

1539 I St [Washington]
Dec 10th 1900

Dear Mary

I have yours of the 2nd & see by it how puzzled you are about your various trips & pleasures! If your knee is well & you do not require the Hot Springs it seems a pity to give up the European trip, which I am sure you would enjoy. We were fortunate enough to meet Willy Kuhn in New York, who spoke of the trip & I am sure had no idea that it was not to be spoken of – nor had I. We had such a pleasant evening with him at the theatre. He is so nice. I have had a delightful few days in Baltimore since our return, whilst May went to see her mother. Whilst there I heard of you & Louise in New York at the Horse Show & Charlie too I think. Too bad you had so much rain. We have had & are having glorious weather. We are far from settled -- & now that Xmas is upon us I do not know when we will be. I thought I had asked you to stop on your way to or from the Hot Springs? You having told me you were to go in November. Of course I will be delighted to see you in February. I am writing to ask Louise to come directly after Xmas to pay us a good long visit. I don't think she has ever been at the White House on New Year's Day, & she might enjoy it. We have just heard of the death of Mrs. Washington McLean. Is your Express Pass still L-605? Don't forget to tell me. Mary Carlisle's tea was lovely. Such a quantity of flowers one rarely sees. Sending debutantes flowers has become a perfect farce & like all other nice things in America it is run into the ground. The Curry Connelly wedding was beautiful. Mr. Carlisle his wife says is better & that he is again very busy, which she seems to approve of, says it takes his mind off himself. I see very little of him. I hope your mother is well over her cold? Jane Fraser was called out to St. Louis, her mother being seriously ill. She is now better, but Jane is still there. George came home last week. May is very busy, as we both are. I have so much writing etc to keep things straight that I do not get half enough exercise. Love to all, in which May joins to you from

Yours affectionately
HLJ

[written vertically on first page of letter: You know Mrs. Hornsby is living in this block. She looks very badly & seems to have been ill most of the summer.]

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