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Letter #11 (black ink on Christmas card)

Printed Text on Card:

Greetings for a Merry Christmas

“Golden bells...

WHAT a world of merriment

Their melody foretells!”

Edgar Allan Poe

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nicest things

a Merry Christmass

Ever brings!

The actual letter:

Dear Folks — You are on my mind so much tonite and I’ve begun the Greetings for Christmas which is all I’ll get done this year. I am so tied here — weather quite bad; almost a week of snow and the paper tonite said “17 in had fallen in the past week with a total of 9 in on ground now” — some melted earlier. Jack is here this week so gives me a bit of assistance.

Edwin & Mary came yesterday noon and left at 3 P.M. today. I wanted them to stay thru another nite but Mary seems very nervous about roads — so urged Edwin to go on — they staid at Carolyns last nite and all came here to eat at noon today. It seemed I had no time to visit with Edwin — he wasn’t eager to go today but she seemed so insistent — and I don’t blame her — but would have liked more visiting. Wish you’d write me about the wedding or reception as you didn’t go to

wedding I 'spect. I didn't like to quiz them too much and Grace hasn't written a word except that "every thing went off as planned." Dad enjoyed Edwin – he is such a cheerful chap – am sure he has the best disposition I've ever known, never seems irritable or out of sorts. He said Grace had lost a lot of her endurance said Dorothy mote of a problem than ever — But we all have to let down some time.

Best to you all – Lotta & EB.