best for you to take up the note you gave him when purchasing the Texas oil stock, thus clearing that up. Acting

upon Henry's advice, my idea is to hold the Reynolds & Texas stock as investments, so it would be just as well to have it transferred. Henry considers that as good an investment as any at present, & of course, as I know nothing about it, I am following his advice. Mr./#/Guiter has probably received ere this the cards he sent for Jane & me to sign, which will give you authority to handle our respective bank accounts. As to acting for me in any matter that comes up in the settlement of Jim's estate, ahndle such matters as you would your own. From what you write & Henry tells me, there is little likelihood of any dilemma, but whatever you decide to do, if any should arise, for your own part will be satisfactory for me for mine.

Tell Kate I got her letter & will write in a few days. Needless to say, I watch eagerly for the home letters & enjoy all of them. Will deliver the Yo-Yos when your package arrives. Constances fruit cake came last night. We opened that but held back a package for Henry from Edmond. This is a book.

Hope all the sick people will be well for Christmas, and that you will all have a pleasant day, with a good New Tear to follow. With much love to each one of you.

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These five Chinese sudents, brothers and sisters, arrived on the Dollar liner President Grant today from San Francisco for a six weeks' vacation before return ing to school. 'The girls, Misses K. C. and K. S. Cheang, are students at St. Mary's School at Raleigh, North Carolina. Their brothers, are in England, the eldest, K. Z. Cheang (right) atte nding Oxford, and the other two, K. C. and K. T. Cheang, (left) enrolled at Cambridge. Their father is an official in the British American Tobacco Company. and the state of the second of t مر مر ما المر ما المرجل ومن من المعالية المحوي المعالية الم



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