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Dear Mr. Simons,

What a very pleasant and altogether unexpected surprise it was to receive your Christmas gift! And I believe you will be happy to know that we are now the proud possessors of a really sturdy kitchen table. Until now we had been using a card table out there. So now every time I roll out pie dough or make raised rolls I can really be vigorous about it and remember again all the happy times I had in your kitchen doing the same thing on a similar sturdy table. We felt it was not only a very important thing to get for our home, but also an appropriate gift to come from you - who knows how much my kitchen means to me.

So once again we thank you - as we have so often had the occasion to do for the thought that prompted your gift.

Our Christmas at my mother's was one of the nicest ever, but the trip down and back was very difficult. Rain came down in torrents and was complicated by lashing winds all the way back here. The brakes got wet and most of the 400 miles were nerve wracking.