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My dear Mr. Henry

I had a charming letter from [?] some months ago and which I quite intended answering long before now, but each [time?] I returned from Chile in June last I had [?] paying visits and hardly [?] at all. So please excuse and accept my every best wish for Xmas and for 1900. I hope you are well and have the [??] delightful [??]. I was indeed sorry that I did not come home that way. Nor did I [?] off at Marseilles, but came by steamer all the way to Laudeu. My friend Miss [?] left me in China, stopping [?] twice in India & Egypt and spent six weeks in Italy. Mostly in [?] but was not in Italy as two [line unreadable]. You I trust have enjoyed the trip very much. I thoroughly enjoyed mine all last winter in Shanghai. The Chinese are a very interesting people though they are so horribly cruel. I just escaped being shot in Peking. & has going to visit friends when we heard of a missionarie's [sic] death. Then to Hong Kong & Shanghai [?] in Peking has burned to the ground. Sit best that I should not go, and so I left China for home. [sentence unreadable] I am quite sorry I was not one of those in the Legation. I heard from all [?] who was those who released the [?] a most interesting account how hard the [four words unreadable] Peking must have been. And of all the lovely things they saw them looting the City. I have had [Leoral] things sent [four words unreadable]. They will be nice to have. The husband of a friend of mine [?] has sent her from Peking the necklace which fell from the [?] in her flight. Certainly the Chinese things are very lovely. I thought [line unreadable]. Hong Kong harbor is very pretty they say as lovely as the Bay of Naples. I have a kodak how I took photos of all the places and people of interest I say and have quite a nice collection [?] & so interesting to have and I [?] coming through the Canal – Has [??]. Africa was the area of [words are cramped and hard to read but he seems to be passed through Africa to Switzerland.] I hope all are well in Annapolis. I have not heard lately from Miss Alice or Aunt [?] if they are sending [??] there. I hope someday I shall see it [?]. How is little Doadas [?] & Isabel McDougal? My love to those and all friends. We are having [?] horrible weather. How is [?] Richard Carval is. Of course [??]. I shall be so pleased to hear again from you, [several words unreadable.] With my best wished for a happy New Year.

Yrs Sincerely,

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