

5403 Reno Road,  
Washington, D. C.,

March 12, 1923.

Mr. Walter Deane,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am inclosing Prof. Hackel's receipt for your kind gift. When the Ruhr was invaded in January I feared that all Europe might again soon be at war, so I sent all the gifts up to June, before communication was interrupted. Thank heaven war has not resulted and I sincerely hope it will not.

Prof. Hackel wrote in December that the American gifts had enabled them to get some coal. They could not have had any except for these gifts. They had none last year--only a small amount of wood; and wood is getting scarcer and more expensive all the time. Now they can heat one room. He is particularly grateful because his wife suffers much from rheumatism, and the pain is increased by the continual cold.

I hope you are enjoying the winter. Spring is in the air here now, and blackbirds, song sparrows, robins and bluebirds are here again.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes Chase*



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