

Sam. May Jr  
Boston, Jan. 3 / 60.

Dear Cousin Sam,

To you and cousin L., and all  
yours, a Happy New Year - good  
health, and a conscience void of offence.

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Yesterday I had a short note, mainly  
on business, from Miss Estlin. It enclosed  
one for you, which I send with this.

After some reflection, I have concluded  
to send also to you her previous notes to  
me, - the one of which you were the  
bearer. As I hope you will, from  
time to time, write to Miss E., and  
for a long time maintain at least an  
occasional interchange of letters with her,  
I think it well you should know how much  
satisfaction & pleasure she had in your  
visit; & especially that you should see her

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own account of the peculiar interest  
your friendship had afforded her, arising  
from some resemblance she found in  
you, to her father. Her friendships  
and interests, of late years, are few;  
and she seeks few, if any, new ones;  
but all the more does she appreciate  
those which are genuine and real,  
and where a sincere sympathy exists,  
I am sure you are accounted high on the  
list of the friends, whom she regards with  
a sincere gratitude and affection. I think  
you can most usefully minister to her  
mind - which, tho' not diseased, has been  
grievously wounded - & thro' her mind,  
to her whole "spirit, & soul, & body", and help  
to set her feet in a sure place of peace. And  
I know you will rejoice to be such a friend to her,  
- Please return her note to me. Affly Yrs. J. May Jr



Dec. 22<sup>d</sup>

Dear S. J. M.

Mr. Honey (at No. 12,  
Kington St.) is very desirous  
to see you, before you embark.

- Poor fellow; he has now  
been nigh 3 months confined  
to his room, with a peculiar  
case of rheumatism, which  
causes his joints to swell &  
stiffen. Do give him a  
few minutes. Kington St. lies  
from Summer to Bedford, & his house  
is on Mr. Nathl. Goddard's old garden.

Truly Yrs. S. May Jr.



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