

<sup>214</sup>Envelope reopened to say 265 (2)  
your very kind letter has come  
in since it was pummed up,  
& I am very sorry for the stupid  
delay - caused partly by visitors  
in house - & 2 parties with  
Magic lantern! requiring  
a good deal of attention -

(in one direction, & by the Law  
of Exchanges, involving an equal  
amount of inattention in ano-  
ther! a poor apology for all the  
trouble I have given you.

I am thankful to say that I am  
very well - with hardly a trace of