

754-14th Street.

Oakland Cal.

Dear Julia: I received your
kind Christmas letter
and was pleased to
hear from you. I am
very much obliged to
you for the very
pretty tie which arriv-
ed last night, just
in the nick of time,
as I was wondering
what tie I would
wear with a new
blue shirt I had. So
you see you were a

mind reader.

What you say about being an expensive girl is all nonsense. I am sure it has always been a pleasure for us to hear of your success, and I have always kicked myself for being such a block-head. I often think it is a little due to my early sickness. At any rate I look back at my school days with anything but pleasant recollections. With me it was always bluff, bluff, bluff, to hide my ignorance.

Mamma would like nothing better than to join you and travel around in England before you return here, and I think she would if you urged her.

There is nothing new or inter-

esting here, so wish-
ing you success, and
hoping that this
note will find you
well, I remain

Your brother
Gardner.