

Wednesday

1-5-44

Dear George:

Same as age since I last wrote. I got a little worn from activity of last week. Not the usual holiday revelry, for I participated in none of it. Just work; work at the office, work at home, and I welcomed the long week end as an opportunity to rest, and that's all I did.

My daily conversations with Florence continue. Yesterday for the first time I gave her orders. The weather under

foot was so terrible, that I called her at 9<sup>30</sup> in the morning and told her not to dare leave the house. "Ther's orders" said I. Luckily, she had everything she needed in the house, so she could stay in. Everything is she at home.

We haven't been able to make the promised visit to Florence because Sunday was the only day since the middle of December that my wife has been outdoors.



She is better to the extent of the grippe, but doesn't feel quite normal in other respects. I presume her illness has left its degree of subsequent weaknesses in the system, and until there is a general recovery of strength, she will be faced with aches and pains.

I was mighty happy to hear you were included in the 5% bonus. I never discussed it with Florence until I got your letter. For if they hadn't included you, I know it would

not have been a pleasant thought  
for her. So in the end it turned  
out ok.

The only changes in the  
office are Miss Bougie  
left last week to return to  
her old job, and a new girl  
to assist Miss Davis. Otherwise,  
status quo.

The activity in the market  
has been helpful. Jules Lieber  
sold his Spiegel. He says he  
will come down around the 15<sup>th</sup>  
to discuss matters. The div.



of 25¢ on L.S. is payable Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

I see no reason for any change right now. The only one that looks a little bitchy is  $\Delta T$ , which is  $12\frac{1}{4}$ , but I think it will turn out ok. The Argentine question hasn't helped it, but I think The U.S. will survive Argentina. The President's message next week ought to be a lullie and may put a temporary break on the market, but all told I look for a big year.

But the biggest thing of the year I hope for is your home coming. And I am confident it will be.

Here I'm talking about your home coming when you're headin' south. I hope you land at San Antonio as Richard and Clara write how nice a town it is. As long as you stay on this side of the pond, what difference does it make. N.O. or elsewhere if you must be that far from home.



So far you've been a perfect  
clam on the subject I repeated  
questioned you: What can  
I send you? Please answer

Not much else to write  
about just now, so until my  
next—

My best and loads of good  
luck.

Sincerely  
Max

but the biggest thing of the

year I hope for myself

has come. And I am

confident it will be.

There I am looking ahead you

knowing what you are

and I hope you will

be able to do so

while you are there

to be as good as the

of the good which

has to be. For it is

if you want to that you



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