

Oakland Dec 25/98

Dear Julia

Your letter of Dec 4th with its birthday greetings was duly received and I was much interested in its contents. I am sorry to say that the letter you wrote to me from Aunty never reached me and so I cannot enjoy this trip as I have others. You had Avery however to enjoy it with you & I am glad that he is of so much comfort to you. I am sorry that he should feel homesick, but the weather you have would make me feel the same. With the days "growing shorter" the "bitter cold" and the "unusual" conditions it must be trying. We miss you both today and you are all the time in our minds. I hope you are both having a Merry Christmas

and that you are enjoying the day. By the way I must tell you that even tho' Sam, Gardner nor I hung up our stockings last evening, Santa Claus was so good as to provide them & fill them too, with gingerbread, roses, sticks candy, nuts & things. We have not yet had our dinner, nor have the "resents" been distributed, and I wish much that you were both here with us and we could enjoy it all together.

I am sorry that Avery is exposed to such treatment in his abber, but hope they will give him a rest as soon as his nervousness wears off.

The 'en loge' must be a trying ordeal and I hope it will not be harmful to your health. Do not study or work too hard - the game is not worth the candle.

Mr Brown continues to take great interest in your welfare, I am sorry Mr Brown is so lame.

You must have astonished the French with your
farewell to Mrs. Henriot. She is not the only one
who has taken notice of your success in entering the
Ecole, as I am congratulated in on every hand by those
I meet.

Like Avery is, I shall be known through
you as Miss Morgan's pa. I do not think I like
the 'game' you wrote about in the Fair market. It
is doubtless a matter of habit, but I prefer utility
to à la.

We are having but little rain and today
is cold but overcast. I hope we will have rain
soon as the country is in need of it.

The business conditions of the United States were never
before so satisfactory as they now are. By the papers
I am sending you, you will realize how great their
country has become in its trade and exports
The future is very promising for the development
of art, architecture, science and culture and California
will in time take its place as a leader in those
branches of refinement. The University will lead
in this movement and I trust you may take a
satisfactory part in it.

With much love to Avery as well as yourself
and wishing you both a Happy New Year

Yours truly
C. B. Morgan