

少見，房東太太怕我過得太寂寞，堅持要我下樓喝茶（特地爲我預備中國茶）看電視，我雖幾次勉爲其難答應了，可是最後我還是喜歡浸在自己斗室中，一邊作書，一邊憧憬着家庭甜蜜的夢。

快離開伯明罕這個小鎮前的兩星期，家中寄來一包裹，是我寫信回家要內人替我買好幾樣本國特產，預備在聖誕節前送給幾個外國朋友的，其中不外是宮燈、布娃娃、竹盤之類，接到後我便分送了一個宮燈給房東太太，當她打開盒蓋，而曉得是送給她的時，不禁高興而激動的哭了起來，我當時竟爲之愣住了，的確那紅紅的纓帶佩着綠珠，黑色塑膠刻的塑膠支架圍着那有山水人物的白綢，頂上的銅球，耀出眩人的光彩，融合起來顯出一片雅麗莊穆的風韻，在當時那些看來庸俗而呆板的外國人家佈置中，的確非常出色，我亦爲之驚訝不置，無怪她感動得要流淚了，因她這一流淚，我也一旁呆住半響說不出話來，靜靜地看着她，讓她盡情發洩，後來她停止了哭泣說，她很久即想有一只宮燈，但不知從那裏找，現得到了，她要把它裝上燈，掛在床前，早晚欣賞，並向朋友們炫耀，我真想不到一只宮燈竟能獲得如此的感情代價，宮燈，原是中華歷史文物，外國人尚且如此重視，而在大陸的共匪，却要千方百計大開「文化革命」意圖摧毀我國數千年的固有文化，真使人不禁感慨系之。

來鴻去雁

家報又一封

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旅巴交大同學會定於二月廿六日假座中巴飯店聚餐的消息，居然在臺灣的聯合版報上廿五日登出來，真個是太空時代，州際間距離縮短了。「交大人」變了質？發佈新聞了！忝爲旅巴交大同學會的「書記長」，本來吃了就算了，懶於報導，奈以消息既已洩漏，不得不略予補報，以盡「職責」，何況吳柏楨學長寄來一賀年卡，最近收到，上註：「文稿極精采，望多多寄來」煞是中聽！

咱們早該聚聚了，怎奈有此閒情而無閒時，最近在各方敦促下，終於鐵定二月二十六日假座中巴飯店叙叙，因爲那天正是星期日，元宵節後二日，而且今年巴西之狂歡節正與春節相值，放假三天，更覺得像在國內過年似的，離開故鄉愈遠，愈加懷念故鄉的風俗人情；人愈老，也就愈想時光倒流，重溫一下過去的熱鬧。

消息之所以洩漏，可能是由於一節啓事而起，原來有蔣君夫婦二人，都是最近在滬校畢業，轉輾來巴西，咱們正想借這機會歡迎他們一下，問問故多情況

，那知到蔣學長辦公地點，却先一月離職了，沒留下地址。於是才在這兒的僑報上登一則啓事，希望他們能看到，準時參加，但是他們那天沒有來，也許沒有看到。

朱耀忠學長偕夫人公子還是由康比納斯趕來了，熱心可嘉，最遠道而來的，還得數尤其昭學長。他是由古烈帝巴來的，我因疏於交遊，不識尤學長底細，據聞往昔也是人人企業公司的一員，現在則主持一大麵粉廠，廁身工業界，爲此間僑界聞人，猶憶在南模時，有尤氏兄弟，每逢四星期大禮拜回家或歸校時，總是大汽車和兩名俄羅斯保鏢接送，到巴西，與尤學長猶是初次見面，詢之，果在南模讀過，想來就是他了，姓尤的究竟不多。

秦學長夫人，正從美國省視兒女歸來，秦學長由飛機場接來，還沒回家哩！咱們也就做了個順水人情，爲她洗塵。黃五如學長夫人，據說也要去美探視兒子，她不知從那兒學到一套玩意兒，將一方片紙兒，對角摺成數摺，只沿邊剪那末一刀，散開來，竟能分兩次擺出「朱亡皆亡」「介在回北平」幾個字樣來，滿座見她當場表演，莫不稱奇，雖云是預言者的預言，有點兒玄，惟亦足見黃夫人之見聞廣博，多才多藝了。

最後，上了一盤炸元宵，當甜品，即景也，大家都說，下次聚會，可能是吃糕糰子了，多富鄉思！

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read stories aloud to her second grade four times. This experience brought her great pleasure and excitement. In order to encourage her, we bought her a new Everett console piano just before Thanksgiving. Elizabeth has to learn piano too, so that she can help Emily. One of Emily's wishes is to have three new front teeth for Christmas. Amy, our second daughter, is six years old in December. She is the youngest pupil in her first grade. Yesterday her class had a discussion on man. One little girl pointed out, "My mother is a man." What a lively class! Amy is still shy but she talks a little more now.

As for Elizabeth, after being a housewife for eight years, she still thinks housework unmanageable. She only hopes that in the near future she will be able to find or make time to do some studying, which requires quiet and concentration. Then she might go back to teaching someday.

We have some good news for you. On April 1, 1967 we will move into our new house that is now being built. It is a larger and better house than our old one in Monroeville. The whole backyard extends to a city park, which provides us a year round attractive view. We sincerely hope you will pay us a visit whenever you come to the Midwest. We promise to serve you the sweetest corn and delicious steaks. There will always be room for you and hearts full of hospitality. Please note the address of our new home after March, 1967.

Let us hear from you. May the spirit of Christmas remain with you and the New Year bring you happiness and good health.

Cordially.

The Chens-Charles, Elizabeth, Emily, & Amy

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December, 1966

Our dear friends,

We have been thinking of you often, especially during this Christmas season. To everyone of you, we owed at least a letter. To many of you, we failed to send our Christmas greetings last year. We trust you are well and happy.

1966 has been an eventful year for us. Charles has been in Ames since May, teaching metallurgy at Iowa State University and working on radiation effects on materials as a group leader at the Institute for Atomic Research. He has found his academic position more challenging and rewarding than his previous work in industry.

Elizabeth and the girls joined Charles in Iowa near the end of July, after the ordeals of selling our house in Pennsylvania and packing all our belongings. We were indeed grateful to many friends in Pennsylvania who rendered us all kinds of assistance and lightened our burden. How regrettable it is now for us to be 800 miles away from them!

Our girls are growing fast. They enjoy their school here, especially their freedom in walking to school and coming home for lunch leisurely. They stay in school only five hours a day. Thus far they have been quite strong and healthy. All the pupils in Ames have gym on every Tuesday, and Thursday, which is certainly a good exercise for the youngsters. Emily is acquiring a few new skills, such as silent reading and taking piano lessons. She has