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Dear Folks,

At last I got at the Christmas presents, which for quite a while were out of reach. They could hardly be better, and I am most grateful. The razor has already provided two shaves, as good a shave as could be expected with cold water and a small piece from a broken mirror (which I broke, and unfortunately it wasn't mine!). The map measure was an inspiration, Ma, for both the present and the future. There are of course all sorts of maps to examine these days and for me always will be. We don't see anything <sup>these days</sup> to equal U.S.G.S. maps for large scale or the C.A.A. for medium scale, but I have my Nat'l Geographic maps along, and they are <sup>almost</sup> undoubtedly the best small scale maps in the world. Sabine, by the way, gave me the Atlas of Global Geography by Raisz, of the Institute of Geographical Exploration, another fine job.

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