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My dear Collie:-

Am enclosing one of the rewrites of Julia's Christmas cards for this year. She is to get proof from the printer either to-night or to-morrow morning. It is something she has been working on for a month, and I have re-written it a number of times to get it correct in all details. Thought that you might be interested in the advance copy, but wish you would return it, as it is the last copy, and all previous have been destroyed, and as she keeps her copy for each year, I know that she will want it. I took it from a pigeon hole in her desk, and it will not be missed until after the Christmas rush and she gets to her desk to clean up.

We are looking forward to a good time in the woods. Don and Grayce have promised to be there. Vera and the babies will have a vacation for the week end, as the paper told her she could take time off, and one day will be devoted to the neighbors; several very poor families who have nothing and expect less. These do not know of the plans as yet, as Julia is going to give them personal invitations when she gets north Sunday. I also will be able to get away for the week end, as all the offices will be closed for Saturday, and I am going to try and break away by Wednesday night. We all wish that your folk could be present in a body, as with the snow, hills, and the lake for skating, there should be a wonderful time. However, the house was built for permanency, and if not this year, we shall hope for the future.

Etoile remarked after Uncle Louis' death at Minneapolis that it was