

P.S. My husband thanks you for your most appreciative letter.

Dear Señora de Antunez,

I know that the best Christmas message I can send to you and your family is the news that Nemecio is entirely well again. His wound is completely healed, and in a few days the doctor will give him his final discharge as a patient. Last Monday we went on a shopping trip, beginning with lunch at Rumpflemeyer, in memory of the happy recollections we both have of Rumpflemeyer in Paris. This was Nemecio's treat. After a few hours in the shops we finished with tea at my club, to rest a bit before taking the trip home; after which Nemecio felt that he had had quite a day. But now he can spend a whole day in town without any fatigue whatsoever. It has been marvellous to watch him change from an invalid to a completely well boy in less than three weeks — for the day after tomorrow he will have been with us just 21 days.

It seems that we shall have a lively house for the holidays. Sergio Matta, and two Naval cadets who will not be allowed home for Christmas, will join us after dinner on Christmas Eve. The children will be sent to bed. Then the six of us will have a few busy hours trimming the tree, decorating the house, putting out the presents, and filling the Christmas stockings. At midnight the children will waken, we shall all sing a few Christmas carols, open the presents, and have a little Reveillon. On Christmas Day: brunch (combination breakfast and lunch) at 11 a.m.; Mass at 12.15; dinner at 4.30 p.m.; then Nemecio and Sergio will spend the evening with Mrs. Catalan. We shall of course be thinking of you.

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Ever sincerely

Blanchette Arnaud

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