

Minton, France
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Dear Mr. Drake:

I was very much pleased to receive your Christmas Message and hope that you are very well - I have wanted to write you for a long time, to tell you about my little place in the country where I have built a tiny little house - I know you would be interested for I am right in a grove of oak trees, and there are many lovely birds - My sister, from whom I bought my two acres, has about 300 acres and she & I have made our land a Sanctuary for the birds. There are so many hunters, & so ruthless are they, that we had to do it. I am planning to put up many houses for the various birds - I left there the 10th of December & sailed for

France on the 17th. I enjoyed the ocean voyage tho' it was quite rough at the last. I stopped two weeks in Paris, where I have some good friends who entertained me, and then I came to the Riviera to Menton which, as you know, is very close to Italy - only about 3 miles away. I walked over there the other day, along by the sea which was a gorgeous blue, & up on the craggy hills the olive vineyards stood out markedly green - The flowers are growing in the parks & the Mandarins brighter on the trees. Outside my window there is a huge palm tree & a wild surf is breaking on the shore - About Feb 15th I think I shall go to Venice & the Italian Lakes before returning to Paris, and then to England, and home the latter part of April. Do you still go to Philbrook Farm in the summer & are you & Miss Brown as busy as ever with your birds & flowers? I wish I could send you a spray of the Mimosa. It is the most delicate, feathery yellow bloom you ever saw - It is very plentiful just now here abouts. Tomorrow I expect to visit the Hanbury Gardens at Maloja - said to be the most beautiful on the Riviera. You should come over to see all these beautiful things. There is a most interesting aquarium at Monaco with marvellous specimens - With kind regards to Miss Brown & your self I am, always sincerely, Secretin M. Huber



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