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My dear friend,

Accept of my sincere thanks for your kind lines, and excuse my not having come to see you all this time, but I have been ill these three months of a very rare disease in the nose, for the cure of which I have already undergone the treatment of the fifth doctor. Although attending school regularly, I cannot afford leaving home when disengaged, because I have to apply all kinds of salves, plasters and poultices to my proboscis. I did not inform you of my marriage, for reason of

my intention to communicate it to you in person, from which I was hindered through my ailment. Almost the whole time of the long vacation I was ill of a liver complaint and sentenced to Karlsbad Waters. But enough of these unpalatable news.

How have you been all this while, and how are your dear lady and the children? My nose permitting, I shall call on you either Sunday or Monday morning, and tell you how much welfare I wish to you on the

occasion of this new year; in case
I should be prevented once more,
I beg to postpone this pleasure
for some time longer.

Meanwhile fare well, remember
me kindly to your lady, and
preserve to me your friendship
in the possession of which you will
always make happy

Yours truly
W. Hoegel

