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Dear Folks,

No. 2 Christmas came to-day with the arrival of presents from four sources! "That Vanishing Eden" and the "Sea Witch" were among them, the others being Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men," from Han and Edie, the "Mayor of Casterbridge" and the "African Queen," from Mrs. Lowell and two penguin books, Benet's "O'Halloran's Luck" and "Pipeline to Victory," from 54 Fairmount St. Needless to say Dr. Barbouni was the most welcome, though it will doubtless make me realize how little I saw of Florida. I'm afraid I've read both of Mrs. Lowell's books, though re-readings could do no harm as I've forgotten the Hardy, if I've ever read it, and the "African Queen" in a delight. Well, now there are even more books on the shelves to read, a most comforting thought. Thanks, Ma, for the two from you.

I've also been doing well with letters and Christmas cards. Recent cards have come from Henry, the Payner, in Jacksonville, Jack O'Connor, my forest pathology professor at Mich., whom I used to beat in handball and who would have asked me to go to Alaska with him in the
T. Richard

