

MISS ELOISE BUTLER
20 MURRAY HILL ROAD
MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

24 January, 1925

My dear Cronies,--

I was so pleased (although you may not think so from my long-delayed acknowledgment) to see the print of Janeth's smiling face and the ingenious egg-slicer so convenient for the housekeeper into which I am transformed during the winter months.

I have been more than busy since Christmas with some special work for my sick brother who is merely holding his own. He sits up two or three hours each day, and can walk across the floor without help. If we can keep him through the winter, he may become stronger. My sister is very feeble. My brother-in-law and niece are ill at intervals, and I find the duties of housekeeping somewhat heavy with a family of eight, including a dog and three cats.

We had a very jolly Christmas, nevertheless, with a good many jokes. I wish you could have had some of my two lobsters that were given me. Tell Janeth that the dog had in her Christmas stocking a gingerbread Father Christmas decked with colored sandies, a box of

raisins, a big bone, and a toy horse, while the cats had all the catnip they could roll in.

With much haste,

Very sincerely,

Elvise Butler