

Berlin,  
5 December, 1921

Dearest Folks,

Yes, we are still in Berlin, and shall probably remain here another week, before starting North or East. The weather is appropriate for a continental climate in the month containing the shortest day of the year. The sun has not been higher than twenty degrees in the Heavens, when it has been out at all, for some days.

And the room is cold, as you may be able to detect in this writing. The big, white, porcelain stove which is supposed to make quarters comfortable, is proving itself to be a big, white elephant. Of course, if there were enough coal in it the room would be warm, but coal is too expensive to be used in sufficient quantities in this pension.

May I trouble you to send me some dental tape like the enclosed sample? It cannot be obtained here, only the thread floss being sold and made in most European countries. And I need the flat variety. I use it every night so if you can get me more than the little glass ~~tube~~ tube size, I will appreciate the kindness. Unroll it, please, and send it in letters, because if it comes in a package there will be quite a delay in getting it through the customs. Thanks.

I must run along; so I send my first installment of Christmas cheer and most affectionate holiday greetings to you all. I certainly would like to be sitting around the family board for Christmas dinner, but

that must wait, I am afraid.

Good luck, fortune and love to you  
all: love and happiness above all.  
Material goods count for little; they  
are only useful means to better ends.

Affectionately,

*Nebrin*

Same address always.