

295 University Street

December 18th/10.

My Dearest Edward.

I forget when I last wrote to you, but I think it must have been quite a few days ago.

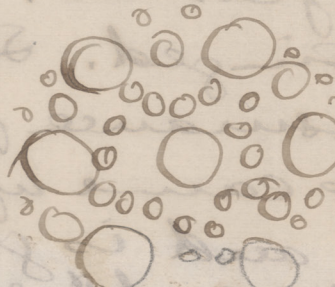
Did I tell you about the fire we had. Clare went to Alice Sutherland's dance the Monday after Maggie's - and when she came in she came in to my room to gossip with me. I told her to light the light as I had not seen her dressed before the party. Well she lit the gas, and was talking away when suddenly I looked up, and said "Look Clare"! the whole window curtain was on fire. I jumped up as if I had been shot from a cannon, made a dive for the water jug and fled for water to the bath room. In the meantime Clare had pulled the curtains on to the floor and had used the skirt of my suit to smother the flames, and of course it was badly singed. So I made her telephone to the fire insurance people in the morning. Mr. Brunning came up and looked at my skirt - and is giving me \$150 damages on the suit and \$200 for curtains.

which is not so bad. But I can
 tell you we got an awful scare
 Clare said I turned green. but do you
 wonder being just wakened up from
 a peaceful sleep and having this
 happen —



On Tuesday I went to a very nice
 little dinner at Jean K's. There was
 such a nice man there, he was so
 interesting - he had lived in India
 Africa, and all over the place, and
 he told us the most wonderful jungle
 stories etc.

Wednesday Victor's fair lady came to
 dinner —

Friday I went to a reception at
 Mrs Leonowens' a very dull affair indeed.
 It was a coming out party for Anna
 Leonowens - the Siamese princess. I
 wish you could have seen the diamonds
 she wore and also her mother's.
 Anna had a
 pendant as big
 have never seen
 exquisite stones.



as this I
 such
 - she also

had one diamond in her bracelet as
big as this  - and her mother
had one like this  - you would
think that they would be afraid to
wear them wouldn't you?

Well I'm sure you are highly
interested in all this! —

Xmas is coming closer every day. I have
all my presents ^{ready} for the first time
in years - I did up such an attractive box
for Punch last night - put crackers, Xmas
candy canes, and string of artificial
onions etc in it -

Mother comes back on Wednesday night
she is spending 2 days in Ottawa on her
way through - she left Winnipeg last
night -

You never told me when you were going
to Sherbrooke with you have to pass through
Montreal to go there? you better stop over a
evening or afternoon, don't you think.
as to Xmas dinner I'm afraid it can't
be managed - but as you say, we will
try to have an nice time even if we
can't make little pigs of ourselves to-
gether - one thing - refuse to be

pestered by a shapero in the form
of Will, ^{these holidays} at every hour of the day. I
think I will bribe G. M. to let us have her
drawing room to sit in, "far from the
madding crowd"

I can hardly imagine that you yourself
will really be here in a few days more
It seems such ages & ages since last
you left - and those few days
will just "zip" pass like greased
streaks of lightning.

Oh, Teddie I can't think of any-
thing nice to say, I have been in
such a prosaic mood for about
a week, that's why I haven't written
but it will be just ever & over
so nice to have you back
again, even for a tick out of
the never ~~stop~~ ^{stopping} clock of Time.

Much much love Darling old
"Lanthe" - and come and see
me just as soon as you arrive -
I'm afraid I probably won't have time to
write again - so good bye for the
present. In your affectionate love -

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