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My dearest Arthur,

I have no Xmas holiday, & can therefore send but a few lines - but those you must have, in purport from both the old fogies, to wish our young friend very many happy returns of the season - and wish him here.

You know what a pleasure a visit w^d give us - & you have long held out the hope of it - please don't disappoint us and give us as early notice as possible. It will have to be during next month, for in beyond of Feb^y we hope to take flight for Cheltenham, where I shall have to tell a bevy of young girls a lot of stuff that I don't very well understand