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Dear Click & Lorraine:

The package of A.P. photographs you sent Mamma practically caused a riot in the house and certainly made for the most exciting breakfast conversation ever carried on at 210 East 85th St.! We had not realized - or just hadn't stopped to think - that you have these available and you've probably made a fatal mistake in letting it be known, what with two such avid seekers after pictures as we are, on subjects which interest us. Many thanks indeed for our share - we DO appreciate them to the full. The total was divided among Melvin, Mamma and us, Mamma coming out on the short end of the deal! Melvin got all the wrecks of the Pacific - except the "Princess Kathleen." Of course we got that one, also those about the "Empress of Canada" burning at Liverpool and all the British Royal Family and Churchill photos. We're most interested in all news pertaining to sea and ships - the great Atlantic liners - the "Queens" - the "United States" - the new Italian "Andrea Doria", etc., etc. and it adds a hundred fold to have such splendid illustrations. Incidentally, we have just become members of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society and hope to get much of value there, particularly regarding the history of these coasts and the ships that have sailed - and still sail - these waters. No doubt you will also acquire great numbers of pictures referring to the coming Coronation.

Last week we came on a grand reference work for theatre - "A History of the American Theatre 1700-1950", by Glenn Hughes, published by Samuel French, New York. We see, too, that the current Book-of-the-Month is Edwin Booth. We promptly thought that Lorraine would find them both of great interest. Also we wished we could have sent you a whole series of extremely fine ballet prints which we saw by chance at the Boh Marche at Northgate.

We were fortunate to have good weather for our gay trip to Coos Bay for Christmas but arrived home in a deluge December 28th and, save for two days, it has rained every day since. Even at that it's better than snow in the city! It's a quiet existence at the moment - work, read, hear some music and see the odd show, but nothing more exciting than movies - "The Stars and Stripes", "That Hamilton Woman", "Because You're Mine", "Breaking the Sound Barrier" (and that was summat), etc. We're literally busting for fine weather so that Alex's new camera - an Exakta, can be given a trial. It was Mamma's birthday and Christmas gift and is out of this world. Unfortunately it's been idle while weather was the kind that would make picture taking a waste of film. The photographer has entered some colour slides in two International exhibitions to be held in March, one in England and the other in Toronto and we hope for encouraging results. There are also two extremely fine (thanks to Alex) scrap books now completed of our famous trip, including only places and things which we actually visited and saw but they range from bus tickets and ferry tickets to the programme issued to occupants of the Royal Box at the Royal Military Tournament.

Just before New Year we had word from our "across-the-road" neighbours and very close friends, the Holloways, that Standard Stations Inc. had moved them to Los Angeles and they were leaving at once. It will be a great gap when we get over to Yakima again.

Cheerio and best of everything to you two - success with book, music, plans for European trip (lucky devil!) and everything else. Alex & Lorraine