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The Poehler Mercantile Company
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Friends:

The Poehler Mercantile Company established itself in my friendship many years ago. Soon after I came here, Frank Doane took me to the Theodore Poehler home to inspect a new gas system he had just installed. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Poehler at that time began a friendship that has brought forth many pleasant incidents in the years that followed.

I could tell you of a very great favor to me given by Louis Poehler and for my friendship for Ted.

I regret the delay in answering your fine letter, but you know how hard it is to find time for correspondence when one is trying to close up the year's business.

With best wishes to you, each of you, for the coming year and all the years, I remain

Cordially yours,

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