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I presume Charlie has told you that I have assigned thirty shares of Luella stock to you as a gift. I hope it will prove valuable.

None of us know what the new year will bring forth, but I think that we should each have the courage to meet that which others must meet and to think that we can bear up under it as well as anyone else. It is too bad but it cannot be helped.

I hope the many failures made in domestic affairs during the so called New Deal will not be continued now that we are in war. Mistakes now may mean life or death to many.

I wish you health and happiness. Write me often.

Certie is still following her diet carefully and has reduced forty-seven pounds. The plans call for a further reduction of about thirty pounds by next May, after which she will be placed on a stabilizing diet. I think it has been a fine thing for her and I regret that we were not able to do something of the sort many years ago.

Lovingly,

Your brother