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Dear Mr. Blake

Much apologize for having kept you waiting so long but the holidays seemed to put me out, then I thought I would wait, and send two months rent and I have much pleasure in enclosing draft for $ _____ - Having deducted for the insurance -

We have had constant southeasters for the last fortnight

The Selius trees are not looking very flourishing, I am afraid they will not last much longer –
George has very ill at Kimberley with Camp fever the first of Jan, has his mouth day, he never let me know anything about it And a fortnight ago came home looking a perfect object – They have transferred him to Cape Town for two months to the C.C. Office and I must say he looks much better since he has been home –
Harry still plays on, he is very steady and seldom spends an evening out –
I am glad to say my home is quite pretty again. Mr & Mrs

Jacoby (Annie Moulton) are still with me, they are both very anxious that I have Mr. & Miss Thompson (Mrs S. Solomons) instead of Lester. The two greatest horrors I have been had. I believe it will end in my returning to Paris -

My dear Miss Field that has Mr Graham's Lung, has gone to St Petersburg in Russia, she seems to enjoy the cold, and feels much stronger, she is with nice people and hopes to see a good deal of the Country -

How are you feeling? I hope stronger & better in every way. How are your daughters, & your little girls from home, I do pray that of you all, that our children need to pray together. Our old home has had four rooms added to it

blowing a perfect gale - at last it brakes our fine lemons and cut of sorts.

Tom died from holidays, pass off! he had a quiet though pleasant time, with Lady Kennaway Mr. Scott came on the 28th to see his little ones. he is looking well, and more cheerful, thinks his little daughter much interesting the letters quite nicely, can say some sentences - only her teeth troubles her and she is not looking so bonnie -

The garden is looking very dry, with all the winds, but we have numbers of small sweet flowers