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My Dear Julia

Well another Xmas day has passed. I feel thankful that we have all been spared through another year. If we were separated the thought of you and Nada being alone was the only thing to mar my pleasure. Of course I thought of the sadness and suffering but I tried to forget it for one day. As it is beyond my power to relieve them.

We spent a delightful day with Mr & Mrs. Duncan

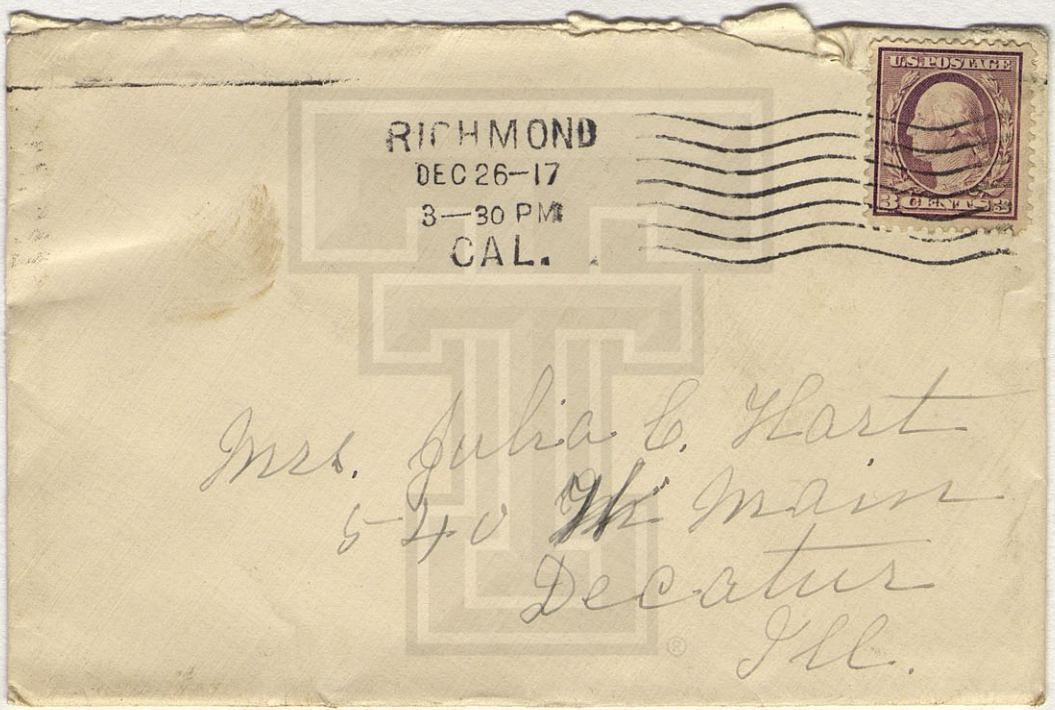
went down for breakfast. after
breakfast had a Xmas tree. we
all ate until we were in misery.
old Santa was very good to me
considering the hard times.
I had a surprise of my life.
Auty gave me a beautiful gold
watch wristlet. now just imagin
seeing a gold watch on my old
horny black arm. well I am
proud of it any way. but do
you know I could not help
wishing he had given it to
Vada instead of me. but I
dare not say it. for Auty is very
sensitive. Florence gave me
two nice warm outing gowns.
and I needed them. mine was worn
thin. Auty & Bettie gave me two
pretty vests & two pairs of gray hoes.
dear Ed sent me a pair of lovely
black silk hoes. I wrote to him this
morning. it was lovely of him to
think of his grandmother so far away.
Mrs Anderson sent a pretty handker
chief & perfume. Aunt Julia & Uncle
Arthur sent me 10.00 & Tom sent 10.00
letters from the other children.
a telegram from R. F. on his way
home I know you and Vada
enjoyed his visit.
Xmas eve we went to Mrs Bryants
Xmas tree. got home at 11.30 & got
a beautiful handkerchief off the tree.

I was sure Vernon would send his picture, wish he had. Abby said he was to dine with them & mas day. I hope he got the box we sent him. I sent Malones some bed shoes this morning. sent C. J's last week. he said he did not need the socks. he is so happy in his work. G. is there. Florence got so many lovely things so did the children. Auty W. hardly knows which toy to play with. It rained all day long yesterday to the delight of every body for it was badly needed.

I am glad Ed is going to work for F hope it is for the best. Do hope you & Vada spent an enjoyable & mas. hope you got the almonds & hkfs. it was not much, but I love you all the same. Best love to you both.

Lovingly Mama.

your cards are pretty.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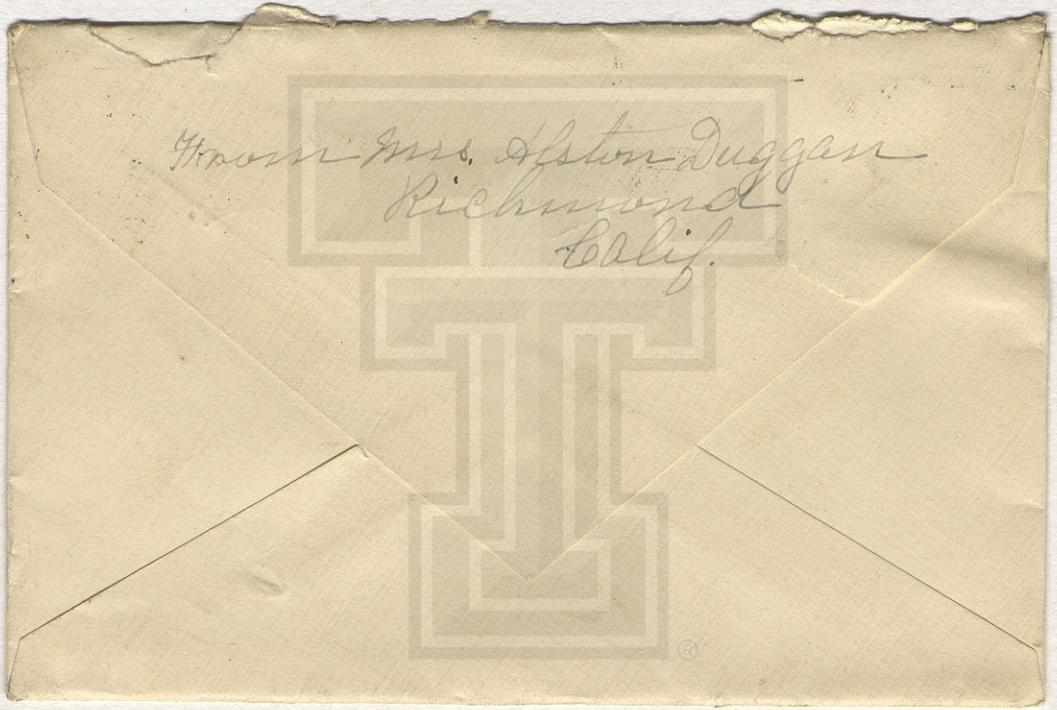
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