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picked to pieces!

We wonder how Evelina & Evelina the Second are. Hope you are both well & enjoying life. Wish I could take some photos of both of you. It is my ambition to make photos of each member of our family & combine the best of each in a long family panel. Maybe sometime it can be managed. Photographs are history you know - as I say to customers daily - history that cannot be made over again but changes continually. I hope that as soon as Evelina's daughter can get around they will start having snapshots of themselves together, & also with mother. Whenever you have any extra good ones if you send me the films I would like

We were to  
bring before  
Christmas to  
even send  
to our friends.  
You enrolled  
for a cover with  
the Alexander's & the  
Hamilton's.

38 Pine Ave  
Long Beach Calif  
Jan. 7th 1924.

Dear Mother & Evelina

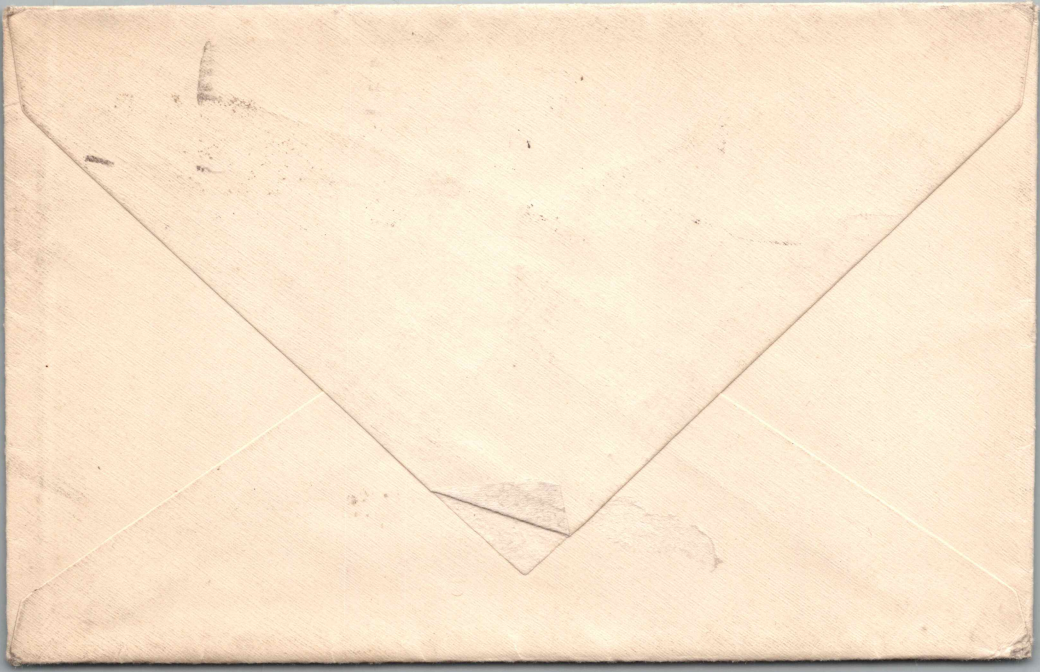
I want to thank you both for the lovely cuff links you sent me for Christmas. The picture was of Henry wasn't it? Thank you for the picture too. Not having ever seen him I was not sure who it was but I am a good guesser! Maybe we will get acquainted some day - I hope so. It seems I never have a brother-in-law I have never seen! He has my aunt's name & is getting into the Belden family. & get.

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to enlarge them for you.

Coral + I spent Christmas down at Laguna Beach with some new friends. We went down on the Stage (50 miles) on Christmas morning + I returned the next morning. Coral stayed until Saturday morning which was certainly a lovely change + vacation for her. It is so nice to get invited into a home after living at restaurants so continuously + sleeping in our studio in the folding davenport. We became acquainted with the Bartlett's thru making pictures of their little boy, when he was fourteen months old + again when he was two years old about Thanksgiving time. The Boyds also invited us to Christmas dinner but we had already accepted the Bartlett's invitation.

done to you both, Selden.  
On New Year's Day the Schades took us to the Rose Carnival parade at Pasadena + then to his farm at Riverside. You know he is the one who went from Ohio to Saskatchewan, homesteaded, married a Canadian school-teacher, + also traded his land there for this farm of thirty-two acres at Riverside. We had a fine big day. The Boyds also invited us to go to Pasadena with them on New Year's day but too late. We called there last Sunday + stayed for supper, + enjoyed a piece of lovely fruit cake that Mrs. Boyd, Senior sent from Cleveland. Mrs. Boyd, Jr. is awfully nice, + such a neat housekeeper. Grove Boyd is afflicted with backaches the same as I am.

The letter you addressed to me for Mr. Sperry came. I sent him one hundred dollars. We have Mr. Manning all paid up now for the studio. If only the Canadian debts could ever get paid up we would be able to get our heads up for once!





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