

together again at Christmas time - I
hope so. We had such a fine
time two years ago - except for
the operations & the worry I made
for the family in general.

We had two invitations for Christmas
& two for New Year's! We went to Laguna
Beach fifty miles south-east of Long
Beach & had Christmas dinner with
the Bartlett's. I came home the next
morning & Coral stayed until Saturday.
New Year's day the Shades took us
to Pasadena Rose Carnival & then over
to Riverside where he has a farm which
he got in trade for his farm in
Saskatchewan not so very far from
Orrs in Alberta. I never saw so
many cars in my life as were on the
roads New Year's day! After the parade
in Pasadena I took us an hour & a half

38 Pine Ave.,

Long Beach, Calif.

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Dear Ellen & Will

You were awfully nice to send
me these lovely military bushes
for Christmas. They will come in
very handy & will certainly be
appreciated continually. They will
look nice alongside of Coral's white
wooly things when we have a home.
We were so busy before Christmas
that we did not even have time
to send our friends cards.

I hope you had an enjoyable
Christmas vacation. It would be
nice to have Mary with you there.
Sometime maybe we can all be

to go three blocks, the traffic was ~~so~~ jammed! There are really more cars in Southern California than there is room for, & when they nearly all try to get into one town at the same time the traffic cops almost give up! I believe Los Angeles is the very worst place in the world to drive a car, or try to walk across a street. Every driver seems intent upon crowding ahead of everyone else, and intent upon trying to see how near he can come to killing every pedestrian without getting arrested! Even at that the average of deaths from auto accidents is more than one per day.

17th

I never finished this letter. Your letter came a couple of days ago Ellen. You tell Ped please that I think it was awfully nice of her to send me this handkerchief and I thank her ever so much.

We have been so busy this month that I hardly ever get outdoors at all during the daytime. I have had a coupon salesman covering the town & we are certainly rushed with business - not especially well paying; but good advertising to make more friends, & potential future customers.

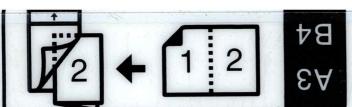
I hope you are all well. Wish you could all enjoy our wonderful California climate. You know I am a native Californian now that we have been here over a year!

Love Selden.

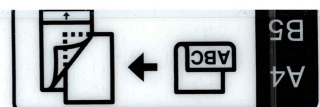


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