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Letter from Charlotte [H. Kellogg] to [John Muir], [1911 ?] Dec 24.

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^{C43}
These Carmel Christmas days are
Cold and brilliant - some day I am
really going where I can be warm
day after day after sunshiny day.
Are you in that kind of country now?

I wrote to Helen some time ago, but
have not heard from her. I hope that
she + her babe and Wanda and her
babe!! are having happy holidays.

Be wise and careful of your
strength, dear lover of rivers and
skies and trees - We want to see
you strong when you come back.
We shall be here again about
August. And you? Jean sends
you a hug and a kiss - We are going to
give a little tree for her to-night. She says heap
of words and walks nicely if we hold one hand. ^{1/3}
_{much love from us all. Charlotte.}

^{C13} Carmel, 24th December
Dearest friend of Mrs.
Our greetings come to you late
because we have been in the midst
of quarantines and fumigations and
general difficulties these last two weeks.
The day we were to start for London, the
good nurse with whom Jean was to stay
here in this little cabin, to avoid a shut-
in London winter, came down with
Erysipelas. Vernon had already left
for S. F., but my brother caught
him at the station. I quarantined the
house, put in a trained nurse and
doctor and bundled my precious off
to Oakland - Mother's. Since then we
have been waiting to see that Mrs. C.
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now perfectly all right ⁽²²⁾ we have gotten a house for her around the corner, where she is now up and nearly well, has fumigated these premises, and are trying to get a much needed rest before braving the January Atlantic.

We expect to leave N. Y. now on the 24th, on the Lapland, and this time our precious baby goes along; even though we hate to take her away from Carmel for six months even. But she is fat and strong, and we hope will not suffer too much from the big city. We shall try to live as far outside it as possible. V. L. K. is in front of the fire

going on proof of a ⁽³³⁾ letter took the wrote hurriedly this fall to prove that if we knew anything about biology we should not shoot ~~and~~ another to pieces in battles any more. He sends you cordial greetings and best wishes for your every happiness in the New Year.

Where are you now? and how are you? We think and wonder so often. We have your splendid letter of September twentieth from Para. And love wandering between the bossy banks of the Amazon with you. Do send us another, or at least a card as soon as you can. Our address will be Care of American Express Company Haymarket London.