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My dear Herbert:-

Your several letters to the different members of the family no doubt received acknowledgment from the various people to whom they were addressed, and although I myself have not heard from you for some weeks I know that your communications are intended for the entire household and that you are, moreover, always glad to receive a few lines from any one of us.

It is quite a long time since we have seen you, and we shall all be glad to welcome you home when you come down, as I presume you will, around Thanksgiving Day.

Presumably you have already heard that Clara moves away from us about the 15th of December, so that when you take your Christmas holidays you will find the house much more quiet than you have during the past year or so. We are all more than sorry, as you can well imagine, to have her go, and I am afraid that it will be dreadfully lonely for mama, but under the circumstances I suppose it is the best thing to do, particularly as sooner or later we would have to come to it anyhow. It is too bad, however, that she did not decide to remain for this winter, for next year with you here in New York the house would not have seemed quite so empty as I am afraid it will now with only three occupants. Clara has rented the same house which she had a
few years ago, #11 East 64th Street, but has taken it only until the first of May, she and Dick still adhering to their original intention to move then to some out-of-town place near New York. It remains to be seen whether they will find any house to suit them, and whether they will eventually carry out their idea.

For the most part, during the past few weeks I have been away from Saturday afternoon until Sunday evening at the Country Club, as I am now making the best of the present opportunities, for later in the year I am afraid that it would hardly do for me to stay away over night, as I don't think it will be fair to mama and Irving. I am sorry about this, for I must confess that I enjoy the open air life in the country far more than the regular routine which I used to go through here in the city, lounging about the house, visiting, etc. The Country Club is a great success, judging from the attendance which they have had there on Sundays and holidays. On Election Day I think there were something like about eighty-five people there, out of a total membership of in the neighborhood of 135. Irving joined last week at my suggestion, and I think contemplates going up for his first visit on Sunday.

I myself am just as enthusiastic as ever about golf, but am sorry to say that as yet my game does not show very much improvement. I lasted in the Tournament until the semi-finals, but this was due entirely to the poor play of my opponents, and I personally deserve no credit.

While I have as yet refused any invitation to any large affairs, I have been going out quite a good deal lately to a number of
dinners, chiefly those which were given in honor of the various engaged couples. Miss Beer and Sidney Borg are to be married on Thanksgiving Day morning, and I am to be one of his ushers. They will have a very small ceremony at the house, and then a large breakfast, to which I believe five hundred people have been invited, at Delmonico's. Next Friday evening is to be the ushers' dinner, and I believe that, contrary to the usual custom, he has invited young ladies for that occasion.

Miss Price is to be married on Christmas Day, and as I am also to be usher there, the next few holidays will all have to be spent in town. I am sorry the people did not select other days for the weddings.

I suppose you have already heard that Miss Schaeffer was engaged to one of the Kaufmann boys. This is a matter of two or three weeks back. Since then there have been several other announcements, but I don't think any one of them would interest you.

Hattie has been unwell for the last week or ten days, and although there is nothing serious the matter with her, she, as usual, has been very much worried, and imagined that she had all sorts of ailments. She is feeling much better now and will be up and about again in a couple of days.

I see from the papers that your team did very well indeed last Saturday against Dartmouth. In fact, came very near scoring the second touchdown, which would have won the game for them.

I was very much disappointed to see Princeton defeat Yale, as I was in hopes that next Saturday's game between Harvard and Yale
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would be an absolute championship affair, besides which I think our chances of winning are decreased by Yale's defeat, as her coaches will now redouble their efforts. I am going out to the game, and of course I sincerely hope we will be victorious, but am by no means as sanguine as are some other Harvard men that I have seen.

Did you hear that Leonard H. made the D.K.E. Fraternity at Yale? He had evidently expected to do so, and from what I hear, had the choice of two or three societies.

Otherwise I know of nothing of interest, and remain, with love from all,

Yours,

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