

December 12, 1904

My dear Uncle Buck

Ever since your letter came with the surprising news I have been wanting to write and tell you how glad I am you are so happy and offer my congratulations. You certainly gave us a great surprise.

I am so glad you and such a fine trip (over) since I know how you are enjoying your beloved Italy. The whole place here is covered with snow and it looks like it is here to stay and I know you are delighted you are not here. I am going to spend my Christmas holiday in New York and I am looked forward to it with much pleasure as you can imagine. Give my kindest remembrances to Margaret if she will like me call her so. I do hope to see dear Aunt Alice when I go to New York. I am getting along very well with my new work and am very much interest in it.

January 30, 1905

What you think of me my dear Uncle Buck I really do not know and I know I deserve anything you may think. The above was written as you will see by the date two months ago and I have been expecting an answer every day thinking surely it had gone off to you but in looking over my desk imagine my feelings when I found it! So please forgive me this time. I really have so much to do my mind is in a perfect whirl all the time and especially just before Christmas. I had a perfect two weeks in New York with my dear Marian – but going like the wind all the time. The three Mendell families doing all they could to make my [?] pleasant. I saw dear old Rob and as his sweet little wife – they seemed so happy. I also saw “Aunt Alice” which as you know was one of my greatest pleasures [.] I have been hard at work ever since my return (with) I feel so refreshed all well I dont [sic] mind. The family so far have kept very well this winter – such contrast to last. But it has been very cold and snow nearly all the time – really one or two blizzards. I know you are glad to be away. Annapolis is in a whirl of excitement now of the Graduating Exercises at the N. A. It seems so queer to have “June Week” with the ground covered with snow and the thermometer nearly zero. But the President came today and tonight the Ball in going on which they say will be larger than ever. The town is filled with people really more than can be accommodated comfortably. We miss you very much dear Uncle Buck

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and are looking forward to your return in the spring with much pleasure. All your friends are enquiring for you and hope you will be home soon. Your pretty postal to Peter came yesterday and made us all wish we were with you in Sunny Italy. We were so glad to hear from you and that you were well. I hope your eyes are not giving you any trouble. There is not much Annapolis news – the most startling bit Pru Rident's engagement to Mr. Dugare who has been all [?] They will be married at Easter. She seems very bright & happy. In fact the whole family seem cheered by it. We are expecting a visit from Alice for a few days on her way South. Eliza is getting on nicely with the kindergarten and Mary Dau is as gay as ever. There is a great deal going on in a social way. The Givernors fairly keep things going they always have a houseful of young people. Our new assistant Mr. [Framley?] improves upon acquaintance. We see quite a great deal of him. Peter is pleased at his promotion. We hoped to see Reg at Christmas, Rob said he was in New York for a few days. I think Syd was here but I did not see him. Do write us very soon and heap coals of fire on my head. All the family join me in love to you and with my kindest remembrances to "Margaret—"

Always affectionately

Mary





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