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Yours affly, L.A. Sanborn

Remember your promise in regard to letters, do not let any one see them. We wish you all a very happy

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